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## Temple plan clears planners, 'but with concern'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Suresh Shah is confident homeowners surrounding the Hindu Temple will be pleased with the final product if they are given the green light to tear down their current facility and rebuild.

"I think they are going to be very happy," he said. "We are spending a lot of money but it's worth it for the community. I think the residents are going to be happy."

But at least one homeowner is saying he will never be thrilled about the proposed changes to the Cherry Hill Road parcel.

"I'm not happy," Clint McCormick said. "I won't be happy unless they buy my house or get someone to buy my house."

McCormick, a resident of Kingston Estates, lives directly west of where the temple has proposed building a new 19,669-square-foot building.

"This is ground zero," McCormick said with a chuckle. "I might as well paint my windows black because all we'll be able to see in our backyard is the temple. I just want out of this house."

McCormick, who has put his home on the market, moved into the subdivision two years ago and said he asked the previous homeowner and his realtor about the temple's 5.6-acre parcel.

"I specifically asked if they were ever redoing the temple and they both told me no," he said. "It's quite disconcerting because we have no leeway. Our backyard will be the temple."

Bryan Amann, the attorney representing the temple, has said they want to help McCormick sell his two-story home. "I've had several people from the temple come look at the house but when we tell them what we want for it, they say it's too much," McCormick said. "Their proposal has screwed us."

On Monday, the temple's efforts to expand crossed a hurdle when the Planning Commission unanimously voted to approve the site plans of the

new construction.

The vote, which was given with the reluctance of some commissioners, came after the item was tabled Dec. 3 after a lengthy public hearing where the proposal was criticized by homeowners surrounding the temple's land.

While residents in Kingston Estates and Glengarry Village have argued the proposed building is too large for the narrow parcel and needs to be moved closer to the roadway, homeowners in Pheasant Glen subdivision, which sits on the opposite side of Cherry Hill, said they were mainly concerned about traffic and storm water.

Amann said the temple is willing to fund traffic improvements and increase storm water capacity but said positioning the new building closer to the road isn't feasible.

"We looked at it and looked at it (but) the domino effect would be so significant," he said. "We can't do it."

Jim Shepperd, a Glengarry Village resident, spoke on behalf of the subdivision during Monday's meeting and said the temple has been rigid in its quest to build in the middle of its parcel.

"I don't believe the temple really understands the long-term issues," he said. "We are not opposed to the expansion but we are concerned about the placement. This property is very unique and very narrow."

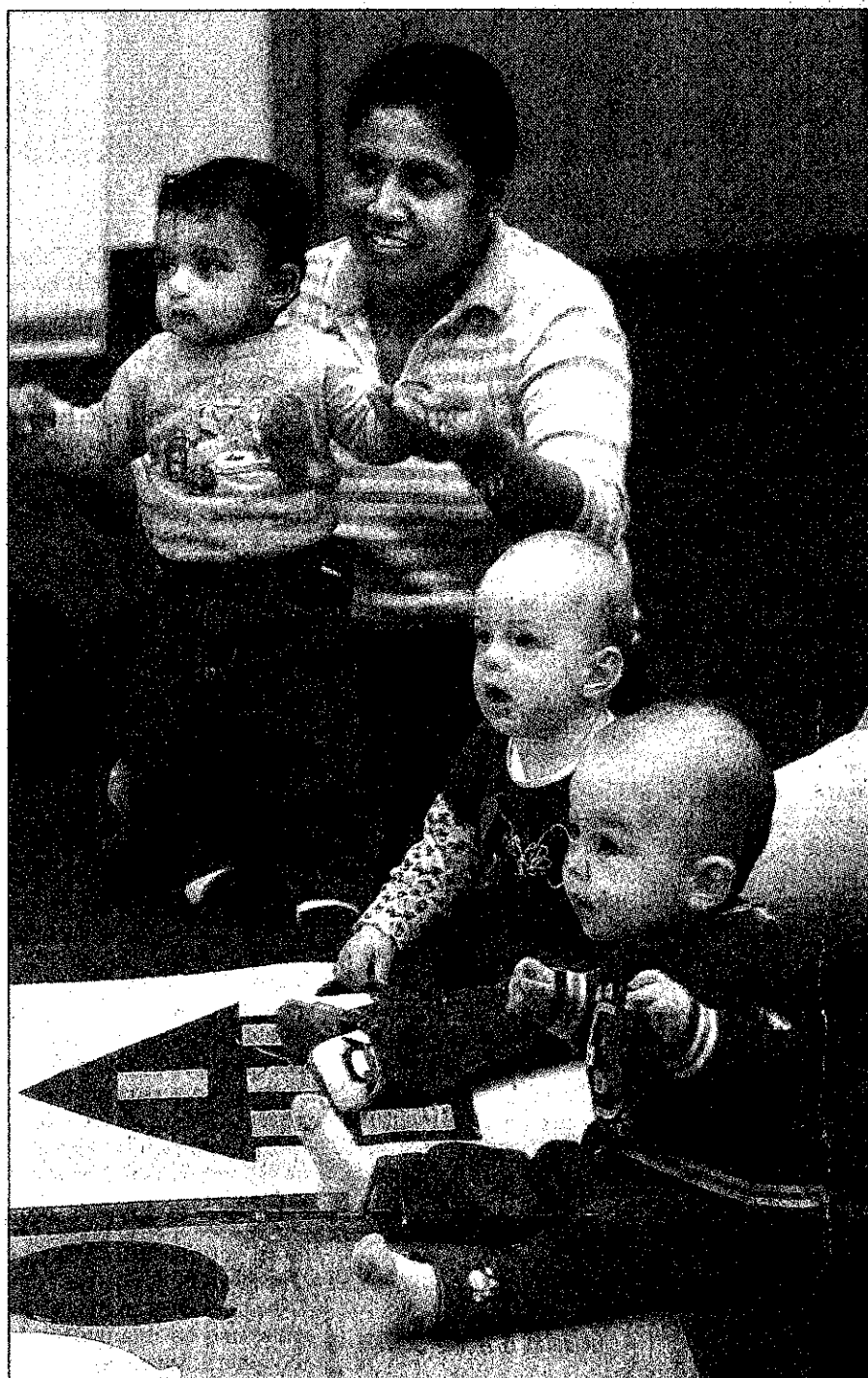
Commissioner Greg Greene said he felt stuck between a rock and hard place in making his decision about the worship center.

