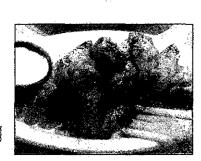
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Jurors don't buy Poole story in murder

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Whether it was her multiple stories to police or the visit to her Canton home, jurors didn't believe Carol Poole's explanation for the death of her 2-year-old foster daughter and have convicted the Canton woman of second-degree murder.

The jury, which delivered its decision Monday morning, also found Poole, 42, guilty of involuntary manslaughter and firstdegree child abuse.

"It was gut-wrenching to know that I was making a decision about someone's life, (but) it was hard to believe her story," said one juror, who declined to



reveal her identity. Poole, who dodged a conviction of firstdegree murder, has maintained that she didn't

intentionally kill Allison

Newman in September 2006 and said the child sustained fatal injuries after she accidentally fell 12 feet over a balcony while the two were playing inside her Emily Court home.

Poole's defense team admitted that she made mistakes in giving police different stories for Allison's injuries and for not seeking immediate medical attention for the child, but argued that she loved the toddler and wanted to adopt her. Poole and her husband, Alan, had Allison for about nine months.

The murder conviction carries a sentence of up to life in prison, while the manslaughter and child abuse convictions are punishable by up to 15 years. Poole will be sentenced Feb. 25 by Judge Ulysses Boykin.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jerry Dorsey IV called the verdict "justice." With tears streaming down

both of their faces, Allison's paternal grandmother, Debbie Newman of Westland, embraced her son, Kenneth, who is Allison's father, and said she was

relieved by the jury's decision. "Our family can finally start to heal," she said.

Juror Jaclyn Wyrybkowski of Canton said reaching the verdict was "very hard," but said the visit to Poole's home cast doubt on her "whirlybird" story because iurors felt the second-balcony landing was too small to support the township woman's claims.

Poole's last story to police was that she was playing a twirling game with Allison near the balcony when she lost her grip on the toddler and she fell over the railing.

Another unidentified juror agreed with Wyrybkowski. "Going to the scene of the

crime helped," the woman said.

In a statement, Kenneth Newman said he wishes he could've protected his daughter. Allison was the second child of Newman and his former girlfriend, Anne Hirsch. They were both drug users when the state placed Allison in foster care.

"The state took Allison away from us because we were doing drugs and she ended up getting murdered by a woman that was supposed to be so much better than us," he said in a written statement. "I never hurt Allison and I never would have. I love her with all my heart. I just could not stay clean long enough to do the right thing before it was too late. The only thought that gets our family through

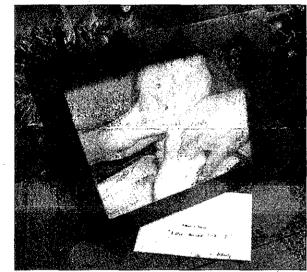


This photo shows Kenneth Newman and daughter Allison the last time the two saw each other. The state took Allison away from Newman because of his drug use. He also spent time in prison.

each day is the fact that we know we will see her again in heaven someday."

Newman and Hirsch's oldest daughter lives with his parents in Westland.

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Board brings pair back for second talk

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is a step closer to finding a successor to Supt. Jim Ryan after deciding Tuesday night to bring back two of three candidates next week for a second interview and tour of the district. The two finalists are Paul Kadri, 42, the superintendent of the Neshaminy school district in Langhorne, Pa., which consists of 9,200 students; and Craig Fiegel, 52, the superintendent of Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 in Evergreen Park, Ill., which has 1,900 students.

A friend photographed a close-up of Dave and Jan Goble holding hands during her hospital stay. The burns on Dave's hands are clearly visible.

Despite losing worldly goods in explosion, couple thankful to be alive

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

The last thing Jan Goble remembers about the morning of Nov. 19 is being in her second floor bathroom and looking up and seeing the sky, along with something pink swirling in the air.

"It was beautiful," she remembers thinking. She didn't realize at the time that the pink she saw was actually insulation being blown into the air after her home in the Fairways West subdivision exploded because of a natural gas leak.

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Dave and Jan Goble at the home they are leasing in Canton until their home can be rebuilt.

Fiegel will spend Monday in the district, with Kadri returning Tuesday.

"I still have more questions for both of them," Trustee Steven Sneideman said. "But from what I know at this point, they have the potential to do a great job here."

Board President Judy Mardigian cautioned there's still a lot left in the interview process.

"We'll have a chance to know them better, but we still have a lot to do," Mardigian said. "We've got second interviews, reference checks to do and watch how they interact with the staff and public. It's an exciting process and I'm looking forward to it."

Kadri calls himself the "hybrid" candidate because - unlike most superintendents - his background is mainly in finance, with virtually none in curriculum, making him more like the CEO of the district.

"That's probably a positive and a negative," Trustee Nancy Eggenberger said. "I can imagine there's some staff that's saying this guy has never

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Township still waiting for planning commissioner's resignation

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Canton officials have received no less than 25 letters of interest regarding the Planning Commission seat vacated by longtime **Commissioner Catherine** Johnson. Yet officials have been unable to appoint her

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That's because Johnson, who stepped down from the commission in the wake of controversial comments she made at a Dec. 3 meeting regarding the proposed Hindu Temple rebuild, has yet to formally resign.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said officials have been

patient with Johnson because she's had a death in her family.

"I've not pushed it," Yack said. "We will give her a little longer, but at some point we have got (to move forward)."

Johnson could not be reached for comment. Yack said he is pleased with

all of the interest in the position and added that whomever

the township appointed would also have to fill Johnson's former place on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Johnson, who had been on the commission since 1980, agreed to resign at Yack's request after she posed a question regarding public urination during the Hindu Temple's hearing.

Johnson lives in Glengarry Village, one of three subdivisions surrounding the Temple's Cherry Hill Road property.

The Temple is looking to expand its facility and move further from the roadway.

Johnson, who was critical of the Temple's past actions, has said she never meant to offend anyone and simply wanted clarification on the Temple's practices.

If Johnson does not submit a formal resignation, Yack said officials could bring forth a public hearing, but admitted that he doesn't want to take that route.

"No one wants to do that," he said.

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The power of kindness

Homeless mom's story leads to job offers, place to live

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

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With a new job and a place she will soon call home, Deborah Rush's life has changed dramatically since she shared her story about being unemployed and living in a Wayne County homeless shelter with her three children, Chris, 8, Angela, 10, and Sean, 13.

"It's unbelievable," Rush said recently. "At my lowest point, with the way things are in the world, I had no idea what would happen. It's good to know there is still human kindness out there."

Rush, 44, had a swift response to her plight after her story appeared in the Dec. 30 edition of the Observer. Potential employers started calling her that same day, and she started training Jan. 7 on a new job that pays "a lot more" than the \$10 an hour retail job she had lost before ending up at the Wayne County Family Center in Westland.

Rush had to sign a confidentiality

agreement with her new employer, but said "it's a good job." She takes a bus to and from work.

Rush's family also will be moving into a Redford home after a local family, stationed in the U.S. Navy in Virginia, saw the story. The family, which chose to remain anonymous, has asked that Rush only pay the utilities for the first six months at the home, which had been for sale.

"This way she will have some time to put her life together, save some money and take care of things without the stress of worrying about paying rent," the family said in an e-mail to the Observer.

Rush plans to move into the home by the end of January. After six months, she will begin a rent-to-own agreement with the family, which has agreed to sell the house only for what they owe on it.

"We are simply two families trying to help each other out during difficult times the best we can," the family's statement said.

Rush's story also led to a variety of donations to the homeless shelter, which is run by administrator Carol Eddy and her staff. Rush has asked other employers who called her to consider hiring some of the other people who stay at the center. To reach the shelter, call (734) 721-0590.

"My only wish is that this goodness continues for the other residents," Rush said. "They deserve the very best as well."

Rush said she can't be thankful enough to those who were touched by her story and who helped her. That includes a company, **Entertainment Express on Telegraph** near Warren, that picked up her family in a limo during the holidays and took them to dinner and to see a holiday light show in Hines Park. "My children were just thrilled,"

Rush said.

The company came back to the homeless shelter with a trolley and took other residents to the same



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Homeless mother Deborah Rush has a new job and will soon move into a house of her own with her children, Chris, 8, (from left), Sean, 13, and Angela, 10.

light show.

Rush already has made arrangements for her children to continue attending their same schools in the Inkster district after the family moves. She didn't want to disrupt them in the middle of the school year.

In December, Rush, a disheartened mother, had wondered aloud

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whether she would ever be able to recapture her share of the American dream. Due to the generosity of strangers, she now smiles when she suggested a hopeful ending for this story.

"And they lived happily ever after," she said.

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Canton's 'Big Chill'

Canton's annual Big Chill event will take place on Saturday, Feb. $\overline{2}$ at the Summit

on the Park with a host of family-oriented events. The event will actually kick off on Friday, Feb. 1 at the Super Bowl Lanes, when Frosty Family Bowling will take place from 6:30-9 p.m. Each family or group will be assigned a lane with a maximum of six bowlers per team. Fees include two and a half hours of bowling time, shoe rental, pizza, pop, and

more. Then, on Saturday morning, the Big Chill Family Aerobics Class will take place from 8-8:45 a.m. An instructor will help you and your crew get energized for the rest of the day



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with a mix of fun aerobic styles for a variety of skill and ability levels. The class is free. That will be followed up by Once Upon a Breakfast,

which will feature a number of cartoon characters and an All-You-Can-Eat-Pancake-Bar. It will be held from 9-11 a.m. in the Summit Grand Ballroom.

New this year is Groundhog's Day Fun. Will the Groundhog see his shadow? Kids, join us to celebrate this 122 year-old tradition of predicting the weather. The fun starts at 11 a.m. in the Summit Arts II room. The Summit gym will be

transformed into an indoor wonderland of fun for kids ages 12 and under during the Kids Klondike Carnival. Play lots of carnival-style games and win tons of silly prizes. Admission is free and game tickets are available for a small fee.

There will also be a puzzle contest, which will consist of 2-5 member teams of any age (children under the age of 12 should be supervised by an adult). Each team will be given the same 500-piece puzzle and three hours to work together to complete as much of it as they possibly can. Prizes will be awarded to the day's top finish- Run Golf Course, and an ers and each team can bring their puzzles home as a souvenir of the afternoon's fun. Only \$10/team.



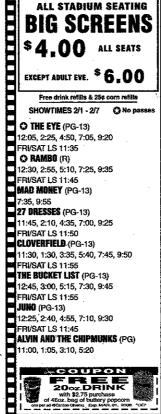
Les Miserables' - school edition

Ever After Productions, featuring actors (from left) Brandon Waldenmayer, 13, of Canton, Molly Wallace, 16, of Plymouth, Lachlan MacQuarrie, 17, of Belleville, Patrick Lutz, 17, of Canton and Corv Thomas, 15, of Canton will present the School Edition of the Broadway hit musical 'Les Miserables' Feb. 1-5 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. The Ever After Productions cast includes kids aged 10-18 and will feature a 16-piece orchestra conducted by James Blough, director of the Canton Concert Band. Performances are Friday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 4, at 9:30 a.m.; and Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15, and can be purchased by phone at (734) 394-5460 or online at www. everafterproductions.org/Current.html.

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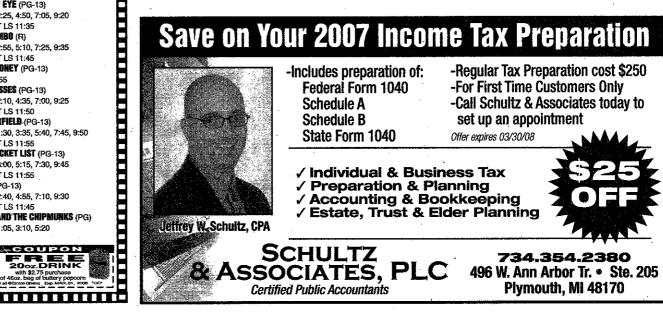
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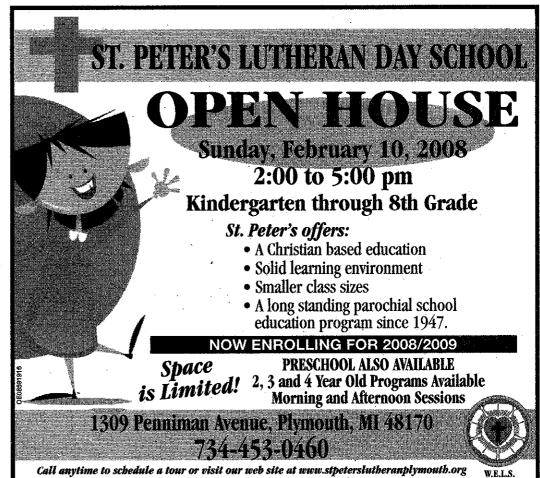
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Granholm to lawmakers: Residents are angry, focus on needs of the state

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

In her sixth annual State of the State address Tuesday, Gov. Jennifer Granholm told state legislators it was time to end the bipartisan bickering that "angered" Michigan residents during last year's bitter budget debates and to focus on four key areas: jobs, health care, public safety and education.

"Last year, people wanted decisive action on jobs, on health care, on schools. What they got was partisan rancor over a budget," she said. "So when we listen to the people of Michigan, we'll hear their anger. But we will also hear their hopes for this great state."

Granholm offered some ambitious ideas in these areas and emphasized her continued support for making Michigan a leader in alternative energy. She said bills were already in the process that show strong bipartisan support and she specifically named legislators from both parties who are working together toward common goals.

Key proposals included:

■ The Michigan Job Creation Tax Credit, a onetime offer for businesses in the 50 fastest growing industries in the country to cut or eliminate their taxes for coming to or staying in Michigan.

A Michigan Invests Fund, a fund of about \$300 million from the Michigan pension fund and other funds to invest in young businesses.

A 21st Century Schools Fund to support up to 100 smaller high schools emphasiz-



Gov. Jennifer Granholm presents the State of the State address.

ing rigor, relevance and relationships.

A bill to raise the school dropout age to 18.
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■ Increased funding for K-12 and early childhood education.

Expanding the No Worker Left Behind Program to provide college educations to up to 100,000 displaced workers.

The governor announced that Consumers Energy and DTE were committed to jointly investing up to \$6 billion in Michigan, much of it to build wind turbines and wind farms on the passage of a comprehensive energy bill. She said this would create 17,000 jobs in the state.

"Alternative energy companies have watched closely as 25 other states have set aggressive goals for their alternative energy use," she said. "We have to meet and beat other states'

box thinker and innovator."

goals here in Michigan if we are going to attract those companies here."

Granholm said she is asking the Legislature to set a goal of 10 percent renewable electric energy by 2015 and 25 percent by 2025.

The governor said the budget she will submit to the Legislature next month will contain \$200 million in additional cuts and reforms, a \$100 million deposit in the state's rainy day fund and, she promised, to rousing applause, "every new initiative I'm proposing will be paid for, no new fees and no new taxes." She said her economic stimu-

lus påckage would be "made possible by refinancing and lower interest rates — not new taxes."

The governor suggested reforms in the Corrections Department and streamlining dealings with the business community to cut through red tape.

Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, D-Redford, said the

governor "hit all the right themes" in her speech. "It set the right tone for Michigan," Dillon said at a brief press conference following the speech.

He said he supported the call for bipartisan action.

"The biggest challenge in the state is diversifying the state's economy," he said. "It's not going to happen without capital, without a good edućational system and it's not going to happen without a government that works well with business." State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton,, chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, received a word of praise from the governor for his work on an energy bill making its way through the Senate. "I knew it was coming. It

wasn't necessary, it was gracious and it was appreciated," Patterson said.

He said the speech set the right tone to move the energy bill forward, although there are still differences of opinion on renewable energy. He said he would like to have the bill completed by March. He said he was surprised by the commitment from the two energy giants, but welcomed the news. "The governor made a good

speech. It was gracious, inclusive," Patterson said. "There were a couple points where I wasn't standing and cheering, but as she went up on the rostrum I was the last senator there and I said good luck and when she came back I said good job."

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, said following the speech that the state couldn't go back to the residents of Michigan for more taxes.

"I hope we can get down to business and address some of the things she talked about and put what happened last year behind us," he said.

Corriveau said he was intrigued by Granholm's focus on alternative energy.

"That's something I've learned quite a bit about in the last 13 months and as she said we are in a unique position to benefit on that," he said. "But we have to get out in front. If at some point all those jobs aren't



Gov. Jennifer Granholm outlined initiatives for Michigan during her sixth State of the State Address Tuesday night. Applauding in the background is House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and standing in the center background is Lt. Gov. John Cherry.

in the state of Michigan, we're going to regret the opportunity we had. That excites me."

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, said the focus was lost last year in the debates over tax increases and budget debates.

"It is a new year and I look forward to working together in a bipartisan fashion for the best interests of the people of Michigan," LaJoy said in a press release.

"There is hope for 2008 – I applaud the creation of the government reform commissions to improve and fix the inefficiencies in government, hopefully saving the state billions of dollars in the long run."

State Rep. Paul Condino, D-

speech was Granholm's best State of the State. "She is a visionary and has

Southfield, said he thought the

some good ideas, especially in alternative energy, which will take off in a bipartisan fashion," he said.

Condino said the residents of Michigan want government officials to work together.

