

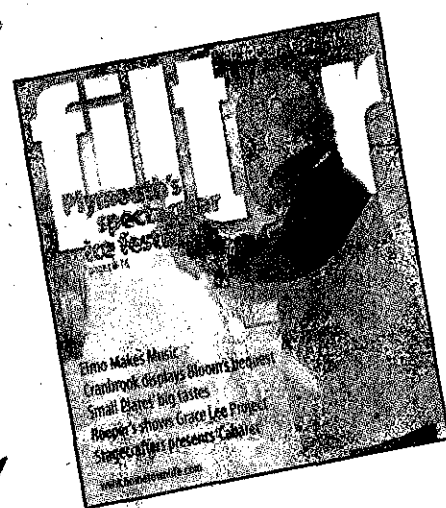
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Everyone escapes destructive blaze at Canton hotel

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Hours after a fire ripped through the Days Inn Hotel on Michigan Avenue, the thick stench of charred wood hung in the air and Dona Khreis was coming to grips with the blaze.

"I just want to cry right now," said Khreis, the hotel's front desk manager. "I thought it would be one room, maybe two, that was damaged, so this is unbelievable."

Wednesday's early morning fire claimed about half of one of the hotel's two buildings.

No one was injured in the blaze, but 24 rooms were damaged.

About an hour before Canton firefighters responded to the situation just before 5 a.m., Khreis said a hotel guest called the front desk and said she accidentally set her sheets on fire.

"Then she called back and said everything was fine," Khreis said. "Half an hour later, this happened. If it wasn't for the fire wall, I think the rest of the building would be gone, too."

By Wednesday afternoon, Canton's Fire Investigation Team had determined that the cause of the fire was a burning mattress.

When fire crews arrived, they reported seeing smoke and flames coming from the two-story hotel. Once rooms were evacuated and the flames were under control,

firefighters learned that 12 second-floor units sustained serious damage and that a dozen first-floor units under the fire floor had water damage.

Khreis said after the evacuation, some guests checked out as scheduled while others were moved to the hotel's other building.

"We have a man from California that wanted to go back to his room and see if his computer was OK, but just look at the building," she said. "The roof is missing and everything is gone."

As lingering members of the response team worked on the second floor of the hotel's main building shoveling scorched debris, Matt Harag of Charlotte shuffled around his belongings in his truck.

"It was a heck of a night," he said. "I was on the other side of the fire wall so I didn't lose anything, but I had to get out of the room. Even with all of this, the (hotel staff) did a great job. They were genuinely concerned."

Khreis said the hotel's owner is vacationing in Aruba.

"He just left on Monday," she said. "I called him and he said he saw it on international news. The good thing is that no one was hurt, but now we have to deal with the insurance company, plumbers and electricians."

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Living proof of the 'dream'

Lee Thomas, who was the guest speaker at Canton's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration Monday evening, is a broadcaster with Fox 2 News and an author. He told the audience that King's dream was relevant to all those in society, regardless of the color of their skin. For more photos and a story about the annual event that took place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, please see page A3.

Two Canton teens injured in traffic accident

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Two Plymouth-Canton high school students, a 16-year-old male and a 17-year-old female, were injured in a serious traffic accident Monday evening near the area of Beck and Saltz roads in Canton.

At approximately 6 p.m., Canton police and fire responded to the accident. Police officers were the first on scene and aided the victims until the Canton Fire Department's advanced life support team arrived and transported the female driver, a senior at Salem High School, to St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital, where she was listed in very critical condition.

The male driver, who is a junior at Plymouth High School, was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital by his parents and treated for minor injuries, including a broken wrist, and released.

Both teens are Canton residents.

According to police, the female stopped her Toyota car on westbound Saltz at Beck and attempted to make a left turn. She hesitated for a moment before proceeding across Beck, when she was struck by a northbound Chevy S-10 pickup truck driven by the male driver.

Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said the boy was returning from the library where he was studying for final exams, which were scheduled for Tuesday. He said the boy did return to school Tuesday.

However, Pomorski said the girl's injuries were far more serious, and she was still in "very critical condition" as of Wednesday afternoon.

"She pulled out, and there was nothing he could do," Pomorski said. "It's just a very tragic accident."

The case remains under investigation by Canton's accident investigation team.

"We don't believe speed was a factor, nor is there any indication that drugs or alcohol played any part in the crash," said Pomorski, who noted there was a witness to the accident.

Plymouth-Canton officials said they were making grief counselors available for students at P-CEP.

District pares list to trio

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will interview three candidates next week as board members seek to find a successor to Supt. Jim Ryan, who is retiring Feb. 28.

Representatives of the search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates of Glenview, Ill., submitted the three names to trustees Monday night.

Among the candidates are Paul Kadri, the superintendent of the Neshaminy school district in Langhorne, Pa., a district of 9,200 students; Dale Martin, superintendent of Downer's Grove Grade School District 58 in Downer's Grove, Ill., which encompasses 5,000 elementary students; and Craig Fiegel, the superintendent for the 1,900-student Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 in Evergreen Park, Ill.

Please see **DISTRICT, A8**

'Service above self'

Rotary Club has been serving Canton since 1977

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Although they are part of an international organization that is the world's first service club, the Canton Rotary Club has been somewhat under the radar when it comes to community awareness.

But the club, which dates back to 1977, has been a big booster for the Canton community, according to current president, Susan Kowalski, who can list a number of gifts the club has provided over the years, including the clocktower plaza and exercise trail at Heritage Park, uniforms for Special Olympics athletes, and buses for senior citizens and the Salvation Army. She said the club was also instrumental in pushing for the

Canton Public Library back in the late 1970s.

Kowalski, who is a CPA, joined the club about five years ago, largely because she and her husband had taken in exchange students through Rotary International's Youth Exchange program.

In fact, she says one of the great benefits of joining the local club is that you are also part of Rotary International, which has more than 1.2 million members who provide service both locally and abroad.

That is something that appealed to Roger Haslick, one of the last four remaining charter members of the Canton club.

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Susan Kowalski is president of the Canton Rotary Club, which dates back to 1977.

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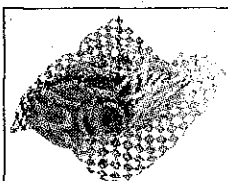
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Coming Sunday in Health



Miss Junk Food fights her way back to health

Corrections

■ A story in Sunday's Observer should have said Kwanis Club members collected some \$400 more than Rotary members during the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. The story also should have said the Salvation Army distributed some \$101,000 worth of Christmas gifts which had been donated.

■ Pink Picks recently recommended Hot Flash Lingerie at Susan's Special Needs, but we told you it was in Birmingham. Actually, the store, which targets women undergoing chemotherapy, radiation and the effects of menopause, is at 24052 Woodward Ave. in Pleasant Ridge. Call (248) 544-4287 or visit www.susansspecialneeds.com.

Join the chorus

The Canton Community Youth Chorus and Adult Chorus, under the direction of David Welling, is now taking registrations at the Summit on the Park - for youth ages 6-12 years and adults 16 and up. These groups provide an outlet for those interested in singing in an organized choir. Various vocal and performing skills will be taught through vocal exercises and choral work. The groups will explore many styles of music, including classical, pop, musical theatre and jazz. Rehearsals start Jan. 28 and run through April 14. No sessions will be held on Feb. 11 and March 24.

The Youth Chorus meets Monday evenings from 6-7 p.m. in the Biltmore Studio of The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. The Adult Chorus meets afterward from 7:30-9 p.m. on Mondays. The fee for choir participation, which includes music and folder, is \$40 for the Youth Chorus and \$50 for the Adult Chorus. An on-stage dress rehearsal is scheduled for April 17 with a public concert on the theater's main stage on April 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets for the performance are only \$10.

For more information, e-mail Choral Director David Welling at cantonchorus@gmail.com or call Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin at (734) 394-5484.

Consumer Expo

Booth space is still available for the 2008 Consumer Expo, to be held Feb. 21 at Summit on the Park. Registration deadline is Jan. 25.

To register for a booth, e-mail eventscoordinator@cantonchamber.com or call the Canton Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 453-4040.

Corriveau town hall meeting

State Rep. Marc Corriveau

(D-Northville) will host a town hall meeting at 6 p.m., Jan. 28 at Plymouth Township Hall (9955 N. Haggerty Road) to give residents information on how to avoid losing their homes to foreclosure and becoming a victim of predatory lending.

Corriveau will be joined by a mortgage foreclosure specialist and an attorney from the advocacy group ACORN. All residents are invited to attend this free event to learn more about this important topic.

'Pins on Parade' sponsorship

The 2008 Leadership Canton class, in cooperation with Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Public Art Committee, is looking for Canton businesses and community organizations to sponsor "Pins on Parade," a public art project designed to help welcome more than 40,000 visitors to Canton this spring for the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Women's Championship Bowling Tournament.

The tournament will be hosted by Canton's Super Bowl, located at 45100 Ford Road, and run from April 10 to July 6. Approximately 45,000 women bowlers from the United States, Australia, Bermuda, Canada, England, Japan, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia and Australia will compete in the tournament comprised of 9,000 teams. Organizers estimate the economic impact of the tournament on the Detroit Metropolitan area is estimated at \$40 million dollars.

"Pins on Parade" will be 16 five-foot tall fiberglass bowling pins decorated by local artists and placed along major intersections of Ford Road between Canton Center and Lotz Road. The top ring of each pin will be painted to match the DDA's color districts.

Businesses and community organizations wishing to sponsor the project will receive plaques at each art site, recognition in the newspaper, a certificate for each sponsor, and inclusion of pictures and sponsor recognition at appropriate Web sites. Sponsors will also have the opportunity to submit an artistic suggestion to the artists.

There will be several levels of sponsorship opportunities available. All sponsorships must be committed to and paid for by Friday, Feb. 15. For more information please call (734) 890-2050 or e-mail joycesilbrgy@wideopenwest.com.

The Velveteen Rabbit

The classic children's book "The Velveteen Rabbit" will come to life at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Friday, Jan. 25 and Saturday,



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Dream on, Dad

Canton resident Deano Mitchell and his son, Derlyn Snider, took a liking to one of the new BMW models at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit. The show runs through Jan. 27.

Jan. 26. This new musical version of this classic story uses puppets, masked actors and magic to tell the tale of a stuffed toy rabbit who comes to life because of the transforming power of a boy's love. It is based on the popular book by Margery Williams.

Enchantment Theatre's production offers surprises galore, including larger-than-life puppets and magic. This charming tale of love and devotion, creating an unforgettable theatrical experience for the whole family to enjoy, will take place at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 25 and 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 26.

Tickets are \$16 for adults; \$12 for seniors; \$12 for youths; and \$10 for group rates.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.canton-mi.org/village-theater. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person. The Village Theater ticket office will also be open one hour prior to each performance.

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. 22.

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.

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. 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 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 raf-

fle 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) 398-6487. The Newcomers are 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.

Accident reports now on-line

The Canton Police Department has partnered with TRACView Report Delivery Solutions to provide individuals and insurance companies with a convenient new way to purchase copies of accident reports. Reports from accidents occurring on public roads and private property in Canton can be purchased for \$9 each, by accessing the police department's Web site at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

Benefits of the new system include the convenience of purchasing reports from any computer, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Customers of TRACView will also enjoy the convenience of paying with a credit card, as well as a toll free customer support line.

Officers will provide information to motorists at accident scenes on how to access the purchasing system. Crime reports are not available from TRACView.


Copies of accident reports may still be purchased in person at the Police Department's Records Bureau Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The cost is \$4 and must be paid by cash or check only. Credit cards are not accepted. For further information on the new purchasing system contact the Canton Police Department Records Bureau at (734) 394-5410.

Seeking out 'Young Marines'

The Canton Young Marines are looking for a few good boys and girls ages 8 through 17, to join the unit. Upon joining the Canton Young Marine Unit, youth undergo a 26 hour orientation program, spread out over several weekly meetings. This orientation program is affectionately called "Boot Camp." The youth learn general subjects such as history, customs, and courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness, and military rank structure.

After graduating from Young Marines "Boot Camp" children have the opportunity to learn more new skills, earn rank, wear the Young Marine uniform and work toward ribbon awards. Young Marines earn ribbons for achievement in areas such as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, CPR, first aid, and drug resistance education. Children from Canton and all surrounding communities are welcome to join. The group, which is not a recruiting tool for the military, meets at Summit on the Park in Canton every Monday evening from 5-7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Commander Charles Volker by phone at (734) 981-5059 or visit the Web site www.cantonyoungmarines.com. The first 25 children to respond will be accepted.

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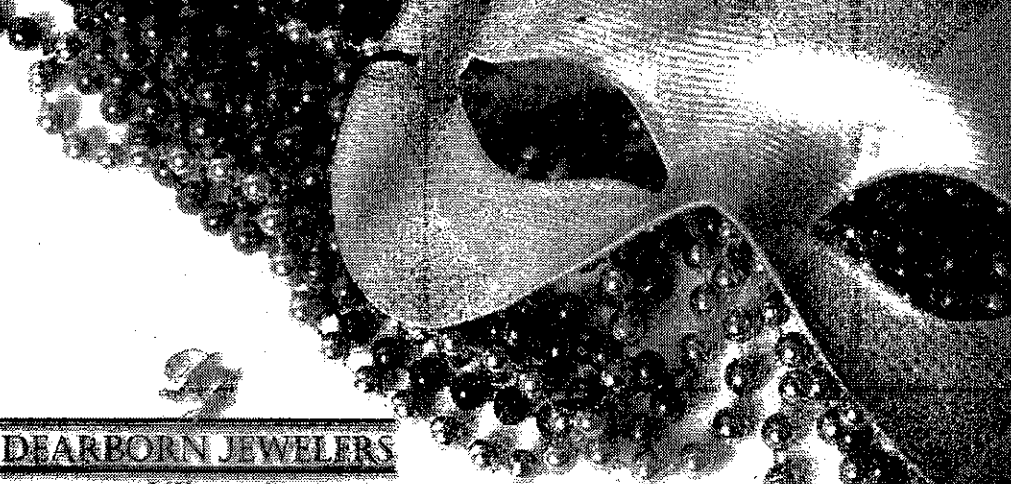
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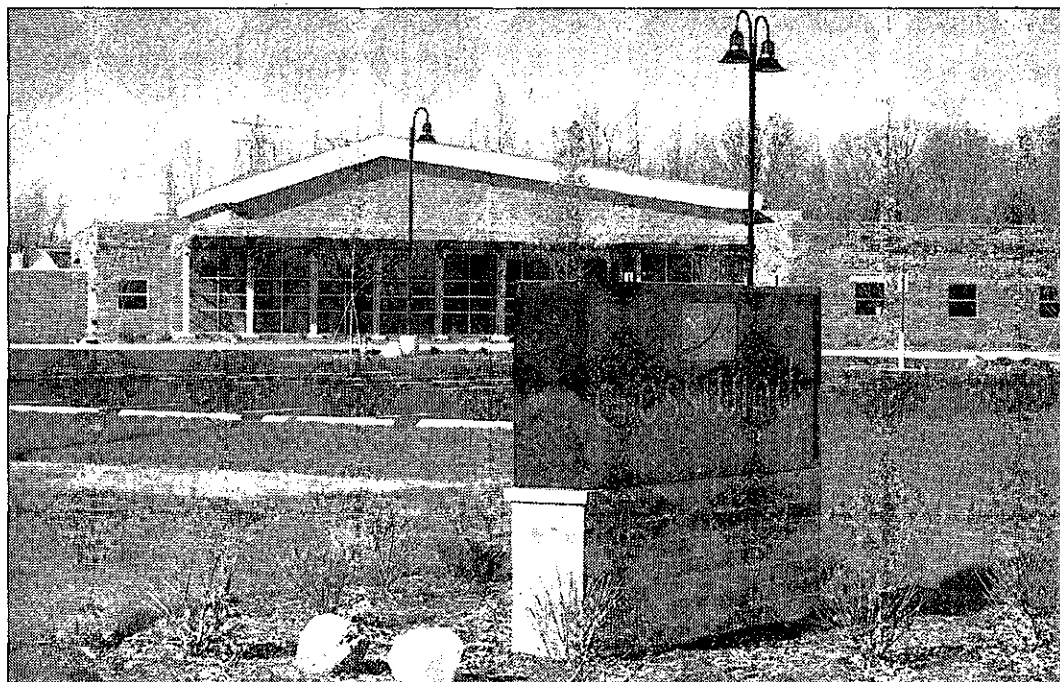
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Crosswinds Church's new worshipping facility on Cherry Hill Road between Beck and Canton Center.

Church opens doors of new facility to the community

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

After buttoning their coats and slipping on their hats and gloves, members of Crosswinds Church set out from their Cherry Hill Road facility and distributed literature about their grand opening celebration to about 10,000 homes.

One man simply refused to take the information and others probably glazed over it, but one person has already answered the call of the church.

"It seems like we picked the coldest weekend to do it but we went out on Saturday and one person came to church on Sunday," said Carissa Beyer, the wife of Crosswinds Pastor Jon Beyer. "God has been preparing our hearts."

The 200-member church,

which used to occupy a now-demolished building on Ford Road just west of Canton Center, has built a new worship center at 46788 Cherry Hill Road between Beck and Canton Center roads.

"This has been six years of hard work so we think it's worth celebrating," said Rev. Beyer, adding that all of the grand opening events are open to the community. "We really feel called to serve Canton and want to move beyond the walls of this building."

The festivities will kick off at 6:30 p.m. Friday with a Family Fun Night. The program is touted as a night of fun and food aboard the "S.S. Crosswinds cruise ship." On Saturday, a free pasta dinner and magic show is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday's worship service will begin at

10 a.m.

The Beyers, who left New York and arrived in Canton nearly 10 years ago to jump start the Crosswinds ministry, have been married for 19 years and have three daughters and one son.

They promote Crosswinds as being "relevant, relaxed and real" and say the church has a mission of "sharing real life and serving real needs."

The new building, which features a spacious foyer, various classrooms and a 300-seat sanctuary, took a year to build.

"The building is great but it's not about the building, it's about the community," Rev. Beyer said. "God is eager to meet people where they are and we are too."

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Woman seriously injured in accident

A two-car accident at Morton Taylor and Warren roads has left a woman in serious condition.

The accident, which took place at 11 a.m. Saturday, occurred when a 2007 Lincoln

traveling westbound on Warren struck a eastbound 2004 Chevrolet Malibu that was attempting to make a left turn onto Morton Taylor.

The driver of the Malibu had his wife as a passenger.

Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said the driver of the Lincoln was hospitalized.

"From our understanding, she is stable," he said.

The accident is under investigation.

Judge OKs recall wording

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After receiving the go-ahead from Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William Giovan last week to begin circulating petitions to recall 20th House District Rep. Mark Corriveau, D-Northville, John Hett of Plymouth Township said it won't take long to collect more than 10,000 signatures to put the issue before voters.

"It's not going to take the full 90 days to collect the signatures," predicted Hett, 44, who is looking ahead to an August ballot question. "A number of groups are interested in this one (recall effort) because they think this is the most easily achievable. If any of the seats is going to be overturned, it's this one."

Corriveau — who represents the Plymouths, Northvilles, a section of Canton and the city of Wayne



Corriveau

— came under fire for his Oct. 1 vote in favor of an income tax increase from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent balance the state budget. The Wayne County

Elections Commission voted 2-0 in November to reject the recall petitions, claiming the wording wasn't clear enough for voters to understand. However, Giovan overruled the commission and allowed the recall efforts against Corriveau, House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township, and Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hett denied any political affiliation and said he's "just one guy who got fed up" with what's happening in Lansing and is being joined by "people from both ends of the spectrum."

Corriveau believes the recall effort isn't about his vote to raise taxes, but a chance for the Michigan Taxpayers Alliance — led by former state legislator Leon Drolet — to attack Democrats and moderate Republicans by helping several recall campaigns, including Hett's.

"It's about political gain and a guy (Drolet) who helped create the (budget) mess, putting me in a very difficult position to fix it," said Corriveau. "He's funded by out-of-state money, and doesn't care what happens to this district."

"The best result they can hope for is to vacate the seat and have this district unrepresented through January of next year," he said. "Voters will have a chance to hold me accountable or decide whether I deserve to go back to Lansing in November."

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Sharing King's legacy

Annual celebration stresses importance of racial harmony

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Live your dreams.

It may not be as easy as it sounds, but life is as simple as that Lee Thomas told a capacity audience at The Village Theater Monday evening.

The Fox 2 News anchor was the keynote speaker for the township's annual celebration of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thomas, who is afflicted with vitiligo and has authored a book called *Turning White: A Memoir of Change*, said he initially thought his skin disorder would end his dream of reporting news.

"I didn't think I could have this disease and stay on television," said Thomas, who added that 35 percent of his body has lost its pigment. "But my sister said something that shed light on me. She let me know that my dream wasn't just for me."

If it wasn't for Dr. King having a vision, Thomas said Monday's event would not have happened.

"Dr. King had a dream that we could sit in this theater and share," he said. "My message is simple when it comes to Martin

Luther King, I wouldn't be here if it weren't for his efforts. He took his dream to the mountaintop."

Thomas encouraged the audience to dare to dream and then take steps to live it.

"It's amazing how a person going for their dream can inspire others," he said.

The celebration also highlighted the work of Canton artist Bryon Reed and featured a performance by the Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit.

The actors, who ranged in age from 14-17, tied together a series of skits that focused on discrimination and preconceived notions about blacks, whites, Asians, Latinos and Arabs. Their dialogue tackled sensitive issues with humor.

"We put our message out there and hope people understand what we are doing," said Mosaic member LaVell C. Smith, 17, of Detroit.

Canton resident William Askew has attended the annual event for three years with his son, Wesley, 8.

"We enjoy this and I like setting aside time to recognize Dr. King's birthday," he said.

At the end of the program, the winners of the Dr. King essay contest, which was sponsored by the Canton Public Library and Canton Observer, were announced. Scott LaTulip of Canton High School won the first-place award in the high school category. The second and third place



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Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit presents "Speak For Yourself", an exploration of stereotypes. Cast members are LaVell C. Smith Jr., Erin Williams, William Moore, Asia Robinson, and Grace Seymour.

winners were Monika Kothair of Plymouth High School and Annie Zhang of Salem High School. Canton Charter Academy student Gokul Karur won the middle school category. The second and third place winners were Julie Hahn of West Middle School and Hina Haider of Star International Academy.

Each of the winners received prize money supplied by Friends of the Canton Public Library.

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Canton artist Byron Reed, whose works are currently on display at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill until March 2, attended the MLK event.

'Workman Weekend' to benefit school

Everything will be about Workman Elementary School this weekend in Cherry Hill Village.