"I don't feel really good about this approval, quite honestly," Greene said, adding that the temple had met or exceeded all of the township's standards.

Commissioner Ron Lieberman said he felt compelled to push the resolution forward but suggested the temple relocate. "I will vote yes with concern," he said.

The proposal will go before the Township Board on March 11.

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Sarulatha Velu and Hariswaran Bala, 8 months. Madison Christianson, 9 months, and Evan Poon, 9 months, take part in a story-time session at the Canton Public Library.

## Temple among signs of Canton's diversity

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

No longer the "sweet corn capital of Michigan," Canton is now a melting pot.

Found in the form of a diverse population, temples, a mosque and various ethnic eateries, more proof that the township is no longer the farming community of yesteryear surfaced in December when longtime Planning Commissioner Catherine Johnson was asked to resign after making controversial comments

during a public hearing regarding a rebuild of the Hindu Temple of Canton.

Johnson, who has defended her inquiry as an innocent question, said she meant no offense when she asked whether public urination was included in the temple's practices.

As some community members called for her resignation, Township Supervisor Tom Yack had already asked Johnson to step down and called her comments

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## And then there was 1

School board narrows  
search to finalist

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will move forward with efforts to hire Craig Fiegel as the district's next superintendent.

Six of the seven board members expressed support for initiating contract negotiations with Fiegel, 52, the superintendent of Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 in Evergreen Park, Ill., which has 1,900 students.

A contingent of board members will visit Fiegel's suburban Chicago school district within the next three weeks to do more research on the top candidate before formally offering him a contract.

In moving forward with discussions to hire Fiegel, the board decided not to seek the services of Paul Kadri, 42, the superintendent of the Neshaminy school district in Langhorne, Pa., which consists of 9,200 students.

"I think he has the right skill set for what we need now," board Vice President Barry Simescu said of Fiegel. "I think he's a strong instructional person, I think he's a strong financial person and I think that's a combination that's a winner here in Plymouth-Canton."

Board Treasurer Tom Wysocki said, for him, it came down to leadership styles.

"One was more a creative innovator type (Kadri) and one was more collaborative (Fiegel)," Wysocki said. "In my mind, for our district over the next five years, the collaborative-type leadership style is going to be the most effective for making this district successful, making the students successful here. And I think Dr. Fiegel best represented that leadership style."

After spending time last week quizzing references, board President Judy Mardigan said she was "blown away" by what she discovered about Fiegel.

"They say he's very business-like, but very flexible and very collegial, respectful of different points of views," she said. "He gained respect of the unions, despite the fact they had contentious negotiations four years ago. Very successful in introducing different programs and initiatives and seeing them

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## Yack: Revenue sharing won't be windfall for Canton

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Despite Governor Jennifer Granholm's proposal to offer the first increase in revenue sharing since 2001, Tom Yack said Canton residents shouldn't expect a windfall.

"I'm not convinced we are going to get the kind of revenue they think (so) if we see it, once again, Canton residents get the short end of the state

funding stick," he said. "We send a lot of money to Lansing and we don't get it back. We just don't get it back."

Governor Jennifer Granholm's 2009 budget recommends a 4-percent increase in statutory revenue sharing payments. The allotments, which are partly based on population and help local governments pay for services such as police and fire, aren't skewed in the township's

favor, Yack said. Canton received \$700,000 in statutory dollars in 2007. Detroit got more than \$210 million, Yack said.

Leslee Fritz, state budget office spokesperson, said it's no surprise that some local government officials find fault with the funding formulas.

"There are some people who feel (it's unfair) but we feel it works," she said. "Everyone wishes it helped them more."

The governor's proposal would increase Canton's \$71.05 per capita revenue sharing portion by 32 cents, Yack said.

"Canton residents are asked to be bigger donors," he said, adding that he believes the township's statutory funding is one of the lowest among Michigan communities of similar size. "This is something that goes back to (former Governor John) Engler."

Yack said a solution to the funding inequities is scrapping state revenue sharing.

"This is not universal in other states," he said.

"It's time to think differently. We need to do away with the entire thing and give local governments the option of raising local taxes. The time to do it would be the 2010 census."

Eliminating the concept would be a hard sell, Yack

believes, because some governments would argue that if they did away with services, such as having a full-time fire department, and then asked residents to usher in a local tax to have it restored, the initiatives might fail.

"I say let the people decide," he said.

It's their community."

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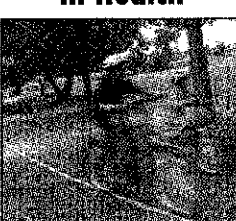
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Coming Sunday  
in Health



It's time to get moving  
as a family



### Operation Care Package

Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo hosts a "Canton Caccamo Coffee" 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23, with a twist: No coffee, no politics, no discussion on issues.

Instead, Caccamo is sponsoring "Operation Care Package" at Canton Computers, 1765 Canton Center in Canton (southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford in the Village Centre Shopping Plaza, near Kroger).

People have a chance to come to Canton Computers to donate goods and funds to ship items overseas to Marines as well as some other local vets serving in-country (Iraq or Afghanistan addresses are welcome).

Donors should bring items they feel the troops would like or could use, including things such as beef jerky, trail mixes, nuts, protein bars, tobacco products,

personal letters, baby wipes, foot powder, toothpaste, moisturizer, home

baked goods or anything else you can think of. Arrangements will be made to box and ship items (donations of cash, check or prepaid shipping boxes to defray shipping costs are also highly encouraged).