"The governor said it, the electorate is mad, mad as hell and they don't want to take it anymore," he said. "It's a challenge to all of us to work together. If we get a third done of what the governor asked us to do tonight, it will go a lot farther than we did last year, so I'm hopeful."



been in the classroom, does he really understand what's going on."

"He probably wouldn't have any prejudices on which way we should be educat-, ing our children, working with our experts to make sure we're doing it the right way," Sneideman said. "I felt he knew his stuff in terms of what's going on in the world of education today. I think he would be the most out-of-theBoard members expressed
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the budget. They also plan to ask Kadri to elaborate about h problems with his current h school board, which led both m sides to conclude Kadri should T seek another position; as well "I as Kadri's failure to disclose h the lawsuit by a female student with an immune deficiency who won the right to become valedictorian while b he was superintendent in w

Moorestown, N.J., in 2003.

Trustees agreed Fiegel came to the interview well prepared with knowledge of Plymouth-Canton.

"I liked his financial background ... the meticulous way he talked about dealing with his board you can tell he communicates well with them," Trustee Dianne Gonzalez said. "It sounds like the students in his district had a higher level of achievement after he went there."

Among the concerns the board is expected to discuss with Fiegel include his superintendent experience in a smaller, elementary-only school district and how that will translate to success in Plymouth-Canton; his lack of experience in strategic planning; and development initiatives.

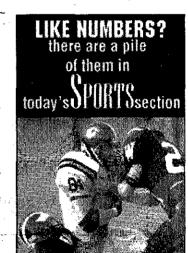
Both candidates will spend a full day in the district meeting with administrators, principals and union leaders and visiting schools and teachers.

The public is invited to meet with the candidates at 4 p.m. both Monday and Tuesday at Plymouth High School. The

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scheduled for 7 p.m. each eve-
ning at the E.J. McClendon
ton;ton;Educational Center, 454 S.
Harvey, in Plymouth.

If either or both candidates remain as finalists after next week's visits, the board plans to make a hiring decision at a Feb. 19 meeting. That will be followed by a visit to the finalist's current district by school board members.

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The next thing Goble remembers from that day is waking up in the intensive care unit at St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital.

She has no memory of the home exploding around her, the roof collapsing on top of her, or when a neighbor pulled her from wreckage just moments before flames engulfed what was left of her worldly possessions. And she considers this a blessing.

"Thank goodness, through all the horror of it, I don't remember anything," she said.

Goble and her husband of 42 years, Dave, both survived the explosion that leveled their home on Waterview Court. As they reflect back on the incident, they feel it was a miracle they are both around today to talk about it.

In addition to losing most of the things a family acquires over the years, including their home, vehicles, photos, personal

mementos, and even three family pets, the Gobles both suffered injuries, especially Jan. Her injuries included a broken back, multiple broken ribs, a collapsed lung, lacerated spleen and a fractured leg. She spent more than a month in the hospital and a rehabilitation center before going home.

Of course, home isn't exactly what it was before she went into the hospital. The couple is currently leasing a house in Canton until they can rebuild their old home. A physical therapist comes to the home three days a week to work with Jan. She is currently using a walker to get around.

"They said my body took quite a jolt," she said. "But they tell me I'm doing great." Demolition of what was

left of their home was supposed to begin last week.

Dave Goble said their insurance company has completed its investigation, but still hasn't told them what triggered the explosion. It's not something that bothers them, though. What matters most is that they are both

alive and have each other. "I am so thankful that

we are both still alive. If I would have lost him I don't know what I would've done,' she said.

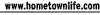
The Gobles are concentrating on moving forward. They have spoken to a couple builders, and hope to be back in their home by Christmas.

The Gobles, who are both 64, exercised regularly, and they attribute part of Jan's recovery to the fact she was in good shape. But they also believe in the power of prayer, and think all the prayers they received from well wishers in the community helped as well.

The Gobles remain devout Christians, even more so today than before the explosion, and don't fret about what they lost. The whole episode has made them appreciate what's really important.

"It's okay to grieve about losing some of the stuff we did, but then to recognize the importance of family," Jan Goble said. "That's what's important."





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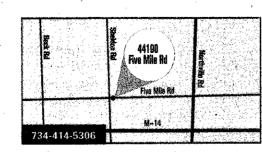
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Insurers battle over bills to reform individual insurance market

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

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Legislation to reform medical insurance laws in Michigan has set off a fierce battle between Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and commercial insurance carriers.

Hearings began last week in the Michigan Senate on four bills that were quickly approved in October in the state House (HBs 5282-5285) by a bipartisan vote.

The four bills are designed to reduce risk on individual health care policies for the nonprofit, state-regulated Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

The bills would:

Create a high-risk pool or guaranteed-access plan for those denied coverage, to spread some of the losses across all health care insurers in the state. Blue Cross is mandated by law to be an insurer of last resort.

Allow Blue Cross to replace "community rating" with rate bands, which would allow the insurer to set different rates based on age, place of residence and other factors.

Set a loss ratio of 70 percent, meaning an insurer must spend 70 cents of each dollar collected on health care.
 Set limits on renewal rate

increases.

■ Allow Blue Cross Blue Shield for-profit subsidiaries to sell other kinds of insurance (their largest subsidiary, The Accident Fund of America is restricted to selling worker's compensation insurance).

STRONG OPPOSITION

The bills have drawn strong opposition from commercial carriers, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, the UAW, AARP, the Consumer's Union and others. Commercial carriers have organized the Coalition for Access and Affordability in Michigan to lobby against the legislation.

Mark Cook, Blue Cross Blue Shield vice president of governmental affairs, argues that the nonprofit Blue Cross is at a severe disadvantage as an insurer of last resort at a time when the individual insurance market is growing. The individual insurance market repre sents 6 percent of those insured in Michigan but is expected to grow as more employers drop insurance benefits and more people retire without company insurance. "It's a small but growing part of the marketplace and there are some regulatory challenges to that marketplace," Cook said at a meeting last week with Observer & Eccentric editors. "Right now we have Blue Cross, who is a community-rated carrier predominantly, alongside commercial carriers who are virtually unregulated in the commercial marketplace." He said commercial insurers are able to "cherry-pick" healthy customers by having potential customers fill out health questionnaires to find out if they're healthy. Commercial insurers can deny coverage but Blue Cross must accept anyone who is willing to pay their rates, which are regulated by the state's insurance commissioner. Cook said the law requires insurers to renew anyone who develops a condition but doesn't limit rate increases. He said that often drives customers to Blue Cross. 'We lose money in that marketplace," Cook said. "We've been able to sustain those losses. It could grow to 15-25 percent of the marketplace. We lost \$145 million last year in the individual market for those types of policies."

Attorney General Cox has opposed the legislation for several reasons.

According to Cox, the legislation would:

Force seniors and sicker citizens to pay more than current law by eliminating the community rating.

Allow Blue Cross to charge new customers with serious illnesses up to 250 percent more, without challenge.

Double the time available to deny coverage for pre-existing illnesses, up to 12 months from the current six months.

Triple the margins Blue Cross can keep from every premium dollar.

Enable Blue Cross to raise rates without consideration of their surplus.

Allow Blue Cross to charge individuals more for

health insurance based on where they live.

Eliminate the role of the attorney general to argue against rate hikes and eliminate the ability of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services to set rates.

"Every change in this package of bills in aimed at increasing profits for a benevolent charity that is already making record profits now," Cox said in a press release issued in December. "And the people, especially the old, sick and most vulnerable, will pay more or lose insurance coverage. This is not about improving the quality of health care. These changes promote profits over people."

The Blue Cross's Cook said

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IN THE HIGH-RISK POOL

Blue Cross, which issues 60-70 percent of all health insurance policies in the state, is supporting a high-risk pool model used in 34 other states.

"What happens is someone applies for insurance and they are rejected by another carrier. They would qualify under the high-risk pool," Cook said. "Premiums are capped for those folks. The high-risk pool is a money loser."

Insurance carriers are assessed for the loss based on their market share. Cook said under the proposed legislation, Blue Cross would assume administrative cost and up to 35 percent of claims losses above the minimum 70 percent loss ratio. and more on original prices when you take an **EXTRA 60% off** permanently reduced fall and winter apparel, accessories and footwear

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FEBRUARY

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. 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 register, call (734) 434-8545

Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include 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.

Pancake Supper

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church presents its Shrove Tuesday All You Can Eat Pancake Supper 6-8 p.m. Feb. 5, at 16360 Hubbard, between Five Mile and Six Mile, Livonia. \$4 adults, \$1 children under age 12, \$10 families (2 adults and children under 12). Tickets available at the door.

Ash Wednesday services

The Anglican Church of Livonia and Trinity Church will hold joint services at noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. A freewill offering will be collected for local pregnancy centers.

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, Midweek 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. Lenten services

Noon and 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27, and March 5 and 12, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The Pulpit Theme is The Places of Passion. Holy Week services 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16 with Confirmation; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; noon and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 21 and Easter Sunday, March 23.

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@ sbcglobal.net.

Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites everyone to it's All You Can Eat Lenten Fish Dinners. beginning 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 and continuing Feb. 15, 22, 29, and March 7 and 14, in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. Livonia. The dinners feature a choice of handdipped fried or baked cod along with a large assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 for children ages 3-11, free for age 3 and under. Carryout orders available at \$7 each. For information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200. Hunger workshop

Presented by Bread for the World, a Christian non-partisan hunger legislation organization, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 North Campbell, Royal Oak. For information, call (734) 487-9058, send e-mail to wolverbob@yahoo.com or visit www.breadmichigan.org. No charge. During an offering of Letters, individuals and congregations are asked not to donate funds, but write Congress on specific hunger-fighting legislation.

Widowed Friends

Italian buffet dinner, conversation and cards for widowed men and women of all ages Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Corsi's Italian Restaurant, Seven Mile near Inkster, Livonia. Social time from 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. followed by social time and music until 9:30 p.m. Cost \$15, includes buffet. Send payment by Feb. 9. For information, call Chet at (734) 459-4316 or Gloria at (313) 381-4187.

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.

Christian comedian

Ed Thompson (www.edthompsonlive. com), 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, 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., two blocks west of downtown Farmington. Admission is free. A Love Offering will be taken.
- Call (248) 474-0584. The Catholic Marriage FAQ Deacon William Meahan presents the things you thought you knew but

didn't, things you didn't think you knew but, 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday,



Feb. 17, in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia, Preregistration requested, call (734) 425-5950. No charge. 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.

Clothing bank Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23, and the fourth Saturday of every month, 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.

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. holytrinityapostolate.com, send email 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.

UPCOMING

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, plan-

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.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H20 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

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, 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. F.I.R.E. ministries

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

New worship schedule

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

Sunday worship

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

Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time. at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for

children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www. orthodoxlivonia.org.

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HENRY A. BERNS

Age 72, Farmington Hills, MI, passed January 26, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



SCOTT WEILER LOVE

Age 54, died on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. He was born on May 22, 1953 to R. Robert Love and L. Jean Weiler. Originally from Franklin, MI, he and his family moved to Macclenny, FL three years ago. He was the Branch Manager at H.D. Supply in Jacksonville, FL and an avid supporter of the Baker County Girls Softball League. Scott was graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Degree in Business and Marketing. He also played basketball and golf for the university and remained an avid golfer throughout his life. He was devoted to his family and loved by all who knew him. He is predeceased by his brother Keith Love. Family members include his wife of 15 years, Karen Love of Macclenny, FL; his children: Lindsey Jean Love and Lia Nicole Love of Macclenny, FL; parents Robert and Jean Love of Novi. MI; and brother Craig (Julie) Love. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 2:00pm at First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary with Pastor Randy Williams officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Scott's honor to Baker County Girls Softball Foundation - Mercantile Bank of Glen St. Mary, FL. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. TODD FERREIRA FUNERAL SERVICES (904) 259-5700. You may share memories and condolences at www.vtoddferreira.com

PHYLLIS S. PETERSON

Died January 28, 2008, age 78. Beloved wife of the late Steve. Dear mother of Lynn (Chuck) Route and John (Cindy) Peterson. Grandmother of David, Andrew (A.J.), Ashley, Stephen, Adam, Ian and Emily. Memorial services at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago in Livonia, on Saturday, February 2nd at 12 noon. Share a memory at:

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ERNEST E. SAUTER

Age 87, of Farmington Hills. January 26, 2008. A proud Coast Guard Veteran of World War II in the Pacific Theater, and the Korean Conflict. Retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co. after 41 years of service and Director Emeritus and Board of Director Member of the Farmington Community Library for 40 years. Beloved husband of Dorothy for 65 years. Loving father of Eric Sauter (Beth Olanoff). Cherished grandfather of Molly Rebecca Sauter and Aaron Richard Sauter. Dear brother of Arden Pierson and Lois Ann Parker. Memorial Service Friday 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Memorial Visitation Thursday 2-7 p.m. at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial tributes may be made to the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. www.thayer-rock.com



IRENE SUSZYLO

Age 88, of Westland, MI. Passed away January 29,2008. Beloved wife of the late Bronislaw. Loving mother of Diane (Richard) Marisnick, Kenneth Lince, Peggy Stanley, Cindy Suszylo, and Bron (Anita) Suszylo. Dear grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 16. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 Newburgh Rd., Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Funeral service Friday (time pending) at the funeral home. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West. To view obituary and share memories log on to:

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DOUGLAS D. VOGAN

January 28, 2008, age 80. Beloved husband of Shirley. Dear father of Lynn (Lee) Moore, Mary Sanders & son, Paul (deceased). Brother of Edna Heck and Joyce Newton. Grandfather of eight; Great-Grandfather of nine Instate Saturday 12 Noon until 1 pm service at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. Family will receive friends Thursday 5-9 pm and Friday 12-9 pm at the Uht Funera Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland MI. Memorials would be appreciated to the Josephine Ford Cancer Center or American Cancer Society. Please visit and post a tribute at:

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ning and administering summer programs, also make and take puppetry and teaching techniques, morning refreshments and lunch included in registration fee. The event is nondenominational 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

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. 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. 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.

Plymouth Rd., Livonia. ENDOW

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

Pancake breakfasts

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

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8'a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@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.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

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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.

The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313)534-7730. **Thrift Shop**

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

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of 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

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Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All

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10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran

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Worship service

are welcome to join in. There is no

Riverside Park Church of God, 11771

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. A Christian women's group, Worship services Sunday worship services are at 8

a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m.

(contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait. **Worship services**

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served. **Celebrate Recovery**

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care

during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www. celebraterecovery.com and www. wardchurch.org/celebrate. **Sunday service**

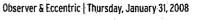
All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more

information, call (734) 422-1470. Worship service

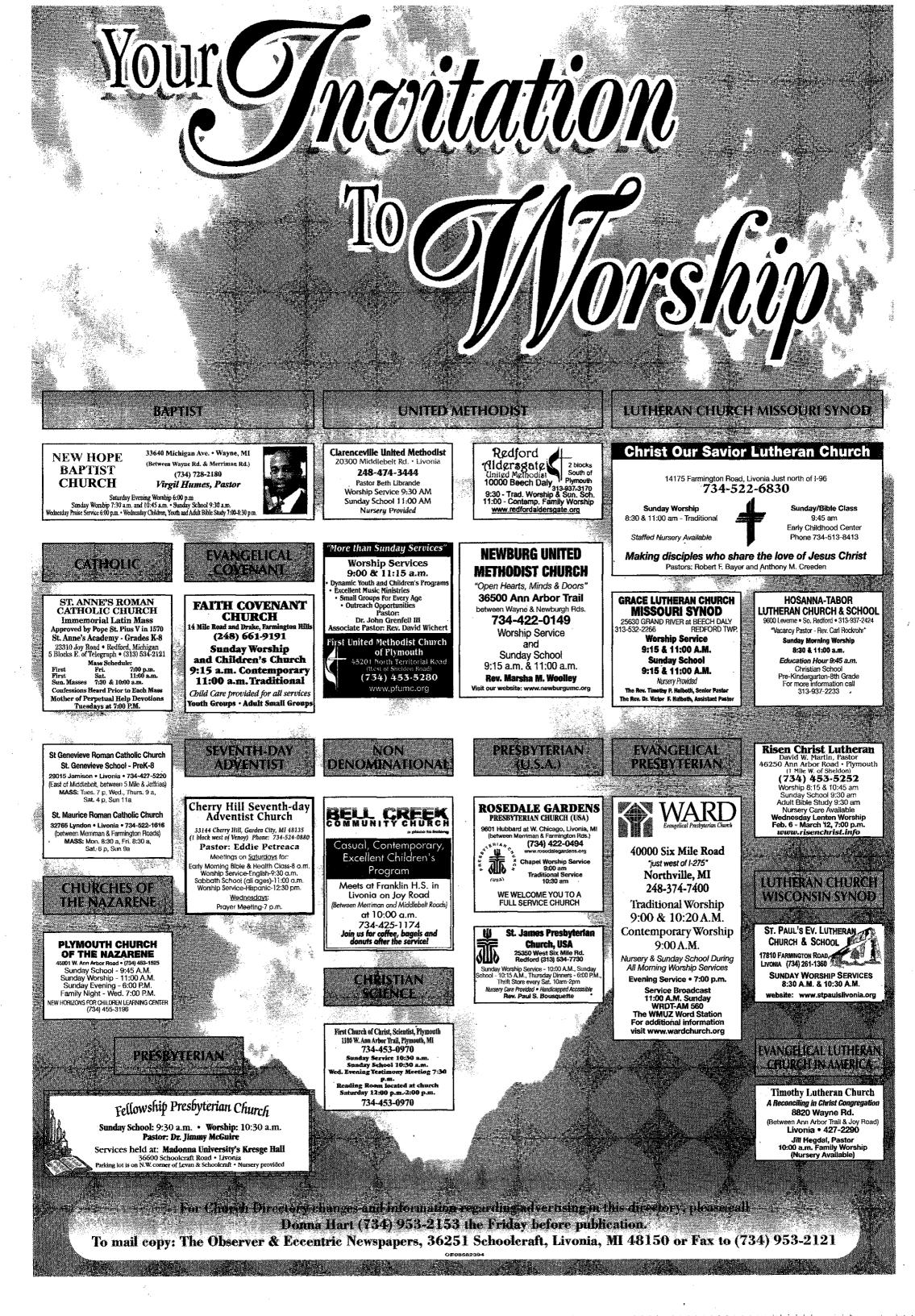
At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from l Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

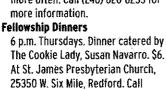
Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.