All village businesses and the Workman PTO have put together the "Workman Weekend" to help raise funds to provide needed revenue for start up programs at the school, which is located on Cherry Hill and Denton roads.

Starting Jan. 25, a portion of the sales at 12 businesses will be given to the school. The businesses participating include Cherry Hill Perk, Huntington Bank, A Special Place Gift Boutique, Cherry Martini, The Village Theater, Honey What's For Dinner, Red Head Salon, Cold Stone Creamery, The Village Dentist, The Village Wellness Center, Indigo Salon & Day Spa and Cantonian Market.

The proceeds will come from purchases that are noted by any shopper in the Workman Weekend Journal that will be located at cash registers. Businesses are offering from 15-percent of all purchases to free services with any donation made to the school.

Because there is no school on Friday, Jan. 25 this is also a three-day weekend for the Plymouth-Canton Public School District students.

"It is wonderful that all of the businesses in Cherry Hill Village have offered their support and are willing to donate a portion of their profits back to Workman. Workman families want the community to thrive and this is one way we can mutually benefit each other," said Rae Wodarczyk, member of the Workman PTO Council Oversight Committee.

The school, which is located about a half mile from Cherry Hill Village, is in its second year of operation.

"The support and work by committed volunteer parents, and the support of local businesses have enhanced the resources available for teaching. We are working together to provide excellent learning experiences for our students," said Workman Principal Jim Burt.

The event concludes on Sunday, Jan. 27 for most businesses, though some have extended their offers to run through Jan. 31 to accommodate appointments.

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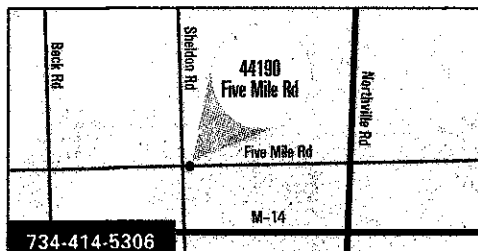
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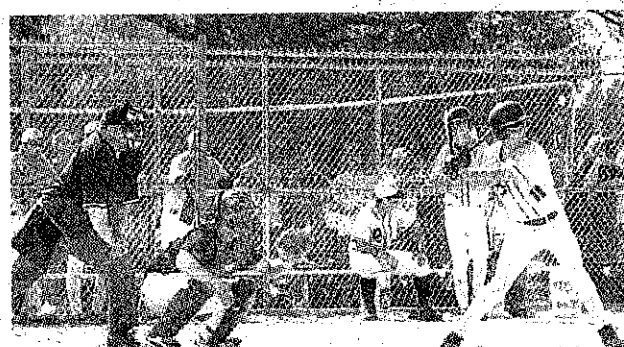
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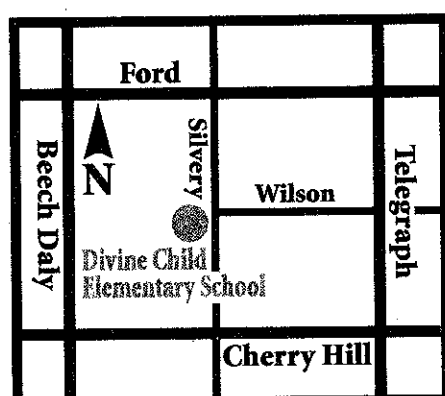
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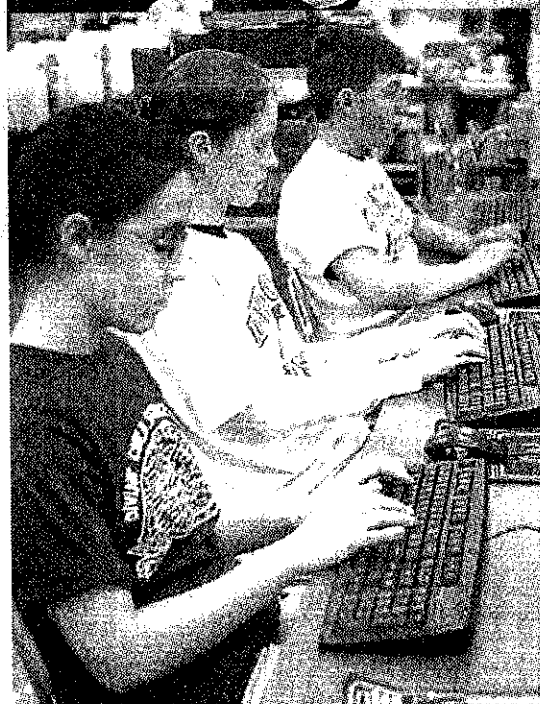


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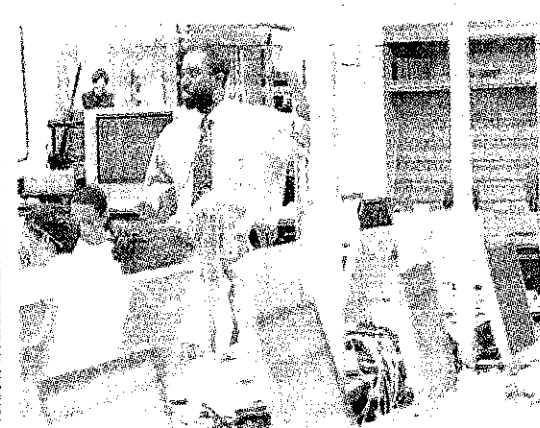
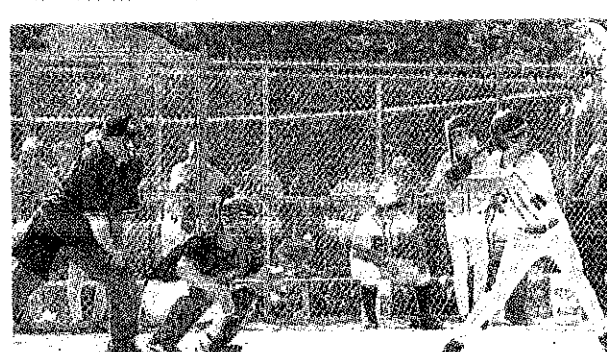


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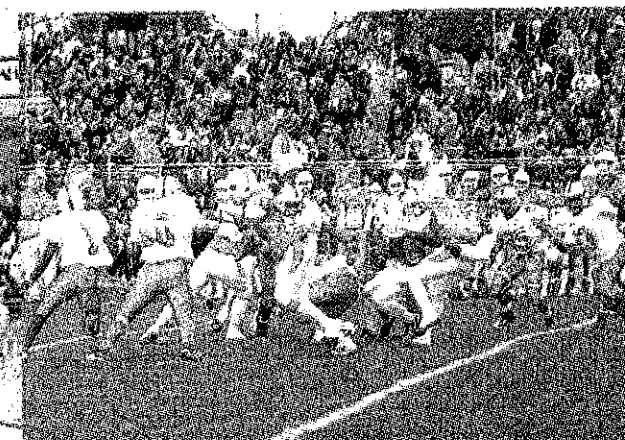
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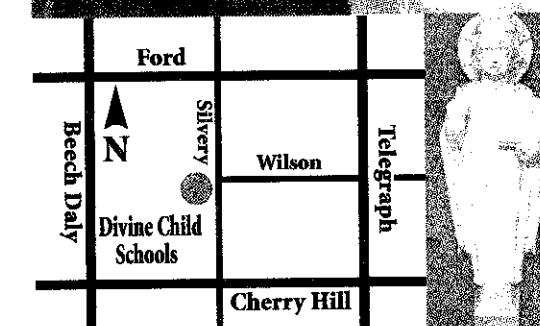
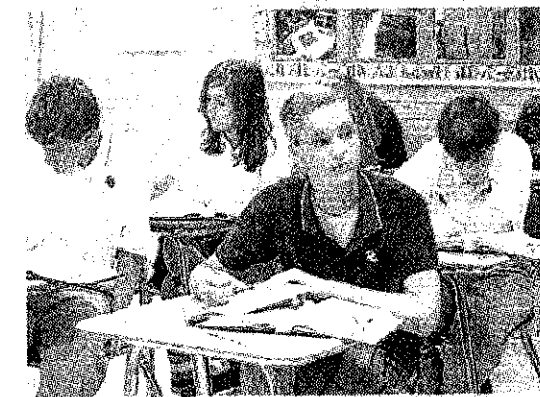
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JANUARY

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. Mac-n-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.

Grand opening

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank Grand Opening 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 26, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. Free clothing for men, women and children. For more information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include 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.

Open house

St. Michael the Archangel School Open House hosts an open house for prospective students and their families 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, Livonia. Honor Society students will conduct tours of the school facilities and staff will be available to explain programs and answer questions. The school, which has been under the direction of the Felician Sisters since it opened in 1941, is the largest parochial school in Livonia with more than 800 students currently enrolled in grades K-8. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Blood drive

The Red Cross blood drive takes place 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

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 Road, 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 Humby at sean.humby@fuse.net.

Church offerings

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

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.

Open House

All Saints Catholic Schools continues its celebration of Catholic Schools Week with an Open House for prospective families 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30. At this time the Community Activity Committee members with the National Junior Honor Society students will provide tours of the school which serves students from Preschool through grade 8 of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Interested families are invited to visit the Web

site www.allsaintscs.com, call (734) 459-2490 or send e-mail to asc9@hotmail.com.

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 www.Canton-Friendship.org.

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.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. 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 or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

UPCOMING

Heart workshop

Living a Heart Centered Life workshop 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.

Lenten services

Start on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel and continue every Wednesday through March 13, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, (313) 534-7730. Maundy Thursday service will be 7:30 p.m. March 20, the Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. March 23 in the sanctuary.

Lenten services

7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, Mid-week Wednesday Lenten Services 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12, Holy week services 10 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; Good Friday (March 21) Reflections on the Passion 12:30-2 p.m., Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday, March 22, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 427-1414. Weekly worship services 10 a.m. Sundays with nursery, Adult Learning and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. No 6 p.m. Sunday services during Lent or Easter Sunday. All are welcome to join us.

Widowed friends

Meet for an Italian buffet dinner, conversation and cards 5-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Corsi's Italian Restaurant, Seven Mile near Inkster, Livonia. Cost is \$15, includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity. Send payment by Feb. 9. For mailing information, call Chet at (734) 459-4316 or Gloria at (313) 381-4187.

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 Ryan, 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.holy-trinityapostolate.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.

VBS summer ministries

The International Christian Education Association presents its 42nd preview 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at Ward Church, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Get a head start on your church's summer program by viewing exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers, attend 4 of 20 workshops on organizing, planning and administering summer programs, also make and take puppetry and teaching techniques, morning refreshments and lunch included in registration fee. The event is non-denominational and open to the public. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

Sisters in Christ

Women's conference 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford. Cost is \$40 pre-conference registration, \$50 at door. Call (313) 534-7730. This is an interdenominational conference to help women connect their Christian life to one another. Speakers are Brenda Josee who's been active in Christian publishing 25 years, and Nancy Moser who's published 17 inspirational novels.

ONGOING

Church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

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.

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.

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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.net.

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-guided tour of the Solanus Casey 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, (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m.

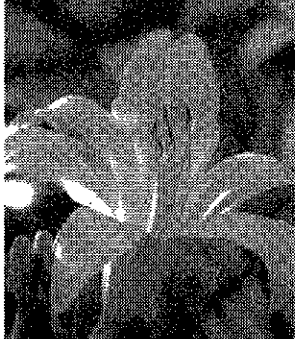
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ALBERT ABRAHAM WARD, Ed.D.

Age 78 of Westland passed away on Saturday, Jan. 19. Beloved husband of Doris for 47 years; loving father of Albert M. (Betty), Cheryl, David, and Donald (Fern). Dr. Ward was an educator and school administrator for 29 years. Dr. Ward received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Wayne State, and his Ed.D. from The University of Michigan. Dr. Ward was an avid supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. He was the founder and National Director of Scouting Ministries for the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Honors and recognitions include District Area of Merit, the Silver Beaver, and the God and Service Award. Dr. Ward was also involved in numerous community activities. He was a member of the Wayne-Westland Friends of the Library. He was also honored with the "Dr. Albert A. Ward Day" by Westland City Council and Mayor. The funeral will be at 11am at Grace CME Church at 642 W. Nichols, Detroit on Thursday, January 24th.

ANNABELLE WYZLIC

Age 95, Warrenton, MO, Jan. 19, 2008, formerly of Farmington, MI. Visitation 1-2pm Thurs., Jan. 24 at Pitman Funeral Home, Warrenton, MO. Graveside service at Warrenton City Cemetery following visitation. Memorials may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

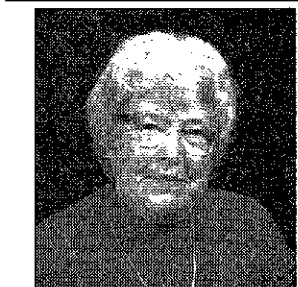


D. PAT SPARROW

Age 80, January 22, 2008. Beloved wife of David. Loving mother of Susan (Michael) Carson, Nancy (Michael) Sparrow and Joanne (Dick) Stewart. Proud grandmother of Sarah Carson, Julie (Kevin Vranes) Carson, Jessie, Lizzie and Molly Stewart and Evan Sparrow and great grandmother of Stella Vranes. She was a 50-year member of Christ Church Cranbrook, a trustee emeritus of the Michigan Humane Society and a long time resident of Harbor Springs. Memorial Service Friday 11 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. Memorials to the Michigan Humane Society appreciated. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

EARL WILLIAM BRACKEN

Age 69, of Farmington Hills. Passed on December 20, 2007. Beloved son of Earl N. Bracken & the late Dorothy Bracken; brother of the late Nancy Bracken. Memorial Service at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road in Livonia, on Jan. 26, 2008 at 1:00pm.

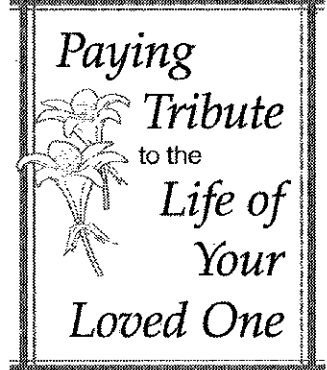


NORMA V. McALLISTER

Age 87, of Lima, Ohio, died 7:10 a.m., Saturday, January 19, 2008 in the Ridge at Shawnee. She was born May 31, 1920 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada to Walter J. And Bessie Evelyn (Hope) Coffin. Both parents are deceased. On January 31, 1942 she married Roy William McAllister, who died in 1983. Mrs. McAllister was a homemaker. She was a member of the Market Street Presbyterian Church where she had taught a Senior High Sunday School Class. She also was a member of the Child Conservation League, Lost Creek Country Club, Lima Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Shawnee Township Board of Appeals. She had been a presiding judge in her precinct for the Allen County Election Board. She was a volunteer for Johnny Appleseed Park District for 15 years and the Y.W.C.A. since 1977. She had been a salesperson at Gregg's and Lazarus and had worked in the Girl Scout office. She loved birds, especially cardinals. Survivors include four children, Janet (Tom) Wright of Cornelius, NC, Nancy (Paul) Stoner of Lima, Ohio, William "Bill" (Cathy) McAllister of Fostoria, Ohio and Gail (Tom) LeSavage of Boulder, Colorado, nine grandchildren, Lori, Pam, Kelly, Jason, Matthew, Jay, Mary Ellen, Thomas W. and Andrew; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Lionel (Petrel) Coffin of San Diego, California. She was preceded in death by two step-sisters, Eileen Whiteman and Wilma Post and one step-brother, Ford Lounsbury. Private family service will be held in Bayliff & Son Funeral Home, Cridersville with Rev. Susan T. Reichenberg officiating. Burial will follow in Shawnee Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Lima Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, to the Y.W.C.A. or to Johnny Appleseed Park Districts. No public visiting hours are planned.

RUDI R. RABE

Age 52, of Canton, passed away January 20, 2008. Rudi worked for the University of Michigan as a Operating Room Manager, for the East Ann Arbor Surgery Center. Loving father of Alexandra and Erich. Dear son of Erich Rabe. Brother of Bruce(Sheila)and Erich. He was a member of A.O.R.N. He loved to travel, enjoyed photography, and rowing. Funeral from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Thursday 8pm. Visitation Thursday 5:00pm until time of service. Memorials may be made to the family. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.



CLARA BETTINA BUESSE

Age 89, died January 21, 2008 in Ann Arbor, MI while lovingly attended by the combined Buesser-Rieveschl family that she created, nurtured and cherished. Born Clara Bettina Smith on August 17, 1918 in Louisville, KY, the daughter of Thomas Gardener Smith and Helen Peake Smith, she was raised and educated in the greater Cincinnati area. Asked once how she developed her wide ranging interest in and knowledge of art, design, music, and gardening, she replied, "I had a library card." With her first husband George Rieveschl, inventor of the antihistamine Benadryl, she raised their two boys in a modern home she helped design and landscape in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. Married in 1973 to Detroit attorney Anthony C. Buesser, she set about building a new close-knit family consisting of her two boys and his three children and their families. Listing her occupation, with a straight face, as "Homemaker", she designed, then built or renovated ten personal residences and two cottages. She bound us together with laughter, trust and love and presided with quiet tact and grace. We expect that when she meets God, He will say to her, "Welcome. I have a design project for you." She is survived by her husband, Anthony C. Buesser of Ann Arbor, two sons, Gary T. Rieveschl of West Harrison, Indiana, Jan L. (April) Rieveschl, of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, three step-children, Kent Buesser Baumkel of Ypsilanti, Anthony C. (Iris) Buesser Jr. of Dexter, and Andrew C. (Ojen) Buesser of Ann Arbor, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Burial will be private. A Memorial Service celebrating her life will be held in late Spring, her season of the year, at a time and place to be announced. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. To share memories with the family, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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RELIGION

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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 Leverage,

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@gmail.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.funorthville.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.

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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 I-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. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. Farmington Aglow is a Christian women's group.

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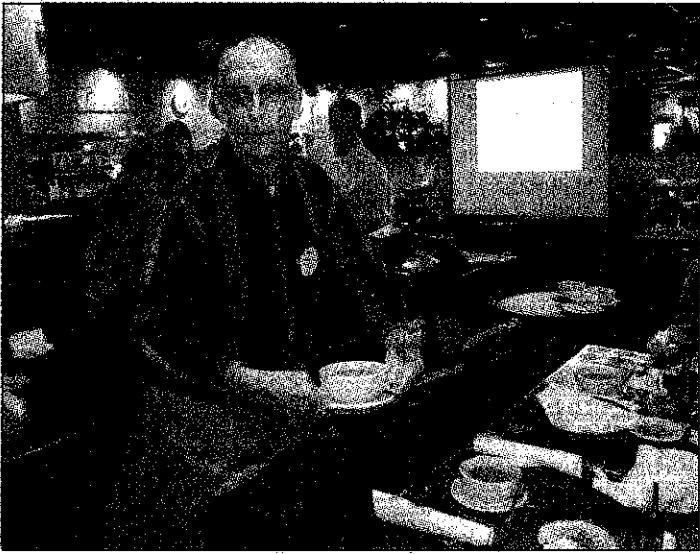
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"You can be involved locally, but also internationally. I like having a hand in bigger things. I wouldn't have any idea how to do that on my own," he said. The Canton club currently has 17 active members, and would love to get more people involved. Members say another benefit is the camaraderie among the group.

Martha Snow, a partner in the Canton law firm, Xuereb Snow P.C., has been in Rotary for about 14 years. The Northville resident said she has gotten far more out of the experience than she thought she would when joining.

"When I first started my practice, I thought joining would be a good opportunity to network, but I found it also offers a great chance for service to the community. Once your part of it, you develop a real passion for it, and are impassioned to help others," she said. "But even more than the service, we have fellowship. We get together for baseball games, Christmas parties and other events, and we have a good time."

For years the club met weekly at the Roman Forum restaurant, and now meets for lunch every Monday at Carrabba's Italian Grill (1900 Haggerty



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Canton Rotary can be a pretty casual group. Rotarian Bill Tesen helps serve soup to the members. Tesen is one of the few charter members remaining with the club.

CANTON ROTARY FUND-RAISER

What: Texas hold'em tournament

When: Friday, Jan. 25 (registration begins at 5 p.m.; game starts at 6 p.m.)

Where: Hickory Creek Clubhouse, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township (corner of Ford and Napier roads – enter off Napier)

Cost: \$10 registration fee, \$40 buy-in, \$40 re-buy in (first hour only)

Prize: Prize money paid out to top eight players

More info: Rotary uses proceeds from event to support programs in the community, including purchasing books for Plymouth-Canton students.

Road). Typically luncheons feature a guest speaker.

For more information about the Canton Rotary Club, call Kowalski at (734) 968-1436 or

e-mail her at kowalskij@sbc-global.net.

You can also visit the group's Web site at www.cantonrotary.com.

DISTRICT

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Two of the candidates have ties to Michigan. Kadri, according to HYA Senior Consultant Roger Garvelink, has a "family vacation home up north, and his wife's best friend is a caregiver for two of your teachers."

Martin was superintendent in Waterford from 1991-94. He started his career in Bay City as a custodian and eventually became the district's superintendent.

"He's very interested in coming back to Michigan, with his kids and grandkids," said Randy Tinder, HYA consultant. "He has the interest and energy and experience to take you where you want to go."

Fiegel runs a district that consists of only elementary students.

"It's an elementary district of very quality reputation on the south suburbs of Chicago," said Tinder, who recruited the candidate. "The reason he was looking is because he wants to get back to a district where there are high schools."

Some P-CCS trustees expressed concerns there are only three top-flight candidates to choose from. And, to compound matters, two of them — Kadri and Fiegel — are also candidates for other superintendent positions. That could leave trustees with only one viable candidate.

"I'm not disputing the candidates' qualities or qualifications, but I'm not comfortable only having three candidates to interview and then narrow down to be finalists," Trustee John Jackson said. "I'm also concerned about not having anyone from Michigan."

"Even though you have said we cannot find a decent candidate in Michigan, we have candidates from 1,900-student districts in other states, and I'm having a hard time understanding why there's not a candidate in Michigan for this position," Jackson said. "We could be left with the choice of the best of what's left. I'm not excited about the candidate pool."

Added Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, "It seems like it's kind of slim pickings for someone with experience in our district size."

Tinder said the small candidate pool for districts the size of Plymouth-Canton, with more than 18,000 students, is a trend across the country.

"Districts of comparable size to yours all over the country are having the same issue of not having a large number of candidates," Tinder said. "When you think of the pressures of the job, they just don't

want to do it."

Garvelink said there were 21 potential candidates that either applied for the job or were recruited.

When the P-CCS Board of Education searched for a new superintendent to replace Chuck Little, who resigned in July 1999, there were only three candidates for the job. The board then hired Kathleen Booher in February 2000.