For more information, e-mail Caccamo at [toddaccamo@gmail.com](mailto:toddaccamo@gmail.com)

### Co-op preschool open house

Plymouth Children's Nursery, 5828 N. Sheldon Rd., will have Open Houses 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 23 and March 15. The co-op has both morning and afternoon classes for children ages 3-4.

The preschool offers children the opportunity to learn through play, socialize, take part in large and small group activities as well as learn independence.

Call (734) 455-6250 for more information.

### Preschool information night

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department will host a Preschool Parent Informational Meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008 at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford Road, Canton.

At this meeting you will receive applications for the 2008/09 school year, meet staff and learn about our preschool programs. For more information, please call 416-6190 or visit the Web site at [web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood](http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood).

### Hazardous waste collection

The Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, March 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Downriver Community Conference Center, located at 15100 Northline Road in Southgate. This free event, open to Wayne County residents only, is an opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected on March 15 include: household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, mercury fever thermometers, smoke detectors, computer monitors, printers, scanners, mice, keyboards, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and televisions.

Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted. Items that will not be accepted include: commercial waste,



### Getting ready to party

Becky Hurst (left) and Shelley Heller work on decorations for the PCEP All-Night Senior Party, which will be held Sunday, June 8, beginning at 9 p.m. It is expected that 1,000 graduates will attend the lock-in party, which will feature food, games, entertainment, and "amazing" decorations. Tickets cost \$35 in advance/\$45 at the door, and can be purchased at various school events as well as by mailing a check payable to PCEP Senior Party to Jami Jenkins 50326 Hancock Street, Canton 48188. More volunteers are needed for pre-planning and as event chaperones. The decorations committee, games committee, and donations committee are all looking for community donations. For more information, visit the Web site <http://pcep08seniortparty.blogspot.com>. Buffalo Wild Wings is sponsoring a Senior Party Day on Sunday, Feb. 24, and 20 percent of your dine-in, carry-out, or bar tab will be donated to the Senior Party Committee for the evenings prize giveaways. The committee is also looking for occasional use of a delivery truck, a temporary storage facility for completed props, printing services, store/restaurant gift cards in \$25 and up, raffle prizes, and construction supplies. For more information, e-mail Jami Jenkins at [saintjami@gmail.com](mailto:saintjami@gmail.com) or call her at (734) 546-2266.

industrial waste, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, shock sensitive materials, household trash, 55-gallon drums, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete.

For information on how to dispose of these items, a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, or about the March 15 collection, contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936 or visit [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com).

### Tonda scholarships

The Tonda Elementary School Scholarship Committee is accepting applications and essays from now until April 9.

Qualified applicants must have attended Tonda for at least three years, have a GPA of 3.25 or better and have been accepted into an accredited college, university or trade school. Two letters of reference from a non-family member as well as transcripts must also be submitted.

Applicants will submit an essay entitled "Qualities of a Peaceful School."

Applications and further rules may be obtained at Plymouth, Salem, and Canton High School, or at Tonda Elementary School.

## Baby boomers won't cause market problems

One question I am frequently asked is as the baby boomer generation retires and withdraws money from the stock market, will it cause problems? Although I've heard people talk about this, it is not something investors should worry about.

The first of the baby boomer generation has retired and has begun receiving Social Security. The baby boomer generation began after World War II in January 1946. So the first of this generation was eligible to begin collecting Social Security in January.

When the baby boomer generation was born, retirement was something totally different than it is today. In the past, when someone retired, he/she knew their best days were behind them. They were concerned about living a few years in retirement.

Fast forward to today and there is no doubt that the baby boomer generation is changing all the rules. They're looking as if their best years are ahead of them. The baby boomer generation recognizes they're going to be living decades into retirement.

In past generations, the theory was you could live on two-thirds of what you earned while working. The baby boomer generation is smart enough to realize they cannot live on fixed or shrinking incomes. They are going to need a rising income throughout their lifetime and so they need to continue to invest in the stock market to get long-term growth.

There is no doubt that as the baby boomer generation retires, they will restructure their portfolios to change from growth-based portfolios into more income-based portfolios. However, that does not mean they will totally rotate out of stocks.

I have been involved in the investment world for more than 20 years and during that time period I have studied extensively on the issue of retirement. I have not seen retirees pull out of the stock market. There is no doubt they reduce their stock market exposure, however, it is rare to



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Rick Bloom

not factor in the number of new investors that exists today. When the baby boomer generation was born, the great majority of Americans did not invest in the stock market. However, over the last number of years, there has been an explosion in the number of individuals who are now investing in the stock market.

In the old days, when people invested their money, they would buy a CD at a bank. However, in today's world where we do not have pensions, a substantial number of individuals are now investing in retirement plans such as 401(k) and 403(b). Many are investing in the stock market and they are picking up the slack from the baby boomers who may reduce their exposure to stocks.

Another group people tend to forget about is international investors.

I have never been a fan of doom and gloom talk. Generally, people who perpetuate the doom and gloom strategies are either trying to sell you something or generally are clueless. Either way, ignore it.

Just as the world is totally different today compared to when the baby boom generation was born, the strategies for retirement also are totally different. I have no doubt that as time goes by, strategies will continue to evolve and change. Don't put your head in the sand and ignore change, but rather adapt and benefit from it.

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# Weaving Web of success

## Salem grad finding her way with 'Net network

BY BRAD KADRIC  
STAFF WRITER

Kelli Zink was more than happy to do the interview. Unfortunately, she had to dispose of one little piece of business before she could settle in.

Former *Baywatch* star Pamela Anderson had decided to divorce her husband of barely two months, and Zink, the 26-year-old Plymouth Township native now the host of celebtv.com, had to get it on the air.

Such is the life of an up-and-coming broadcaster who believes she may finally have found a home.