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Buying a house quality of life issue, not an investment decision

was recently approached by a couple thinking about buying their first house. They live in an apartment and are looking in the \$200,000-



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\$250,000 price range. They can put 20 percent. down. They wanted to know if this was a good time to buy, is it a good investment and what type

of mortgage do

a house increase in value it's mostly an inflationary gain. That doesn't mean people shouldn't buy a home.

While houses may not be good investments, they offer a great quality of life.

As to the current market, there is no doubt that home prices have tumbled here and throughout the country. Houses are much more affordable than they were a few years ago. However, I do not believe

we have seen the bottom of the market. Home prices will continue to decline but that doesn't mean I wouldn't purchase a home now.

The most important aspect of buying a home is the quality of life issue. If you find a house that fits your needs and will increase your quality of life, buy it. Even though I think that housing prices will continue to decline over the short term, it is very difficult to try

to time the housing market.

When it comes to financing a new home, there is no one good mortgage for everyone. If you are purchasing a home and will live in it long term, I would recommend a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage. The rates are near historic lows.

I only recommend adjustable rate mortgages for someone who is going to live in the house for only a few years. This loan is fine for the first

few years, but when the rate starts adjusting upward some individuals find they have trouble making their mortgage payment because they never understood or planned for the potential of a higher monthly payment.

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Beside the right type of mortgage, it is important to deal with the right mortgage person. When you obtain a mortgage, a good mortgage professional will present a

variety of options and explain all the costs and fees. For a referral for any professional, e-mail Rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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





Rick Bloom

I believe homes are not necessarily great investments. My view has nothing to do with what has happened with the home market over the last couple of years, although it does confirm some of my beliefs. When you look at an investment you look at real return and houses, when you consider all the factors, have never been a great investment.

There is no house in America that doesn't require maintenance, and eventually, updating to keep the house in good shape. In addition, even in more normal times when

Business tax seminar set

The Michigan **Manufacturers** Association (MMA) will offer a seminar. "The Michigan Business Tax - A Work in Progress," 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Feb. 8, at Madonna University. Chuck Hadden, vice president of government affairs for MMA, and tax professionals from the law firm Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP will present.

The seminar will be held at Madonna University at 36600 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

The cost is \$85 for MMA members and \$175 for nonmembers. To register or for more information go to www. mma-net.org or e-mail LeAnn Hicks at hicks@mma-net.org or call (517) 487-8557.



that all insurers are required to keep a reserve and that Blue Cross's \$2.6 billion in reserve is in keeping with industry standards and appropriate for a company paying out \$1.5 billion a month in benefits. He said the reserve was to keep the company's revenue margin at one-tenth of 1 percent.

Cook also defended corporate salaries. Cox was especially critical of the compensation package of more than \$4.2 million paid to former Blue Cross President and CEO Richard Whitmer in 2006. Cook said that figure reflected more than 20 years of deferred payments for the outgoing executive.

Cook said the legislation changes the role of the attorney general but does not eliminate his oversight.

'Right now what he can is call a hearing, object to a rate. What we want to do is supplant that existing system with what we call a true up," Cook said. Under this system, Blue Cross

would file rates for review by the insurance commissioner, the company would also file results and the commissioner would review results to make sure rates are not excessive relative to claims payouts.

Opponents of the legislation have also argued that Blue Cross receives \$112 million a year in tax breaks. Cook said that estimate is wrong and that the Blues receive about \$80 million in tax breaks because of its nonprofit status.

"For that \$80 million benefit, we return more than \$300 million in doing things like subsidizing senior rates, group conversions and money we pay to hospitals for charity care, subsidizing the MiChild program for Michigan, a total that adds up to multiples of that tax. We think it's a good return," Cook said.

A study by the Anderson Economic Group, commissioned by the Coalition for Access and Affordability, disputes Cook's figures. It estimates its total burden at \$129 million.

Hearings on the legislation are under way in the Michigan Senate's health policy committee.



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Response a tribute to will to help

Nobody knows exactly what it is that sparks precisely enough sympathy in a human being to cause that person to move from the "awww-that's-too-bad" feeling to an "I'm-going-to-do-something" action.

Whatever ignites that spark was provided in vast quantities when the *Observer* published the story of the hard times that had befallen Deborah Rush and her three children, Sean, 13, Chris, 8, and Angela, 10, who were living in a Wayne County homeless shelter when we first talked to them in mid-December.

We're proud to have been a part of what followed the story, since it provides the people who write or photograph stories here a degree of satisfaction in helping connect those in need with those who'll help. It's the kind of compassionate response to that story that proves that there are plenty of good people out there in our communities.

Good people like the potential employers who started calling Rush with job offers the very same day the story was published, which was the day before New Year's Eve.

Good people like the anonymous family who, stationed in the U.S. Navy in Virginia, read the story and offered their vacant, for-sale home to the Rush family in exchange for them paying the utilities.

Good people like the limousine company that picked up the family, took them out to dinner and took them to see the holiday lights show in Hines Park. Then, they took other residents from the shelter to the show, too.

Such acts of generosity restore one's faith in humanity. "My only wish, " Deborah Rush told our reporter doing the follow-up story, "is that this goodness continues for the other residents (at the shelter)."

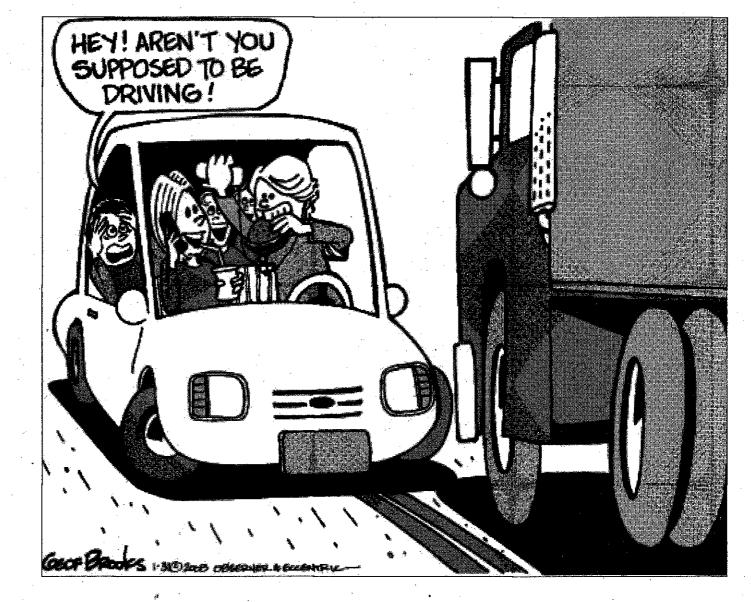
The Rush story is a perfect example of what an important role charitable organizations, like the shelter they stayed at, play in a community, and what happens when individuals decide step up and help out — because there is certainly a need out there.

That shelter is one place to start, if anyone is feeling the spark after reading this. In Canton there are numerous groups out there that offer charity to those who need it most, including First Step, the Salvation Army and others. There are also plenty of civic groups out there, like the Canton Lions Club, Canton Rotary, and even the Canton Newcomers, who also do lots of charitable work right here in the community. Even your church is a great place to start.

We know there are plenty of good people around here; this follow-up story offers proof.

Lengthen your life – don't drive distracted

It's the last day of January. By now, many - if not most



Ryan is visionary

The reality of the Dr. Jim Ryan retirement, as superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Schools, is just beginning to settle in. This reality caused me to reflect back, with respect, on the leadership legacy of Dr. Ryan.

My thoughts take me back to pre-Ryan years and my time as a Canton Township planning commissioner. The school board and the township experienced remarkable challenges in the community planning process. We struggled to get on the same page.

the same page. The arrival of Dr. Jim Ryan at the helm of the Plymouth-Canton school system signaled a change. That change has remained positive and communicative with the township. The word "vision" has long been rightly associated with Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and in my humble opinion, "vision" should also describe the storied tenure of Dr. Ryan. LETTERS

missed a vote since he was elected what more could we want from our state representative?

I know I want someone who is willing to be an independent voice and vote how he believes. I want someone who works in the best interest of his constituents and that person is Marc Corriveau.

This recall effort will do nothing but waste time and taxpayer money. I encourage everyone to say NO to anyone who asks you to sign a recall petition for a recall. Tell them that you think Marc Corriveau is doing a great job.

Mary Kelley Northville,

Have a safe Super Bowl

As football fans across the country tune in to cheer on their favored team and watch some great commercials durA recent British study found that the United States ranked dead last out of 19 leading industrialized nations in our ability to prevent deaths due to treatable conditions. If we were able to perform at a level of the top three countries, over 100,000 lives would be saved each year. The researchers specifically noted the high number of uninsured Americans — around 47 million — as a key factor in the rankings. Countries at the top of the survey had reduced preventable death rates by 16 percent over the last decade, versus an improvement of only 4 percent here in America.

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While many important details will have to be debated, and many real problems need to be solved, it is clear that the time is now for the people to demand that our elected representatives develop a national, single-payer, universal health care program for America.

- of us have failed to keep our well-intentioned New Year's resolutions to take better care of our health.

We have not followed through with our diets, exercise routines or promises to quit smoking.

But there's still something we can do to improve our chances of living longer: stop driving distracted.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 25 percent of all traffic crashes are caused by driver distraction. That includes talking on a cell phone, even hands-free; eating; continuously operating a CD player; reading; applying makeup; shaving; and brushing your teeth.

Any activity that distracts our attention for even a split second increases the chances we will be involved in an accident.

Traffic accidents remain a leading cause of death, according to National Center for Health Statistics.

About one out of every 55 deaths that occurred in 2002 was in a motor vehicle traffic crash. For males, traffic crashes were the sixth ranked cause of death, accounting for one out of every 40 deaths. For females, they were the 10th ranked cause of death, or one out of every 88 deaths that occurred.

Of course, accidents also cause serious injuries that can lead to lifelong heath problems.

Some cities, like Southfield and Royal Oak, have adopted or considered adopting local ordinances against distracted driving.

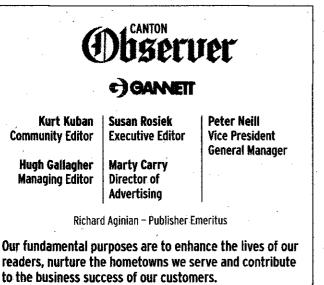
But why wait until it's against the law to stop driving distracted?

A ticket shouldn't be the main motivator here.

Think about the family you would leave behind if you were killed in an accident and ask yourself if the few minutes of time you save using your cell phone, putting on your mascara or eating in the car are worth it.

Resolve today to give driving your full attention when you're behind the wheel. Set an example for others especially teens, who are just learning to drive.

It may require some sacrifice, but the health benefits are immediate.



He led teams that passed a 2004 board to make needed infrastructure improvements, created the Literacy Early Achievement Program (LEAP), improved student achievement scores, advanced the district's curriculum, twice settled 10 union contracts and personally has been a successful fund-raiser for the Education Excellence Foundation.

I would like to publicly thank James Ryan as a resident of Canton and as a Canton Township trustee. Your willingness to work together will long be remembered and recognized. Enjoy your retirement. Your community will forever benefit from your impact.

Karl Zarbo

Canton

Recall foolishness

It's unbelievable that someone who doesn't even live in our community is trying to get our state representative, Marc Corriveau, recalled from office.

A man from Macomb County is heading the recall efforts of several of our representatives. He's trying to dictate what happens in our little corner of Wayne County, and that is simply unacceptable.

What does he know about my local representative? Marc Corriveau has been a true asset to our district. He votes his conscience, he is accessible to the voters by conducting office hours and coffees in the local community, and he works in the best interest of the people he represents.

Let's put an end to the foolishness of a recall and let our lawmakers work for us. Please do not sign a recall petition.

Martha Guenett Simmons

Plymouth

Waste of time

Marc Corriveau has shown nothing but courage and integrity as our elected representative, and yet there is a former lawmaker from Macomb County who is trying to have him recalled. Marc has voted his conscience and has never ing the big game on Sunday, it's important to make responsible celebrations a part of your winning game plan.

For starters, if you're hosting a party that includes alcoholic beverages, be sure to have plenty of food available for your guests. Also remember to offer non-alcohol beverages and serve one drink at a time to help your guests pace themselves.

And, most importantly, don't forget to encourage guests to ask "Who's your bud?" — the designated driver — before the festivities begin.

Fortunately, football fans nationwide will be doing the "ride thing" on Feb. 3. According to a recent survey conducted by Nielsen Media Research, 154 million American adults have been a designated driver or been driven home by one. That's a game-winning plan no matter what team is your favorite.

For more information on hosting a fun, safe party, log on to www.whosyourbud.com. Remember, responsibility matters on game day and every day.

> Thomas A. Vella t Hubert Distributors Inc

president, Hubert Distributors Inc. Pontiac

Nation needs health care plan

I recently attended a meeting of a local citizens' group, where we participated in an exercise in democracy. Seventeen people broke into three groups to discuss either health care or the war in Iraq. Each group was asked to reach a consensus on two main points for the issue they chose. Astonishingly, not only did all three groups choose to discuss health care over the war in Iraq, but the same two points rose to the forefront of each independent discussion.

First was that some level of universal care should be guaranteed to every American citizen, and to others who are in the country legally. Second was that a single-payer, government-administered plan (similar to Medicare, or Rep. Dingell's HR676) would be the best way to minimize costs, both for individuals and businesses, and would provide a high level of care for all Americans.

Proposal 'gobbledygook'

Upon reading the "Proposed Ballot Language" the Michigan Health Care Campaign wants on a ballot, I was flabbergasted at the incredible subjectivity of the language. Examples:

■ Who is "every Michigan resident?" How about E.T. or an alien who just breached U.S. borders?

■ What's "affordable and comprehensive?" According to Bill Gates or some transient living under an overpass?

■ What's "fair and cost-effective?" Think Bush's military misadventures. And on and on and on ... Gawd!

Will Lansing's Solomons define the terms or will outside legals be engaged? Lawyers (in-house or out-house) will run up exorbitant fees analyzing terms employing the logic of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (better known as Lewis Carroll of Alice in Wonderland fame) who brilliantly said, "A word means whatever I want it to mean." And Lew didn't even have a J.D.!

Question: Who is the Einstein in Lansing who approved this abstract idiosyncratic gobbledygook?

William Carruth Royal Oak

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QUOTABLE

"My record speaks for itself. But I do have a lot of similarities with my father. We're the guy next door who goes to the grocery store or takes out the garbage, just like our neighbors. That's our reputation in Canton."

- Canton Trustee Todd LaJoy, who is running for the state House seat currently held by his father, Phil LaJoy, responding to the criticism that he is merely running on his father's name

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Step by step, women reach Blue Cross campaign is for roles in leadership

man carrying a huge briefcase was quite a few steps ahead of me Saturday as we both walked up to a Panera restaurant, he obviously to combine work with lunch and me to meet some friends.

He opened the outside set of doors, looked my way and waited. I said thanks

and scurried to catch up with



Sandra

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him. "I'm glad you're not one of those women who say they can open doors for themselves," he said as I walked past him.

I was stunned, and speechless. So stunned, in fact, that I almost missed what he said next

While waiting to order, I

noticed a front page story on U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton. So we have a woman running for president, the ultimate glass ceiling for women seeking elective office. I thought. But I wondered how far we really have come.

As it turns out, we've made some progress in the political arena, but it hasn't come without a significant struggle.

According to the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Web site, women who were taxpayers won the right to vote in school elections in 1867, but it would be 1917 before we won the right to vote in presidential elections, and the right to vote in statewide elections in 1919. The 19th Amendment gave the right to vote to all women in 1920.

It wasn't long after that women sought leadership positions. In 1919, Phoebe Ely Patterson of Plymouth was the first to be a justice of the peace. Eva McCall Hamilton of Grand Rapids was the first to serve in the state Senate in 1925, while Cora Reynolds Anderson of L'Anse was the first woman in the state House.