Garvelink previously said Plymouth-Canton would likely have to pay more than Ryan's top annual salary of \$161,000 to entice a new CEO, despite the fact most candidates are currently administering smaller districts. Martin lists his current gross income as \$210,000; Kadri is at \$190,000; with Fiegel earning \$180,000.

The Board of Education has scheduled two candidate inter-

ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

Name	District	Students	Salary
Craig Fiegel	Evergreen Park (Ill.)	1,900	\$180,000
Dale Martin	Downer's Grove (Ill.)	5,000	\$210,000
Paul Kadri	Neshaminy (Pa.)	9,200	\$190,000
Jim Ryan	Plymouth-Canton	18,800	\$161,000*

*At its highest point

views at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. next Monday. A third is slated for 6 p.m. Tuesday. The board will discuss who will be back for a second interview after the third interview, or Wednesday night.

Second interviews, which were scheduled in late February after winter break, have been moved up to Feb. 4-6 because of the perceived competition for two of the three candidates.

All interviews, which will be conducted in the board meeting room at 454 S. Harvey, are open to the public.

"What matters to me is not

so much the number, but do we have some solid candidates," board President Judy Mardigian said.

"I think these look like very good candidates. Hopefully, we have the right one in the mix and we'll have a hard time making a decision."

Trustee Nancy Eggenberger said if the three don't pan out, there's always another choice. "If it doesn't work out with these three, we can always open the search again," Eggenberger said.

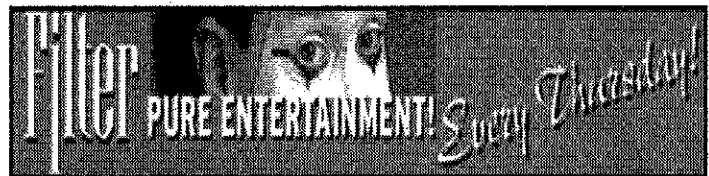
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Ice age cometh

Macomb Community College's Dave Stadler, Jim Zitton and Jim Shields work on the base for what will be a Central Park Bridge, part of the work that started on ice sculptures in Plymouth's Kelllogg Park for the 26th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. The festival runs Friday-Sunday. For complete ice festival coverage, please see today's Filter section.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR QUOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept quote proposals until 5:00 p.m., February 7, 2008, at the Community Services Division, Third Floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Michigan 48188-1699 for the following:

Design of two office/counseling rooms, second floor of Canton Human Services Center, and conceptual design of basement for meeting rooms; plus incidental design elements.

Specifications are available from the Community Services Division at the address above. Questions may be directed to Community Services Division, (734) 394-5194. This project is funded by CDBG, Department of HUD. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 14, 2008 for the following:

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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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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a *Bid for Eriksson & Field Elementary School Traffic Signals Projects*. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or (248) 427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the location above. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

- 143: Traffic Signal Electrical

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bid securities may be in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 7, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly. These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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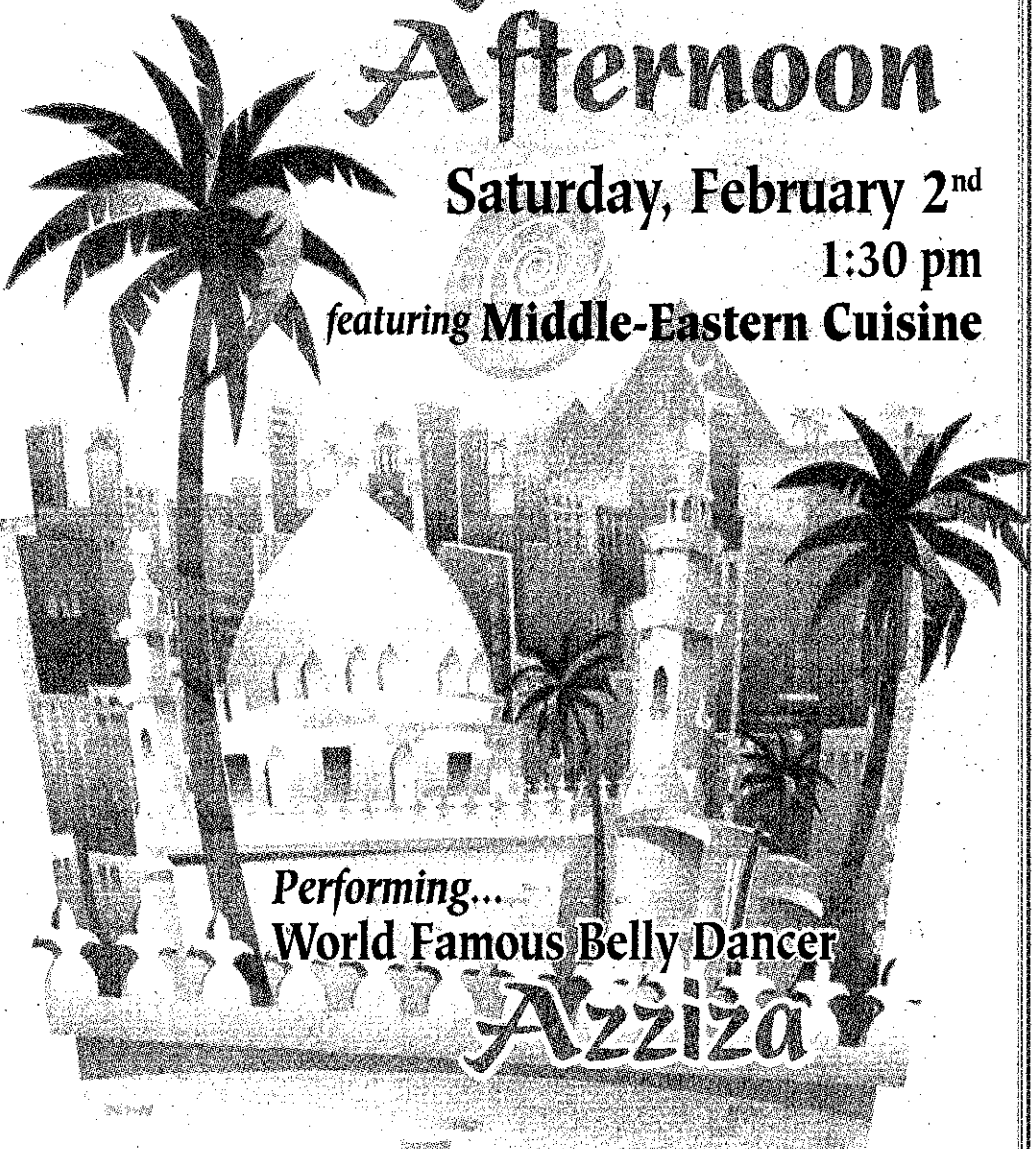
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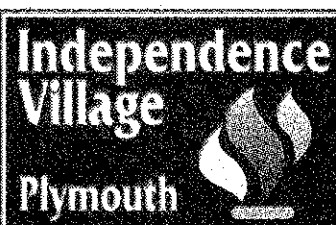
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Students tell governor their ideas on diversity

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer Granholm got an earful Monday, as a group of students told her their hopes and dreams for a more diverse Michigan on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Granholm came to Schoolcraft College to listen at the second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Youth Roundtable on Diversity and Michigan's Future.

Ken Ester, an African American student from Canton who attends Wayne Memorial High School, said the first thing he noticed when his family moved from Detroit to Canton was that white students sat with white students and black students sat with black students. He said at Wayne Memorial they have a Mix It Up day every year to break that pattern. Students are asked to sit with students they don't usually sit with.

"If other schools invested in Mix It Up programs, everything would get better," he said.

On Monday Schoolcraft gave an ethnically and racially diverse group of students from 14 area high schools and Schoolcraft College a chance to mix it up with each other and the state's chief executive.

Granholm and Linda Parker, the state's director of the Department of Civil Rights, played masters of ceremony to



Student Miatta McCrumady and Gov. Jennifer Granholm talk about getting students to take Advanced Placement classes in school.

hear the students discuss their views about their education, about the tension between the races and about how politicians can help to change things.

"You are special; you have leadership capabilities," Granholm told the students. "What I want to do is hear from you. What do you see as the best opportunities to carry on Dr. King's legacy?"

Miatta McCrumady said she isn't used to giving advice to politicians but she had some advice for educators. McCrumady, an African-American student at Ann Arbor's Pioneer High School, said the achievement gap between black and white

students has become a major issue in Ann Arbor.

She said she is one of the few African American students pursuing Advanced Placement classes. She told Granholm it was important for students to build solid relationships with teachers who are passionate about teaching. She said she had learned a lot from her young advanced placement English teacher.

Many students acknowledged that getting to know each other better was key.

"It is important to get information and know what other ethnic groups have accomplished. Everyone of us has so much in common," said Candice Kashat, a Livonia

Churchill High School student. Andrea Abbate, a Schoolcraft student, took the idea a step further.

"We need to come together, we need to have a passion for other cultures," she said.

Erica Bartoszyk of Churchill said it was important that teachers be advocates for diversity.

"It helps when a teacher is passionate about it in our schools," she said.

Bartoszyk said the True Colors program at Churchill has done a lot to bring different groups together.

"We have a motto, 'Cross the lines that divide,'" she said.

Several students noted the lack of diversity in metro Detroit. Grady Ward of Inkster High School said the only time he experienced diversity at his high school was when he participated in an ROTC program with the school's two white students.

Yaksh Patel of Canton High School said at his school he sees "tolerance" but little diversity. He said the school clubs have been coming together to share dances and that more clubs like this might help.

Carolyn Clifford and Stephen Clark, news anchors at WXYZ-TV, Channel 7, opened the program by describing their own experiences dealing with racial situations.

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IRS offers programs that listen to taxpayers' concerns

I recently interviewed Luis Garcia, the local spokesman for the IRS and he reminded me about how much the agency has changed over the last 10 years. I know this is hard to believe but it is true. The IRS has become friendlier and easier to deal with. In fact, it has set up programs to help resolve disputes and improve service.

The Tax Advocate Service is an independent organization within the IRS. Taxpayers — individual or business — can use this free service to resolve disputes that arise in the normal course of problem resolution with the IRS.

The IRS has also established a Taxpayer Advocacy Panel whose mission is to listen to the concerns of taxpayers, identify taxpayer issues and then make recommendations to the IRS for improving service and customer satisfaction.

The IRS has also set up Free File which allows a taxpayer to go online, complete their tax return and e-file the return for free. To qualify, your adjusted gross income for 2007 has to be \$54,000 or less. If you qualify, go to www.irs.gov and click on Free File and follow the instructions.

What is interesting about Free File program is that



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

it is not the IRS doing your return but rather online tax preparation companies. The IRS has set up an alliance with the online tax preparation

companies and just about all of them participate in this program. The service is free and there is no obligation to purchase anything.

To use the Free File program you must go directly to the IRS Web site at irs.gov and then link to the company you choose. If you go to the company's Web site first, you end up paying for the service.

As Luis Garcia said on my recent radio show, the IRS has changed for the better and there is no reason to be afraid of it. It is a new era when it comes to the IRS.

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OUR VIEWS

It's a tough time to sell a new school

Based on previous experience, the members of the Van Buren Schools Board of Education knew it wasn't going to be an easy sell to get voters to approve spending \$80 million to build a new high school.

Facing a tough economy and the fact that voters have shot down two similar requests in recent years, board members expressed some reluctance to move ahead with the 30-year, 2.15 mill bond request to rebuild Belleville High School at its current site. But considering the deplorable condition of most of the school, which dates back to the 1920s, board members felt they had an obligation to ask.

But they knew they would have to deal with voter apathy and the sluggish economy. What they weren't expecting to deal with is a ton of bad press because of gang violence that has erupted at the school this school year.

First, back in the fall, the district expelled several students, who posted photos of themselves on their MySpace Web site, which showed them with what appeared to be guns, illegal drugs, piles of cash and possible gang signs. Their parents accused the district of being racist and filed lawsuits, but district officials said they had an obligation to protect their students.

Then, a couple weeks ago, the district decided to postpone and/or cancel some basketball games and other extra curricular activities, because of violent behavior between rival gangs at the high school. In all, five teachers were injured breaking up fights between students — both boys and girls.

Much to the chagrin of the majority of students, district officials cancelled all Coming Home Spirit Week activities, including the Coming Home dance.

While the majority of students are upset with the severe actions taken, district officials had to do something to try to rein in the violence.

All this couldn't have occurred at a worse time for the district, which desperately needs a new high school facility. Without these distractions, the district had a difficult enough time selling the new school. Now, it will be doubly hard.

Still, the district has presented a good plan that is far less expensive than the previous two bond proposals. Hopefully, voters recognize this and decide it is important to provide their high school students with a state-of-the-art facility — the same kind as can be found in nearly every surrounding district.

DNR loses credibility after budget fiasco

Michigan lawmakers recently offered their constituents a bit of good news when they announced state government was entering the new year with a \$350 million budget surplus, which was largely the result of higher than expected tax receipts.

After all the talk about deficits and government shutdowns, the news was a nice surprise, indeed. Still, it left many people scratching their heads coming on the heels of all the doom and gloom that has come out of Lansing over the course of the last year. For many, it has called into question the entire budgeting process.

Take the Department of Natural Resources, for example. Throughout 2007, DNR officials were projecting huge budget deficits, including a \$10.8 million deficit in the Fish and Game Protection Fund. To combat this dreary budget forecast, the DNR proposed major increases to the cost of hunting and fishing licenses — in some cases, doubling current fees.

As might be expected, the 750,000 licensed hunters and 1.5 million anglers weren't happy with this plan. But the DNR lobbied the media and sporting organizations hard to make the case for the increases. It said the alternative was to close fish hatcheries, wildlife research stations and waterfowl areas; as well as lay off conservation officers, who are the state's front line of defense against poachers.

Facing this choice, many sporting groups — most notably Michigan United Conservation Clubs, which is the largest statewide conservation organization in the nation with nearly 100,000 members and more than 500 affiliated clubs — supported the DNR and the increases.

Despite this, the increases did not go into effect, because DNR officials failed to get the support of the state Legislature.

Then in December, DNR Director Rebecca Humphries dropped a bomb when she told state lawmakers that the Fish and Game Protection Fund actually had a \$10 million surplus — a positive swing of \$20 million. While it was excellent news, Humphries didn't do a very convincing job of explaining the discrepancy.

The news left the MUCC and other groups red-faced because they supported the very unpopular proposed increases. Without a doubt, the whole episode has caused more ill will than the DNR already had among the state's hunters and anglers. There is little trust left. In fact, the MUCC even announced it will be doing an independent audit and evaluation of the DNR's budget.

This is the kind of fiasco that makes residents lose faith in their state government. It also makes people question the gloom and doom coming out of Lansing.



LETTERS

Disappointed with service

We are new to the area and as soon as we heard about the MLK program at the Village Theater, I telephoned thinking the tickets would be going fast and a lady answered the phone too busy to check to see if tickets were available. I called again and they were all gone. I feel they need more assistance on phones and to at least get a number and return the call as a courtesy. I am a fan of guest speaker Lee Thomas. He is an excellent speaker and I wanted to get him to sign my book. Yes, I am disappointed, but Canton could not have had a program at all. Thank you, Canton!

R. King
Canton

Comcast, stop whining

The scene is being replayed many times, in my living room. The Comcast invasion of their marketing muscle, telling us about their negative opinions about AT&T and the Big Ten Network. Please, Comcast, stop giving us that apple-pie image, while maintaining your ambitious course and dominating behavior of trying to crush your competition. I, for one, have waited through a 23-minute wait in your endless message loop, waiting to make human contact. Try a new corporate game face, by steering some of those bullying dollars that you're spending trying to cripple your competition and embrace us with some good, old-fashioned human voice service.

C.R. Hucul
Plymouth

What's the world coming to?

Shortly after returning from a trip to do volunteer work before Christmas, the sign we put on our front lawn saying only "Peace" and the magnetic ribbon on my vehicle saying "Support the Troops — Oppose War" both disappeared. We found out that this was not an isolated incident, as several of our friends reported their signs promoting peace were also stolen about the same time. Although the theft is petty, I find it deeply disturbing that someone would steal signs promoting peace just before Christmas. What is our world coming to?

Richard Abdoo
Livonia

Refugees were displaced

Regarding the *Observer* of Dec. 27, we read a letter from a writer titled, "Time for Middle East humanity." It seems that the letter writer is wondering why Egypt and Jordan did not extend citizenship to the millions of refugees that were unarmed and forced to leave their homes, businesses and orange groves. My family of six were one of those refugees who decided to leave Palestine for a safer ground, leaving all our furniture locked in our house in Jaffa City, next to Tel Aviv. I was employed by the British government but could not go to our offices two days before the British mandate ended May 15, 1948, because of the heavy bombardment by the three Jewish

terrorist gangs.

Many of us Palestinians had out travel passports as usual and others even had British passports, so why would Egypt and Jordan absorb us when we were displaced by Israel by force?

Cool heads and wise men are always available on both sides, all the Palestinians need is for Israel to abide by the U.N. resolutions. Fairness and above all, justice for all, not just Palestinians, but also for the mothers and fathers of Israelis and very soon we all hope and pray for peace all over the world.

Sid and Jenny Shahin
Westland

Right To Work is right

Those telling you to not sign petitions to place Right To Work on the ballot are union lackeys. Right To Work is all about free speech as well as your right to independence and your constitutional right to freedom of association.

It would allow workers to be free both to join unions and to refrain from joining unions. This would prevent unions from being able to force employers to include clauses in their union contracts which require all employees to either join the union, or pay union dues as a condition of employment. Of course "forced union dues" are used to support political causes, causes which many union members may oppose so, of course, the "free thinking" unions don't want you to vote for this.

Ed Johnson
Royal Oak

Inhumane law needs change

As a social worker, I have worked on juvenile justice issues for five years. I have researched many policies that impact the lives of youth involved in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. But even through my extensive work, I was not aware that children are sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole until two years ago.

Since then, I have met with more than 100 families who are affected by this law. These families represent victims and incarcerated individuals from all races and backgrounds from northern Michigan, southern Michigan, and all areas in between.

Michigan's policies of locking up children for life are some of the worst in the country. There are 306 individuals serving life without parole in Michigan for crimes they committed as children. Nearly half of the individuals affected by this law were sentenced for crimes committed when they were 16 years old or younger. It is the harshest sentence available in Michigan for any crime and we dish it out to children with little discussion about maturity or culpability.

All the research says that children can be rehabilitated. On Wednesday, Jan. 23, the House Judiciary Committee was expected to hold a hearing on a package of bills to eliminate this inhumane practice. I for one will be calling my legislator to support these bills and I urge you to do the same.

Neila T. Johnson
Royal Oak

Privacy invasion

This administration has taken too many liberties and gone against what is legal and appropriate far too many times.

The average citizen of this country, which is the largest percentage, are just living an everyday life and trying to make a living and survive, despite the cost of living steadily increasing at an astronomical rate. I wonder if this administration spies on the wealthy as much as they do the middle class and poor, or are they exempt from this disgusting and illegal practice. That the telecommunications companies do this administration's dirty deed, they should be held liable. Now all we have to do is somehow impeach this moron from the high position he has held for far too long. I'm sure many in this country are in agreement that we wait patiently with bated breath for the day that this administration is no more!

Linda J. Solomon
Farmington

End cancer at ballot box

Do you know that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime? And that more than 40,000 women and 450 men die of breast cancer each year?

I know you're as troubled by these numbers as I am. That's why I wanted to tell you about a concrete step you can take right now to help end breast cancer. Susan G. Komen for the Cure Advocacy Alliance is launching a new campaign called I Vote for the Cure. It gives all of us a chance to challenge the 2008 presidential candidates to make breast cancer a priority in their campaigns.

Our next leader will have the power to make significant advances in treatment, screening and research — for all Americans. And we have the power to elect that leader. Join me in telling the candidates: American voters want to end breast cancer forever. Last year I walked all 12 walks in 12 different cities. I have walked with many survivors and I know from experience the pain and suffering they went through. Won't you please take a few moments to sign the petition on IVotefortheCure.org? Thank you for your time and God bless you.

George Nummer
Clawson

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"He's got experience, maturity, and a great understanding of the community. Also, I think his connection to Lansing would serve the community well."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who is stepping down at the end of the year, commenting on State Rep. Phil LaJoy's announcement that he will run for the position

Views vary on what's needed to bring businesses to Michigan

Here we go again.

General Motors is now going to offer buyouts to another 46,000 employees, while it's beginning to look like the smart guys at Cerebus Capital Management missed stuff like the recession and high oil prices when they did their due diligence before buying Chrysler.



Phil Power

Meanwhile, Michigan's unemployment rate for December inched up to 7.6 percent, easily the highest in the nation, nearly a full point above floundering Mississippi. And prospects of a national recession keep growing ... as if we weren't already in trouble.

With all this grim news in mind, I went over late last week to moderate a panel at the 2008 annual Collaboration for Entrepreneurship meeting in Ann Arbor. It's the area's big gathering of entrepreneurs. I was told there were twice as many people there this year as last, and certainly the hall at the local community college was a beehive of Type A personalities buzzing around wearing intense expressions and brandishing business projections.

The panel I ran wound up talking about why some start-up businesses locate in Michigan and, conversely, why others don't. My fellow panelists made up a pretty good cross-section of Michigan's emerging entrepreneurial economy.

They included: Neal Clinthorne, co-founder of Xoran Technologies, which makes CT scanners for ear, nose and throat physicians; Michelle Crumm, co-founder of Adaptive Materials Inc., which is in the alternative energy business; and Andrew Wykes, at IDV Solutions, an artificial intelligence software company.

We had an audience of around 50 hard-driving types who brought added dimension to the conversation.

Reasons people gave for locating in Michigan varied. Some said it was simply because their founders lived in Michigan. Others, manufacturing-based and therefore interested in knocking pennies per unit off the cost of making stuff, spoke about taking advantage of the existing manufacturing infrastructure that could get jobs done cheaply and quickly.

Some spoke about the quality of the work force, whether skilled blue-collar workers or university grads. "Oddly, even though this appears to be not a very competitive market for very highly-qualified engineers and technicians, we bite and scratch to find every one. We're especially interested in finding people who are imaginative and fearless and who can help us innovate," Crumm said.

Clinthorne's Xoran is a spinoff from the University of Michigan, and a number of people in the room spoke about how technology transfers from university laboratories seed new business start-ups.

So why don't companies locate in Michigan?

The litany and the list were very long indeed. There is very little venture capital around these days, and what's available is mostly on either coast. They complained of inadequate infrastructure to help new companies, such as lawyers, accountants, bankers

(people were especially grumpy at these) and proven managers.