"I'm one of those people who is really lucky," said Zink, a 1998 Salem High School graduate who earned a journalism degree from Michigan State in 2002. "I've always known what I wanted to do, so I didn't waste a lot of time and money unfocused."

Zink, who was a standout in the video production program at Salem, helped launch celebtv.com, an Internet bastion of entertainment news which prides itself on scoops such as the Anderson divorce. In fact, Zink herself has become something of an expert on troubled pop diva Britney Spears, having even appeared on network shows as an "expert" on the subject.

It's certainly stepping out from the career path Zink thought she'd follow coming out of MSU, her journalism degree in hand and her sights set on an NFL sideline. She got herself on internship with Fox Sports Net the summer before her senior year. While interning in Chicago, and walking home from a Cubs game, she saw a casting call for an ESPN reality show *Beg, Borrow or Deal*, entered and wound up winning it.

The producer of that show offered



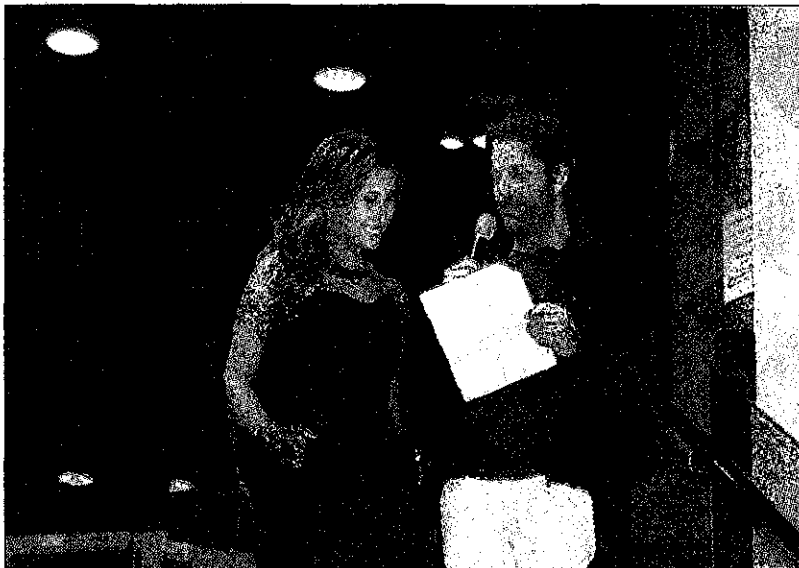
Kelli Zink of Plymouth Township, the host of celebtv.com, reported from the Red Carpet at the premiere of the film, 'Fred Clause.'

her another opportunity: helping launch the NFL Network.

"When I was working at Fox, I felt like I needed to grow up a little," Zink recalled. "I knew there was more out there, so that's when I did the NFL Network jump. I learned everything about the business from the best in the business. I was able to learn more info than I'd learned in an entire life within a matter of months."

She spent more than three years in Los Angeles when she "felt the itch." "(NFL Network) was a great experience, but I knew there was more out there," she said. "I wanted to come back to the Midwest. It was time to come back home."

During an Internet surfing session, Zink came across a company called Intersport, which was launching a new, celebrity based Internet



Zink emceed an event with Nate Berkus, style expert for Oprah Winfrey.

television network called celebtv.com and, at the urging of a friend, NFL Network on-air personality Rich Eisen, submitted her resume.

Hired to run the network's assignment desk, Zink began getting on-camera work. An entertainment junkie, Zink soon found herself reporting her own stories, and is now the host. It gave her a sense of ownership she hadn't felt in previous experiences.

"I realized I could really own the material," she said. "I felt a sense of ownership, because I could also break the stories."

And what does she tell critics who say networks like celebtv.com are simply feeding the guilty pleasures of their viewers?

"I tell them, if it wasn't news, these networks wouldn't be covering it," Zink said. "A lot of times it becomes news because the stories are relatable when it has to do with suicide or drunk driving. It's not Britney Spears not wearing underwear, it's about a mother losing her children. People can relate to that."

Her success isn't surprising to those who helped get her started. Janet Sutherland has been a teacher at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park since 1989, and has taught video production since 1993. She remembers

Zink as a dependable self-starter with a great sense of humor, good work ethic and a lot of energy.

"I remember Kelli as being a person I could count on to get things done," Sutherland said. "Every day was a good day, she was always 'on.' Every day she came prepared, ready to go with lots of energy. She was someone I could count on; what she says she'll do, she'll do."

While Zink's early career ambition was to be reporting from a sideline, people in "the business" kept telling her the place to be was in a studio. That's where she landed, and she now realizes they were right.

"As a host you can do both (host and report)," Zink said. "I love the fact I'm a host."

She's been a guest covering Spears on Nancy Grace's legal cable show, and she's reported on various celebrity issues on a variety of other news networks, including MSNBC and Fox.

"The great thing about working for an Internet TV company is I can go on the other networks and get our message out," Zink said. "It's really exciting. We're a room with a small group of people who work really hard and they're really passionate about what they do. I'm having the time of my life."

# District freezes use of recalled beef

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Schools food service department has removed 27 cases of frozen meat from lunchroom freezers in school buildings throughout the district after discovering they were packaged by Westland/Hallmark Meat Co., the meat packing company ordered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to recall 143 million pounds of potentially contaminated frozen beef.

"We were notified (Monday) by (food supplier) Sodexho and put it on hold," said Mary Holaly, a district spokesperson. "Some of the beef was used for lunches before the recall."

"We also receive beef from Tyson," Holaly added, "but pretty much all beef served by the district is on hold until further notice. We're using caution with all beef until we get an all-clear from the supplier."

The recall was ordered after the federal government confirmed that so-called "downer cows" — those so injured or sick that they can't stand up, and which could be diseased — were processed and entered into the nation's food supply by the Chino, Calif., operation.

"We had 810 pounds of the recalled beef, and we're awaiting word from the USDA for the next steps, what to do with the product and the plan for reimbursement," Holaly said.