Eighty-three years later, we have women serving as governor, secretary of state and on circuit court. But for Clinton to break that ceiling, it will take a groundswell of support. That groundswell is unlikely to come unless both genders have gotten used to voting for women on a local level and seeing them in positions of leadership.

Certainly, Livonia voters seem to have made the leap, as evidenced by Laura Toy. A city council president, she also has served in the state Senate and House. Currently, women make up only about 18 percent of the state House.

Other examples of women leaders include

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those as mayor in Troy, Southfield, Bloomfield Hills and Farmington.

A number of women enjoy positions as county commissioners, and municipal clerks and treasurers, but a quick survey of areas served by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers shows that the most popular avenue of leadership for women is on the school board.

In eight of our school districts - Plymouth-Canton, Southfield, Troy, Avondale, Rochester, South Redford, Redford Union and Clarenceville - women serve as school board presidents.

In some cases, women predominate on councils and boards. Four of seven members are women on the Troy City Council and Farmington school board, and five of seven members are women on the Troy school board.

Even though not elected, women are making strides in leadership positions. Troy and Farmington have women leading as school superintendents, while women also are leading chambers of commerce in Troy, Westland, Garden City and Rochester, the Rochester Downtown Development Authority and The Community House in Birmingham.

Despite being outnumbered by men in elected and leadership roles, women have their hands on the door to the future. But it will take agreeable male voters to ensure their passage, so I thought of the man holding the door for me last week.

"I'm glad you're not one of those women who say they can open doors for themselves," he said, pausing as I reached for the handle to the inner set of doors.

"Because I know you can."

Sandra Armbruster is editor of the Troy Eccentric. She welcomes comments by e-mail to sarmbruster@hometownlife.com.



"If I had a million dollars, I'd buy your love." That line from the Barenaked Ladies has a special resonance in Michigan right now. By the time you read this, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan may have spent in excess of



tising and up to \$500,000 in other ads in a single week. It has blanketed the Legislature with political contributions. The president and CEO is Daniel Loepp, Blue Cross' former chief lobbyist. All this to promote the Blues' version of so-called health reform.

In truth, the bills have more

to do with reforming Blue Cross and, like the Blues' past efforts to reform the small group market, will lead to fewer insured people for Michigan and more profits for Blue Cross.

But you can't blame Loepp. He is doing what he does best - using Blue Cross' political influence to gain an advantage on its competitors. In 2002, Loepp begged the Michigan Legislature to bail out Blue Cross in the small group market. Blue Cross claimed it was facing millions of dollars in losses from alleged "cherry picking" by other insurance carriers. As a result of those claims, the Legislature eventually passed and Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed Act 88, which went into effect Jan. 23, 2004.

Since the passage of that bill, Michigan Blue Cross Blue Shield has made more than \$1,000,000 a day.

Apparently, it isn't enough.

Armed with a politically connected CEO, hundreds of thousands of dollars in political contributions and substantial market power, the Blues now have set its political sights on the individual health insurance market.

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share of the individual health insurance market.

It's a little like Microsoft claiming Apple is competing unfairly in the PC market.

But the Blues have learned from the 2002 battle, when objections from interested parties, including the rest of insurance industry, derailed its legislation. The bill that eventually emerged looked very different from the one initially pushed by the Blues. In order to avoid that, the Blues have come out fully armed this time.

By some counts, Blue Cross has retained seven new lobbyist firms and the services of four public relations firms. It has advertised heavily, falsely implying that its competitors terminate coverage once people become sick. (That is already illegal under Michigan law and is also prohibited by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.) The cost of this campaign has likely already run into the millions of dollars.

Instead of buying the love of state legislators, maybe Blue Cross should pour that money into covering the uninsured.

J.P. Wieske is director of state affairs for the Council for Affordable Health Insurance, based in Alexandria, Va.

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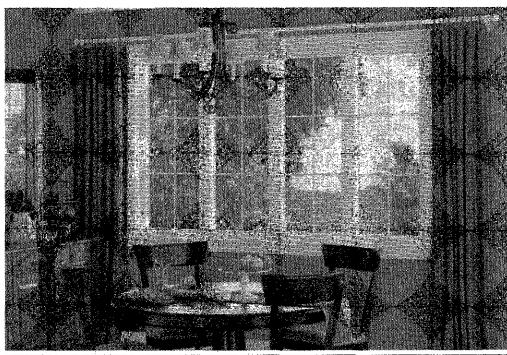
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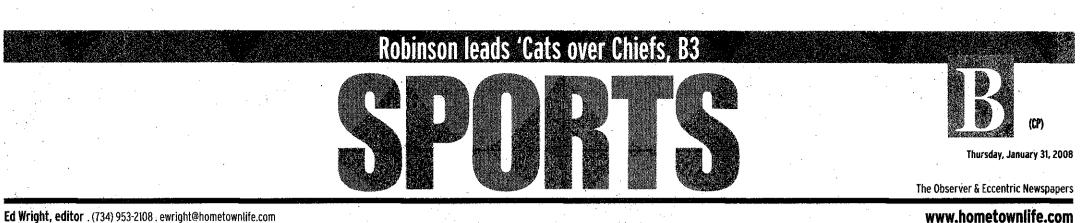


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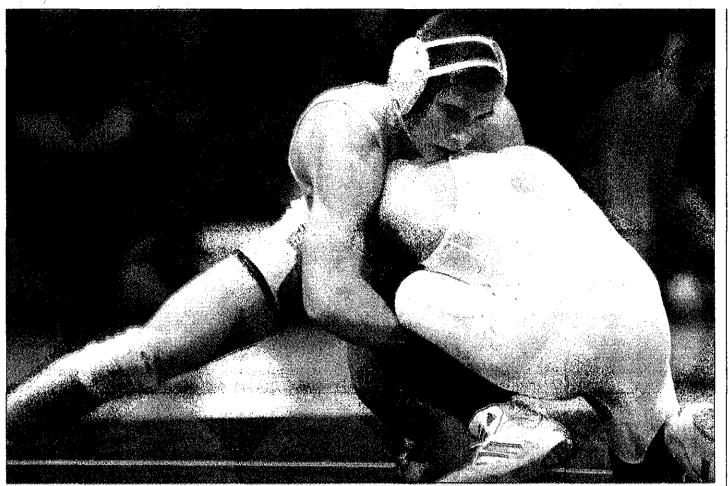
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Plymouth Canton's Brent Winekoff works toward a takedown on Belleville's Jacob Losen during the 140-pound final at Saturday's Observerland Tournament held at Livonia Churchill High School. Winekoff was one of three Chiefs to win their respective weight classes.

Canton crowned Observerland champ

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

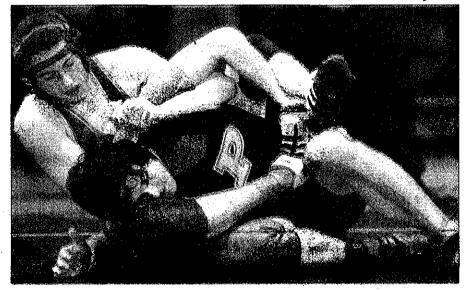
Canton is back in the winner's circle as Observerland Invitational wrestling champion.

The Chiefs put five in the finals and took 11 places in 14 weight classes to upstage tournament favorite Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in the 17th annual event on Saturday.

Canton captured the 17-school field by scoring 212.5 points followed by the runner-up Shamrocks (194.5) and three-time defending champion Livonia Franklin (178.5).

Rounding out the top 10 included Belleville (172), Westland John Glenn (139.5), host Livonia Churchill (131), Livonia Stevenson (124), Salem (94.5), Garden City (60) and Plymouth (59).

"We're getting better, it's a young team," said



Library set to observe **'Hockey Day'**

In conjunction with Hockey Day in Michigan, the Plymouth District Library will host a special speaker presentation on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m.

Located at 223 S. Main St., the library is proud to showcase three pioneers of hockey: Al Renfrew, Tom Mustonen and Raymond Rolak. The trio will share tales of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University hockey rivalry, old-time Detroit hockey and never-before-heard stories of the early days of international hockey.

Renfrew had a storied career as a player, coach and administrator at the University of Michigan, including NCAA championships as both a player and coach.

Native Detroiter Mustonen came from a hockey family, starred at Michigan State University and played for the USA National Team in the 1963 World Tournament in Sweden, continuing on to a career as educator and coach.

Broadcaster and author Rolak has been involved with hockey as a player, administrator and coach, and with international aspects of the sport.

Hockey Day in Michigan is in its third year and is coordinated by the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. The idea has blossomed into "Hockey Weekend Across America," which is spon-sored by USA Hockey, Feb. 15-17.

Themed events for Hockey Weekend include: "Wear Your Jersey to School Day" on the 15th, "Bring a Friend to the Rink Day," on the 16th, and "Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes Day," on the 17th. Hockey Day in Michigan at

the Plymouth District Library is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



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MHSAA honorees

Four local student-athletes are among 120 finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award for the 2007-08 school year.

Three Plymouth High School students are among the finalists: Pam Bhullar, David Harvey and Stephen Ostrowski. The fourth local

finalist is Detroit Catholic Central student Ryan Houska, who is a resident of Plymouth Township.

The program, which has been recognizing studentathletes since the 1989-90 school year, will honor 32 individuals from MHSAA members schools who participate in at least one sport and own at least a 3.50 gradepoint average.

Thirty-two finalists will be chosen next month to receive \$1,000 scholarships.

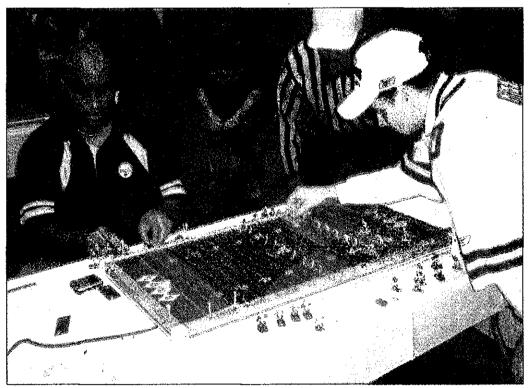
Steelers signup

Registration for the 2008 Plymouth-**Canton Steelers foot**ball and cheerleading season begins

Canton coach Casey Randolph, whose team

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Livonia Franklin's Dan Woodall looks to turn Plymouth's Vince Darolfi during the 189-pound final at Saturday's Observerland tournament.



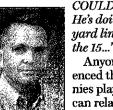
With a referee looking on, two combatants set up for the second-half kickoff during Sunday's 14th Annual Electric Football World Championships and Convention at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.



Convention offered proof that electric football still alive and kickin'

magine how ESPN's Chris Berman would have described a typical electric football play during the game's pre-PlayStation prime in the early-70s:

"He's at the 20, the 15, the 10, the 5, HE



COULD GO ALL THE ... WAIT! He's doing a U-turn at the 2yard line! He's at the 5, the 10,

Anyone who's ever experienced the buzz that accompanies playing electric football can relate to the unpredictability factor involved with the alltime favorite game of my youth.

The vibrating players would

Ed Wright

turn at the worst-possible second as if they were allergic to the end zone grass.

The guys with their arms spread wide would grab hands and do a series of spins that would

make Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto envious. And the kickers must have been made of some kind of performance-enhancing plastic because more often than not they booted the felt ball so far it'd clear the uprights by 60 yards and get lost in our inch-thick shag carpeting.

The game was far from perfect, but my friends and I still loved it -- from the downto-the-slightest-detail-painted NFL players to the cardboard grandstands that made it look as if there were 50,000 screaming fans at every game.

Bad assumption

Until a few days ago, I assumed electric football had followed Jarts, BAS-KET and Sizzler race cars down the path to toyland oblivion. After all, we're living in the PlayStation/

Nintendo era that offers graphics so realistic

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Registration is requested by calling (734) 453-0750, extension 4.

Plymouth cagers notch first victory over Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

There were no trophies, banners or titles at stake for the Plymouth and Canton boys basketball teams Tuesday night.

But there was plenty of pride on the line for the P-CEP cross-campus rivals.

The Wildcats pulled off their first triumph ever on the varsity level against the Chiefs as they earned a 51-42 victory in the Phase III gymnasium. The victory left both teams with 4-10 overall records.

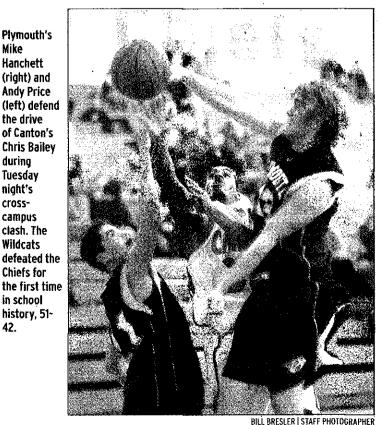
Canton dropped to 1-8 in the division and out of the hunt for a Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs spot.

The Wildcats, who improved to 3-6 in the division, are battling Livonia Franklin for the final WLAA postseason tournament berth.

Senior guard Navraj Sandhu was the catalyst for Plymouth as he accounted for 22 points and eight rebounds.

Sandhu scored nine straight Plymouth points late in the first

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Saturday, Feb. 2, at 9 a.m. **Registration will**

be conducted exclusively through the organization's Web site at www.plymouthcantonsteelers. com and will be handled on a first-come. first-served basis.

For more information, e-mail FootballUD@plymouth-cantonsteelers. org.

PCS lacrosse

The Plymouth, Canton and Salem boys lacrosse programs will be hosting the inaugural PCS Face-off Classic March 29 at the P-CEP varsity stadium.

The three local teams will be joined by Grosse Ile, Tecumseh and Holland. Each team will play three 25minute scrimmage games.

This is the first year the three schools will have separate teams.

Canton and Salem will square off at 9 a.m. The Chiefs are slated to play Plymouth at 1:40 p.m.

Figure skating

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Level A figure skating team placed first at a 10-team competition held Jan. 21 at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

The P-C "B" placed second behind **United Farmington** while the "C" level squad placed third behind Farmington and Livonia Ladywood.

Andy Price (left) defend the drive of Canton's Chris Bailey during Tuesday night's crosscampus clash. The Wildcats defeated the Chiefs for the first time in school history, 51-42.

Mike

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you can count the number of fillings in Randy Moss's virtual teeth.

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Who in this instant-gratification world of ours would opt for the imperfect pleasures of electric football when the lifelike realism of EA Sports is just a controller button away?

The answer: more people than you might expect - at least judging by the close to 400 people who attended the "14th Annual Electric Football World Championships & Convention" held last weekend at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.

I found out quickly that the hobby is alive and kickin'.

Sports fans from across the country converged on the three-day event last weekend to compete in an annual tournament that rivals the real-life NFL playoffs.

They also competed in a skills challenge, attended clinics and swapped strategies with their electricity-loving gridiron brothers. And almost all of the gamers

shared the unbridled enthusiasm of Waterford's Steve Martin, who's been flipping the on and off switch on the electric board games since the early-70s.

"Like football, electric football is a game of unlimited creativity," said Martin, when asked about his passion for the game. "You can paint the players, manipulate their poses and customize the fields with everything from lights to scoreboards.

"And the best thing about the hobby is that it's an active game, a game of great strategy. So when you're done putting everything together, you don't just sit there and look at it, you actively participate in it."

It's come a long way

Following a quick Sunday afternoon tour around the main Embassy Suites Ballroom, I discovered how far the hobby has advanced since I last played.

Players are not only painted to the smallest detail in their NFL and college uniforms, they even come with attachable face

masks and chin straps. The most notable enhancement is that, unlike the scatterbrained ways of the mini-players in the '70s, today's electric gladiators can actually be controlled to some extent.

"The development of the equipment is almost a science in itself," said Martin, who coaches the Cleveland Browns in a flourishing metropolitan Detroit electric football league. "The No. 1 thing is that the bases have gotten better. There are dials on the bases now that allow you to control the direction the players go. They'll move laterally or stay in one place so that your defensive backs and linebackers can actually play a zone.

"Unlike the early days of the hobby, the players don't just spin around uncontrollably any more."

If you're getting a nostalgia rush and would like more information on the hobby, visit www.miggle.com.

A starter set that includes two teams, a field and a scoreboard costs around \$70 - not a bad price considering the memories it could generate are priceless.

Ed Wright is the sports editor for the Plymouth and Canton Observers. He can be reached at (734) 953-2108 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

WRESTLING RESULTS

7717th ANNUAL Observerland invitational Wrestling Tournament Results Jan, 26 at Livonia Churchii

TEAM STANDINGS 1. Canton, 212,5 points; 2. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 194,5; 3. Livonia Franklin, 178,5; 4. Belleville, 172, 5. Westland John Glenn, 139,5; 6. Livonia Churchill, 131; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 124; 8. Salem, 94,5; 9. Garden City, 60; 10. Plymouth, 59; 11. North Farmington, 56; 11. North Farmington, 56; 12. Farmington Hills Harrison, 32; 13. Lutheran Westland, 26:5; 14. Farmington, 24:5; 15. Wayne Memorial, 24, 16. Redford Union, 16, 17. Livonia Vayine mentor and the control of the

103 pounds: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) pinned Waleed Faraj (Cantor), 3:38; **3rd place**: Steve Tuyo (LF) won by major dec. over Jacob Meadows (LC), 13-4; **5th place**: Matt Thompson (CC) dec. Jordan Russell (NF), 10-4. 112: Justin Fleeson (Bell.) dec. Chad Dunn (WM), 4-0; 3rd: Justin Melick (CC) dec. Jared Pieknek (LF), 3-1; 5th: Matt Jaisle (NF) p. Michael Fobar (LS), 4:39. 119: Chris Schneider (Bell.) dec. Carl Lucke (Canton), 3-2; 19: Contris Schneider (Bell.) dec. Can Lucke (Canton), 3-2, 3rd: Doug Eldridge (CC) dec. Justin Jacobsen (LF), 6-2; 5th: Steve D'Annunzio (Plv) dec. Greg Hogan (NF), 8-7. 125: Jeremiah Austin (WJG) won by major dec. over Donnie Watkins (Canton), 17-7; 3rd: Tommy Kozak (Bell.) won by major dec. over Tommy Myshock (LS), 12-1; 5th: Mike Jaiste (NF) won by technical fall over Chartie Joseph (CC) 17-0.