We have a statewide culture that is much too risk-averse. Somebody located in Lansing suggested, "Lansing is not a well-known center for high tech," while another participant pointed out that the resources in biology and life sciences at nearby Michigan State were as strong as anywhere else in the country.

Many complained about the state's efforts to help entrepreneurial companies. "They're well-intentioned," one audience member said, "but they are very bureaucratic and really don't understand what we're all about." Others warned that investing public dollars in private enterprises is intrinsically conflict-laden. This was, however, distinctly a minority view.

The showcase presentation at the conference was given by Dave Morin, founder and CEO of Cielo MedSolutions. Started in 2005 and now with nine employees, Cielo makes electronic medical records software that automatically reminds physicians to remind patients to get their flu or pneumonia shots or screen for lead in the blood of younger kids. "There is so much to remember about health care and there's so little time to deliver these services in the typical brief office encounter, so automatic patient-specific prompts are a huge timesaver," says Dr. Jean Malouin, assistant professor at the University of Michigan Department of Family Medicine.

I asked Morin how he feels about having his company located in Michigan. "Great," he says. "I live in South Lyon, so it's close to home, and this kind of company helps diversify the Michigan economy." His greatest frustration is the "craziness" of information technology in the health care field, which deals with doctors who are increasingly pressed for time and is often dominated by big, expensive software companies whose products are too expensive and clumsy for smaller physician practices.

"What about the state?" I asked.

"Through Ann Arbor-SPARK (the local economic development organization), we received a 21st Century Jobs Fund investment that matched a grant we received from a venture capital firm. That was great, but the bureaucracy and the paperwork were complicated and difficult to get through. But at the end of the day, they came through for us."

I have to confess I know Morin pretty well — he was the vice president for technology in my former newspaper company, HomeTown Communications Network, Inc. And he's a great example of the kind of folks I saw at the meeting last week: smart, intense, innovative, modest (in a Michigan kind of way) and very hard-working (another part of Michigan's culture.)

True, our economy may be contracting just now because of the ongoing transformation in the auto industry, but if the entrepreneurs now beavering away in Michigan are any indication, we're on the way to creating a much healthier, more diversified economy.

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In basketball and in life, Bing lets his actions do the talking

Dave Bing is a man of action.

Whether as a basketball superstar or the head of one of the country's largest minority-owned businesses, the long-time Detroiter walks the walk when it comes to leading by example.



Joe Bauman

Many older metro Detroiters probably have fond memories of Bing's playing days with the Detroit Pistons. For 12 years, he was a model citizen on and off the court, being named the NBA's Rookie of the Year in 1967 and voted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1990.

But anyone concerned with the future of the city of Detroit and indeed all of southeast Michigan should be thankful for what Bing has done since retiring from basketball. Every day, his burgeoning business empire employs thousands of local residents and he works tirelessly behind the scenes to improve the region's quality of life.

"I landed in Detroit for the first time ever after I was drafted by the Pistons," Bing told members of the Birmingham Rotary Club at its meeting last week. "Here I was a 22-year-old kid coming to town in the summer of 1967 in the aftermath of the riots, so I had to work extra hard to gain acceptance and dedicated myself to doing all I could to improve the situation."

Bing is not one to wait around for someone else to solve problems. Distressed by the living conditions in the neighborhood where much of his Bing Group enterprise is located, he began buying up vacant lots and built \$200,000 homes to attract families back to the city. To date, 15 homes have been built and he hopes to increase the number to 50.

His work in the neighborhood eventually became the model for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's neighborhood revitalization initiative, where six areas throughout the city have been targeted

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for improvement.

When the Detroit Public Schools rebuffed an offer by philanthropist Robert Thompson to pump \$200 million into the beleaguered system and open several specialized, charter schools, Bing refused to let the opportunity pass.

So Bing contacted Thompson and pledged his support, convincing Thompson to go forward with or without the school district's support. "Now the district, under the quality leadership of a new school superintendent, is interested in working with us to bring competition into the buildings and help drive excellence," Bing said. "Now that's progress."

Today, Bing has his eye trained toward Detroit's riverfront. He has sunk a large chunk of his assets, and those of his friends and fellow business leaders, into the Watermark housing development. When completed, the \$60 million project will bring 112 upscale condominiums to the riverfront near Chene Park.


Bing said financing is in place, but he needs to pre-sell at least 45 units before construction can begin. Only a dozen units have been sold to date, so the project is on "temporary hold."

"It didn't help that the real estate market crashed about the same time we were putting this project together, but it is what it is," Bing said. "But this project will go forward, and the city of Detroit will come back. It just might take a little longer than we had hoped."

With a guy like Dave Bing involved, failure does not appear to be an option.

Joe Bauman is managing editor for The Eccentric Newspapers. He welcomes feedback at jbauman@hometownlife.com or (248) 901-2563.

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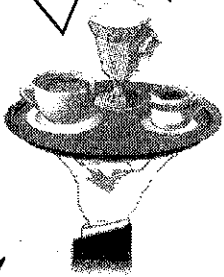
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Observerland mat title up for 'graps'

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It has become the mother-of-all of Observerland events, something area high school wrestling fans don't want to miss.

The 17th annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament, featuring 17 area schools, promises to provide a rock concert-like atmosphere Saturday at Livonia Churchill High School.

Opening round action starts at 9 a.m. with the finals in 14 different weight classes beginning at approximately 5 p.m. All-day admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Livonia Franklin is the three-time defending champion, but the Patriots come in this time as a darkhorse.

The most recent Observerland Rankings listed Novi-Detroit Catholic Central as the favorite followed by Belleville, Canton, Westland John Glenn and Franklin.

"They (CC) had five out of the lineup in their last meet, but if they're healthy... they'll be hard to beat," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "There's also Canton, Belleville, John Glenn and Franklin. We'd love to be in the top five. I think there will be some unbelievable matches.

"In normal tourneys where a lot of these kids would get to the finals, this one is going to be tough throughout every weight class. It's going to be interesting."

CC, coached by former Central Michigan University stand-out and Shamrock grad Mitch Hancock, boasts five top-ranked wrestlers including defending state heavyweight champion Mike Martin, an All-State football lineman who took his official visit last weekend to Michigan. He was third at last year's Observerland.

Martin is joined by defend-

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MAT EXTRAVAGANZA

What: 17th annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational.

When: Saturday, Jan. 26. First round action starts at 9 a.m. with the finals at approximately 5 p.m.

Where: Livonia Churchill H.S., 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail).

Admission (all day): \$5 (adults); \$3 (students).

Participating schools: Livonia Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Clarenceville, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Lutheran High Westland, Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Garden City, Redford Union, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, Farmington, North Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison and Belleville.

Past winners: Catholic Central (1993, 96, 99, 2000, 02, 03); Franklin (2005, 06, 07); Stevenson (1994, 95, 97); Canton (2001); Salem (1998); Churchill and John Glenn (2004); Farmington (1992).

Sidelines

Precision baseball

Canton-based Precision Baseball has hired a certified strength-and-conditioning coach to teach speed and agility training.

The first classes are set to start on Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. for kids of all ages. The cost of the training is \$20 per session.

Six-week hitting leagues are currently forming at the facility. They are scheduled to begin Feb. 9 at 9 a.m. with two age groups: 13u and 17u. The pitching machines will be adjusted depending on the ages of the kids.

For more information on these programs as well as private pitching, hitting and catching lessons, call (734) 459-5921.

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

Learn to skate

The Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton will be hosting a "Learn to Skate" program starting Saturday, Feb. 2.

The program includes eight 30-minute skating lessons along with 15 minutes of free skating time for all participants. The classes are grouped according to age.

Registration begins Sunday. Registration forms can be picked up at the Summit on the Park and at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, which is located at 46615 Michigan Ave.

For more information — including levels of instruction, private lessons, teams and competitive opportunities — call (734) 487-7777.

Scero milestone

Canton native Brandon Scero notched his 100th career point in Nebraska-Omaha's 4-3 overtime victory over Alaska-Fairbanks on Saturday night in Fairbanks.

Scero, a senior, is just the seventh Maverick to reach the century mark.

Cezat honored

For the second time this season former Canton basketball standout Katie Cezat has been named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference South Division Player of the Week after she led her 13-3 Hillsdale contingent to a split of two games last week.

Cezat is currently second in the GLIAC in scoring (20.9) and second in rebounding (11.9).

Futsal: A new spin on soccer

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It turns out the three Brazilian members of the Detroit Ignition have brought more than just their world-class soccer skills to the metropolitan Detroit area.

The South American trio of Hewerton Moreira, Ricardinho and Ze Roberto also helped plant the seed for the development of the sport of futsal at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Futsal is a unique brand of indoor soccer — its Spanish name translates to "indoor football" — that is played on the hard-wood basketball courts that were installed at HVS in 2007.

The official ball is smaller and more dense than a normal soccer ball, which puts an emphasis on technique and creativity.

"Our Brazilian players played futsal a lot growing up and they suggested that we offer a league around here," said Mark Pulisic, the Ignition's director of operations. "The ball is a bit smaller and heavier than a regular soccer ball, so it doesn't bounce as much. It's a great game to help kids improve soccer skills."

Unlike indoor soccer, futsal is played without boards. The game's boundaries are marked by lines on the court.

Each team consists of four players plus a goalie, who guards a smaller-than-normal net. The size of each team's roster ranges from eight to 12 players.

"The playing surface is smaller, so it's a very quick, fast-paced game," said Pulisic. "It helps the kids prepare for when they move out to the bigger fields during the outdoor season."

Pulisic said the sport has been a huge hit so far with young players and their parents alike.

Much of the success can be attributed to the work the team's players put into it, he emphasized.

"Every member of the team helps out in some way or another; it's not just the Brazilian players who are involved," he said. "I think some people were a little apprehensive at first about the sport. They wanted to see what it was about before they got involved."

"But now that they've played it for about three weeks, the players seem to love it and the coaches have told me they can already see the benefits from the kids playing futsal."

The inaugural Detroit Ignition futsal league kicked off on

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Above, Connor Johnson (black jersey) and Jake Reitzloff square off during a futsal game last week at Canton's High Velocity Sports. The sport, which is new to this area, is popular all over the world. At right, futsal is played with a ball that is heavier and more dense than a normal soccer ball.



Short-handed Rocks tumble, 4-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There are bad 4-0 losses and there are acceptable 4-0 losses.

The Salem hockey team's 4-0 setback to No. 1-ranked Livonia Stevenson could be filed under the "acceptable" column.

Playing without six of their 20 rostered players, the Rocks hung tough with the 15-0 Spartans before falling in the end.

"All things considered, I thought we played pretty well," said Salem coach Ryan Ossennmacher, whose squad slipped to 5-9 overall and 1-4 in the Western Lakes

Activities Association's Lakes Division. "We played with more intensity tonight than we have in a while."

Ossennmacher said his team's amped-up intensity level wasn't necessarily the product of Stevenson's lofty ranking.

"We played No. 2 Churchill last week and lost 9-0, so, no I don't think that had a lot to do with it," he said. "I think the guys are just starting to realize that the season is more than half over and they'd better improve their level of play if they want to do something in the post-season."

Michael Voran led the winners with one goal and two assists.

Stevenson led 2-0 after one period and 3-0 with 15 minutes to play.

"Everybody gave it their all tonight," said Ossennmacher, when asked who stood out for his squad Tuesday night. "I think everybody who played left it all on the ice. Everybody gave 100 percent effort."

Salem's number of healthy players slipped to 13 following a second-period injury.

"We finished with two lines and five defenseman," he said. "We were outshot 26-16, which wasn't too bad considering the circumstances."

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Salem's Sam Ott (white jersey) looks for a seam between Livonia Stevenson's Jake Harbovey (20) and Joe Byrne (12) during Tuesday night's WLAA Lakes Division hockey game at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The No. 1-ranked Spartans won, 4-0, to improve their record to 15-0.

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By **MARY BETH ANDREWS**
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Readers of today's newspaper will have just 30 minutes during the show to get in on the \$1,000,000 giveaway.

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"These sheets of money are very valuable. Not only are they uncut but they are also uncirculated," said Thomas C. Harris, former Deputy Director of the U.S. Treasury's BEP, who will be helping to giveaway the money during the show.

"The U.S. Government will periodically leave a limited number of money sheets like this for dealers and collectors," Harris said.

"It's a surprise to most people when I tell them that only during select periods of our country's history, the U.S. Treasury has allowed private citizens to own full sheets of U.S. currency," says Harris. "This happens to be one of them," he said.



Thomas C. Harris
Deputy Director, retired, of the BEP, United States Treasury Department helps give away the money

All this scarcely seen money remains under the control of the private World Reserve Monetary Exchange who is making no secret about advertising its plans to release thousands of crisp new full uncut sheets of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 dollar bills.

"The U.S. Government places a much higher value on money when you buy an uncut sheet so they are already worth so much more than face value," he said.

It's real money backed by the U.S. Government so it will always have value. If times get tough you could actually take a pair of scissors, cut the full sheets apart and spend them as singles.

"Of course you could, but why would you. That would be almost like mailing a letter with a priceless stamp or putting a rare coin in a parking meter," Harris explains.

So parents and grandparents giving the valuable Money Ledgers as gifts should be sure to explain the value of the uncut sheets of money. Younger children should be warned to never cut the sheets apart or take them out of the protective pages of the Money Ledger.

"Oh, she was so excited, she thinks she's really something that she has all this money and nobody's allowed to touch it but her," said Joyce Applefeld, 72, who gave her 7-year-old granddaughter a Money Ledger for Christmas.

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Joyce Applefeld, 72
Grandmother, who claimed her very own Money Ledger full of uncut sheets of real money

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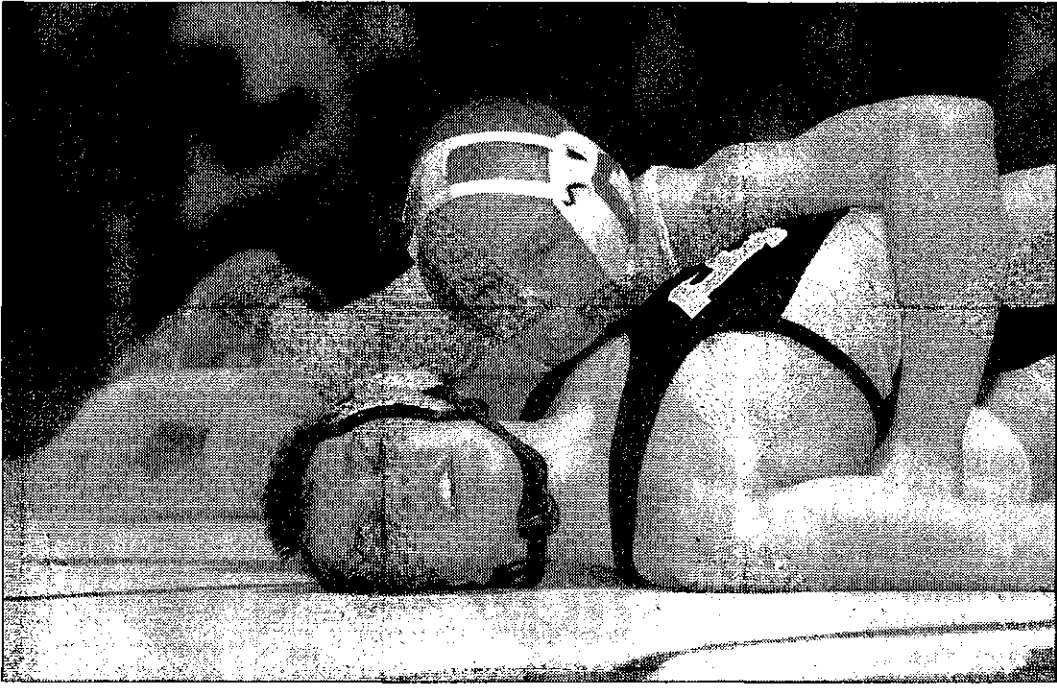
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Canton's Steve Cox (top), pictured above in a match earlier this season, placed third at the Novi Catholic Central Invitational held Jan. 12 in Wixom.

Canton wrestlers trounce Western

Canton's wrestling team pulverized Walled Lake Western, 71-3, Jan. 17 in a Western Lakes Activities Association match held in the Warriors' gymnasium.

The Chiefs captured 13 of the 14 weight classes, six via pins. The Warriors voided four slots. Registering falls were Carl Lucke (54 seconds over Dan Rose at 119 pounds); Donnie Watkins (58 seconds over Brandon Lonnerstater at 125); Steve Cox (2:38 over Jordan Frane at 135); Keith Zech (2:28 over Taylor Porras at 152); Rodger Kropp (40 seconds over Adam Darga at 171); and Adam Powers (22 seconds over Karl Hamina at 189).

Waleed Faraj recorded a 20-3 technical fall over Alex Sklar at 103.

Close decisions were earned by Connor Jackson, who defeated Evan Yezbick, 5-3, at 112; and Jeremy Filippelli, who edged Jordan Lutren, 2-0, at 130.

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The Chiefs placed third in the eight-team Novi Catholic Central Invitational Jan. 12 on the CC campus in Wixom. Holt won the event with 246 points followed by runner-up Belleville (132) and Canton, which racked up 131 points.

"This tournament is extremely tough," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We had second place locked up until the very last round, where Belleville slipped ahead of us. We wrestled well, but still did not place where we should have as a team and individually."

Watkins was the Chiefs' top point-earner, placing second at 125. Lucke (119), Cox (135) and Brent Winekoff (140) each placed third in their respective weight classes.

Other Canton placers were Dan Wanshon (fourth at 215), Faraj (fifth at 103), Luke Konsitzke (fifth at heavyweight), Kropp (fifth at 171) and Filippelli (sixth at 130).

Salem stymies Vikings in Lakes rout

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Words of advice for girls basketball teams that think they can make a run at Salem when the Rocks' first-teamers are resting: Don't hold your breath.

Members of Salem's starting five rarely sit and if they do get tired, they hide their fatigue well.

The Rocks' enduring qualities came to the forefront Tuesday night when they thrashed visiting Walled Lake Central, 53-32.

Salem's sixth-straight triumph improved its record to 12-2 overall and 7-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. The Vikings slipped to 8-5 and 3-2, respectively.

On Tuesday, Salem's first reserve — Rachel Norman — didn't enter the game until the 2:26 mark of the second quarter and that was only because leading scorer Alaya Mitchell was whistled for her third foul.

Once Mitchell re-entered a couple minutes later, the starting five remained intact until the waning moments of the fourth quarter — much to the dismay of the Vikings.

"Our starters play a lot of minutes because they've earned the right to do so," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Our bench guys really bust their butts in practice, so it's a two-

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way thing.

"Our starters have been playing so well, I hate to take them out. They're well-conditioned and they haven't been getting in foul trouble."

Unlike most high school athletic teams that tend to take a night off every once in a while, the Rocks bring their "A" game night in and night out.

"This is a very pride-ful group," said Thomann. "They've developed a style and they've gotten better with that style as the year has gone on. It's been a fun group to coach."

"Obviously, we still have a long way to go with some good teams left to play in the league. I'm looking forward to our last three league games and I'm really looking forward to the league playoffs. I don't know who we'll play in the first round yet, but I know it will be a good team."

Mitchell filed a stellar performance against Central, tallying 26 points and seven rebounds. The smooth senior guard closed out the first half by banking in a long three-pointer — a development that changed Central's second-half outlook from bad to woeful.

Sara Stone and Victoria Brotz both added 10 points while junior forward Chelsea Davis ruled the boards with 14

rebounds to go with her seven points.

Stone only missed one of her six field goals and Brotz's fine night from the perimeter was highlighted by a pair of triples.

"They were playing zone and Victoria is a very good outside shooter," Thomann said. "If teams give her space to shoot, she can really put the ball in the net."

Kelly Costello paced the Vikings with nine points on a night when they connected on just 13-of-49 shots from the field (26.5 percent). Nina Warrior chipped in with seven points and Brooke Gustafson netted six.

Salem was never headed after bursting to a 16-6 first-quarter advantage.

Mitchell opened the second quarter with a long trey and the hosts led at the break, 29-16.

The Rocks expanded their lead to 43-22 after three quarters before the teams played to a 10-all draw over the final eight minutes.

Salem took care of the ball, committing just nine turnovers — a measly three in the first half. Central, on the other hand, registered 15 miscues.

Salem drained nearly half their shots — 23 of 49 for 46.9 percent.

The winners hit 2-of-3 free throws.

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Chiefs' Hollowell outduels Wayne Memorial on boards in 62-32 win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's Baylee Hollowell got finals week off to a good start Tuesday night by aching her "Offensive Rebounding 101" exam against visiting Wayne Memorial.

The Zebras, on the other hand, may have to re-take their "Intermediate Boxing Out" test after yielding 29 points and 22 rebounds to Canton's 6-foot-1 senior center in the Chiefs' resounding 62-32 victory.

"Baylee did a great job on the offensive glass; a lot of her points came on second shots," said Canton coach Brian Samulski, whose squad improved its record to 4-10 overall and 2-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. "She also did a nice job of sealing the post and keeping the ball close to her body."

The win enhanced the Chiefs' chances of qualifying for the WLAA's post-season playoffs. Four teams from each of the two six-team division advances.

"While we definitely want to make the playoffs, our No. 1 goal is to get better every day," said Samulski. "If we win out (the Chiefs have three regular-season division games remaining), then we have a chance. We're just going to focus on the

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day-to-day things and see how things play out."

Canton owned the contest from the outset, bursting to an 11-3 first-quarter lead before taking a 20-13 edge into the half. The clincher came in the third quarter when the Hollowell-led Chiefs outscored the Zebras 23-9.

Sophomore guard Kaylie Martin complemented Hollowell's stellar effort with 11 points of her own. Kayla Bridges (six points, 10 rebounds) and Leslie Weisz also played well for the winners, Samulski noted.

Trenia Barbee led Wayne with 16 points.

Canton hit 11-of-17 free throws. The Zebras, on the other hand, struggled at the charity stripe, draining just 13-of-32 attempts.

NORTHVILLE 32, PLYMOUTH 26: On Tuesday at Plymouth, the Mustangs improved to 9-5 overall and 5-2 in the WLAA's Western Division thanks to a team-high 14 points from Chelsea Atzinger.

Junior forward Shaakira Haywood led Plymouth with 14 points and seven boards.

The Mustangs led 19-12 at the half before the Wildcats rebounded to cut their deficit to 23-20 with eight minutes to play.

"We had 19 turnovers and numerous misses of easy shots around the basket," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "I don't want to take anything away from Northville, though. They played well."

Plymouth was 4-of-9 from the free throw line while Northville hit half their freebies (5-of-10).