The USDA recall was ordered last week while Plymouth-Canton students were on winter break.

"There may be some changes in the upcoming menus," Holaly said. "However, it's not difficult to come up with beefless, nutritious meals."

There have not been any reports of students becoming ill from eating the recalled beef.

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# Friends present lecture on spiritual healing at church

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Sabine Goltz was disappointed when she found out there wasn't a Bruno Groening Circle of Friends in the area when she moved here from Germany so she gathered together a group of people who follow the teachings of the late spiritual leader.

At 7 p.m. Monday, March 31, Goltz and her group present a free lecture on spiritual healing based on the teachings of Bruno Groening by Franz Gringinger, M.D., of Austria and Lucia Colizoli, M.D., of Cleveland, at the Church of Today West, 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Gringinger and Colizoli are members of the Medical Scientific Group, an international forum of healing professionals who feel themselves in accord with the spirit of Groening. Colizoli has 27 years experience in the practice of adolescent, adult and geriatric psychiatry. Gringinger has been in private practice for 13



Lucia Colizoli, M.D.



Franz Gringinger, M.D.

years.

For more information, call Arsen Darnay at (313) 882-7946 or Goltz at (248) 593-9091. To learn about Groening, visit [www.bruno-groening.org/english](http://www.bruno-groening.org/english).

The Circle of Friends is a worldwide not-for-profit volunteer organization named after Groening (1906-1959).

"Bruno Groening had a certain mission, had the gift," said Goltz of Farmington Hills. "He would talk to people

and people would just regain their health. During his life he found out this was his mission. He said, it's not me who heals it's the spirit of the divine power. I am the transformer. Say thanks to the Lord. When I will die, the healings will go on."

Groening was not for a certain religion, said Goltz.

"It's a huge circle worldwide," she continued. "He left the teachings. He never took money for it (the healings)."



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WALTER E. COX

Age 82, of Livonia, Michigan, passed away on February 16, 2008. He was born on March 29, 1925 in Goreville, Illinois, the son of John and Ida (Walker) Cox. Beloved husband of Helen (Larwinski) Cox, whom he married on July 21, 1956, in Livonia. Dear father of Michael (Karen) Cox of Indianapolis and Leanne (Randy) Czarnecki of Brighton, grandfather to Heather and Brittany Cox. He is survived by siblings, Mabel Taylor, Leonard Cox and Helen Mae Evans. He was preceded in death by brother, Paul Cox. Walter was a navy veteran of World War II, a member of the Livonia VFW post 3941, a retired ironworker in Local 25 and an avid woodworker. Papaw also instilled a love of fishing in his granddaughters. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Per his wishes, a cremation will take place and there will not be a memorial service at this time.

### WILLIAM G. GARDNER

Born July 17, 1920. Died February 18, 2008. Age 87 of Royal Oak, Michigan. Husband of Violet Gardner. Dear father of W. Kent Gardner, Scott J. Gardner (Debbie) and Julianne Gardner Timney (Robert). Grandfather of Bill Gardner (Sylvia), Ginger Gardner Timney (Mark), and Heather and Melissa Gardner. Great-grandfather of Elizabeth and Victoria Gardner. Proud veteran WWII. William enjoyed 22 years of retirement from a career as owner of the Will Gard Sales Company. Memorial service Saturday 2pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial tributes to American Heart Association or the Michigan Humane Society. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

GEORGE HENRY GOBLE

Age 92 of Rochester Hills, Michigan, passed away peacefully Saturday, February 16, 2008. George was born December 5, 1915 in Coalmont, Indiana, the first child of Charles and Ressa Goble. He graduated from Indiana State University in 1936 with a B.S. degree in Science and Mathematics, and taught high school in Dugger and Shelbyville, Indiana. In 1942 he graduated from Purdue University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and worked for 13 years for Radio Corporation of America in the fields of facsimile, television, and computers. During WWII, George was on special assignment to work on the development of sonar for RCA to detect submarines. In 1955 George joined the Chrysler Corporation with executive assignments in the Missiles, Space & Defense Divisions in both Detroit and New Orleans. While in New Orleans, his efforts contributed to the successful mission of sending men into space. In 1981 he was appointed Vice President of Defense Quality, Chrysler Defense Inc., reporting to John W. Day, President, there he worked on the development of the Abrams M-1 tank. Following the sale of the tank division to General Dynamics Corp. in 1982 George served as Vice President, Defense Quality, General Dynamics Land Systems Division reporting to the President O.C. Boileau, until his retirement in June, 1982. At the request of Mr. Boileau, George returned to General Dynamics in September 1982 as a consultant in the area of quality control. George was predeceased by his wife, Mary Evelyn Thompson Goble. He is survived by his daughters, Sue Evelyn Goble Allen (James), a special education teacher in Troy, Michigan, Diane Lee Goble (John Kiely) of San Jose, California, a retired marketing and sales and community volunteer, his grandchildren, David Goble Allen, a financial analyst in New York City, Steven Goble Allen, a student at the University of Michigan, Claire Goble Kiely, a student at Brown University and his siblings Norma Boykiw, Paul (Mary Jane) Goble, Bonnie Huff, and Anna Lee (Tom) Brock. He is also survived by his special companion Marge Pulk of Rochester Hills. Inurnment will be at Mt. Avon Cemetery, Rochester. Suggested memorials to Mercy Bellbrook, for the Wish List of the Occupational and Physical Therapy Dept./Skilled Nursing Floor, 873 W. Avon Rd., Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307. A celebration in memory of George's life was attended by immediate family and close friends on February 18, 2008 at the Royal Park Hotel, Rochester. Arrangements were in the care of the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester.