(CC), 17-0. 130: Jared Stephens (WJG) dec. Kevin Hayter (Salem), 5-4;

Social Careford (Canton) won by major dec. over Tyler Twigg (GC), 14-5; **5th:** Andrew Murray (LC) dec. Tom Coak (Bell.), 10-6. 135: Steve Cox (Canton) dec. J.P. Gaffke (LC), 9-4; 3rd: Justin Johnson (GC) p. Matt Hintz (LF), 3:59; 5th: Kevin Sullivan (CC) dec. Anthony Mainella (LS), 6-5. 140: Brent Winekoff (Canton) dec. Jacob Losen (Bell.), 9-3; Srd: Trevor O'Connor (Cc) p. Brandon Smith (LF) 319; Sth: Kyle Muller (Farm) dec. Dan McCahill (WJG), 8-7.
 145: Shea Hasenauer (CC) dec. Steve Coak (Bell), 7-6; Srd: Raz Markosian (LS) dec. Brandon Billiau (LF), 3-1; Sth:

Zaid Ammari (WJG) won by major dec. over Justin Kane (Salem), 9-1. 152: Stephen Kemp (LW) won by major dec. over Elvin Ferreira (LF), 14-2; 3rd: Danny Small (LC) dec. Chadd Scrugs (Bell), 3-1; 5th: Keith Zech (Canton) dec. Colin Care (Canton) dec. Colin Gross (Salem), 8-2

Holss (Galeni, C.Z.) 160: Jeremy Epley (Salem) p. Don Stratz (LF), 4:28; 3rd: Gary Lawrence (WJG) dec. Vince Rizzo (Ply), 3-0; 5th: Curfis Castleberry (LC) dec. Alex Juchartz (Bell.), 10-6. 17f; Ziad Kharbush (LS) dec. Brian Ziemba (LC), 12-5; 3rd: Victoria Castleberry (LC) dec. Strat. Rodger Kropp (Canton) p. Mike Nordby (GC), 0:30; 5th: Mike Kinville (CC) dec. Garrett Hay (LF), 4-0. 189: Dan Woodall (LF) dec. Vince Darolfi (Ply.), 9-8; 3rd: 199: John Woodani (Le) / Jet. Virice Darloni (ryl), 9-0, 3rd: Emanuel Onwuemene (LS) dec. Matt Aubrey (CC), 8-6, 5th: Adam Powers (Canton), Roger Roper (Bell), 6-44 (OT). 215: Joe Kinville (CC) dec. Matt Greenman (LS), 2-1; 3rd: Dan Wanshon (Canton) dec. Anthony Pomerson (Ply), 11-6; Ethe Kener Green (Del) dec. Lenserk (FUK) (MC) (Canton) (Canton) dec. Sth: Kaare Cigan (Bell.) dec. James Kelly (WJG), 6-5.
285: Mike Martin (CC) p. Mark Mouawad (FHH), 3:55; 3rd:

Adam Love (GC) dec. Mike Modes (LF), 9-4; 5th: Mark Parrish (LC) p. Luke Konsitzke (Canton), 128.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

WRESTLING FROM PAGE B1

last won the Observerland title in 2001. "It's a tough tourney and great tourney to

win. It's great for our boys." Canton's individual champions included 135-pounder Steve Cox and 140-pounder Brent Winekoff.

Waleed Faraj (103), Carl Lucke (119) and Donnie Watkins (125) also reached the finals.

"Having five in the finals helped us pull away," said Randolph, whose team carried a 24.5-point advantage heading into the finals. "We placed 11 kids and we might have placed a couple more. All the kids wrestled well and a couple placed higher than their seeding."

Randolph was referring to the third place by Rodger Kropp (171); a fifth by Keith Zech (152); and a sixth by heavyweight Luke Konsitzke.

"Keith Zech taking a fifth when he was unseeded was tremendous," Randolph said. "That was big, that was great. It showed guts and toughness the way he battled.

"Kropp is our senior captain and he was seeded fifth and took a third. And Konsitzke placed for us when he was seeded ninth." Winekoff, third a year

ago, captured his first Observerland title while raising his overall record to 27-4 with a 9-3 decision over Belleville's Jacob Losen.

"This is pretty important because it gives us an idea of who wrestles what and who for the districts," said Winekoff, a sophomore. "It's more or less the postseason. Our team is improving their technique and intensity in practice. We have a great coaching staff and we're starting to peak."

Meanwhile, Lutheran Westland's Stephen Kemp (152) and Salem's Jeremy Epley (160) cruised to titles.

Kemp's older brother Neal was Observerland champ at 152 four years ago before going on to wrestle for Triton (Ill.) Junior College where he took seventh in the NCJAA Nationals. (Neal recently helped Lindenwood, Mo. University capture the NAIA National Championship.)

Epley was named upper weights MVP. His father Randy wrestled for Franklin and later was a standout linebacker at Wayne State.

In one of the closest matches of the night, Franklin's Dan Woodall nipped Vince Darolfi in a seesaw battle for the 189 crown, 9-8.

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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:

PLANT PROTECTANTS & FERTILIZERS

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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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

AMENDMENT TO COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-07-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. C-07-03 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WHICH ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 9, PART 1, ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH EMERGENCY INCIDENTS INVOLVING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS,; UTILITY LINE FAILURES, ILLEGAL FIRES, FALSE ALARMS, BOMB THREATS, THREATS OF HARM TO ONESELF OR OTHERS, STRUCTURE DEMOLITION, EXTRICATIONS, STANDBY SUPPRESSION, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND SIMILAR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2008. The bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2008 for the following:

CARD ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM - CITY HALL/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: http:// www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

A bid bond, certified check or cashier's check, in an amount equal to 10% of the bid submitted, must accompany each proposal as security to assure the bidders acceptance of the contract within ten (10) days from the date of award.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk City of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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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 21, 2008 for the following:

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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE.

9.010. Definitions. This section provides for definitions of the following terms: Release of Dangerous or Hazardous Substance or Material, Utility Line Failure, Illegal Fire, False Alarm, Bomb Threat, Threat of Harm to Oneself or Others, Structure Demolition, Emergency Response, Extrication, Standby Suppression, and Medical Assistance.

9.015. <u>Reimbursement: Municipal Civil Infraction; Penalty</u>. This section provides that failure to pay the Expenses of an Emergency Response of an Emergency Response within thirty (30) days of written demand shall be a Municipal Civil Infraction.

9.020. Duty to Remove and Clean Up. This section provides that it shall be the duty of any person or any entity which causes or controls leakage, spillage or any other dissemination of dangerous or hazardous substance or materials to immediately remove and clean up the area and fully restore it.

9.030. Failure to Remove and Clean Up. This section provides that any such person or entity which fails to comply with Section 9.020 shall be liable to and pay the Charter Township of Plymouth for its costs and expenses, including the costs incurred by the Township or any party which it engages, for the complete abatement, clean up, and restoration of the affected areas

9.040. Enforcement. This section provides that the Charter Township of Plymouth shall have the right to bring an action in the appropriate court to collect such costs.

SECTION 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that all rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY,

This section provides that if any portion of Ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected by such actions.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 22nd day of January, 2008 and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk

Introduced: Adopted:	December 11, 2007 January 22, 2008		
Published: Effective:	January 31, 2008 January 31, 2008		OE08563265 - 2x12.5

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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 21, 2008 for the following:

CANTON RELIEF SEWER PROJECT - PHASE II DENTON ROAD RELIEF SEWER

Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following approximate quantities of work:

> Construction of approximately 3,783 linear feet (LF) of 18inch and 3,000 LF of 15-inch of sanitary sewer by open cut method, 340 LF of bore and jack of 36-inch steel casing pipe, removal and replacement of approximately 1,110 LF of storm sewer varying in size from 12-inch to 21-inch, associated structures, restoration and related work.

Contract Documents are on file with Ms. Terry Bennett, the Township Clerk.

Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Charter Township of Canton, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699; McGraw Hill Construction - Dodge, Plan Room, 20475 Woodingham Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48221-1260; Construction Association of Michigan, 43636 Woodward, P.O. Box 3204, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; Construction News Service, 1773 RW Berends Drive S.W., Wyoming, MI 49519; and Michael L. Priest & Associates, Inc., 40655 Koppernick Road, Canton, Michigan 48187.

Copies thereof for bidding purposes may be obtained at the office(s) of Michael L. Priest & Associates, Inc., 40655 Koppernick Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, starting on Thursday, January 31st 2008, upon making a payment of fifty (\$50.00) Dollars if picked up or sixtyfive (\$65.00) Dollars if mailed (checks or money orders only -payable to Michael L. Priest & Associates, no cash), none of which will be refunded.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or bid bond, in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid, drawn payable to the Charter Township of Canton as security for the proper execution of the Agreement. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the Project Name, Bidder's name, address and telephone number, and the date and time of bid opening.

A mandatory prebid meeting will be held at 1000 a.m., Monday, February 11th, 2008 at Canton DPW Building, 4847 Sheldon Road, Canton, Michigan, Representatives of OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are required to attend the prebid meeting.

The deadline for questions regarding the Project is Wednesday, February 13th, 2008 at Close of Business, 500PM.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest. 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.

Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Michael L. Priest or Mr. Tim

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Zimmer at 734-459-8560.

Bid documents are available for pick up as of Jan. 31, 2008 at Canton Township 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187, Attn: Anne Naszradi. An additional fee of \$ 20.00 will be charged for mailing the bid package. A 5 % bid bond will be required. Bid documents are on file for review at Canton Township's Engineering Services, and Smith Group JJR, LLC.

A pre-bid meeting will not be held. Contractor questions must be submitted in writing to Anne Naszradi, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, no later than February 13, 2008. All plan holders will receive copies of contractor questions, responses and any addendums.

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.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

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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.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Steven Sneideman, Secretary

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quarter and early in the second to stake the winners to a 13-9 advantage they would never relinquish.

Senior forward Garrett Rebain contributed 11 points and six boards for Plymouth while senior guard Brandon Roberts came off the bench to twine nine.

On "Senior Night," the Chiefs played without their top upperclassman, Neil Sharma, who suffered a leg injury in Friday night's game against Livonia Franklin.

Senior forward Chris Bailey helped pick up the slack by contributing 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Plymouth broke open a close game by outscoring the Chiefs 17-7 in the second period to take a 26-16 advantage into the half. Canton narrowed its deficit to 36-28 with eight minutes to go, but the Chiefs never got closer than seven down the stretch.

"I thought the kids played with a lot of heart tonight," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "Obviously, they were down a little without Sharma. but we beat the kids they put out there.

"It was a good win for us because we had never beaten them before. We've been playing a lot better defense lately which has led to some success."

Canton coach Dan Colligan said he was proud of his team's effort in a short-handed situation

"I thought they rallied together well in an effort to try to win it without Neil," said Colligan. "Chris Bailey stepped up and did a great job on the defensive boards.

"Offensively — especially in the second half — it seemed like every time we make a little run, we follow it up with a turnover or a missed shot. Plymouth did a good job of keeping us at arm's length.'

Plymouth's defense forced the Chiefs to commit 21 turnovers. The Wildcats had 10 miscues.

Neither team shot particularly well. The Wildcats buried 20-of-54 field goals (37 percent) and 7-of-14 free throws. Canton connected on one-third of its field goals (18-for-54) and 60 percent of its freebies (3-

for-5). SALEM 57, W.L. NORTHERN

43: On Tuesday at Salem, the Rocks used a balanced attack to defeat the visiting Knights.

Junior forward Courtney Frazier led the winners with 12 points and six rebounds. Senior Grant Stone and junior Jimmy Dexter both added 11 points.

Junior Joe Posler chipped in with six points, nine rebounds, seven assists and four steals. Posler also sparkled on the defensive end, holding Northern leading scorer Tim Ferenc scoreless.

Leroy Jackson paced the Knights with 15 points.

The victory improved Salem's record to 7-8 overall and 5-4 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. Northern tumbled to 1-14 and 1-8, respectively.

Northern led 26-23 at the half before Salem seized a 36-35 edge after three quarters.

Dexter and Stone keyed the winners' decisive 21-8 run in the final period as they netted six and five points, respectively. Salem hit 10-of-15 free throws (67 percent) while Northern went just 5-of-14

(35 percent) from the charity stripe. AGAPE 62, PCA 49: On

Tuesday, four Wolverines

scored in double-figures to pace the victory over the Eagles. Mark Mullett led the winners

with 16 points. Jared Miller (12 points and seven rebounds), Joel Ruffin (10 points and 12 rebounds), Ty Majeski (10 points) and Brandon Pierson (nine points) also played well for the Wolverines, who improved to 9-5 overall.

Senior guard Trevor Zinn led PCA with 20 points. Brent Zinn and Spencer Wiard both added seven

Agape led 20-15 after one quarter, 33-26 at the half and 52-39 with eight minutes to play.

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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:

Robinson leads 'Cats over Chiefs

PREP GIRLS HOOP

of the gates in the third quarter

take a commanding 26-17 lead

Junior guard Leslie Weisz

paced the Chiefs with 10 points.

Plymouth made 12-of-19 free

throws while Canton was 5-of-6

SALEM 35, W.L. NORTHERN 28:

into the final stanza.

from the line.

Junior guard Kelsi Robinson scored 14 points to lead Plymouth to a 37-31 victory over Canton Tuesday night in a WLAA Western Division showdown in the Wildcats' gymnasium.

The triumph improved Plymouth's record to 7-9 overall and 4-5 in the division. The Chiefs dropped to 4-12 and 2-7, respectively.

Canton led 16-14 at the half before the Wildcats stormed out On Tuesday at Northern, the

LOCAL SPORTS

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-January 22, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter as chairperson in the absence of Supervisor Yack. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Zarbo Members Absent: McLaughlin, Yack

Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Faas, Fire Chief Rorabacher Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of G-12: Consider Approval for 2008 Blanket purchase Orders for Public Works and Fleet Services and G-13: Consider Request from YCUA to Permit Temporary Placement of Sewage Sludge at Sauk Trails Landfill Site. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. Payment of Bills Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. PRESENTATION: SERGEANT BADGE TO JAMES HARRISON Canton Police Department announces the promotion of police officer James Harrison to the rank of Sergeant. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL LIBERTY FEST PARADE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN MDOT ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby approve the Seventh Annual Liberty Fest Parade for June 14, 2008, beginning at 9:00am and ending at approximately 11:00am; that Michigan Department of Transportation is hereby requested to grant permission to close Ford Road from Canton Center to Lilley Road. The Charter Township of Canton will assume liability for any damage claims which may arise as a result of the road closure, and Supervisor Yack is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the Township. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL, FIRE AND POLICE FUNDS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendments for the transfer of an accounts payable Accounting Clerk III from the Finance & Budget Department to the Fire Department: General Fund: Increase (Decrease)Revenues: Reimbursement from Police Fund #101-000-676-2070 \$ (41,613), Reimbursement from Fire Fund #101-000-676-2060 (13,871), Total \$ (55,484), Increase (Decrease)Appropriations: Salaries-Finance & Budget Dept #101-223-705-0000 \$ (40.051)

Fringe benefits-Finance & Budget #101-223-720-0000 (15,433), (55,484), Fire Fund: (Decrease) Increase Total \$ Appropriations:

Salaries-Civilian, #206-336-706-0000 \$ 10,013, Fringe Benefits #206-336-720-0000 3,858, Reimbursement to General Fund

#206-336-959-1010 (13,871), Total \$ - 0 -, Police Fund: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Salaries-Civilian #207-301-706-0000

30,038, Fringe Benefits #207-301-720-0000 \$11,575. Reimbursement to General Fund #207-3301959-1010 (41,613), Total \$ - 0 -

These budget amendments decrease the Finance & Budget Department budget from \$1,066,217 to \$1,010,733, the General Fund budget from \$27,781,963 to \$27,726,479 and do not change the Fire or Police Fund hudget totals. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. BUDGET AMENDMENT - CARRY **OVER OF FEDERAL GRANTS FUND 2006 COMMUNITY** DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Federal Grants Fund for the FY 2005 2006 and 2007 Community Development Block Grant programs for carry over to 2007: Increase Revenues \$ 90,783.66, Increase Appropriations \$ 90,783.66. This budget amendment increases the Federal Grants Fund budget from \$279,854 to \$370,637.66. Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. SECOND READING OF REPEAL OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 2-181 **THROUGH 2-186: CANTON COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY** EXCELLENCE (ORDINANCE 153). (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to remove from the table and adopt the second reading of Repeal of Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 3, Sections 2-181 through 2-186: Canton Council for Community Excellence (Ordinance No. 153) with effective date and publication on January 31, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 2-181 THROUGH 2-186 (ORDINANCE NO. 153), CANTON COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AN ORDINANCE REPEALING **ORDINANCE 153, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV,** DIVISION 3, CANTON COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY **EXCELLENCE, SECTIONS 2-181 THROUGH 2-186 OF THE** CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE. Ordinance 153, codified as Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 3, Sections 2-181 through 2-186 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton is hereby repealed. SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance. SECTION 3. REPEAL. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE. All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance. SECTION 5. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 22nd day of January, 2008, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk, Introduced: January 8, 2008, Adopted: January 22, 2008, Published: January 31, 2008 Effective: January 31, 2008 Item 5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO BE THE DESIGNATED OFFICER TO SIGN THE ANNUAL PERMIT AND OTHER PERMITS FOR WORK WITHIN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE WAYNE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING 2008. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Township Clerk, as the designated officer to execute the 2008 Annual Permit for Underground Utility Operations with the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of way. I further move to approve the Township Clerk, as the designated officer, to sign permits for operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation rights-of-way not covered by the annual permit.