FRANKLIN ROAD 44, CANTON AGAPE 40 (OT): On Tuesday in Novi, the Wolverines dropped a thrilling overtime decision to Franklin Road.

Ayanna Martin played superbly for the Wolverines, tallying 21 points, 12 rebounds and eight steals. Brooke Purcell added 14 points for Agape.

Maureen Sweeney led the winners with 13 points.

Franklin Road led 14-12 at the half, but Agape rebounded to seize a 24-22 advantage after three quarters.

BAPTIST PARK 53, AGAPE 30: On Friday at Baptist Park, Purcell and Martin both netted 14 points in the losing cause.

Agape trailed just 13-12 after one quarter, but was outscored 29-6 over the next two stanzas to fall into a hole it could never dig out of.

Folake Olojo grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for the Wolverines.

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ing Observerland 189-pound champion Joe Kinville, who has moved up to 215.

Other top-rated grapplers for the Shamrocks include Doug Eldridge (119), Stefan Gatt (160) and Matt Aubrey (189).

John Glenn, runner-up last season, boasts a strong squad paced by Anthony Pavlich (103), Jeremiah Austin (125) and Jared Stephens (130). Meanwhile, Scott Brown (171) was a runner-up at 160 in 2007.

"I don't think anyone is the clear-cut favorite, any of the top five teams could win Observerland depending on who is at what weight and what team shows up the most prepared for battle," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "I think this year will be very close with the first five or six places. I don't think the point differential will be much from first to sixth."

"I think we have as good of a chance as any other team, our kids have shown that they can win this year and we will be ready to wrestle hard."

Belleville, third a year ago, is led by defending 112-pound champion Justin Fleeson,

along with Steve Coak (145), who was runner-up at 140 last year.

Canton, meanwhile, will be gunning for its first Observerland crown since 2001 led by defending 103-pound champ Donnie Watkins (now at 125), last year's 112 runner-up Carl Lucke (now at 119), Steve Cox (135) and Brent Winekoff (140).

Not to be discounted in the scheme of things is Franklin.

Despite having only three starting returnees from last year, the Patriots have compiled an impressive 18-2 dual-match record and are led by Dan Woodall (189), Matt Hintz (135), Brandon Smith (140) and Jared Pieknik (112).

"I really like the way the team is progressing," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "Each week we look a little better, which hasn't happened in past years."

"We only have three kids who have ever wrestled in this tournament and we have some seniors who have never wrestled in it. For most of them it's a brand-new thing. That's why I always make my JV kids come and watch because we want them to carry on the tradition and step up. It's one we all look forward to. You'll see some awesome wrestling throughout the day."

Chiola, however, knows that the Shamrocks could have the edge.

"If CC brings all their kids in their lineup, they'll be a heavy favorite," he said. "If they're all assembled, they'll be tough to beat. After CC there's a group of teams like Canton, John Glenn, Belleville, Franklin and Churchill, which could finish in any order."

"Even the lower echelon teams have gotten better and the teams who have been up there have stayed pretty much the same."

Stevenson senior Ziad Kharbush, last year's 160-pound champ, returns at 171. Also competing for individual crowns after placing runner-up a year ago include Wayne Memorial's Chad Dunn (112), Salem's Jeremy Epley (160) and Plymouth's Vince Darolfi (189). Lutheran Westland's Steve Kemp is favored at 152.

"I guess the best weight class will be determined on what bumping goes on," Polk said. "I think on paper, 160 will be the most competitive, with 140 and 145 right up there as well. As I said, our guys will be ready for battle."

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Paul Wierman (with ball) displays some fancy footwork as Bowen Burdett approaches during a game of futsal last week at High Velocity Sports in Canton.



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FUTSAL

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Jan. 2 with an eight-week season.

"We have 30 teams, which is pretty good considering it's a new sport," said HVS director of operations Elaine Matthews.

Neither game scores nor standings are kept. "It's strictly a development league to help improve the players' skills," Pulisic said.

Another round of league play is set to be in early March with a late-February registration deadline. The team fee is \$750. Individuals can register to be placed on a team for \$95.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 25

Salem at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
Agape at Macomb Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Inter-City Baptist at PCA, 8:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 24

Huron Valley Lutheran at Canton Agape at United Christian, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25

Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
Inter-City Baptist at PCA, 5:30 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 25

Salem at W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26

Salem at Chelsea at Arctic Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Warren Mott at Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 5:40 p.m.

Canton at Redford Unified at Redford Arena, 2:15 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 24

W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
Northville at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26

Observerland Invitational at Livonia Churchill, 9 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Thursday, Jan. 24

John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Jan. 24

Livonia Red and Blue at Salem at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.
Livonia Unified at Canton at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 26

Madonna at Davenport, 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 26

Madonna at Davenport, 1 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 25

Whalers vs. Oshawa Generals at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26

Whalers vs. Peterborough Petes at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 25

Ignition at Chicago Storm, 7:35 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 27

Ignition vs. La Raza de Monterrey at Compuware Arena, 4:35 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

Rock cagers stave off Central comeback

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

In the popular movie "Groundhog's Day," Bill Murray relives the same miserable day over and over and over.

On Tuesday night at Walled Lake Central, Salem coach Bob Brodie suffered from a late-game case of "Groundhog's Day" — it's when his team's once-impressive lead shrunk to nothing — much like a tough loss to Westland John Glenn a few nights earlier and similar to a heart-breaking setback to Livonia Churchill a few games before that. However, like the movie, the game ended with a happy ending for the Rocks, who survived with a 59-54 triumph to improve to 5-7 overall and 3-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division.

"I was starting to get visions of the John Glenn and Churchill games," Brodie admitted. "Overall, I thought we played very well as a team," said Brodie. "We had good balanced scoring and we played well defensively. We held their best player, Cody Rzeznick to 19, which doesn't seem like a good job, but he can really light it up."

Ever-reliable Grant Stone paced the winners with 24 points and 12 rebounds. Senior Jesse Pointer and junior Courtney Frazier both tallied eight points each for Brodie's

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crew.

"Tonight was Courtney's first start and he played very well," the veteran coach said. "He provided us with some shot-blocking on defense and when he got the ball down low on offense, he did a nice job of scoring."

The Rocks led 13-12 after one quarter, 26-25 at the half and 42-37 after three quarters. Salem upped its advantage to 13 at one point in the second half before the Vikings mounted a desperate rally that brought them to within two at one point.

"We lost our composure a little bit in the third quarter, but the guys regrouped and hung on," said Brodie.

Salem swished 8-of-14 free throws. Central was 13-of-18 from the charity stripe.

NORTHVILLE 62, PLYMOUTH 59:

The seemingly snake-bitten Wildcats were bitten by a Mustang on Tuesday night.

Plymouth suffered its latest gut-wrenching loss when Northville's David Burke drained a long three-point shot with just two ticks left on the fourth-quarter clock.

Plymouth senior David Harvey's long bid to send the game to overtime hit the backboard.

The loss dropped the Wildcats to

3-9 overall and 2-5 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Northville improved to 8-4 and 6-1, respectively.

Trailing by five with less than a minute to play, the Wildcats drew even thanks to a long triple by Garrett Reban and a driving layup from Brandon Roberts.

Following Roberts' basket, Northville inbounded the ball with 22 seconds left, advanced the ball past mid-court, then called a time out with eight seconds left.

"They tried an alley-oop, but we defended it well and the ball ended up back in the passer's hands. Then he hit the three."

"My kids played their tails off all night. They really dug in and gave Northville a great game."

Northville jumped to an 18-15 advantage in the first quarter, which was dominated by threes. All of the Wildcats' points came via the long ball while the Mustangs drained a pair of their own.

Plymouth took a 31-28 lead into the half before the hosts stormed back to secure a 51-45 edge with eight minutes left.

Roberts led all scorers with 20 points. Also enjoying big nights were Navraj Sandhu (16 points), Mike Hanchett (10 points) and Reban, who added nine.

Dan Kirkpatrick led the Mustangs' attack with 18 while Greg Hasse added 16.

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Pro: Use caution in buying foreclosed homes

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Phil Seaver's been in the title business and related work more than 30 years, and has some common sense advice for those mulling a purchase of foreclosed property.

"It's kind of a pig in a poke in terms of condition," said Seaver, whose Philip R. Seaver Title Company was formed in 1976 by Seaver and a handful of employees.

Seaver, president/owner of his company, is a 1971 graduate of Michigan State University who earned a law degree from Wayne State University and was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1975. He worked with Chicago Title Insurance Co. as escrow officer and office manager, and also managed a relocation company.

Seaver has also served with the Michigan Bar Association Real Property Division, North Oakland County Builders Association and the North Oakland, South Oakland, Rochester, Birmingham and Bloomfield Board of Realtors.

"They're not guaranteed the title is good," Seaver said of bank-owned properties in foreclosure. You could have a vengeful seller do damage to a property before leaving. In addition, copper thieves are targeting air conditioners and other copper, due to a sharp rise in copper prices.

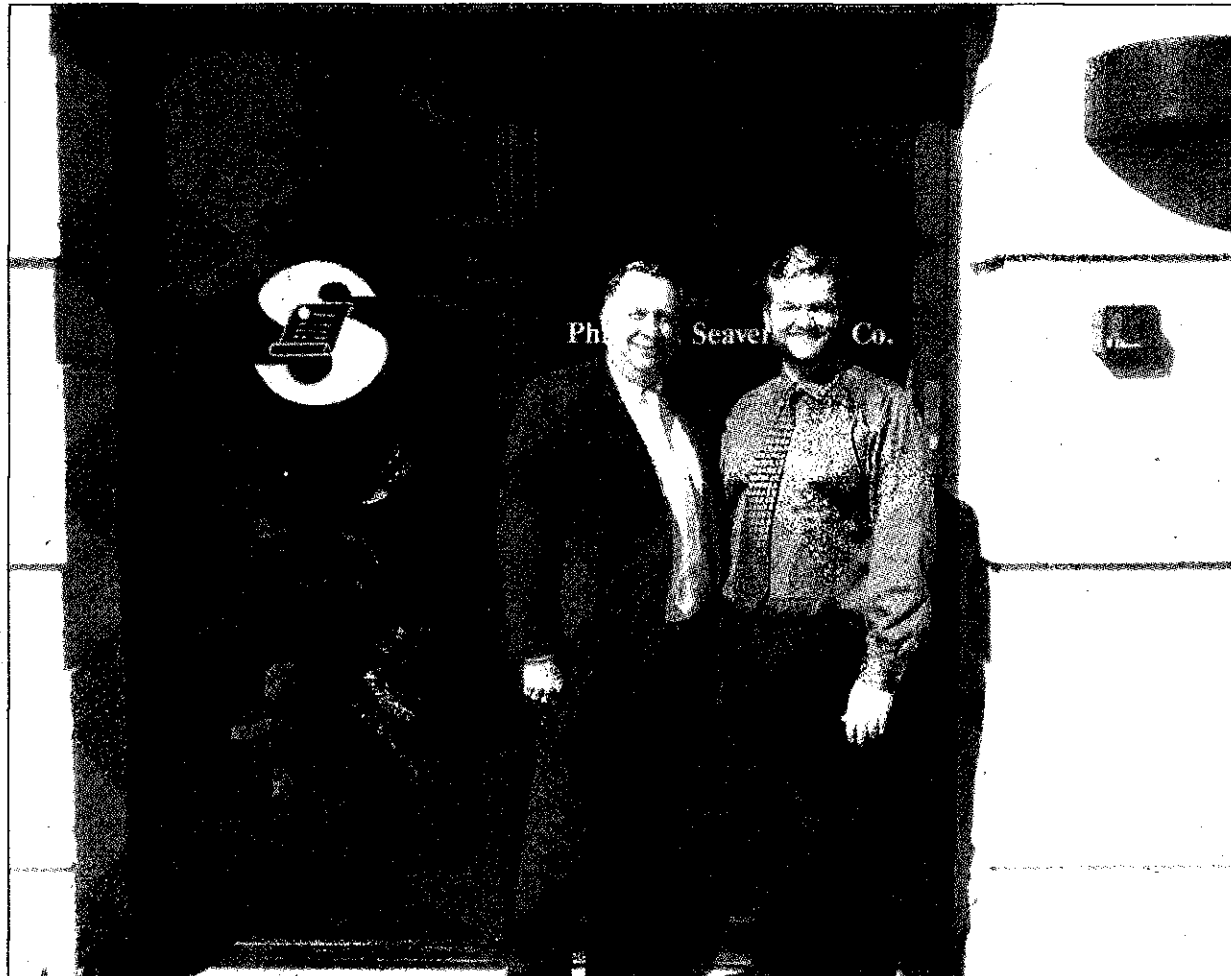
Seaver noted most brokers now require buyers to sign if they don't get title insurance.

If you're buying at a sheriff's sale, you should be aware you may not get only a first mortgage. Seaver told of one buyer who believed the Birmingham area home in fact cost \$50,000, and was unaware of the second mortgage.

"When you buy you need to know what you're actually buying. Things can happen to the house in that six months" the dwellers stay before leaving, he said of those who drive by and see a home in good condition.

Seaver doesn't recommend the current real estate market for investment by rookies.

"There's only room for one rookie



Philip Seaver on the left, shown with son Jason Seaver, is president/owner of Philip R. Seaver Title Co., which has its main office in Bloomfield Hills.

on the team." You need an attorney, real estate agent and title company working with you in real estate matters, Seaver said.

"There are people who are business-wise but not real estate law wise. Those are the ones that get burned. They need a Realtor to interpret that information" found online.

Seaver believes the current market is worse than 1981-82 as this time home values are also in peril. In the early 1980s, professionals knew when interest rates came down things would get better.

He cited steps taken on the East Coast in the early 1990s, refinancing with a prior appraisal with the owner getting no money out of the

deal but keeping the home. That was regulatory action by the FDIC.

Seaver also noted mortgage-backed securities, how loans are done, have offered fees for managing foreclosure rather than working out a situation. Lenders "held paper" on loans in 1981-82 and there was more incentive to work out problems, he said, citing changes in banking.

"The states really have no control over the banks since the (George W.) Bush administration," Seaver said.

He also cited a backlog on documentation by the Wayne County register of deeds which "created an opportunity for a tremendous amount of fraud."

"I frankly don't know when we're going to emerge," Seaver said. "This time we've got the value problem and that's tough to recover from."

Seaver's got additional words of advice for those getting home assessments in February. You need 100 percent principal residence on the assessment — and should call promptly if you plan to appeal your assessment, as he anticipates many will.

"That's going to be interesting to see," Seaver said of handling the workload. "The cities are short revenue anyway."

He noted Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson cut from county spending to accommodate lower property values.

Easement establishment issue for appeals court

Q. Have you ever heard about the concept in the law of using property under "intended but imperfect express easement"?

A. This concept was discussed in a recent Court of Appeals Decision in Michigan where the plaintiffs in the case acquired property by deed that did not mention an easement that the city required the plaintiffs to have as part of their site plan to construct a muffler shop. The defendant in the case prepared an easement agreement, which the defendant failed to sign and record. The plaintiffs used the

disputed area for a period of time. The court held that the plaintiff's use of the disputed area was made pursuant to an intended but imperfectly created servitude. The court cited a case from Michigan which recognized that a

use under an intended but imperfect express easement may establish an easement by prescription and that such use satisfies the hostile adverse use element on a prescriptive easement. The evidence in that case showed that the plaintiff's use of the disputed area in an open and notorious manner for more than 15 years and, therefore, a prescriptive easement was determined to be established.

Q. I'm concerned about our board not being willing to spend the money to ensure that our condominium amendments were properly passed by the co-owners. They did not have an attorney present at the meeting and there is some question as to whether or not they got the requisite approval of the co-owners. What is necessary under the Condo Act?

A. The Michigan Condominium Act requires that 2/3 of the co-owners who are qualified to vote, as provided for in the bylaws, are needed to pass amendments to the condominium bylaws and master deed. In certain instances, first mortgagee approval will also be necessary by a vote of 2/3 of the first mortgagees. However, that is not the whole story. Whether or not you have gotten 2/3 of the co-owners who are qualified to vote is something that should be clearly ascertainable and, if necessary, confirmed by the association's attorney because the president of the association or such other designated officer will have to sign the amendment which will be recorded, designating that the appropriate approval was obtained. I have seen situations where associations do think that they have the requisite approval, but they either miscounted the ballots or did not configure the requirement accurately, which could result in severe problems for the association down the road, particularly if the amendment is contested.

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HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of October 1-5, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton		
7377 Admiralty Dr	\$190,000	
702 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$185,000	
43080 Devon Ln	\$217,000	
1559 Emerald Pines Dr	\$290,000	
706 Huntsville Dr	\$390,000	
42683 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$98,000	
49335 Lincolnshire Ct	\$400,000	
365 Springfield Dr	\$323,000	
365 Springfield Dr	\$323,000	
1252 W Crystal Cir	\$263,000	
Farmington		
32030 Grand River Ave	\$61,000	
31838 Marblehead St	\$175,000	
22571 Power Rd	\$52,000	
Farmington Hills		
25686 Blue Creek Ct	\$240,000	
38877 Country Cir	\$123,000	
29661 Green Acres	\$318,000	
39242 Heatherbrook Dr	\$355,000	
26261 Holly Hill Dr	\$250,000	
34801 Old Homestead Dr	\$480,000	
35932 Old Homestead Dr	\$266,000	
20845 Orchard Lake Rd	\$133,000	
26336 Pillsbury St	\$260,000	
33952 Rhonswood St	\$144,000	
21262 Sycamore Ct	\$190,000	
31115 Tiverton St	\$239,000	
Livonia		
15444 Blue Skies St	\$300,000	
17400 Brookview Dr	\$199,000	
11532 Cardwell St	\$129,000	
14982 Cavout St	\$120,000	
29640 Hathaway St	\$127,000	
32335 Hees St	\$168,000	
27611 Terrence St	\$117,000	
17877 University Park Dr	\$95,000	
18558 Westmore St	\$195,000	
9270 Woodring St	\$50,000	
14587 Yale St	\$168,000	
Milford		
3205 Central Blvd	\$28,000	
1140 Garden Rd	\$167,000	
1121 General Motors Rd	\$210,000	
580 Half Acre Dr	\$170,000	
952 Hill Hollow Ct	\$1050,000	
196 Jacole Dr	\$650,000	
3125 Pearson Rd	\$225,000	
871 Sweetbriar	\$150,000	
Northville		
44172 Cottisford Ct	\$257,000	
43749 Dorisa Ct	\$180,000	
20828 E Glen Haven Cir	\$134,000	
17132 Farmcrest Ct	\$333,000	
1031 Horton St	\$239,000	
Novi		
27470 Albert St	\$352,000	
50889 Chesapeake Dr	\$683,000	
27659 Sloan St	\$372,000	
26139 Sunbury Ct	\$1,100,000	
40476 Village Wood Rd	\$192,000	
Plymouth		
1032 Beech St	\$193,000	
659 Burroughs St	\$69,000	
48089 Edinburgh Dr	\$422,000	
9365 Saddlebrook Crk	\$649,000	
14735 Thornridge Dr	\$200,000	
48989 Tucson Hills Dr	\$525,000	
48945 Tucson Hills Dr #3	\$525,000	
Redford		
15568 Denby	\$145,000	
9709 Fenton	\$103,000	
17366 Indian	\$125,000	
18462 Indian	\$128,000	
19361 Indian	\$53,000	
27340 Joy Rd	\$260,000	
26208 Plymouth Rd	\$16,000	
26541 W Six Mile Rd	\$145,000	
	\$132,000	
South Lyon		
439 Chester Ct	\$156,000	
1171 Colt Dr	\$235,000	
412 Lyon Ct	\$173,000	
Westland		
1993 Ackley Ave	\$50,000	
33700 Beechwood St	\$185,000	
6272 E Morgan Cir	\$152,000	
34675 Melton St	\$117,000	
816 Rahn St	\$116,000	

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Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 644-4700 and ask for the REALTOR RESOURCE TEAM.