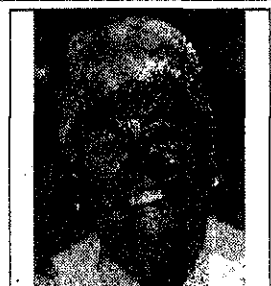
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HEIDI HUNTER

Age 48, of DeWitt, formerly of Livonia, passed away February 14, 2008. Employee at Basell USA, Inc. Beloved wife of Dirk Frazier. Loving daughter of Catherine and Gordon Hunter. Loving sister of Judy (Jim Faulk) Hunter, Cindy (Rick Nieman) Hunter. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Private family services will be held. Arrangements by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution in Heidi's name are asked to consider the Animal Placement Bureau, Lansing, MI.

### NEALUS McCLENTON MORTON

Age 44, Livonia, MI, died February 15, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



PATRICIA "MARM" MCDONALD

Age 71, of Bloomfield Hills, died February 16, 2008, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Mrs. McDonald was born April 8, 1936, in Long Island, New York. She received a Bachelors Degree from Adelphi College in New York. Mrs. McDonald was a resident of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills for 50 years and a former member of St. Regis Parish in Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. McDonald is survived by her children, Colleen (Nick) Bolick, Maureen (Jim) Watts and Matthew J. McDonald. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Dayton, Mac and Mallory Watts and brother, Jack Holian. Mrs. McDonald is preceded in death by her husband, James. Services have been held. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660.

### RITA STROMOSKI

February 16, 2008 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Edward. Loving mother of Edwina (Dennis) Bostwick and MaryKay (Edward) Novakovich. Sister of: Mildred, Eileen, Bernadine, Lucille, Beatrice and the late Lotta. Grandmother of Sarah, Joe, Charles and Derek. Funeral Mass was held at SS Simon and Jude Catholic Church on Wed, Feb. 20. Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne.

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### FEBRUARY

#### Lenten concert

Begin at 12:35 p.m. following Lenten Services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, organist Kenneth Sweetman plays music by Buxtehude, Bach, Pepping and Howells, at Mariner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson, in Detroit's Civic Center at the entrance to the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on the median on Jefferson Ave. at Woodward. For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

#### Worship conference

Worship in Spirit and Truth conference Friday-Saturday, Feb. 22-23, Friday events begin at 7 p.m., Saturday at 9 a.m. and close with a worship service at 8 p.m., Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, between Beck and Sheldon, south of M-14. Topics include Who, Why and When We Worship along with many others. Registration, including lunch and dinner on Saturday, is \$25, \$10 per child for child care and meals. For information, call (734) 453-5280.

#### Fish fry

Our Lady of Loretto's Famous Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. all Fridays of Lent, in the family center, Six Mile and Beech Daly. Carry outs available.

#### Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites everyone to it's All You Can Eat Lenten Fish Dinners, 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 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 hand-dipped 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. Carry-out orders available at \$7 each. For information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

#### 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](http://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](http://www.holytrinityapostolate.com), send e-mail to [barbaramm@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

#### The Jesus Prayer

A Lenten presentation by Byzantine Catholic Bishop Nicholas Samra 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church Banquet Hall, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. \$10 donation at the door covers hall and refreshments. RSVP by Feb. 20. Call (734) 422-0278. Presented by Pascha Books & Gifts now located at the Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church. Learn how the words are based on scriptural texts.

#### Widowed Friends

Widowed men and women of all ages are invited to a 2:30 p.m. Mass Sunday, Feb. 24, followed by fellowship and refreshments at St. Columban Parish, 1775 Melton, north of 14 mile between Woodward and Coolidge. Enter the building door in back closest to rear parking lot. For information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9406.

#### Reformed Protestant services

A new series of sermons on the Doctrines of Grace is being preached by Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge Road, Canton. For more information, call Richard Waldecker at (734) 664-1815, visit [www.westminsterconfession.org](http://www.westminsterconfession.org), or e-mail Humby at [sean.humby@fuse.net](mailto:sean.humby@fuse.net).

#### Tai chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For more information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit [www.orchardumc.org](http://www.orchardumc.org).

#### Health lecture

Enjoy good sex, good sleep and remember it all through lifelong

health 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Adat Shalom Synagogue. Presented by the Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah. There is a fee. RSVP to (248) 683-5030.

#### Family night

Featuring children's author Ray Buckley 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27 in the sanctuary, Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills. An exciting evening of music and story telling with Buckley, a Native American author from Alaska. Event also includes music by the Chancel and Kids' Choirs. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and festivities of this family friendly event. For more information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit [www.orchardumc.org](http://www.orchardumc.org).

#### Lenten services

Continue at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel 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.

#### 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](mailto:marthapaul@sbcglobal.net).

#### Wednesday Lenten services

7 p.m. preceded by Lenten dinners 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Levee, Redford. Call (313) 937-2424. Holy week services 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; 7 p.m. Good Friday, March 21, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Resurrection Sunday, March 23. Holy Communion second, fourth and fifth Sundays of month. Regular worship services 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, Bible study and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

#### Lenten services

Mid-week Wednesday Lenten Services 7:30 p.m. Feb. 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. 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.

#### Mid-week worship

Continues to March 12, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Evening begins with worship followed by a simple meal of bread and soup, and concludes with fellowship and mission projects.

#### Lenten concert

Begin at 12:35 p.m. following Lenten Services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, organists Kevin Bylsma and Kenneth Sweetman with members of the choir of Mariners' Church and trumpet player Kiri Tollaksen perform music by Bach, Handel, Reger, Hadley, Peeters, Leighton, and Casals, at Mariner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson, in Detroit's Civic Center at the entrance to the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on the median on Jefferson Ave. at Woodward. For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

#### 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.

#### Divorce recovery

The winter/spring workshop meets 7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday until March 13, at Ward Church, Northville. Cost is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door and includes materials and refreshments. Free childcare provided and financial help is available if needed. Deadline for registration for current session is Feb. 7, call (248) 374-5920.

#### World religions

Have you ever wondered why there are so many different religions? How should Christians view other religions? How is God at work in other religions? What is the fate of those who earnestly pursue God through other religions? Farmington First United Methodist Church offers a six-week, video-based study on Christianity and Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. Classes began 6-

7:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 7, and 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6573 for details.