Rocks clinched their fourth consecutive WLAA Lakes Division title thanks to senior guard Alaya Mitchell's gameby outscoring the visitors 12-1 to high 18 points.

The win improved Salem's record to 14-2 overall and 9-0 in the division. The Knights, who could have forged a tie for first with a victory, slipped to 11-5 and 7-2, respectively.

"It was a hard-fought game," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "It was the big-

gest game of the year for them because if they would have won, they would have still been in contention for a No. 1 seed in the playoffs."

Salem led 11-6 after one quarter, 18-13 at the half and 26-17 with eight minutes to play.

The Rocks shot 11-of-17 from the line while Northern connected on just 4-of-12 free throws.

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Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. CONSIDER APPROVING THE RESOLUTIONS FOR TWO (2) ANNUAL PERMITS AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK'S SIGNATURE FOR WORK WITHIN THE WAYNE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING 2008. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve Resolution 1- Permit # A-08035, allowing the Township to temporarily close certain local and county roads for a period not to exceed 24 hours and authorize the Township Clerk as the designated officer to sign the 2008 Annual Permit for Wayne County Department of Public Services. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve Resolution 2-Permit # A-08038, allowing the Township to perform sanitary and water main inspection, repair, and routine maintenance, dust palliative, calcium and salt applications, and sidewalk repair and replacement and authorize the Township Clerk as the designated officer to sign the 2008 Annual Permit for Wayne County Department of Public Services. Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. BUDGET AMENDMENT - 2005 UASI GRANT. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in order to close out the final purchases in the Homeland Security Grant 2005 UASI: Increase Revenues Federal Grants Emergency 101 000 545 0000 \$15,229, Increase Preparedness Appropriations Homeland Security Capital Outlay 101 860 977 1600 \$15,229. This budget amendment increases the Grants Division budget from \$14,000 to \$29,229, and the General Fund budget from \$27,729,057 to \$27,744,286. Motion carried by all members present. <u>GENERAL CALENDAR:</u> Item 1. CONSIDER UPTOWN RIDGE MINOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PDD). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for Uptown Ridge Minor Planned Development. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. CONSIDER SIT EPLAN FOR THE CANTERBURY MEWS CLUBHOUSE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the site plan for Canterbury Mews Clubhouse Renovation. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CITYVIEW ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FEES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the payment to Municipal Software Corporation of annual software maintenance fees, for a total cost not-to-exceed of \$34,800.00. Funds are available in the 2008 Budget. Planning Services Account #101-853-977-0000 \$500.00. Public Works Account #592-000-144-0000 \$22,300.00, Building and Inspection Services Account #101-371-977-0000 \$9,000.00, Engineering Services Account #101-447-977-0000 \$2,000.00 Planning Services Account #101-853-818-0000 \$1,000.00, TOTAL \$34,800.00 Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. REQUEST FOR PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2008 - WATER BILLING DIVISION. (TREASURER) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve purchase orders to Matrix Printing Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000 (accounts #592-560-818-0000, Contracted Services and #592-560-900-0000, Printing & Publishing accounts) for the printing of water bills and envelopes, to Lasertec, Inc. in the amount of \$6,500 for the printing and processing of water bills and City Services, Inc. in the amount of \$9,500 for radio reading of water meters. Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. APPROVE SERVICE AGREEMENT FEE WITH MOTOROLA FOR DISPATCH. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the service agreement for on the Public Safety Dispatch Systems with Motorola, 13108 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693 for an amount of \$33,545.18. Further I move to approve the following budget amendment to cover the cost of one year of service. Decrease Appropriations Transfer to Fund Balance 261 346 999 0000 (\$8546) Increase Appropriations 261 346 818 0000 \$8546, This budget amendment neither increases nor decreases E-911 Service budget. Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 5-PATROL LAPTOPS AND MODEMS. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of 5-Laptop computers for patrol vehicles from Motorola, 1300 E. Algonquin Rd., Schaumburg, IL, 60196 in the amount of \$25,975; further to approve the purchase of associated Edge Modems from ComSource, 2130 Austin Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 in the amount of \$7,745. Further, I move to transfer \$750 from Acct #207 301 977 2580 line item #9. Computer Contingency to line item #14 Laptop Computers to cover the additional cost of this purchase. Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION OF BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2008 - PSD. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize blanket purchase orders for the Department of Public Safety as requested. Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. TO APPROVE BID FOR **REPLACEMENT OF DIAMOND'S ROOFTOP UNITS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the Diamond's rooftop units replacement to Temperature Services, Inc., in the amount of \$33,248 (Community Improvement account #246-750-970-0000, Capital Improvement - Parks & Rec). Motion carried by all members present. Item. 9. HIRE INTERN FOR 2010 CÉNSUS ADDRESS LIST CORRECTIONS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize a Planning intern to work on the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program for the 2010 Census. I further move to authorize the following budget amendment for 300 hours of census address data addition and correction by a Planning intern. Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$ 2,578, Increase Appropriations: Part-time Seasonal Wages #101-250-706-0000 \$ 2,394, Fringe Benefits 101-250-720-0000 \$184, Total \$ 2,578. This budget amendment increases the Community Services Division budget from \$294,449 to \$297,027 and the General Fund budget from \$27,726,479 to \$27,729,057. Motion carried by all members present. Item 10. APPROVAL OF **REVISED BID TO MOVE 425 NORTH RIDGE HOUSE TO** THE BARTLETT-TRAVIS HOUSE SITE. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the revised bid from Pennfield Construction for \$52,200 (account number 101-803-976-1000, Capital Projects-Historical) to move the historic house at 425 North Ridge Road to the Bartlett-Travis House site. Motion carried by all members present. Item 11. INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to increase the purchase order for repairs to the home on Bellingham in the amount of \$3,431.00 for roof replacement, resulting in a new purchase order total of \$11,431.00. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Caccamo to table the increase purchase order for Housing Rehabilitation Project. Motion carried by all members present. Item 12. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR 2008 BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND FLEET SERVICES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the 2008 Public Works and Fleet Maintenance blanket purchase orders as required under the Township Purchasing Policy. Motion carried by all members present. Item 13. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM YCUA TO PERMIT TEMPORARY PLACEMENT OF SEWAGE SLUDGE AT SAUK TRAILS LANDFILL SITE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the emergency request from YCUA to allow the placement of approximately 7,500 cubic yards of sewage sludge from its wastewater treatment plant for the period of January 23 through March 1, 2008 in accordance with the letter dated January 18, 2008. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: None Nays: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, Zarbo, LaJoy Motion failed. OTHER: The next Board Study Session will be Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Board Room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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SUMMIT ON THE PARK -CARPET FLOORING REPLACEMENT

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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

FISHERIES HABITAT PLAN FOR DETENTION BASIN RETROFIT

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-January 16, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. <u>Roll</u> Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Kirchgatter, McLaughlin Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Faas, Director Conklin, Kathleen Salla, DDA Coordinator, John Weyer, Building Official, Jon LaFever, Deputy Chief Nemecek Others Present: Karyl Niemi, Canton Creative Marketing, Dianne Cojei, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Bart Patterson, ReMax, Ron Witthoff, Township Counsel, Mark Waldbauer, DDA, Roger Gallerini, Fisherman's Marketing Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by Zarbo to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. DDA Update and Marketing Partners Presentation. Overview of DDA and Capital Improvement Projects and Review of Canton Marketing Partners Activities Item 2. Sign Ordinance Discussion This discussion was generated from Real Estate Agents inquiring if the Board would allow mainly "Open House" signage to be placed in the public right of way. Supervisor Yack stated there will be a Board meeting next Tuesday, January 22, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. on the first floor, Board room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Adjourn Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site <u>www.canton-mi.org</u> after Board Approval.

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Builder group taps leaders, unveils Web site

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) recently announced its 2008 **Executive Committee.**

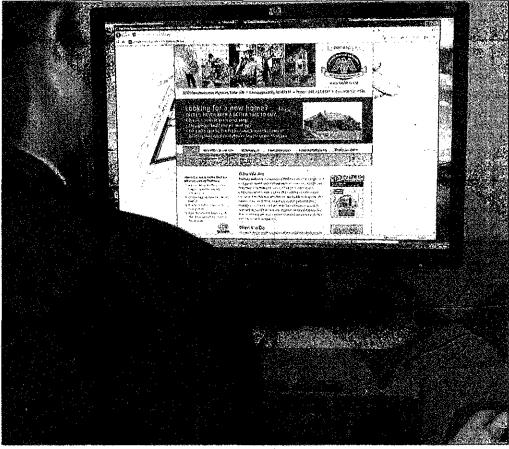
BIA's continuing president is Richard Ives, Trinity Land Development, Clinton Township. In announcing that the Executive Committee of 2007 would continue to serve for another year, Ives said, "Keeping our Association strong is one way to lay the groundwork for the future. To make this a little easier for our members, and to grow this Association with as little disruption as possible, the current Executive Committee team, including myself, has all agreed to serve through 2008. This will allow us to maintain continuity as we plan the future of this organization and grapple with the current economic conditions in Michigan and in our industry.

In addition to Ives, the **Executive Committee** includes Adorno Piccinini, Adco Group, Novi, as treasurer; and Darshan Grewal. Singh Development, L.L.C., West Bloomfield, as secretary. James P. Babcock, Babcock Building Co. Inc., St. Clair Shores, is immediate past president.

Also continuing their positions are James S. Bonadeo, Bonadeo Builders, Plymouth, as president emeritus; **Richard Komer, Wineman** & Komer, Southfield, as first vice president; and vice presidents Paul Aragona, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township, Richard Kligman, Superb Custom Homes, Plymouth, Michael Moceri, Leader Homes, Inc., Novi,

and Sam Palazzolo, Palazzolo Brothers Construction Co., Sterling Heights. The Executive Committee is responsible for furthering the building industry's relationship with municipal and county governments and providing representation in the state and national associations. Additionally, the Committee assists in overseeing BIA's mission to provide education, informa-

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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan launched its new Web site at www.builders.org.

tion, programs, networking, political action and all other activities that advance the building industry, while making the American dream of homeownership a reality for Michigan families.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan also announced the launch of its new Web site at www.builders.org. The site offers a wealth of information for potential and current home owners including access to a list of professional master builders who have homes available in communities throughout southeastern Michigan.

By clicking on the "Looking

Parade of Homes logo on the left of the community listings.

Current homeowners who are interested in contacting a professional master remodeler member of BIA may also do so by clicking the link along the top of the home page that says "Find Remodelers."

The left column of the site's home page offers informational material to help homebuyers during the current economy including articles entitled: A Down Market Offers Some Surprising Home-Buying Advantages, Unique Opportunities for Home Buyers and Buy Now Before Current Stock is

In addition to the material for homeowners and homebuyers, the right side of the page features information for individuals involved in the home building industry. There is a video presentation and other valuable information on the benefits of membership in BIA, a membership application, online registration for upcoming meetings, seminars and events and a course guide, devoted to educational opportunities offered by BIA and the Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM).

The Web site also features a separate section for members of BLA and AAM that can be accessed using the member's

737-4477.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing more than 1,800 builders, remodelers, multifamily property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 235,000 individuals and companies. Highlights of BIA include:

Represents more than 1,800 home builders, developers, remodelers, light commercial builders, multi-family owners and managers and suppliers to the building industry.

■ BIA is the southeastern Michigan chapter of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), which represents more than 235,000 individuals and companies nationwide.

■ Provides the building industry with education, information programs, networking, political action and other activities that advance the industry and provide housing for all income levels.

Serves as a liaison between the building industry and municipal and county governments.

Publishes Building Business & Apartment Management, a monthly trade journal featuring industry-related news, updates, information and articles to provide industry professionals with information they need to succeed in their businesses.

Lawyer should act on collections

Q. I am the president of a board who hired a collection company to assist in the collection of our monies on the premise that we would only be charged once they collected. I now have found that we have been unsuccessful in getting the money in a timely fashion, are not aware of what the status of these matter are, and now that we've retained another attorney, we can't even get the files. What do you recommend?

A. It appears that you are getting what you paid for from that collection



agency and presumably the attorney who may be backing the agency. The attorney should be turning over the files to

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without delay and should be providing you with a monthly status report, if you request it, concerning the status of the delinquencies. You may have a cause of action against the collection agency for malfeasance and perhaps an additional grievance against the attorney. Get your new attorney to take the appropriate action.

Q. I have heard that Austin, Texas, is a very exciting city and I'm thinking about either renting or buying in that area. Do you have any information concerning the downtown Austin real estate market?

A. Austin is a very dynamic

For A New Home?" link, viewers are directed to a list of communities. Within each community is a link to those professional master builder members of BIA who are building there. Also included is a separate link for Custom Builders.

The site also features pictures of and detailed information on new homes featured in BIA's Parade of Homes, which can be accessed via the

Depleted. Additionally, there is a link to the National Association of Home Builders "Resources For Consumers" section of their Web site.

Another link on the home page brings viewers to the BIA Home Shows Web site which features information and discount coupons for upcoming home shows. Below that is a link to information on the BIA Charitable & Educational Foundation.

personal identification code. Members who do not have their identification code may contact BIA for that code by calling (248) 737-4477. Professional master builder members of BIA who have not yet listed their new home communities on the home page may do so by completing the form provided online (to the left of the community listings) or by calling (248)

 Sponsors trade shows, home shows and programs to promote the home building industry, including: four consumer home shows to help builders and suppliers reach homeowners and buyers; an industry-wide Trade Show to create networking opportunities for building industry professionals; and Spring and Fall Parade of Homes, marketing programs used to promote new home sales.

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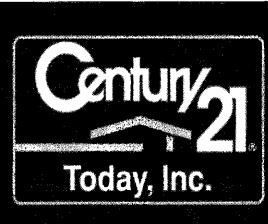
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city, being the state capital of Texas and the home of the University of Texas, among other things. There is considerable development in the downtown area by way of condos and apartment rentals. High rises are being developed, but one should keep in mind that there may be an overflow of condominiums in the downtown area which may not be able to be absorbed by the influx of people from the suburbs and/or other cities. Condos are selling at approximately \$625 a square foot with price ranges from \$229,000 for a studio to as much as \$1.7 million for a penthouse in a downtown condominium over looking the river. Also, if you are interested in leasing, keep in mind that a certain percentage of apartments must be "for affordable housing" to provide living quarters for the musicians to stay, since Austin is the "live music capital of the world."

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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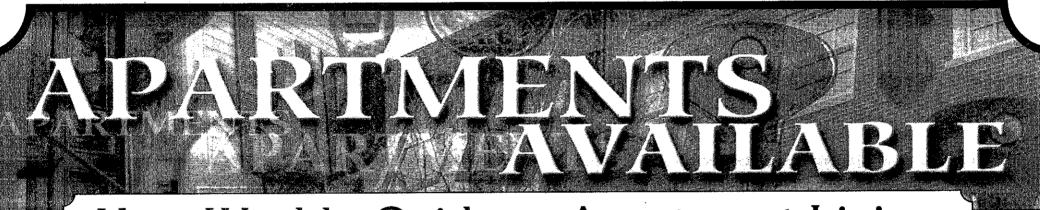
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A free forum on property tax appeals will be presented by Weir Manuel Realtors, Rochester office, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow. The forum is also presented by Brian S. Kirksey of KRES Inc. Valuation, state-certified general appraiser. Attendees may wish to bring their most recent Notice of Assessment. You may also want to go to the assessor's office and request a copy of your Tax Valuation Record to review categories for errors. To reserve a seat or for information, call (248) 651-3500.

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Investors

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 Estate Investors of Oakland Thursday, Feb. 14; 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742. (www. REIAofOakland.com)

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19, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law and Lien Procedures."

Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 9-10:30 a.m. at association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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

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

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

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will instruct remodelers and small-to-mid volume builders on estimating insurance and profit, quantity takeoff for various materials, labor and equipment productivity issues, and subcontractor bid considerations. The course counts toward Certified Graduate Builder, Certified Graduate Associate, and Certified Graduate Remodelor certificates.