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Timothy Low, C.P.A., will discuss the benefits of renting properties and understanding the tax consequences of "find, fix and flip" activity, including forming an entity, bookkeeping systems and maximizing your deductions. The program is sponsored by the Real

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CHARMING BUNGALOW
Check out this 3 bd, 1.5 bath home priced under market value! Brand new carpet, Master w/large closets & built-ins, finished bsmt, Garage w/workbench, covered Patio, & fenced yard.
\$89,900 (P-519V)



DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
This home needs some elbow grease but features an updated furnace, hwh, windows, & garage roof. Seller is negotiable. Call for details.
\$104,900 (P-662W)



MOVE RIGHT IN!
Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial feat a 2 car Garage, nice landscaped yard w/hd, close to schools & shopping, good floor plan, & a privacy fence.
\$208,900 (P-815DO)



Vacant Land



GREAT OPPORTUNITY
Build your dream home in wonderful Whitmore Lake. Desirable Shady Beach Sub w/ access to Horseshoe Lake, 140 frontage, ideal place w/2 buildable sites.
\$89,900 (P-00ID)



NEW CONSTRUCTION
Breathtaking estate backing to nature preserve. Gour-met Kit w/ granite, extra deep 3 car Garage, Master w/jetted tub & 2 WIC's. Still time to pick your ceramic, carpet, or hwd! Don't wait on this one.
\$649,000 (P-258MA)



BACKS TO THE PARK
1800 sq ft brick ranch backing to nature park. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, Great Rm w/rpl, doorways leading to large Deck, skylights, 1st fl laun, bsmt, garage, & Livonia Schools.
\$259,800 (C-277PA)



MOVE TO THE LAKE!
Here's an opportunity you can't afford to miss! Over 2800 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, formal DR, maple cab's, Great Rm w/rpl, Master w/ bath, privileges to all sports lake.
\$300,000 (P-515SA)



SPACIOUS CONDO
1st floor condo just steps away from Laurel Park shopping. Well maintained, in unit laundry w/new washer & dryer, 1200 sq ft, & more.
\$113,500 (P-312UN)



TURN KEY HOME
Beautiful 1500 sq ft ranch featuring open floor plan, granite Kit, Master w/rpl, screened Patio, private study, 1st fl laun, updated furnace/CA, & appliances stay.
\$138,900 (P-669VE)



LOVINGLY CARED FOR
Spacious Kitchen w/nook overlooking wooded backyard. Formal LVDR, large Master w/private bath & WIC, finished bsmt, & updated roof, siding, windows, & flooring.
\$219,900 (C-664WE)



EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
Very open floor plan w/brick elevation. Spacious Fam Rm w/rpl & views of backyard, sun filled Kit w/nook, Master w/walkout ceiling & private bath, & finished lower level.
\$199,900 (P-638WE)



ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS
Is the only way to describe this 3 bd, 2.5 colonial! Contemporary colors t/o, open floor plan, formal DR, Fam Rm w/rpl, finished bsmt, nice Deck & sprinklers.
\$244,800 (C-232W)



BRICK BUNGALOW
Charming updated home on beautiful street. Updated Kitchen, new Deck, hwd floors, lovely Master Suite w/lots of storage, appliances stay, & so much more.
\$150,000 (P-837BE)



ADORABLE!
Very cute & clean brick ranch located in great neighborhood! This home offers an updated Kit, remod bath, newer carpet, fin bsmt, newer windows, & large landscaped yard.
\$84,900 (C-032CE)



DUPLEX OR SINGLE FAMILY HOME
Whitmore Lake 1800 sq. foot, 4 bedroom, 2 bath home is currently set up as a duplex but could easily be converted to a single family home. Each level w/2 bd, 1 ba, liv rm & kit.
\$159,900 (C-315FA)



OUTSTANDING HOME
Beautiful cape cod in popular golf community. 4 bd, 4.5 bas, island Kit w/pantry. Open floor plan, prof dcor, custom window treatments, fab landscaping w/waterfall, Patio, Deck, & area pool.
\$695,000 (P-304IN)



GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
Lovely ranch end unit condo in Canton w/peaceful setting in back of complex. 2 bd, 2 baths, Master w/WIC, freshly painted, appl's remain, & more. Also avail for lease.
\$118,900 (P-808L)



6 BEDROOM MANSION
Well maintained home in historic Boston Edison District. Large Liv Rm w/rpl, Din Rm, 3rd floor in-law suite, newer roof, freshly painted, 2 car Garage, Patio, fenced yard, & so much more.
\$175,000 (P-217LO)



LOCATED ON A PRIVATE LOT
Large Great Rm w/gas rpl, Dining Rm w/French doors, gourmet oak Kitch w/nook & doorwall leading to cedar Deck. Builder put lots of extras here, don't miss out!
\$300,000 (P-500MC)



BEAUTIFUL BRICK BUNGALOW
When only the best will do...spacious floor plan offers 3 bd, hwd floors, coved ceilings, LR w/rpl, updated bath, new windows & carpet, freshly painted, updated elec, & more.
\$92,000 (C-421PI)



UNEXPECTED FIND
Nestled deep in the sub on low traffic cul de sac you'll find this Princeton model colonial w/ traditional floor plan, Fam Rm w/rpl, Master w/bath, & WIC. Newly finished bsmt w/bar & bath.
\$298,000 (C-745SH)



HANDYMAN SPECIAL
Great opportunity in Westland. Almost a half acre of land, convenient location, some updates including furnace, hwh, Kit & bath. Needs some TLC but has loads of potential.
\$110,000 (P-270WA)



WHY BUILD?
Move right in to this home w/over 50K in upgrades! Formal Dining, Butlers Pantry, Great Rm w/skylights, gourmet Kit w/nook, 1st fl laundry, prof finished bsmt, & too much more to list.
\$300,000 (P-244AN)



GREAT INVESTMENT
Perfect for rental property or live in one side & rent the other side. Multi-family home w/2 units. Appliances remain, full bsmt, brick, & priced to sell!
\$53,000 (P-74AV)



CANTON COUNTRY RANCH
Beautifully updated home tucked away yet close to freeways & shopping. No expense spared! Spacious floor plan, cherry Kit w/ granite & stain still appls, 1st fl laun, fin bsmt, & so much more.
\$365,000 (P-757BE)



METITULOUSLY MAINTAINED!
Open floor plan, gourmet Kit w/all appl's, doorwall to balcony w/view of pond, neutral decor, tons of storage space, lots of windows, Garage, clubhouse w/pool & more.
\$135,000 (P-979BE)



DON'T MISS THIS ONE!
Completely updated 3 bd home w/ lake frontage. Gourmet Kit w/ pargio, drwl leading to relaxing cedar Deck, Liv Rm w/marble hearth rpl, fin walkout bsmt, paver walkway, & updated driveway & windows.
\$209,000 (P-064BR)



LARGE WESTLAND RANCH
Move your family into this 3 bd home w/a large newer Garage, Family Room, completely remodeled in 2006, & more.
\$124,900 (C-900CA)



GREAT HOME W/POOL!
1300 sq ft ranch offering a Fam Rm w/rpl, great Kit, privacy fence, new roof on garage, brand new furnace, updated C/A, & in ground pool - just in time for summer!
\$132,000 (C-048CA)



GORGEOUS CONDO
Updated gork in this 4 bd, 3 bath Cape Cod condo! Maple Kit, vaulted Great Rm w/rpl, 1st fl Master, formal Dining, Library, 1st fl laun, & too much more to list.
\$255,000 (P-352CH)



JUST REDUCED!!
Awesome Livonia condo w/all the features you want! New carpet & hwd floors, & appliances incl. Priced to sell, nearly 20k under SEV. Motivated sellers say bring offers.
\$124,900 (C-860FI)



COUNTRY RANCH
Move right into this 5 bd ranch situated on 5 acres w/creek winding thru it. Great Canton location, 2 natural fireplaces, game room, & too much more to list.
\$449,900 (C-150HA)



SUPER SUPER SHARP!
Outstanding home w/fresh paint, new carpet, Pergo flooring, new Garage, updated roof, hwh, & concrete, all appliances stay, home warranty, & immed occupancy.
\$99,900 (P-997HA)



WESTLAND BRICK RANCH
Charming 3 bd, 2 bath home featuring updated Kit, furnace, A/C, hwh, covered back Patio, finished bsmt w/pool table, all appl's stay, fenced yard, & great location.
\$165,000 (C-237MO)



GREAT CHANCE TO OWN!
Lovely Dearborn high rise condo on the 9th floor w/view of the city & Ambassador Bridge from balcony. Freshly painted, new carpet, spacious rooms, immed occup & very motivated seller.
\$80,000 (C-800MO)



SPACIOUS COLONIAL
Bright & open floor plan w/4 beds, 2 full & 2 half baths, formal LVDR, Kit w/nook, Fam Rm w/rpl, spacious Master w/bath, fin walkout bsmt, & Livonia Schools.
\$274,900 (C-778FI)



LIVONIA BEAUTY
Solid 3 bd home in popular Livonia location! Vaulted Kit w/all appl's, vaulted Living Rm w/rpl & built-in shelves. Finished bsmt w/rpl & glass block, updated roof & garage door.
\$150,000 (C-490RO)



CAN'T BE DUPLICATED
FOR THIS PRICE!
Fabulous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/2 story Great Rm w/gas stove rpl, gourmet Kit w/granite, nook w/drwl to Trex Deck, Master w/sit area, crown molding, & glamour bath. A must see!
\$500,000 (C-958SC)



LOVELY HOME
Brick colonial w/3 bd, 2.5 baths, finished bsmt, new carpet, refinished hwd floors, huge Deck in yard, Liv Rm w/rpl, Fam Rm, updated Kit, & home warranty.
\$171,900 (C-212SH)



CANTON COLONIAL
Immaculate home w/prime location in Canton. Crown molding on 1st floor, gourmet Kit w/all appl's, 3 season porch w/skylights, above grnd pool, fenced yard, & prof landscaped.
\$190,000 (P-752ST)



DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Cozy 3 bd bungalow within walking distance to downtown shopping & events. Covered front porch, updated Kitchen w/sub zero, part finished bsmt, jetted tub, & sauna. Don't wait on this one!
\$199,900 (C-764AD)



MOVE IN AND ENJOY
Curb appeal abounds w/this picture perfect Garden City gem. Great location, spacious double lot, many updates incl siding, oak Kit, carpet, 2.5 car Garage, & room for an RV. Must see!
\$119,900 (C-543BI)



EXQUISITE
North Canton colonial features an open 2 story Foyer, formal LVDR, Den, Fam Rm, spacious island Kit w/granite & adjoining Sunroom, Master w/2 wic's & spa bath, & finished bsmt.
\$419,900 (C-899BR)



LOCATION, CONDITION, & PRICE!
Lovely colonial on private cul de sac w/awesome in-ground pool! Great layout w/large bedrooms, Fam Rm w/rpl, updated Kit w/pantry, fresh paint, Northville Schools, & move in ready.
\$259,000 (C-074CU)



FANTASTIC CONDO
2 bd, 2.5 bath condo in popular Westland sub feat: Din Rm, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, 1450 sq ft, 1st fl laun, updated Kit & baths, & fireplace.
\$135,900 (C-431DO)



POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE
Insist on a tour of this bright & spacious Canton colonial. Great floor plan w/large entrance, 1st fl laun, Den, a must see Master Suite, private fenced lot, & much more.
\$234,900 (C-790EL)



HIGHLY MOTIVATED SELLERS!
Original owners have gone all out to get this baby ready for it's new owner! All new paint, appliances, upgraded cabinets, & huge Master w/cath ceiling, & much more.
\$349,900 (C-754FO)



RECENTLY RENOVATED!
Sparkles w/updates. New roof, Kitchen w/appl's, new bath w/vanity, vinyl windows, new elec, plumbing, landscaping, refinished hwd flrs, carpet, & more.
\$119,000 (C-471FR)



EXCELLENT LOT SIZE!
Newly rebuilt in 2005. Loads of privacy & wooded views. Shows great, part finished bsmt, huge Kitchen & Dining Rm, neutral decor, hwd floors, & great location.
\$204,900 (C-843GO)



GREAT VALUE!
This 3 bd, 1.5 bath home features a new front porch, landscaping, & front entry. Freshly painted, loads of storage, bsmt rec room w/webster & bath. Close to schools, parks, & shopping.
\$119,900 (C-315HO)



FANTASTIC HOME
This home offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Great Room w/soaring ceiling, skylights, & too many updates to list. Great location, an absolute must see!
\$199,999 (C-280LA)



MANY MANY UPDATES
Hurry into this move-in ready home. 3 beds, Liv & Fam Rm, updated plumb, trim, roof, furnace, hwh, paver Patio, landscaping, carpet, appliances, & fresh paint.
\$114,000 (C-585LE)



GREAT PLACE
Nice 3 bd home in a great area. Hwd floors, updated Bath, newer furnace & C/A, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, large yard w/fruit trees, & a home warranty.
\$124,900 (C-207MA)



RANCH CONDO
Beautiful brick detached condo in prime location w/wooded lot & quiet setting. Great Kit w/skylight, nice updates t/o, oversized att Garage, 2 large beds, 2 full baths, & more.
\$166,500 (P-280AR)



UPGRADES GALORE!
2006 Built home feat 3 beds, 2.5 baths, pond view from oak Kit w/granite, spacious Fam Rm w/rpl, Master w/WIC, vaulted ceiling & jetted tub, & too much more to list.
\$274,900 (C-211BF)



GREAT POSSIBILITIES!
3 bd, 2 bath home in need of some TLC but has some updates. New 2.5 car Garage, elec updated in 03, furnace & C/A in 04, newer siding & roof. Bring offers!
\$93,500 P-231DE



Vacant Land



BUILD TO SUIT
3 lots w/possible split. Nicely located in sub just blocks from golf course & park. Call for further details.
\$12,900 (P-215EA)



OUTSTANDING HOME
Toll free built colonial w/mny upgrades t/o. Prof decorated, island Kit, Great Rm w/rpl & cath cell, Master w/Bath, prof fin bsmt, 2 car Garage, Immed Occup, & brick paver Patio.
\$304,900 (P-131EQ)



WESTLAND BEAUTY
This colonial has it all! Large 1st fl Master, 2 full baths, LR w/rpl, formal DR, oak Kit, updated roof, furnace, hwh, & C/A. Oversized lot, 2.5 car Garage & Home Warranty!
\$189,900 (C-259FE)



GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
Well known pizza business for sale. Great chance to be your own boss. Call for further details.
\$84,900 (C-344FO)



CHARMING RANCH
3 bd, 1 bath, much in great neighborhood. Remod Kit, freshly painted, new furnace & C/A, updated windows, new door & roof on Garage, newer roof on house, & more.
\$115,900 (C-676GE)



DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Have it all, character, cutting edge style! Bright, updated 4 bd, 3 bath cape cod w/vaulted ceilings, skylights, chef's Kit w/granite, huge Master, 1.4 acre lot, & great location.
\$375,000 (C-964HA)



MECHANIC'S DREAM
2.07 acres in Sunter. Beautiful 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/2 story Deck off Great Rm, Pole Barn that fits up to 6 cars & has 220. Master w/ marble bath, addt 2.5 car Garage, & sellers are motivated.
\$278,000 (P-901HA)



VACANT LAND
You will not find a deal like this anywhere! Build your custom dream home or let our builder design an architectural masterpiece. Call today for more details.
\$99,900 (P-431HA)



LAKE PRIVILEGES & DOUBLE LOT!
Charming home on double lot features an updated Kit & Bath, newer windows & roof, access to Walled Lake, extensive decking, full front porch, & great double lot.
\$147,500 (P-130HE)



ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS
1500 sq ft ranch feels much larger than it is. New Kit w/appl's, new carpet t/o, open floor plan, cathedral ceiling in Great Rm, master w/bath, 1st fl laun, new roof, & sprinklers in front & back yards.
\$199,900 (P-996HE)



MOVE RIGHT IN!
3 bd, 2.5 bath home w/maple Kit, large Liv Rm w/recessed lights, Fam Rm w/rpl & cathedral ceiling, finished bsmt w/bar & full bath. Great buy!
\$198,000 (P-444LY)



CUSTOM COLONIAL
Come see this custom interior in this 4 bd, 3 ba home. Custom maple Kit, LR & DR w/custom built-ins, & lot of room to roam. 2nd home on property can be in-laws or income property. Must see this one!
\$360,000 (P-241MA)



WOW - THIS IS A 10!
Clean & move inready! Beautiful hwd floors, open Kit to Din Rm w/full snack counter, Liv & Din Rm combo, 2nd fl laundry, & great location.
\$179,900 (P-997NE)



READY TO MOVE IN TO!
Hurry on this 4 bd, 2.5 bath immaculate home. 3 season room, updated Kit, some new carpet, spacious Fam Rm w/rpl, part finished bsmt, & home warranty.
\$204,000 (P-426OF)



WHAT A FIND!
Built in 97, 4 bds, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, oak Kitchen, Cent Air, finished bsmt, & sellers are very motivated.
\$78,000 (P-958PL)



NEWLY REMODELED
Redone top to bottom in 2007. Open floor plan, maple Kit, large Fam Rm, bright Master w/3 closets & bath, neutral paint & carpet t/o, new roof, windows, doors, etc. Must see!
\$210,000 (C-110RO)



PROFESSIONALLY DECORATED
Totally updated Kit w/granite & Pergo, Fam Rm w/rpl & Pergo, Master w/vaulted ceiling, 4 nice sized bdrms, 2.5 baths, & Indonesian cherry hwd floors.
\$298,000 (P-670SE)



COZY RANCH
Move right in to this well kept brick ranch featuring newer windows, oak Kit, updated baths, beautiful hwd flrs, 6 panel doors t/o, oversized 1.5 car Garage, & quiet setting to relax on Deck.
\$128,500 (P-138SH)



NEWER COLONIAL
This home is a pleasure to see from the tasteful dcor to the many extras. Master Suite, oak flrs, island Kit, large Fam Rm, fin bsmt, attached Garage, & Ply/Cen Schools.
\$243,500 (C-352TY)



IMMACULATE!
Immed occupancy on this 3 bd, 2.5 bath townhouse w/spacious Liv Rm w/rpl, drwl to private veranda, oak Kit w/appl's, direct access Garage, 90+ furnace, formal Dining, & tons more.
\$184,900 (P-376VI)

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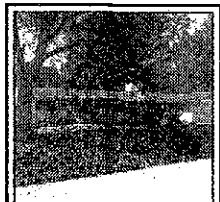
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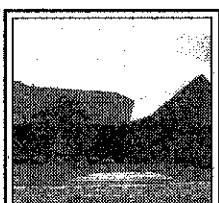
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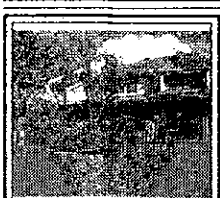
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BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) kicks off the Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) programs for 2008 with a Roundtable Discussion, "You're At A Networking Event ... Now What?" on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA head-

quarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Kirk Armstrong of Gerry Weinberg & Associates will lead the discussion focused on how to get a conversation transitioned into your business without appearing needy or offensive. Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$20 for BIA members and \$45 for guests. For

registration information, call (248) 862-1033. ■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Remodelers Council (RC) will present a Negotiating Skills seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Jan. 31, from 8 a.m.

to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Graduate Master Builder (GMB) designations. Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will present methods and strategies to negotiate with customers, employees, subcontractors, suppliers and government officials. Participants will gain confidence in

these skills through role-playing following lectures and exercises. Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration 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

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■ Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state

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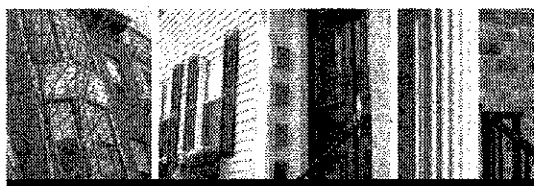
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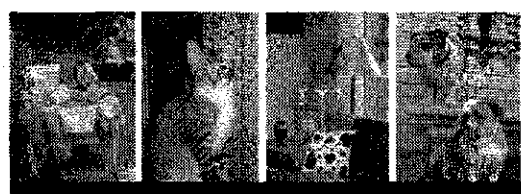
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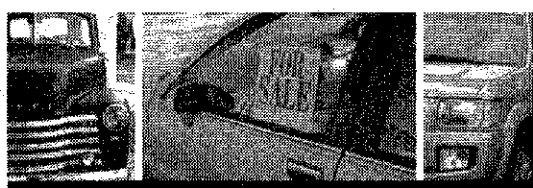
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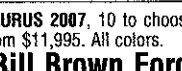
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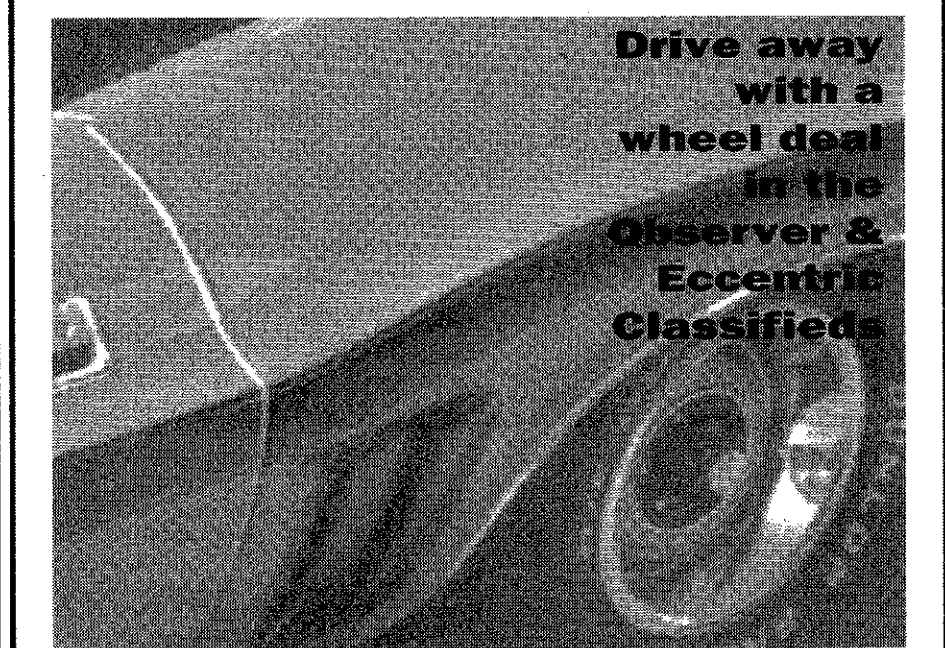
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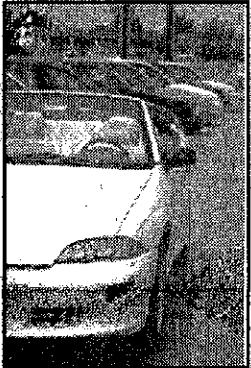
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By Dale Buss

Toyota is unveiling its new 2009 Venza crossover sedan -- an American-developed vehicle made exclusively for the U.S. market -- this week at the 2008 North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Venza will be available for sale later this year.

Meanwhile, another rising automaker, Hyundai, demonstrated its feel for the U.S. market by introducing its premium Genesis sports sedan at the Detroit auto show. The introduction continues Hyundai's successful move upscale.

Bob Carter, vice president and general manager of the Toyota division, said Toyota hope[s] to launch a new segment, not just join one with Venza. The vehicle is based on the FT SX concept vehicle that Toyota unveiled here three years ago.

Initially, the five-passenger Venza will be available only with a 268-horsepower V-6 engine paired with a six-speed automatic transmission featuring sequential shift. The six-cylinder Venza will be capable of towing 3,500 pounds, which Carter said is more than three times the towing capacity of the average sedan. The six-cylinder Venza will feature dual exhaust and 20-inch alloy wheels.

Later this year, Carter said, Toyota will introduce a Venza powered by a 2.7-liter four-cylinder engine. Nineteen-inch alloys will be standard on the four-cylinder version.

Venza's styling is reminiscent of the RX, the crossover SUV sold by Toyota's luxury division, Lexus, and it is decidedly sleeker than Toyota SUVs. For a Toyota, it sports a decidedly bold grille and what Carter called an imposing front fascia. The interior design is clean and uncluttered, including the placement of the shift lever on the vertical part of the center console below the dashboard rather than in its customary position between the front seats. The design wrinkle leaves the floor console completely for convenience and storage.

Such innovations appear to optimize interior room that Carter declared will be ample and

versatile. Venza also features a power rear door as an option.

Venza was designed by Toyota in California and developed at its technical center in Ann Arbor, Mich. It will be built at the company's Georgetown, Ky., complex for delivery exclusively to North American dealers.

Toyota expects active boomers and young families to be the customer base for Venza, Carter said. The automaker's research, he said, showed that many of these buyers were sitting on the fence when it comes to choosing between an SUV and a car. And while an increasing number of SUV buyers are migrating to sedans, Carter noted, they miss some of the benefits of SUVs. Venza, he said, offers sedan features and the utility of an SUV.

When it comes to Genesis, Hyundai isn't shying away from comparisons with heavyweights in the top of the U.S. luxury-sedan market, John Krafcik, Hyundai's vice president of product development and strategic planning, unveiled Genesis with the vow that it would render the performance of a BMW 5-series, and the interior package of a BMW 7-series, at a price more like a BMW 3-series.

Genesis, Krafcik said, will "play an important role in building our brand and in bringing a new segment of buyers to Hyundai. We think it has the opportunity to be an extremely disruptive force in the large sedan and near-luxury segments."