### UPCOMING

#### Preschool registration

Little Lambs Christian Preschool will have open registration for fall classes at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at 45000 N. Territorial, inside First Baptist Church of Plymouth. A kindergarten readiness program is offered for 3's, 4's and young 5's Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Five to 1 student/teacher ratio. Spanish and sign language, field trips, portfolio books, and conferences. Call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

#### Bethany Suburban West

Monthly dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 1, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane for information (734) 261-5716.

#### VBS summer ministries

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

#### A music ministry concert

I believe! 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Concert showcasing the Children's, Youth and Chancel Choirs, TeDeum, Children's and Youth Handbell choirs along with the Northville Concert Chorale. No tickets needed. Free will offering. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

#### Lenten concert

Begin at 12:35 p.m. following Lenten Services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, March 6, organist Kevin Bylsma perform music by Bach, Pachelbel and Vienne, at Mariner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson, in Detroit's Civic Center at the entrance to the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on the median on Jefferson Ave. at Woodward. For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

#### Garage sale

Includes household items, tools, books, games, toys, electronic toys/games/equipment, clean, gently used children's clothing & baby items 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 7, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, Grab bag noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, at St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Admission \$1 per person. Garage sale donations accepted before and after masses March 1-2 in parish garage. No furniture, adult clothing accepted. No strollers permitted during sale. For information, call Ruth McCarthy at (734) 464-5973.

#### Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include dinner and movie 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Grape Expectations Wine and Tapas Bar, Plymouth, call Bruce at (734) 459-7235. 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](http://www.singleplace.org). Cost is \$5 per person.

#### Bethany Suburban West

Lenten Mass 9 a.m. Sunday, March 9, at Madonna Chapel, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Please use the Newburgh entrance, breakfast to follow. Call Kathy for details, (734) 513-9479 or Michele (313) 996-8644.

#### Daniel, Darius & DeLions

A musical drama by the Voices of Praise Chorus 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 9, during the Sunday School hour at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0211.

#### Special night of worship

With Men of Grace 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, one block east of Beck at McClumpha, Plymouth. For more information or a map visit [www.risenchrist.info](http://www.risenchrist.info). This free event offers an evening of spirituals, hymns, traditional and contemporary, original music, and arrangements performed by Men of Grace from Grace Centers of Hope (Pontiac). Free will offering will be taken. They are a living example of how a life can be transformed from addiction, abuse and violence to one

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filled with meaning, hope and faith. The group has been honored to sing for President Bush, the Detroit Tigers, Governor Jennifer Granholm, and featured at hundreds of civic, corporate, church and school events. **Easter season worship**

9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, and 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia; noon Good Friday, March 21, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia and 7 p.m. Good Friday, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia (contemporary service), and 7 a.m. Easter Sunday at Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh, north of Eight Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-0149.

## Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 22, and the fourth Saturday of every month, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing. Donations are also accepted. For more information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit [www.CantonCF.org](http://www.CantonCF.org).

## Bethany Suburban West

Monthly breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy (734) 513-9479.

Monthly dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane for information (734) 261-5716.

Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the St. Linus Activity Center at

the school. Cost is \$5 or bring a snack or dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet), and we will supply the paper products and coffee. Play cards or board games for the evening. There will be prizes. Call Kathy for details and directions (734) 513-9479 or Michele (313) 996-8644.

Monthly breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday April 19, at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy (734) 513-9479.

## Spiritual healing

Free lecture on spiritual healing based on the teachings of Bruno Groening 7 p.m. Monday, March 31, at Church of Today West, 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. No charge. For information, call Arsen Darnay at (313) 882-7946 or Sabine Goltz at (248) 593-9091. To learn about Groening, visit [www.bruno-groening.org/english](http://www.bruno-groening.org/english).

## Blended family workshop

7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays through

April 2, at Ward Church, 40000 6 Mile Rd., Northville. Call (248) 374-5912. The Step-Family Doctor, Pastor Paul Clough, facilitates the group focusing on the issues pertaining to the blended family. Registration best but last minute walk-ins welcome.

## Sisters in Christ

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

## ONGOING

### Church 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. 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](http://www.orchardumc.org) for updates.

## Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

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Wednesday Praise Service 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday Children, Youth and Adult Bible Study 7:00 & 8:30 p.m.

## UNITED METHODIST

### Clarenceville United Methodist

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**248-474-3444**  
Pastor Beth Librande  
Worship Service 9:30 AM  
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Nursery Provided

### Redford Aldersgate

2 blocks South of Plymouth  
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## LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

### Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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**734-522-6830**

Sunday Worship  
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Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions  
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## EVANGELICAL COVENANT

### FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills  
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[www.ptumc.org](http://www.ptumc.org)

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The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor

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(1 block west of Venoy) Phone: 734-524-0880  
Pastor: **Eddie Petreaca**  
Meetings on Saturdays for:  
Early Morning Bible & Health Class 8 a.m.  
Worship Service English 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Studies English & Spanish  
(All Ages) 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays:  
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

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website: [www.stpaulsilivonia.org](http://www.stpaulsilivonia.org)

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10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
(Nursery Available)

## PRESBYTERIAN

### Fellowship Presbyterian Church

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire  
Services held at: Madonna University's Kresge Hall  
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## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

### First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth

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734-453-0970  
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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
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Saturday 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
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For Church Directory changes and information regarding advertising in this directory, please call  
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## DIVERSITY

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"inappropriate, insensitive and intolerable."

Yack, who said the makeup of the township's population began changing in the mid-'80s, said organizations such as the Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, formerly the Cultural Commission, have done their best to address Canton's diversity.

"The role of government is dicey because we can't dictate behavior, but we have got to be sensitive to different cultures," he said.

Herb Scott, the chair of the Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, said Canton looks very little like the town he moved into in 1974.