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

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

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

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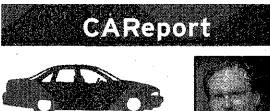
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Advertising Feature

By Dale Buss

If the next-generation Pilot that Honda actually produces looks pretty much like the prototype the company was displaying at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit last week, the new version will put Honda right in the middle of an interesting experiment in the future of vehicle design.

The reason: In a styling-conscious market where sleek crossovers rank as some of the hottest vehicles, the chock-a-block 2009 Pilot might fit like a square peg into a round hole. Or, it might strike just the design balance that Honda says its audiences will demand.

Honda's design dilemma with the new Pilot is that one of the vehicle's biggest attributes has been its ability to accommodate as many as eight adults in reasonable comfort -- a true differentiator in a market where third-row seating even in larger SUVs typically means discomfort for adult passengers. "We didn't want to sacrifice passenger or cargo

"We didn't want to sacrifice passenger or cargo space for the sake of styling, or have canted rear glass or a sweeping roofline," said Rob Keough, a senior product planner for Honda. "Of utmost importance for Pilot is to maintain functionality, and packaging space. That's the starting point."

And indeed, the Pilot prototype emphasizes what Honda spokesman Chuck Schifsky called "authentic SUV styling" and actually increases "key dimensions" for legroom, cargo and occupant space

dimensions" for legroom, cargo and occupant space. But if Honda seeks to continue to market the new Pilot -- with its car-like unibody structure - as a true crossover, the make is likely to run head-on into the prevailing winds in the segment, presaging a continued struggle to attract customers. Pilot was introduced in 2002, and sales climbed steadily, to 152,000 units in 2006; then they dropped precipitously last year, by 23%, to 117,000,

according to data compiled by Edmunds.com. While it isn't clear exactly what mix of factors was dragging down Pilot sales last year, it's very likely that both high gasoline prices and Pilot's traditional-SUV appearance were significant hindrances. Of course, so was the fact that competition in the crossover market proliferated.



The prototype 2009 Pilot was a centerpiece for Honda at last week's Detroit auto show.

Cues from the CR-V?

Consider the contrasting 2007 sales performance of another of Honda's own vehicles, the smaller and more aerodynamically styled CR-V crossover. After averaging sales of just under 150,000 from its 2003 introduction through 2005, CR-V volumes leapt to 170,000 units in 2006 and even more, to 219,000, last year. In 2007, CR-V outsold Pilot by more than 100,000 units after outselling its larger sibling by only 7,000 vehicles in 2005, according to analysis by Edmunds.com.

And overall, crossover design is reveling in an aero-influenced school that suggests the appearance of less is actually more. The hot GMC Acadia and Buick Enclave, as well as the Ford Edge and Lincoln MKX, are primary examples. "All the designs are going in that direction, counter to what Honda is showing with the Pilot prototype," said Jessica Caldwell, an analyst for Edmunds.com. "It looks more like a Jeep or a [Nissan] Externa than what you would expect next from Honda." Already, some objective feedback has raised

Already, some objective feedback has raised questions about the prototype Pilot design. It "scored lousy" with consumers who were surveyed in mid-January by CNW Research, said Art Garner, president of the Bandon, Ore.-based automotiveresearch concern. Pilot garnered "about 7.5 on our 12-point scale for exterior styling, which stinks for a new vehicle," he said. Typical such scores are 8.7 to 9." CNW surveyed several hundred consumers in Detroit, Los Angeles and Chicago using Honda press materials from the Detroit show and video of the Pilot prototype that was obtained from Honda, Garner said.

Indeed, the aspect of the prototype Pilot design that may stand out most compared with the existing Pilot is body lines around and underneath the windows and along the fenders that sharpen those components and actually amplify the blockishness of the design.

Method to Honda's Madness?

The company certainly isn't touting advanced styling as among the 2009 Pilot's most promising attributes. Rather, Honda is focusing on what Schifsky called "more accommodating interior packaging and advanced technologies for safety, fuel efficiency and convenience."

efficiency and advanced technologies for safety, fille efficiency and convenience." But Keough said the styling of the 2009 Pilot might advance just far enough, thank you -- for certain important groups of target consumers. "We wanted to give the car a bit more emotional styling and some character both for current Pilot customers - who love their vehicle -- as well as people leaving the truck-based SUV segment who might want something just a little more boldly styled," he said. "Someone coming out of a Grand Cherokee or an Explorer isn't going to be ready to buy a [Mazda] CX-9 or Acadia or a station wagon, which are really more on-road vehicles with car-like styling.

styling. "We already have vehicles in our lineup that cater to those segments also. We wanted Pilot to continue to represents its unique positioning: the best of both worlds."







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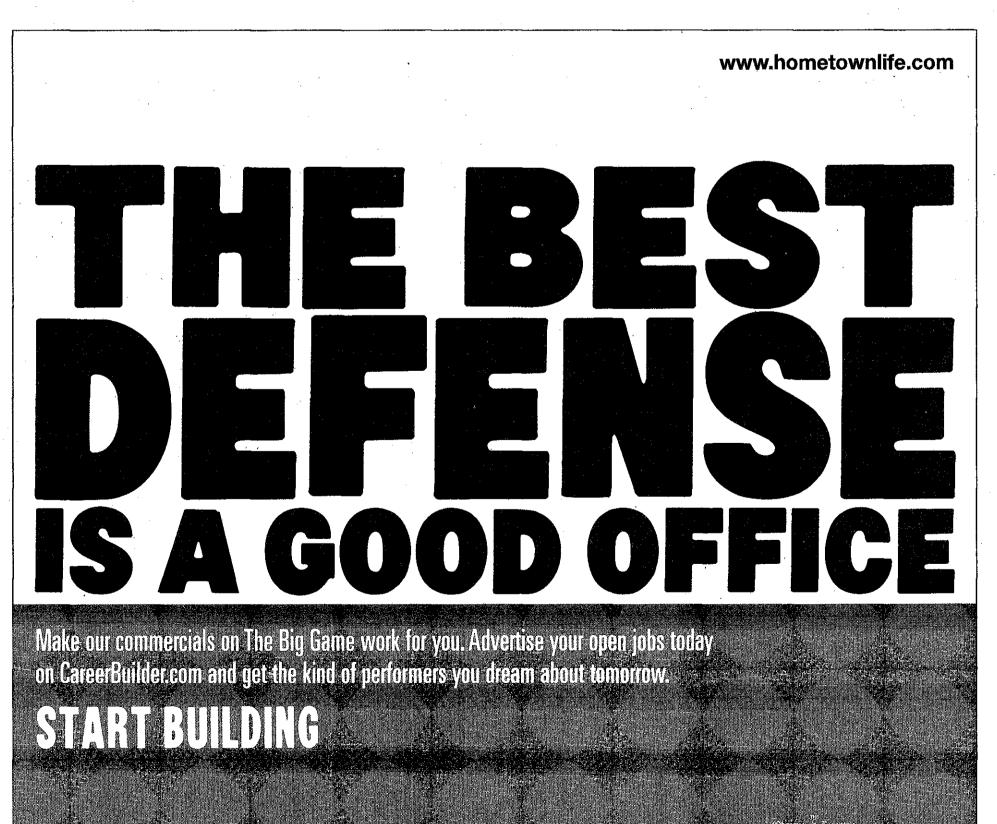
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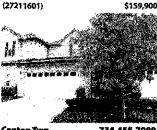
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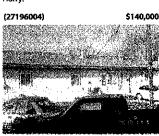
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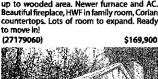
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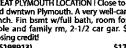
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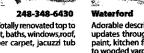




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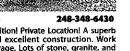
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Serve the football faithfuls with a spread like this one, courtesy of Matt Prentice's Tavern on 13 in Beverly Hills. Chicken wings, mini Reuben sandwiches, a heaping plate of nachos and two kinds of chili all pair perfectly with cold beer.



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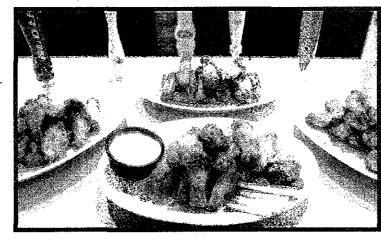
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA Staff WRITER

ith the Super Bowl XLII just around the corner, your mind might be set on football stats or catching the commercials. But if you're inviting your fellow sports fans over to see the big game, it's time to consider the cardinal rules of serving up Super Bowl foods.

According to restaurateur Matt Prentice, of the Bingham Farms-based Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, there are just five ingredients to a successful menu on Sunday - it's got to be simple, spicy, plentiful, fun-to-eat and served up family-style.

Prentice starts the party with four varieties of chicken wings, ranging from the traditional, like fiery hot wings or sweet honey barbecue, to the positively mouth-watering like the Asian-flavored Korean barbecue made with brown sugar and soy sauce, and locally-inspired Michigan cherry barbecue, crafted from pureed

Please see SUPER BOWL, D2



You can't host a Super Bowl bash without plenty of wings. Matt Prentice offers up the traditional hot wing, alongside honey barbecue, Korean barbecue and Michigan cherry barbecue flavors. Turn inside today's hometownlife section for wing sauces and chill recipes.

FOUTBALL FOOD

Football fans will feast on these chicken wings and chili this Sunday, courtesy of Matt Prentice. See below for recipes from Hiller's Market and Garden Fresh Salsa.

MICHIGAN CHERRY BARBECUE SAUCE

Slather this liberally on chicken wings for a delicious sweet and tangy flavor. 1 cup plumped dried Michigan cherries 6 ounces cider vinegar ½ cup brown sugar ½ cup molasses ½ ancho chilies 2 cups Open Pit barbecue sauce

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Local chef explores two approaches to Fat Tuesday food

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK STAFF WRITER

Mardi Gras literally means "Fat Tuesday," so what better way to celebrate than with food?

Chef Mary Brady, owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi, is preparing for the holiday with dishes inspired by two locales famous for Mardi Gras revelry.

In preparation for catering the upcoming Venetian Carnivale in Northville, Brady has researched cuisine that arose out of the famous masked balls of Venice, Italy.

For her restaurant, she's planning menu specials inspired by New Orleans.

Mardi Gras is the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. During Lent, the six weeks preceding Easter, many Christians give up something they love — but not before one last feast.

Whether you're eating the traditional foods of New Orleans, Venice, Italy or Metro Detroit (think Paczkis), one thing that ties Mardi Gras celebrations together is overindulgence.

NORTHVILLE'S VENETIAN CARNIVALE

When: 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 2 Where: Historic 1929 English Tudor home at 800 Griswold

What: A masked ball, with strolling dinner by Chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's; music, entertainment, and an auction of Italian-inspired art, vintage jewelry and martini glasses decorated by local artists. Attire: Formal or Venetian costume Tickets: \$100, benefit Northville Art House Call: (248) 344-0497

"The food is a lot more decadent, more calorieladen," Brady said. Venice, Italy boasts one of the most famous and oldest Carnivale traditions, and the Northville Art House is throwing a Venetian Carnivale fund raiser on Saturday, Feb. 2. Brady's menu reflects food revelers

in Venice likely would have enjoyed during festivals that date back to the early 1200s.

"Being on the water, Venice was a mecca for travelers. In the early shipping days every different culture came through Venice so it was quite a melting pot," Brady said.

She was inspired by chiceti (small portions) traders would eat when they rented rooms or beds in large warehouses during their stay in Venice.

"They would serve little bites of food instead of big meals. These little portions of food were so that they could eat with their hands and continue on with their business. They could trade their wares and wouldn't have to sit down for a meal," she said. "Chiceti facilitates this

Please see MENU, D3



"Venetian Eve," a transparent watercolor by Edee Joppich of West Bloomfield, captures the spirit of Northville's Venetian Carnivale on Feb. 2. It will be among artwork on display at the event. Recipes courtesy of Mary Brady, certified executive chef at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi.

MUSHROOM BRUSCETTA WITH GARLIC CROUTES AND PICKLED RED ONION CONFIT

1 pound mushrooms (Brady likes to use a mix of domestic, portabella and shiitake mushrooms.) ½ pound butter ½ onion, chopped 2 cloves garlic, chopped 1 small French roll 1 pound cream cheese 2 tablespoons freshly chopped parsley Melt the butter in a heavy skillet. Sweat (saute over very low heat) mushrooms, onions and garlic. Add the roll torn into small pieces. Cool mixture. Blend with cream cheese and parsley. Season. Yield: About 2 pounds.

Garlic Croutes 1 18-inch sourdough baguette 1 cup olive oil Seasoning salt, to taste Cut the baguette into thin slices on the diagonal. Toss with olive oil and salt. Bake

in a 350 degree oven until crisp, turning half way through.

Pickled Red Onion Confit 1 large red onion

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SUPER BOWL

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Michigan cherries. (Prentice said he's not a fan of hot wings. They trade in complexity of flavor for heat, he said.)

From there his menu goes traditional, with cheesy jalepenotopped nachos and two kinds of hearty chili. A can't-miss meaty variety packed with beans is thick enough to scoop up with a tortilla chip. And the slow-cooked, rootvegetable-based vegetarian chili packs just as much flavor. Prentice called it "friendly spicy." Skip the sour cream and cheese topping and it's fit for vegans.

Chili might be the perfect Super Bowl fare. "It's cold outside," said Prentice. "Chili warms the soul. It's good with beer."

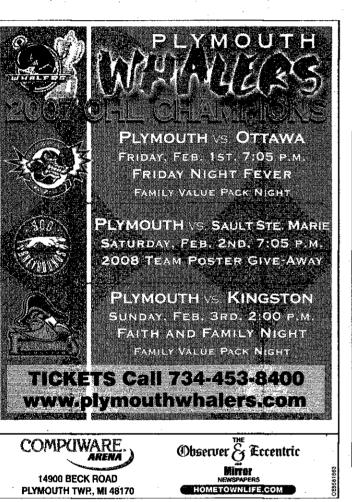
Bartender Matt Ervin, who works at Tavern on 13 in Beverly Hills, can vouch for that. "You can't go wrong with chili," he said. Ervin's ideal Super Bowl foods range from wings to burgers, though he's the first to admit he won't be manning the grill once the game starts.

According to Tavern's Head Chef John Arnold, it's ground porterhouse, a mixture of black beans and red kidney beans, and seven herbs that makes these chili recipes stand out from the pack. "It's hearty, it's filling, it tastes good," said Arnold. Among his favorite party foods this time of year, Arnold listed wings, ribs and spinach and artichoke dip.

Another item sure to be a hit with guests, Prentice's mini Reuben sandwiches are made with all the traditional ingredients - corned beef, tangy sauerkraut, mild swiss cheese and Russian dressing tucked inside crust-free crunchy rye toast triangles. They're easy to grab and completely delicious to eat. Prentice shared a few of these prized recipes, promising they're simple enough for the home cook. "I wanted it to be something people could make at home," he said. Multi-taskers could whip up this entire feast in about two hours. But most of it - from the wing sauces to the chili - could also be made ahead of time.

Party hosts who'd rather go for a quick and easy catered affair can call Matt Prentice Restaurant Group at (248) 646-0370, Ext. 402. For more information, www.mattprenticerg.com.

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1 cup water

Combine first 5 ingredients, bring to a simmer and reduce by half. Stir in barbecue sauce and water and return to simmer for 5 minutes. Place in a food processor and blend until smooth. Yields one quart. Recipe courtesy of Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Inc.

KOREAN BBQ SAUCE

Soy sauce gives this chicken wing sauce an Asian flair. 1 cup honey barbecue sauce 1 cup sugar

- I cup and I tablespoon soy 6 ounces cider vinegar I cup and 3 tablespoons ketchup ½ cup Worcestershire 1½ cup corn oil
- 6 ounces sesame oil

Mix all ingredients except oil. Cook over medium heat for 20 minutes. Add oil and simmer for five minutes. Cover, label, refrigerate until needed. Yields one quart. Recipe courtesy of Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Inc.

HEARTY CHILI

1 pound ground beef 1 quart onions, medium dice 1½ cups green peppers 1½ cups red bell peppers ½ cup poblano pepper ½ cup jalapeno peppers

MEDICARE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that on February 15, 2008 the agreement between Circle of Life Center, Detroit, Michigan and the Secretary of Health and Human Services as a hospital in the Medicare program will be terminated.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has determined that Circle of Life Center is not in compliance with the following Medicare Condition of Participation for a hospital:

42 CFR 482.11 Compliance with Federal Laws 42 CFR 482.13 Patients' Rights 42 CFR 482.41 Physical Environment

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Illia Villanueva Branch Manager Non-Long Term Care Certification & Enforcement Branch Division of Survey and Certification

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1 ancho chilies 2½ cups kidney beans 2½ cups diced tomato pinch of crushed red peppers ½ teaspoon oregano 2 tablespoons minced garlic 2 teaspoons salt and pepper 2 tablespoons cumin 2 tablespoons chili powder 2 cups tomato juice 4 tablespoons sugar % cup tomato paste Sauté the ground beef until slightly brown. Add onions and cook for 5 minutes. Add all peppers and sweat them out for 5 minutes. Add all remaining ingredients. Once chili comes to a boil, simmer, turn on low heat and cook for one hour. Yields one gallon. Recipe courtesy of Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Inc. HEARTY VEGETARIAN CHILI 1 ounce ofive oil

1 ounce ofive oil 2 tablespoons garlic, minced fine 1 cup onions, small dice 1 cup celery, small dice 1 cup carrots, small dice 1 cup green peppers, small dice 1½ cups zucchini, small dice 1½ cups yellow squash, small dice 2 teaspoons jalapenos, chopped fine 3 pounds and 3 ounces tomatoes, diced 2 ounces tomato paste 3 cups V-8 juice ½ cup cumin ½ cup chili powder 1 tablespoon Lawry's seasoning saft 1½ cups kidney beans, cooked 1½ cups black beans, cooked

Heat oil in soup pot. Sauté onion, celery and carrots. Add tomatoes and paste. Add seasonings and simmer for 15 minutes add remaining vegetables and beans. Cook for 5 minutes and remove from heat. Yields one gallon.