Genesis was globally launched in South Korea recently and will go on sale in the United States in June.



Hyundai is making a bold move upscale with its new Genesis sports sedan.

Toyota's Venza crossover will be available to consumers later this year.



Its design is clean and sleek, but Hyundai clearly isn't counting on Genesis's exterior styling to establish its place in the very crowded market for \$30,000-plus sedans.

Genesis is Hyundai's first rear-wheel-drive vehicle. It offers three powertrains, including 3.3-liter and 3.8-liter V6 engines, and Hyundai's new 4.6-liter Tau V8 engine. Tau will produce an estimated 375 horsepower using premium fuel.

Krafcik said that Hyundai used not only BMW sedans but also the Lexus GS, Infiniti M and Mercedes E-Class as engineering benchmarks for Genesis.

Krafcik indicated that Hyundai is counting on the car's interior design and amenities to establish its credibility as a lower-priced version of fine luxury sedans. He promised "a symphony of premium sensations inside the car, including a tone of old-world craftsmanship." Many of the features in Genesis, he noted, are typically found in cars costing tens of thousands of dollars more.

The showcase features of Genesis include an adaptive front-lighting system, radar-based Smart Cruise Control, electronic active head restraints, XM NavTraffic navigation system, and a Lexicon audio system. The Lexicon system features 17 speakers and what Krafcik said is "a simply incredible audio experience" that is found in only one other automotive brand: Rolls Royce.

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Part time position at property management/development firm in Livonia. Multi task, computer, emphasis on accounts receivables, data entry. Fax resume: 734-261-5494 or email: germanot@aol.com

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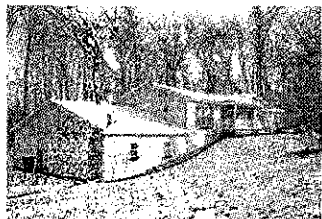
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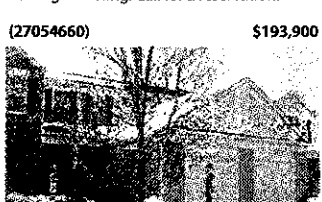
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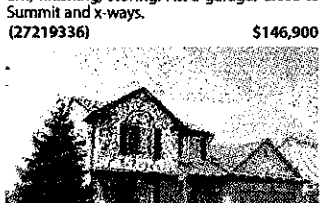
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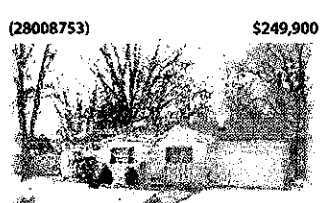
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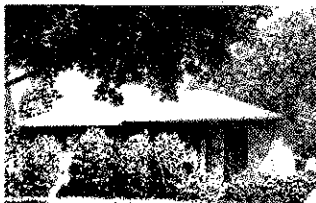
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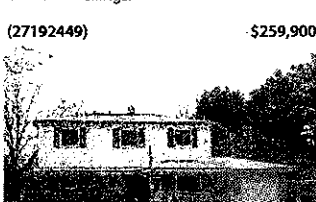
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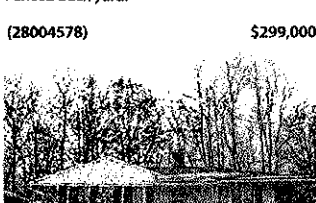
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3 BR RANCH FEATURES UNIQUE FLOOR PLAN Large living rm w/cathedral ceilings. Beautiful addition at the rear of home w/d doorwalls. Large master BR. Oversized 2.5 car garage. Full bsmt partially finished.
(27144533) \$169,900



Livonia 248-348-6430
STEP BACK IN TIME Cozy 3 br, 1 ba home in Livonia. Hrdwd flr and rich wood molding in LR. Newer oak cab in eat-in kit w/door to yard. Updated ba incl soaker tub & pedestal sink.
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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, upscale kitchen.
(27112734) \$349,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Comfort & charm. Hdwd flrs, granite. 1st flr mstr. 17x18 unfin bonus rm over gar. Gas fp. Ceramic ba flrs. Bonus bsmt rm. W/ pantry. Crown moldings.
(27207305) \$329,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Beautiful 2-story on wooded 1.5 acres w/ gorgeous views from every window. HDWD flr foyer & hall, DR w/ bay, Oak cabs in KIT, Fin LL, MBR w/ WIC, Large deck.
(27214111) \$297,000



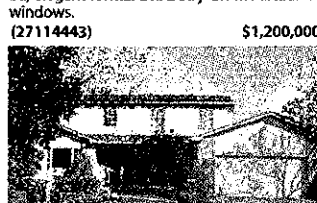
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Fabulous historic early 20's architectural style. Bead board soffits, swinging kit door, rounded entry ways. Charming w/ W/O bsmt. Backs to woods.
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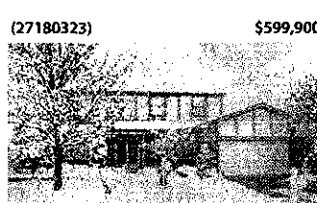
Milford 248-684-1065
Open flr plan. Cathedral ceilings in GR & mstr br. 3 WIC's. 2 doorwalls to deck. Kit has ceramic flrs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close to village.
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Northville 248-348-6430
EXQUISITE EXECUTIVE HOME Prestigious Northville Hills Golf Club sub. beautifully maintained w/prof decor touches t/o. 4br, 4.5 ba, elegant formal DR. 2 stry GR w/Palcaidum windows.
(27114443) \$1,200,000



Northville 248-348-6430
Builder's Model Home Curb appeal. Stunning Layout, upgrades, fabulous 2 season sunroom, large private yard, gourmet kit w/granite counters, Jack n Jill & Prin Ste, full fin'd LL.
(27180323) \$599,900



Northville 248-348-6430
THIS IS A WINNER! Open, Bright & Neutral Updates: Paint, Kit, Roof, Hwh, Sump, Ceramic Foyer, Kit, Pwdr Rm, Fnsht LL, Walk 2 Schools, Common Areas w/playground & Tennis. Close Shopping & X-way.
(27190372) \$324,900



Northville 248-348-6430
Close to Shopping and Restaurants Better than new 2 BR, 2.5 BA condo in Northville upgrades incl, lighting, cprt, sinks and faucets. Bose surround sound t/o. Enjoy FP from LR & DR. 2-car att gar.
(27159180) \$186,500



Northville 248-348-6430
Sharp Condo For Sale or Lease! Ground unit. 2 BR, 2 full BAs. Master has BA & WIC. Newer furnace, KIT FL & sink, windows! Enclosed frnt porch. Neutral. Assoc has pool! Northville schools.
(27220915) \$126,500



Novi 248-348-6430
Reduced! Gorgeous Colonial on Corner Lot Freshly painted inside and out. Updates include plumbing and lighting fixtures, 6-panel doors. Move in condition!
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Novi 248-851-1900
POPULAR NEIGHBORHOOD, WONDERFUL AMENITIES Neighborhood elem. school, parks, playgrounds, convenience! Updates include window treatments, paint, dble oven, landscp, furn., dishwasher, more! 4 BR, 2 BA.
(27208461) \$239,000



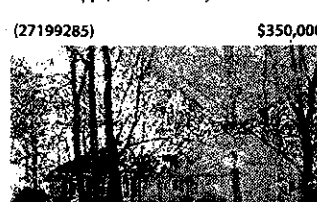
Novi 248-851-1900
SUPER BUY! 3 bedrooms end-unit townhouse. Good location. Living room w/fireplace. Open kitchen/dining room. New windows. Finished basement. Newer furnace & A/C. Private patio.
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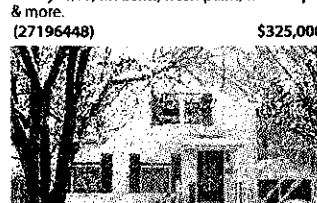
Orchard Lake 248-684-1065
A rare shady buildable lot. Private lk access. Huge sandy beach w/ picnic tables & chairs. Play structure, boat launch, conditioned off swim area. Upper Stratts.
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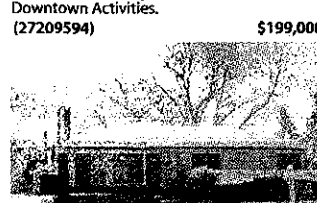
Plymouth 248-851-1900
QUEEN ANNE STYLE Addition/remodel in 2001. New MBR suite, breakfast & family rooms, 1st flr laundry. 2 HVAC systems, wood floors, stainless appl., deck, fenced yard.
(27199285) \$350,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
GREAT PLYMOUTH RANCH! 3BR/2.1BA brick ranch tucked away on a wooded lot in sought after Walnut Creek. New kitchen w/oak cabs, library w/FP, flr bsmt, fresh paint, new carpet & more.
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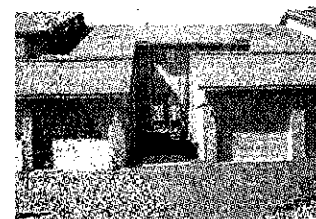
Plymouth 248-348-6430
HISTORIC Home w/a Great Walk To Town! Spacious Lr, Beched Walkway Leads 2 Dr w/built-in Chw. Knotty Pine Flr. 2 Bdrfull BA. Detached Garage. Close To Kellogg Park & Downtown Activities.
(27209594) \$199,000



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Desirable Plymouth Location Quality ranch home w/ coved ceilings. LR w/natural FP, kit & DR. 3 BR w/big closets. Fin. bsmt w/tile. Fenced yard, det 2 car gar; new carpet, fresh paint.
(27152693) \$190,230



Plymouth 734-591-9200
Fantastic House with a Fantastic Price Priced for a fast sale. 3 BR Brick ranch in lovely Plymouth area. Satin lck, FR w/FP & DW & 12x10 sunroom. Separate LR, fin bsmt w/1.5 BA, 2.5 gar. updates galore.
(27190507) \$150,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
SERENITY ABOUNDS — BACKING TO HINES! Private, private condo backing to Hines Park — best location in complex. 2BR/2BA, corner FP, detached garage, basement storage, in-unit laundry.
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Redford 734-591-9200
Seeing is Believing! 3BR possible 4th or den, 2.5 ba ranch; 1.0 acre approx. Lg MBR w/mstr ba, vault cing & bow win. Newer Oak Shaw lamin flrs. Art 2 car htd gar w/breezeaway/ndry, storage, 1/2 ba.
(27147787) \$188,900



Redford 734-591-9200
Great family home in a great neighborhood! Extra ordinary size mstr bdrm on upper lvl w/ mstr bath. Updates to baths, kit, and flrrg. 1 car, fenced yd, brick paver patio, glass blk bsmt wndws.
(27180167) \$129,900



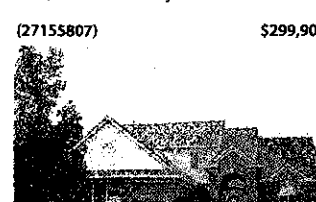
Redford 734-591-9200
Wow, look no further!! Updtd bungalow, w/a huge upstairs w/ built in twin beds & dressers, hrdwd flrs t-o, updtd kit w/oak cabs, roof 03, wndws 05 (life time guarantee), garage dr 05.
(27209527) \$104,500



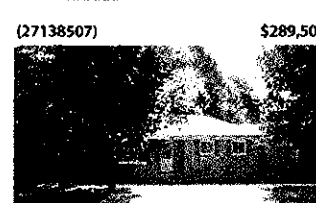
Romulus 248-348-6430
3 Bed Ranch Great Price Great location! Close to Van Buren Twp. New dimensional roof, win, furnace, Hwh, copper plumb, hwd floors, ceramic bath. Hurry!
(27154871) \$104,875



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Newer colonial on 1+ Acres! Large living room w/gas fireplace. Formal dining room w/bay window, country kitchen. Bonus room, master suite, first floor laundry and full basement.
(27155807) \$299,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Exquisite Cape Cod!! On cul-de-sac. Loads of upgrades. Kitchen w/breakfast bar and dining area. Loft overlooks 2 story great room! 1st floor master w/bath.
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COUNTRY LIVING ON 4+ Acres! Creek Running On Property. Ranch Home Features Living Room/country Kitchen W/snack Bar, 3 Br, 2 Full Baths And First Floor Laundry. Walk-out basement.
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South Lyon 248-437-3800
Secluded ranch on 2.5 Acres! Home completely renovated. New kitchen w/maple cabinets & island with bar. New hardwood floors and carpeting. Freshly painted. New master bath. Walking LL.
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South Lyon 248-437-3800
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Well maintained ranch condo Freshly painted unit in quiet location close to pool. Beautifully decorated, most appliances stay. Large storage room in unit.
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Walled Lake 248-684-1065
Open flr plan. LR w/elec fp, cath ceilings & recessed lighting. Dining area w/ D/W to deck. Kit w/ extension counter. 3 lighted cell fans. Mstr w/ WIC & cath cell.
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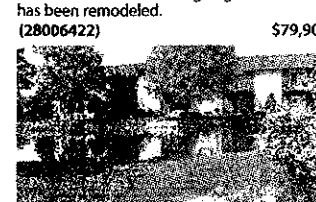
Walled Lake 734-455-7000
LIVE ON THE LAKE CHEAP! 1BR/1BA, 1 car det. All sports lake. Lake front boat launch & boat wells avail. Beach & picnic area. Lake view from lg deck. Updated with remodeled bath & more.
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Westland 734-326-2000
HONEY STOP THE CAR! Beautiful ranch popular Tonquish Sub! 2 car garage, 1.5 baths. Done in all neutrals throughout, updated kitchen with oak cabinets, newer windows, newer roof.
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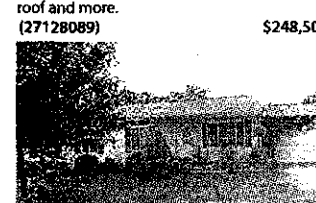
Westland 734-326-2000
A GOOD VALUE FOR THE SMART BUYER A very affordable 3 bedroom brick & aluminum ranch in Westland, with 1 1/2 baths, full finished basement and a 2 1/2 car garage. The kitchen has been remodeled.
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Whitmore Lake 248-437-3800
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(27128089) \$248,500



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As DVD format war draws to a close, another battle brews

What a couple weeks it's been for the movie biz.

First, Warner Bros. announced plans to drop HD DVD and release titles exclusively on Blu-ray.

That means the high-def DVD format war could be over, though Toshiba (the largest maker of HD DVD players) fought back in the best possible way: lower prices.

You can now buy the entry-level Toshiba HD-A3 player for \$149.99, the HD-A30 for \$199.99, and the HD-A30 for \$299.99.

But should you bother? If HD DVD is headed the way of Betamax, is this just throwing good money after bad?

Yes and no. A number of movie studios, including Paramount, Universal, and DreamWorks, still support the format (for the moment). That means you should be able to get new releases for a while longer and great closeout deals on older ones.

Furthermore, because the players can "upconvert" regular DVDs, they're a big boon to your existing DVD library.

In fact, speaking of that, I was all set to write a review of the Oppo Digital DV-980H (<http://tinyurl.com/2awxcr>) upconverting DVD player.

I was going to explain the logic of buying such a player over choosing sides in the format war. The DV-980H performs feats of technical wizardry to make ordinary (i.e. non-high-def) DVDs look almost high-def on your HDTV.

I tested the player with my 46-inch LCD, and it worked quite well. Spider-Man 2, for instance, looked noticeably sharper than it did



The Oppo DV-980H is an upconverting DVD player that makes ordinary DVDs look a lot better on HDTVs, but at \$169.99 it's no bargain.

when viewed on a regular, non-upconverting player.

The DV-980H delivers a pretty impressive feature set, too, including an HDMI output, support for resolutions up to 1080p, and even a USB port for video, photo, and music playback from external devices.

Unfortunately, it's not as good a deal this week as it was when HD DVD players started at \$300: The DV-980H sells for \$169.99, \$20 more than Toshiba's far more advanced HD-A3.

THE DOWNLOAD WAR BEGINS

Of course, DVDs are an endangered species as it is. At some point in the future, we'll mostly get our movies from the Internet.

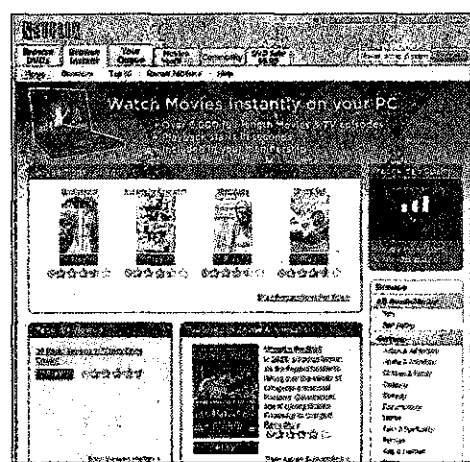
At this point in the present, there are two intriguing new ways to do exactly that. The first is Netflix, which now lets you stream unlimited movies and TV shows to your PC as part of any monthly subscription of \$8.99 or higher.

Let me say that again: For as little as \$8.99 monthly, you can watch any of 6,000-plus movies or TV shows on your PC. (Netflix stocks around 90,000 DVD titles, but the streaming library is, for the moment, much smaller. And the movie selection is mediocre at best.)

After installing a small player, all you do is click Play for the title you want to watch. Streaming begins almost immediately and looks just shy of high-def.

The downside is that you can't actually download anything for mobile viewing on, say, your notebook or iPod.

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Netflix now lets you stream unlimited movies and TV shows to your PC as part of most subscription plans, but the current movie selection could be better.

Soup 'feeds your soul'



NEW ENGLAND SOUP FACTORY/PHOTOS BY RON MANVILLE

Druker included Grandma Florrie's Chicken Soup with Matzo Balls as a tribute to one of her biggest culinary influences.

Chef, author maintains Detroit ties

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Marjorie Druker remembers Stone Soup, the fable she read as a child about cooperation within a community.

Like the story about the pot filled with water and a stone, soupmaking still brings together a neighborhood, she said.

"You can share that soup with everybody," Druker said. "Soup is meant for sharing. When you have something good like soup, there is always someone there who needs it. Maybe they had surgery, or they are suffering from an illness."

"That's the beauty of soup. It heals beyond the colds and flu. It feeds your soul and well-being."

Druker has made a living as a chef. Druker and her husband Paul Brophy own the New England Soup Factory with two locations in the Boston area. Druker is the chef, while Brophy runs the business end of it.

But she also has Detroit roots, too. Both her sets of grandparents were from Detroit and lived in Southfield. Her grandmother's name was Florence Druker, the other grandmother was Sylvia Frimet. Her uncle, Gilbert Frimet, was an attorney who still lives in Birmingham. She has fond memories of trips to Greektown with him for lamb chops, she says, and her aunt, Nancy Kraywitz, resides in Bloomfield Hills. Druker still has several cousins in the Detroit area.

Druker said she treasures the old pots and pans and recipes she has from her grandmothers. "My grandmother Florence Druker could get a



Marjorie Druker, co-author of the New England Soup Factory Cookbook, says soup creates a sense of community.

SOUP TIPS

Marjorie Druker, author of the "New England Soup Factory Cookbook" with Clara Silverstein, has a few pointers for the home cook making soups.

Fresh ingredients are key, so don't use old vegetables. "You wouldn't put old makeup on a beautiful face," Druker said. "Start with fresh vegetables, crisp, sweet, juicy onions, and freshly chopped garlic, not the stuff in the jars. Use good stock."

Take a chance. "Cookbooks are a wonderful guide. They give you the body of a recipe, but don't be afraid to take liberties. If you like something, add it. If you don't like something, delete it. Trust your instincts and take some risks."

Use good equipment. "If you don't want to burn (scorch) the soup, buy the heaviest pot with the thickest bottom."

Maintain good sharp knives to cut vegetables.

RECIPES

Recipes courtesy of Marjorie Druker, co-author of "New England Soup Factory Cookbook."

GRANDMA FLORRIE'S CHICKEN SOUP WITH MATZO BALLS

Matzo Balls

- 7 eggs, separated
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt, divided
- ¼ cup chicken fat or vegetable oil, such as canola
- 1¼ cups matzo meal
- 2½ tablespoons club soda
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Soup

- 3 pounds chicken thighs
- 1 veal bone
- 2 large Spanish onions, peeled and diced
- 4 ribs celery, diced
- 10 carrots, peeled and diced
- 2 gallons water, plus additional as needed
- Kosher salt, to taste
- 3 sweet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 bunch chopped fresh dill
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

For the matzo balls: Fill an 8-quart pot three-quarters of the way with salted water or chicken stock. Bring to a boil over high heat.

Place the egg-whites in a mixing bowl and add a pinch of salt. Using an electric mixer, whip the egg whites until stiff peaks form. Set aside.

In a separate bowl mix together the egg yolks, remaining salt, chicken fat, matzo meal, club soda, onion powder and parsley. Gently

Please see **RECIPES, D3**

Accents

ITALIAN CHEF VISITS

Alvise Ballarin, executive chef of Trattoria Laguna Restaurant in Venice, Italy, will be sharing his passion and expertise at classes offered by Dawn Bause, a local culinary instructor.

Bause and Ballarin will be offering cooking classes/catered meals at Bause's home in Commerce Township Feb. 1-10. With a heart healthy focus on gourmet fish dishes, fresh vegetable and pasta dishes complimented by Italian olive oils and aged balsamic vinegars that Alvise is bringing with him, Ballarin and Bause will share their passion, recipes and most coveted olive oils, and balsamic vinegars. The Bause-Ballarín team also can conduct one of their signature cooking classes for guests right in the comfort of their own kitchen.

"I'm thrilled to have Alvise visiting, ready to share his passion and expertise," said Bause, also an instructor with Birmingham's nonprofit Community House. "Our classes will enable friends to gather together, unwind, and enjoy home cooking and companionship in a cozy, warm environment. If dinner sounds overwhelming after the holidays, we can create a heavy appetizer and dessert menu sure to please."

Pricing will vary, based on the number of people in attendance, menu options and location. Bause can accommodate groups of 4 to 20.

In May 2008, and again in September 2008, Bause will lead an eight-day culinary tour to Venice, Italy. To schedule an engagement with Bause and Ballarin or for more information about the Venice 2008 cooking tours, contact Dawn Bause at (248) 363-8080, or visit her website at www.cooking-withdawn.com.

THE GREAT LAKES NATURAL SOAP CO.

So many readers have contacted us wanting more information about the Great Lakes Natural Soap Company, owned by Sharon Czekala of Canton.

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The soaps can be found online at: www.michigansoap.com.

Phone: (734) 495-0184

Local stores that carry the products include: PJ's Gifts, West Bloomfield; Love from Michigan, Auburn Hills; Occasionally Gift Baskets, Ann Arbor; The Basket Shoppe, Berkley; Michigan Made and More, Plymouth; Michigan Wild, Livonia and Haircolor Experts and More in Troy.

TECH SAVVY

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Which brings us to Apple and the new iTunes movie-rental service. For \$2.99-\$3.99 you can download a movie for viewing on your PC, notebook, iPod/iPhone, or Apple TV (a nifty little box that connects to HDTVs).

Because it's a rental, you have 30 days to start watching — and 24 hours to finish once you do. After that, the movie goes poof.

iTunes currently has about 1,000 titles in its rental library — and they're all movies; no TV shows. If you want the latter, you can still purchase them outright.

Interestingly, if you want movie and TV downloads for a Creative Zen or other non-iPod player, you need to turn to Amazon Unbox. Wal-Mart, for its part, recently terminated its video-download business. (All together, now: "Wal-Mart had a video-download business?")

Let's recap. HD DVD: probably dead. Blu-ray: likely winner. Upconverting DVD players: great if you can get one cheap. Netflix: instant streaming rocks, movie selections don't. iTunes: rentals great; 24-hour window, not great.

What do you think of all these high-def DVD and movie-download developments? My inbox awaits your insights.

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A little black dog needs a home, and other fuzzy stories

I'm pleased to announce the return of my column, "One World, Many Beings" where stories are shared about animals, the environment and the living creatures that make our world interesting.

In this space, you will meet the people who live in your community who give generously, without asking anything in return, to help those in need: from humans to non-human species.

Meet: The Metro Area Animal Adoption Association.

This isn't an animal shelter. This is a nonprofit group where about 35 metro-Detroit residents, some perhaps just like yourself, decided to open their houses and allow homeless animals a place to rest temporarily. They nurse abandoned animals back to health and then volunteer their time finding good families to adopt them, perhaps families like yours.

The board members are Melissa O'Keefe of Ferndale, founder Marian Harvey of Detroit, Gail Gillenkirk of Warren, Helen Denys of Detroit and Julie Sly of Lincoln Park. MAAA rescues dogs and cats plus the occasional bird and reptile.



Luigi almost died of an immune disease that nearly strangled him. He was found wandering in a field when some kind-hearted people paid out of their pockets to help him.

And they need your help.

They need giving your foster willing to let a dog or cat sleep at their house for few weeks until he or she is adopted.

I've fostered animals for years — gentle rescued racing greyhounds, affectionate pitbulls, energetic huskies and mellow mixed breeds.

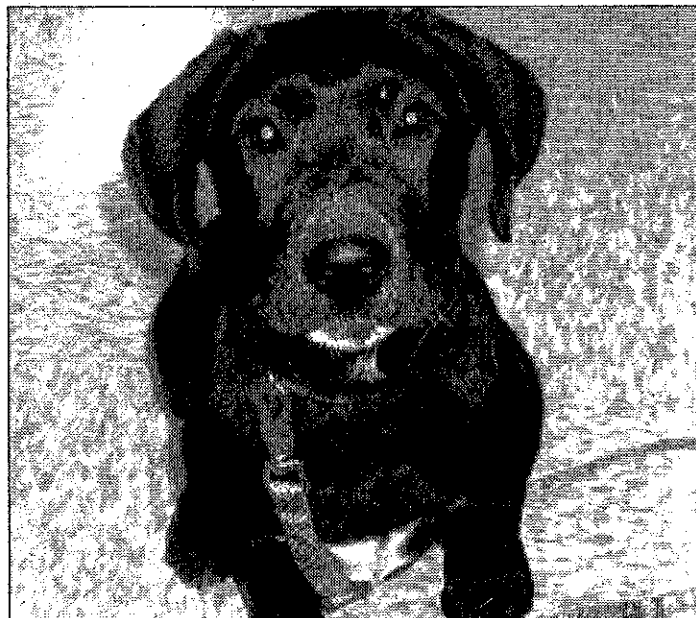
Foster life is great for people who travel.

Perhaps you love animals, but are on the road so often you don't have time to commit to a permanent pet. In the foster world, you can enjoy an animal's company and then feel satisfied knowing you saved a life.

"The best feeling in the world is watching your foster with their new forever family and seeing the whole bonding process begin," Denys said. "When they leave with their new best friend, you cry for joy."

MAAAA hopes to expand. "If we have more foster homes, we can save more animals. We not only deal with owner give-ups and strays, but when we have foster homes open, we work with high-kill shelters to help reduce the number of animals that have to be euthanized."

Denys has seen every excuse people use to abandon ani-



Luigi is 5-month-old puppy who is now healthy, happy and ready for a home. He almost died at just eight weeks old.

mals. Once someone told her the dog just "grew too big."

Once someone told her they wanted to give up their cat because she didn't "match with the color of the new carpeting."

The one thing everyone in MAAA has in common is selflessness, they work for love.

"We have all gotten strange stares from people as we were crawling on our hands and knees in the middle of a street, or a muddy field, trying to coax a scared kitten or puppy to get close enough to catch and take in," Denys said.

MAAAA also needs people to adopt animals, or volunteer their time showing animals to the public on adoption day.

Every Saturday, at the Southfield Petsmart, 28556 Telegraph Road, from noon to 3 p.m., the group is there with homeless dogs and cats in need.

One example is Luigi. He's a

five-month old lab mix who is sweet, smart and loves other dogs. He was found in Arenac County wandering in a field.

At just eight weeks old, he and suffered a condition called Juvenile Cellulitis, an immune deficient condition that causes the lymph nodes to swell to the point where, if untreated, literally strangles the puppy to death.

"Luigi was close to death and had we not taken him, our vet thought that he would surely not have survived the night."

Today, nearly four months later, Luigi only has some scarring around his nose.

"Watching this boy turn from near death to rambunctious puppy has been the most rewarding experience. And now he needs a home."

To foster or adopt an animal call (313) 571-2985 or e-mail MetroAAAA@aol.com.

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restaurant recipe from any chef," Druker said, rattling off names from a past era, like the London Chop House Veal Chops or the fried perch from Joe Muer's.

"I'm a Bostonian, but I've always had these Detroit roots."

Those roots are evident in the new cookbook Druker wrote with Clara Silverstein, *New England Factory Soup Cookbook* (Thomas Nelson Books, September 2007, \$24.99). The book includes soup recipes, but also sandwich and salad recipes, too.

Druker also did much of the food styling in the book, setting up bowls and plates with cookery from her grandmothers and using linens and bowls from stores (Anthropologie) in Birmingham. Druker picked up many of those items with her mother three years ago when both were in town for a bar mitzvah.

FAMILY TIES

The book features anecdotes about growing up and the influences of her parents and grandparents.

"I wanted the book to be something different, something no one else had done," Druker said. "I didn't want it to have a Better Homes and Gardens feel, and even though those are great books, I didn't want it to have a 'studio' feel to it. I wanted my book so I could walk with you (the reader) through the recipe and you won't get lost. There was that human connection with the book."

Druker's restaurant has been featured on the Food Network. "Customers always wanted the recipes," Druker said of the restaurant. "As a kid and an adult, I always adored cookbooks. It was a beautiful experience to write a cookbook. It gave me an opportunity to write about my love and passion of food and cooking."

Druker always loved to cook, and she highlights her love and passion for it at a young age.

She writes about her childhood and reading *Stone Soup*, bringing lentils and spices to add to a community soup the teacher wanted the children to make.

She writes about making salads at a young age and cooking at a Jewish summer camp. She once telephoned her father at home when the going got tough at camp, complaining vociferously.

But her father refused to let her come home.

"Johnson & Wales doesn't accept quitters," her father told her. That's where she went to school and met her husband Paul Brophy.

Druker once catered her grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary. She remembers these Detroit relatives had a lot more formality.

"Florrie was a big influence on me," Druker said. "Even the people who worked with her, she had their recipes." Druker wants to continue Florrie's legacy and keep her memory alive by preparing her recipes.

"She used to have sayings like 'in my life, I never had such a piece of perch,'" Druker said.

Druker said she learned everything from her grandmother, who was an authority on food, telling Druker about Jimmy Schmidt some 30 years ago. The afternoon of this interview Druker has a brisket in the oven and she continues to prepare her grandmother's recipes, not letting them sit in a box someplace.

"I want to keep her life going, her cooking is part of my heritage, and family history. I can serve this to my daughter and say, 'this is what we ate when she was alive.' She would make things like Jello molds, and each of us would have one, and they would have bing cherries in them."

Grandma Florrie's Chicken Soup is highlighted in the book.

"It's been fun to look back at my family history, and how life's lessons go hand and hand with food. You read about the happy and sad times. Sweet and sour cabbage soup is so much like a Jewish life, it's sweet and sour. Recipes can incorporate life

into food and understand life through food. Sometimes it's salty and sour, and sometimes it's sweet and you just want to relish it."

OPENING A 'SOUP FACTORY'

Druker was operating a catering business when she decided to open a soup restaurant. "I always made soup ... but I thought I could make a living at this." She stayed home for about two or three years after her daughter was born. "I felt a piece of my life was missing," Druker said. "There was something that was always pulling me to it, and I thought this was it. And thank God, I was willing to get there."

"I didn't want to look back and say, I could have, should have and would have."

Many of the recipes are staples from the restaurant. The book is organized with chapters on the various seasons, following seasonal harvests and availability.

Others are inspired from faraway places: the Tortilla and Squash Soup was inspired by a visit to a restaurant on a vacation in Aruba.

Druker asked the waiter what was in the soup. "We were sitting in the restaurant and it was about 100 degrees. And we had to try the two soups of the day. I had a version of this soup and it tasted like something I would have made."

"My niche is highly seasoned food. It's very assertive. Not every chef will do that. I can't dilute it. It's not the intent of the spices."

"That soup was so good, and I kept asking the waiter, and he told me the chef pureed the tortilla chips into the soup. I also added a Mexican flair with lime juice, cilantro and chilis."

That soup will warm all year long. Like great chefs, Druker uses foods that fit at that time of year.

"I only cook seasonally," Druker said. "That's how people want to eat and live. They want to taste in the moment."

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Trappist ales made for winter

A recent trip to Belgium piqued our beer interest and taste-buds. One might expect this since 487 different beers are made in this small country. Bierbrasserie Cambrinus in Bruges (also spelled Brugge) serves 400 of them! Most interesting to us and making excellent brews for cold winter nights with a variety of foods are the six Trappist monastery beers: Achel, Chimay, Orval, Rochefort, Westmalle and Westvleteren. All are stronger, higher-alcohol, top-fermenting, bottle-conditioned ales. The term "Trappist" came into common use in the first half of the 20th century, popularized by Chimay.



Focus on Wine
Ray & Eleanor Heald

Following a stricter observance of the Cistercian rule as a break-away of the Benedictine Order, the Trappists have the only monastic breweries in Belgium today.

Orval produces the oldest and driest of these ales and was founded by Benedictine monks in the 11th century. It's decidedly hoppy with an approximate 6.2 percent alcohol and a burnt orange color. It gains its complexity from a secondary fermentation with multiple yeast strains, including some wild types which impart a horse saddle aroma if brettanomyces develops. The same thing can happen with wine and is generally referred to as "brett." Aficionados believe it's a complexing element. Others can't stand it! Chimay, the first of the abbey ales to sell its beer commercially, is probably the best known. The selected yeasts that ferment this ale do so at high temperature and yield a zinfandel or Port wine-like character with alcohol around 8 percent.

Westmalle's famous Tripel has been brewed since 1836. With a unique golden-bronze color and a distinct orange-like taste, it has 9 percent alcohol. Rochefort ales are tawny to rather brown in color from dark candy sugar that's a noteworthy ingredient in the fairly sweet ales. Banana, nuts and chocolate flavors are attractive. Three different beers range from 7.5 to a high of 11.3 percent alcohol.

The smallest Trappist brewery is Achel which makes "Extra," copper-colored with malty sweetness and dried fruit flavors. Ending with refreshing hoppy bitterness, it has 8 percent alcohol by volume. Westvleteren is not available in the U.S.

So called abbey ales are not Trappist. The term abbey ale is associated with beer brewed non-monastically under a license. These beers cannot be called Trappist but generally derive their name from a church or some other religious icon and tend to imitate Trappist beer styles.

Besides just enjoying these ales on their own, they all make a fantastic accompaniment to a cheese course, a delightful winter treat. At Cambrinus in Bruges, the ales are served with chunks of Trappist cheese, unavailable here. The best substitute is Port Salut or a similar soft cheese of your choice.

A shaker of celery salt and a small crock of yellow mustard accompany the cheese. Eat the cheese plain or sprinkle a chunk with celery salt or dip it in the mustard for a uniquely delicious taste experience with a Trappist ale.

Merchant's Fine Wine, 22250 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn (313) 563-8700, has a top selection of Trappist ales.

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WINE PICKS

For a change of pace

2007 Man Vintners South Africa Chenin Blanc \$10
2006 Goats do Roam White (South Africa) \$15
2006 Dutton Goldfield Russian River Valley Pinot Blanc \$25

French Rhone Wines

2005 Domaine Berthet Rayne Cotes du Rhone \$12
2004 Marc Kreydenweiss Ansata, Valee du Rhone \$19
(syrah, merlot, grenache blend)

Rhone-style wines from elsewhere

2006 Goats do Roam Red \$12
2005 Peter Lehman Seven Surveys (Australia) \$15
2005 Tablas Creek Mourvedre \$35
2005 Beckmen Purisima Mountain Vineyard Grenache \$40
2005 Tablas Creek Esprit de Beaucastel \$45

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2005 Domaine Alain Normand Macon Blanc, La Roche Vineuse \$16
2006 Chateau de Sancerre, Sancerre \$20
2001 Helfrich Gewurztraminer, AOC Alsace \$20 (semi-sweet)

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

RECIPES

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fold the egg whites into the batter. Place in the refrigerator for 15 minutes. Using your hands roll the batter into walnut-size pieces. Drop the matzo balls into the water and cover the pot. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer for 35 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon. Makes 12 to 15 matzo balls.

For the soup: In a stockpot combine the chicken, veal bone, onions, celery and carrots. Add the water and salt. Bring to a boil over high heat. Use a slotted spoon or strainer to remove any foam that rises to the surface of the soup. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer for 4 hours. If the liquid becomes too concentrated, add more water during cooking time. Add the sweet potatoes, dill and parsley. Simmer for an additional 45 minutes. Remove from the heat. Using a large slotted spoon, remove the chicken pieces and veal bone to a bowl. Discard veal bone. When the chicken is cool enough to handle, remove the skin and bones and place the meat back into the soup. Serve the soup with the matzo balls floating on top. Garnish with the parsley. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

3 tablespoons butter
1 Spanish onion, peeled and diced

3 ribs celery, diced
2 small pieces (about 2 ounces each) salt pork

5 potatoes, peeled and cut into ¾-inch cubes
5 cups clam juice
2 bay leaves
1 teaspoon dried tarragon
1 teaspoon celery salt
1½ pounds minced clams, preferably fresh

5 dashes Worcestershire sauce
2 cups heavy cream
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
Oyster crackers for serving

In a stockpot melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the onion, celery and salt pork. Sauté for 5 to 7 minutes. Add the potatoes, clam juice, bay leaves, tarragon and celery salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium, cover the pot, and simmer for 35 minutes. Add the clams and simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes. Add the Worcestershire sauce, cream, salt and pepper. Simmer an additional 7 minutes and remove from heat. Remove the bay leaves. Garnish with oyster crackers or common crackers and a sprinkle of celery salt.

Makes 10-12 servings.

TORTILLA AND BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

3 tablespoons salted butter
3 cloves garlic, minced

2 cups diced onions
3 carrots, sliced
3 ribs celery, sliced
1 pound butternut squash, peeled and diced

12 cups chicken stock
1 cup sherry
8 ounces salted tortilla chips
½ cup cilantro leaves
2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 can (4 ounces) diced green chilies
1 bunch scallions, sliced
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice

8 dashes green Tabasco sauce
Freshly ground pepper, to taste

In a large stockpot, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the garlic, onions, carrots, celery and butternut squash. Sauté for 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the stock and sherry. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to medium and simmer until the squash is soft and tender, 35 to 40 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the tortilla chips until wilted. Add the cilantro and cheese and let the cheese melt into the soup. Puree the soup in the pot using a hand blender or working in batches with a regular blender until completely smooth. Add the chilies and scallions. Stir to combine. Season with lime juice, Tabasco sauce and black pepper. Return to the sauce and simmer for an additional 5 minutes. Makes 12 to 14 servings.

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Lanvin Runway Octagonal Handbag (\$1,950), available at Tender, Birmingham.

FAST FASHION

The local fashion business gets a boost from the 2008 North American International Auto Show. It takes a village to make all those auto show executives, car buffs, celebrities, product specialists and partygoers look red carpet ready. Here's a look at some of the glamour of NAIAS.



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Cocktail dresses were fitting at all the festivities surrounding the North American International Auto Show. Tender in Birmingham helped partygoers make a statement in the season's jewel tones and voluminous shapes. In this look that appeared in PINK last week, Alexi wears a silk Lanvin puff sleeve dress, accented with a skinny belt, chunky bow necklace, Valentino shoes and a Lanvin evening bag, all from Tender. Call (248) 258-0212 or visit www.tenderbirmingham.com.



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Virtuoso Salon owner Barsoum Bouchar styles the hair of Amy Franklin, Birmingham, in preparation for 2008 North American International Auto Show events.



Productions Plus of Bingham Farms used local designers Jason Humphrey and Amanda Jurban to create this look for Honda's Product Specialists at the 2008 North American International Auto Show. The white jackets will be worn by product specialists during NAIAS.

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AUTHOR SIGNS BOOKS

Birmingham native Amy Goldwasser will discuss and sign copies of her book "RED: The Next Generation of American Writers — Teenage Girls — On What Fires Up Their Lives Today," at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1 at Borders Birmingham. The book includes nearly 60 teenage girls writing about everything from post-Katrina New Orleans to Johnny Depp. Borders Birmingham is located at 34300 Woodward Ave. Call (248) 203-0005.



Amy Goldwasser

CHOCOLATE DECADENCE

Celebrate chocolate — just in time for Valentine's Day — with the grand opening of the Schokolad Chocolate Factory in downtown Birmingham on Monday, Jan. 28. Owned by Doug Cale, the Chocolate Factory features over 70 truffles, chocolate-dipped fruit and pretzels, and Schako-lattes, all made on site. The Schokolad Chocolate Factory is located at 167 N. Old Woodward. Store Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Call (248) 723-8008.

Baby hats auctioned for charity

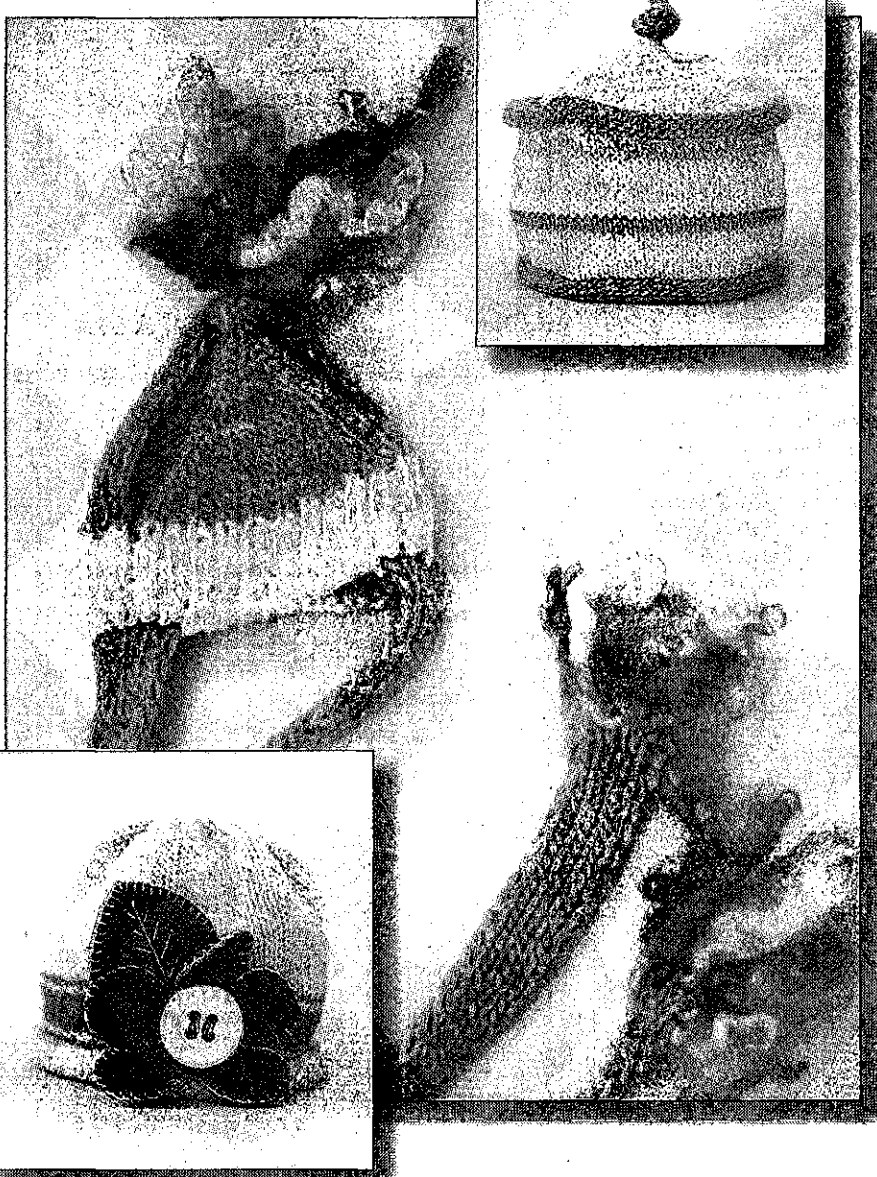
ROYAL OAK — Inn Season Café will display and auction a selection of hats donated by local artists to benefit Women for Women International. The artists, known for their skilled execution of craft, have provided wonderful examples of hand-knitted, woven and felted creations for children, adults and even a pet. All proceeds will go directly to the charity after the bidding session, which ends Sunday, Feb. 3.

"It is at this time of year that we reflect on our social responsibility to assist those in need," says Thomas Lasher, owner/chef of Inn Season. "Women for Women International is an agency that helps women in war-torn countries rebuild their lives. In spite of our depressed local economy, we cannot forget others that are still less fortunate than us and we looked for an opportunity to bring awareness of this charity to the public attention."

Women for Women International helps women rebuild their lives by giving them financial and emotional support, job skills training, rights education, access to capital and assistance for small business development.

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