Recipe courtesy of Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Inc.

FOUR CHEESE MAC

10 cups whole milk

3 bay leaves

½ onion, finely chopped 8 ounces butter 10 tablespoons flour 2 teaspoons paprika 3 tablespoons Coleman's mustard 4 ounces mozzarella 4 ounces parmesan 10 ounces gruyere 24 ounces sharp cheddar 4 eggs 2 tablespoons kosher salt 2 teaspoons white pepper 2 pounds Prince casserole elbow pasta, cooked al dente (firm to touch) Topping: 8 ounces cheddar 4 cups panko (Japanese bread crumbs) 4 ounces melted butter Bring milk to a simmer with salt, pepper, bay leaves and onion. Meanwhile, make a roux by slowly cooking butter until it just stops foaming, whisk in flour and continue to cook 2 more minutes over low heat. Remove from heat and whisk in mustard and paprika. When the milk comes to a simmer strain and quickly whisk into roux. Turn up heat and continue whisking until the sauce thickens. Simmer 5 minutes and remove from heat: Slowly add the cheeses, one handful at a time, stirring constantly. Wait for one batch of cheese to melt before adding the

next. Add the eggs one at a time, stirring well after each one. Combine sauce with pasta. Pour into buttered and bread crumbed hotel pan. For the topping, toss panko and butter to evenly distribute. Top the dish with cheddar, then buttered panko. Bake, fan on, at 375 degrees. Recipe courtesy of Hiller's Markets

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POTATO SKINS

10-12 medium redskin potatoes 1 pound ground beef 16 ounces Garden Fresh Jack's Special Salsa

8 ounces cheddar cheese Scrub potatoes and prick with a fork. Bake at 400 degrees for 45 minutes. While potatoes are baking, cook ground beef. Drain grease. Combine salsa and ground beef. Mix well. When potatoes are cool enough to handle cut each in half and scoop out potato from the inside leaving a %inch shell and redskin. Spoon in beef and salsa mixture. Sprinkle cheddar on top of each potato. Put back into the oven until the cheese melts. Serve warm. **Recipe courtesy of Garden Fresh** Salsa.

FIESTA CORN AND BLACK BEAN TOSS

1 can (15¼ ounces) Del Monte Fiesta Corn, drained

1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained

½ cup green onions, sliced 1 can (14½ ounces) Del Monte Petite

Diced Tomatoes with Zesty Jalapenos, drained 2 tablespoon oil

½ teaspoon ground cumin (optional)

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl. Toss then garnish with cilantro and serve with squeeze of lime juice, if desired. Serve with warm tortilla chips. Prep time is 10 minutes. Serves 4-6.

Recipe courtesy of Just One More For Healthy Living by Del Monte





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3 tablespoons granulated sugar ¼ cup rice wine vinegar Pinch red pepper flakes Pinch mustard seeds 2 garlic cloves

Thinly slice onion in food processor. Heat all ingredients other than onions to boiling in a saute pan. Add onions and stir constantly until they turn pink. Cool, remove garlic cloves. To serve, spread mushroom

pate on croute, top with onion.

GUMBO

2 pounds chicken breasts 2 pounds andouille sausage 1% pounds chopped fresh spinach or greens

2 medium onions, chopped 2 red peppers, julienne 4 stalks celery, bias cut 8 tablespoons browned flour 5 cups chicken stock 2 bay leaves 1 (16-17 ounce) can of crushed tomatoes with puree

Browned flour

2 cups all purpose flour Heat a non-stick sauté pan over medium heat, add flour and stir constantly until the flour is toasted and brown. Remove from pan immediately to prevent burning. Cool. Reserve extra in a plastic stor-

age bag.

Seasoning mix 2 tablespoons paprika 1 tablespoon dry mustard 3 teaspoons sweet basil 3 teaspoons garlic powder 2 teaspoons oregano leaves 2 teaspoons thyme leaves Pinch of cayenne 2 teaspoons kosher salt 2 teaspoons fresh ground pepper Combine all.

Toss chicken with 3 tablespoons of the seasoning mix. Refrigerate. Reheat heavy pot over high heat until a drip of water dances when sprinkled on. Sauté the onions, peppers, and celery until opaque. Add greens and cook until wilted.

Add the remainder of the

seasoning mix, bay leaves and browned flour, mixing in well. Slowly add warm stocks and tomatoes, stirring until thickened. Simmer for 5 minutes. Add the chicken. Cook until done. Add sausage do not overcook the shrimp or they will toughen. Serve over rice. This low-calorie preparation serves 4-6.

SAFFRON RISOTTO

1 pound risotto 1 medium onion, diced 1 tablespoon olive oil 3 cups warm chicken stock or fumet 1 cup warm white wine Heat oil in a heavy pot. Add



the onions and cook until opaque. Add risotto, stirring until it is coated with the oil and turns white, about two minutes. Add pinch of saffron, stir. Heat stock with wine and add slowly just covering the rice. Add additional stock as it is absorbed stirring often. Cook until tender. Season.

SPANISH MEATBALLS WITH ROMESCO SAUCE 1 pound ground pork

1 cup bread crumbs, fresh preferably l egg, beaten % cup chopped parslev 3 large cloves of garlic, chopped Zest of ½ lemon ¼ cup pine nuts % teaspoon cinnamon Salt and pepper, to taste Mix all. Fry a small amount and taste for seasoning. adjust if necessary. Form into 1-inch balls placing onto a cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees until well done (160 degrees). Serve with sauce.

Romesco Sauce 1 cup olive oil

I tablespoon bread crumbs ¾ cup roasted almonds 4 medium chopped onions 8 cloves garlic 116-ounce can chopped tomatoes 2 16-ounce cans roasted red peppers Cook the garlic and onions in % cup of the oil until soft. Cool and puree with almonds, crumbs, tomatoes, peppers and olive oil. serve hot or at room temperature.

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type of an event, where there won't be places to sit down and eat.

One of the chiceti is Meatballs With Romesco pork and beef with pinenuts and roasted pepper-almond sauce - as "carne val" actually translates to 'farewell to meat.'

"Carnivale meant the warmer weather was coming and it would be harder to preserve food," Brady said. "They'd eat up all their meat

and their dairy that they had been storing up all winter long.'

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Brady also will incorporate some New Orleans flair into her catering menu, including an antipasto plate. "It will have a lot of the

brine foods — olives, pickles. One of the dishes I'm bringing is Bruschetta Al Tapenade, which is an olive and anchovy paste," she said.

She also plans serve a gumbo special at Diamond Jim Brady's the weekend preceding Mardi Gras.

"New Orleans is very much the same as Venice as far

as it's a melting pot of the United States, with all types of cultures that have contributed to the food," she said. "Being on the water, fish is very big. There are oysters on every corner. Everyone's got a gumbo or a jumbalaya.

Brady also concocted a drink to go with her Mardi Gras fare. The Venetian Martini combines limoncello (an Italian lemon liquor) peach nectar, Chambord and a splash of Asti Spumante.

At Northville's Venetian Carnivale, the drink will be served in martini glasses decorated by local artists and auctioned off for charity. At Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, guests can order similar drinks at the bar, all in the spirit of gluttony that is Mardi Gras' hallmark.

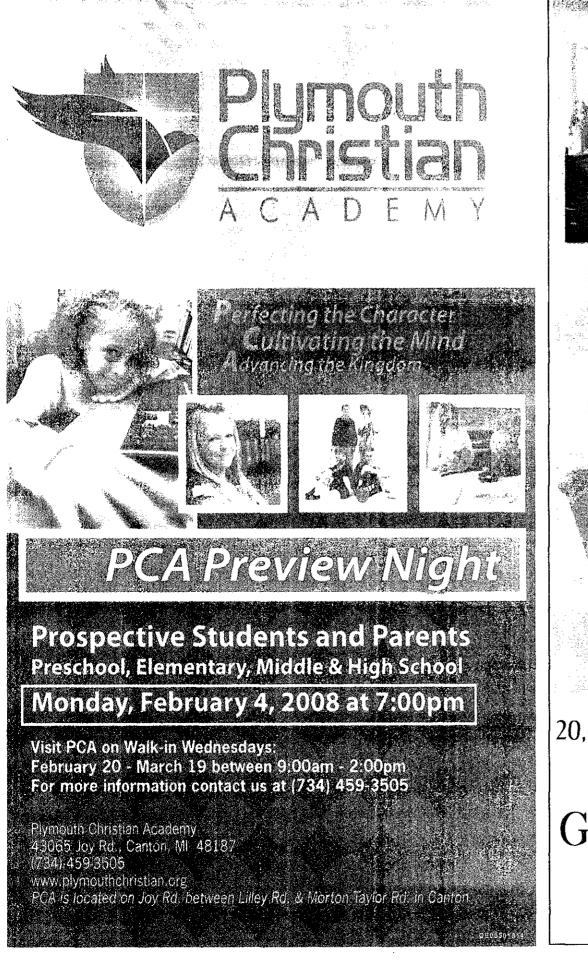
"You have a couple drinks, and you don't care what you eat," she said.

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro (which went completely non-smoking on Jan. 1) is located at 26503 Town Center Drive in the Novi Town Center. Call (248) 380-8460 or visit www.dibistro.com. For more information on Northville's Venetian Carnivale, visit www.ci.northville. mi.us and click on Arts Commission.





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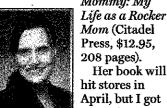


Royal Oak rocker mom pens memoir

knew the first time I saw the Mydols, the band was a the M story.

I never realized their story would someday be a book, (or that I would be in it!) Mydols guitarist Judy

Davids, 47, recently wrapped up her memoir Rock Star Mommy: My



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my review copy in the mail a few weeks ago and devoured it cover to cover. I was delighted to find

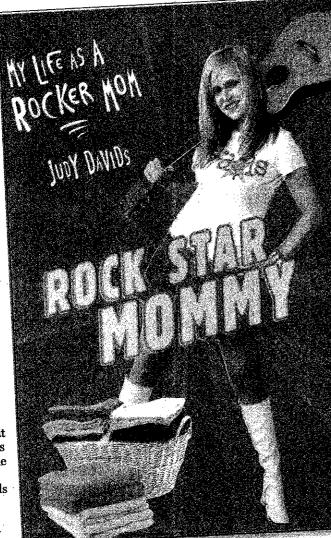
Her book will

Judy included me as the 'young reporter' who did one of the first articles on her band.

If you've had anything to do with the Detroit music scene in the past few years (or the Longfellow Elementary PTA for that matter), don't be surprised if you're mentioned too. The fact that Judy includes so many local names and faces is part of what makes the book such a fun read.

The first time I heard the Mydols was at Lily's Seafood Diner in downtown Royal Oak. I had just finished practicing with my fledgling band, the Basements, and we decided to check out the self-proclaimed soccer moms turned rock stars.

The "Mom's Night Out" at Lily's was among the Mydols' first gigs, but the place was packed, mostly with well-dressed, middle-aged women, sipping Mother's Little Helper martinis and dancing to songs like "The Mydol Twist" and "Soccer Mom Stomp."



Royal Oak author Judy Davids' book "Rock Star Mommy," which recounts her experience in the Mydols, comes out in April.

block party, before any of them owned musical instruments.

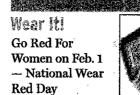
As Judy recounts in her book, the Mydols followed the same path every new band goes through in Detroit. They played successively larger venues, from End of the Park to the Magic Stick, and shmoozed music industry insiders from Gusoline Alley to 54 Sound.

Yet as bands like the Basements struggled to stand out in the competitive local music scene, the Mydols took off in a league of their own.

It helped that they were all adorable, self-deprecating, and passed out lots of free swag at their shows.

With a wonderful family and full life outside of music, Judy had nothing to prove except that you can get your first guitar and pull off pink go-go boots after 40. The rest - doing laundry for Blood Hag, becoming BFFs with Kathy Valentine of the Go-Gos, appearing on The Today Show and recording several CDs - was gravy. In the end, Judy writes that the big gimmick of being 'a mom band eventually became their

dilemma. As the Mydols grew more successful, she found it harder and harder to balance a full-time job, family and rock stardom. When the



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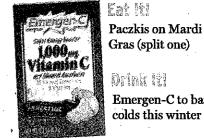
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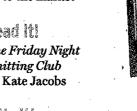
MACY'S BRIDAL EVENT

Macy's Somerset will host its annual Ever After Bridal Event 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. Guests can participate in registry seminars, meet bridal experts; hear product presentations from vendors such as Wedgwood; and meet with representatives from local companies offering everything from flowers and invitations to DJs and videographers. Jennifer Wilkins, Macy's Trend Expert, will lead bridal fashion presentations at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. outside the Bridal Salon on the 2nd floor. Bill Hoopes, **Director of Macy's Wedding** & Gift Registry/Macy's by Appointment, will offer bridal registry tips and highlight the latest registry trends at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor.

fund raiser for Detroit's **Coalition On Temporary** Shelter 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8. A portion of all purchases made during that time will be donated to COTS, a private, non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive support for Detroit's homeless population. THIS IS ME, owned by sisters Adrienne and Pam Broder, carries funky fashions for women and men. The shop is located at 202 E. Maple in downtown Birmingham. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Call (248) 593-8482 or visit www.thisismedetroit. com.

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There's no doubt the Mydols had struck a chord.

Judy, Kara, Paige and Pat were unpolished, unpracticed, and slightly unsure of themselves, but they looked great, and the show was a blast. I went back to work the next day at The Daily Tribune, and told our features editor she simply had to cover these girls.

The subsequent article, "Rock On, Soccer Moms," paled in comparison with the flurry of press that would follow. When a reporter at the Wall Street Journal picked up the story, the Mydols found themselves at the center of a national mom-band phenomenon.

Within the next few years, they would play virtually every venue in Detroit, and go on to such big gigs as the Mamapalooza Mydols, you just know she'll succeed. Festival in New York City and North by Northwest in Toronto.

Not bad for four women who formed the band over beers at a neighborhood

band's bassist moved to Seattle, it seemed like the right time to take a break.

In Judy's terms, that meant writing a memoir.

Now she's back on tour, promoting Rock Star Mommy.

The Mydols still play gigs, but Judy now seems more focused on chasing her new dream of being a nationally-known writer. Once you've read the story of the

That's the true inspiration behind "Rock Star Mommy."

Judy proves it's never too late to rock, even if you don't really know how.

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J. Aveda Institute on Fourth and Center streets. It marks Aveda's fourth institute in Michigan, and offers full and part-time programs in Cosmetology and Esthiology. The first floor is devoted to a retail area exclusively featuring Aveda products. The second level houses 76 styling stations, a color mixing area; a nail therapy area with manicure and pedicure stations, and a spa with nine treatment rooms where customers can find great prices on student services. The Institute is located at 409 Center St., **Royal Oak.** For information on enrollment and transfer scholarships, contact Royal Oak admissions coordinator Macy McCusker at (877) 334-8657.

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Bingham Farms' own Purely Pro crafted a line of makeup that shines under stage lights.

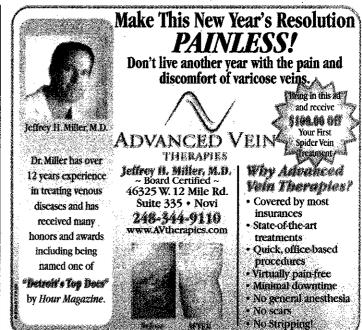
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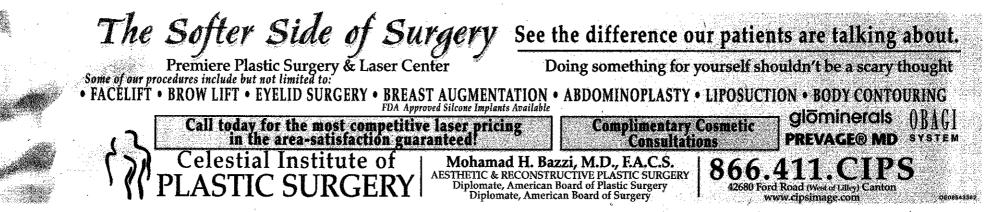
Chrystal Ashmore, Purely Pro's in-house makeup artist, recently worked at the North American International Auto Show, where she designed long-lasting looks for automotive models. With more than 30 products, Purely Pro offers everything from crushed mineral eve shadow pots to glossware, a highly-moisturizing gloss made with vitamin E and a hint of vanilla.

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