"I have seen this community evolve," he said, while recalling racial tension a few years ago surrounding the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth. "You will always have a

small percentage of bigots anywhere you go, but on the whole, Canton is very accepting."

Suresh Shah, a member of the Hindu Temple and a township resident, agreed.

"We are progressing," he said. "When you go into the public schools, they are so diverse and it's not a problem because they understand that the entire world is changing."

Sommieh Flower, the principal of Crescent Academy International, said the decision was made to build the Islamic school in Canton 17 years ago because of its changing population.

"This has been a good location," she said of the school, which is on the campus of the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs on Palmer Road. "People have moved here specifically because of our school and our neighbors have been supportive."

Flower, who moved to Canton eight years ago, said she sees diversity in action at



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Christy Dukaric and Cameron, 7 months old, Sarulatha Velu and Hariswaran Bala, 8 months, Amy Christianson and Madison, 9 months, Christine Poon and Evan, 9 months.

Summit on the Park.

"I'm always happy to see all the different faces," she said. "I swim in my Islamic swimsuit and no one has ever said anything (negative)."

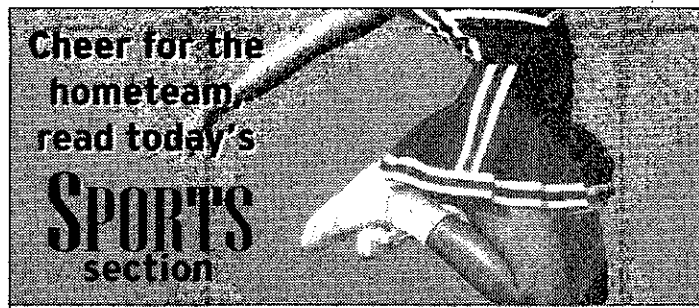
While members of the Hindu Temple were initially offended by Johnson's comments, Shah said they have not held onto their disappointment.

"There are some people that may feel uncomfortable because they are not familiar

with our culture, but we hold nothing against any of our neighbors," he said. "We decided right from day one that we would be nice and it would be all right."

Johnson has yet to submit her formal resignation and the township board is expecting to hold a public hearing regarding her appointment in March.

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## Police catch 'smash and grab' suspect in the act

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Two "smash and grabs" Friday morning may have been the last for a 33-year-old Farmington Hills man police say is responsible for more than a dozen burglaries throughout the area, including in Canton.

Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said the man, who will not be named until he's charged, then arraigned in court, was arrested at his Farmington Hills apartment on Eight Mile near Gill Road Friday morning, following an attempted burglary at the Mane Connection hair salon at Grand River and Haggerty and a smash and grab burglary at the Eyes and Optics store on Haggerty at 14 Mile.

Officers from the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium tracked the suspect from his apartment Friday morning, after police in Farmington Hills, Troy and Canton developed information on the suspect, said Dwyer. SONIC officers attempted to apprehend the suspect at Haggerty and 14 Mile. The suspect led police on a pursuit south on Haggerty to Eight Mile, east toward

the man's apartment, where "stop sticks" were waiting for him in the roadway. The strips punctured two tires on the man's vehicle before he bailed out of the car and fled on foot. Officers caught up with him and placed him under arrest.

The suspect was then questioned by police from various agencies on Friday morning at the Farmington Hills Police Department. He is suspected in 17 burglaries, including eight in Livonia, five in Farmington Hills, two in Farmington, two in West Bloomfield and at least one in Canton, since December.

"This arrest was the result of excellent communication in law enforcement," said Dwyer, who said warrants were expected to be issued Saturday.

The suspect may have been working with a female accomplice in the burglaries, but no arrest of an accomplice was made. The smash and grab burglaries often involved smashing front glass doors with a hammer and quickly taking cash and products from the businesses, according to police.

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## Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeo, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 2500 S Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6130 (734)973-5584 on 2/29/08 at 12:00 Noon. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

1021 - Frank Green - 10 Boxes, 1 TV, Misc Items  
8032 - Kimberly Barnett - 4 Boxes, 2 Vases, 2 Luggage  
5008 - Adel Doks - 5 Boxes, 1 Loveseat, 1 Tote  
4025 - Daniel Fealk - 4 totes, 2 headboards, Honda Prelude

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1006 - Ray Miller - Air Conditioner, 5 Boxes, Misc Items  
2030 - Mary Owens - Couch, Washer, Dryer  
4001 - Robert Kozak - Vacuum, Tool Boxes, Misc Items  
4052 - Orlando Austin - 20 Totes, Piano, Scooter  
5023 - Dan Gorys - Stove, 2 Bicycles, 20 Totes  
9154 - Daphani Dent - 10 Boxes, Couch, Loveseat

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3269, between 8 am and 4:30 pm for an appointment.

**Tuesday, March 4** 9 am - Noon Organizational Meeting  
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment

**Monday, March 10** 2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment  
6 pm - 9 pm Hearings by Appointment

**Wednesday, March 12** 9 am - Noon Hearings by Appointment  
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment

**Saturday, March 15** 9 am - 11 am First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 21, 2008.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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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 Salem High School Roofing Project**. 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 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 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 **Bid Division: #109: Roofing.**

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 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 4, 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 Snejedman, Secretary

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
2008 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2007 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organization Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Monday, March 10, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 11, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Thursday, March 13, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 15, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. **COMPLETE 2008 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY**, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Saturday, March 15, 2008 by 3:00 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Saturday, March 15, 2008 by 3:00 p.m.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act."

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

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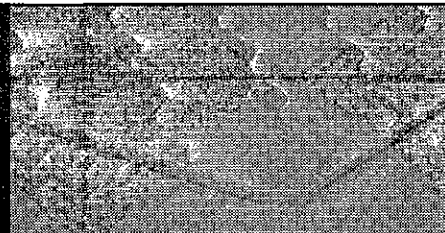
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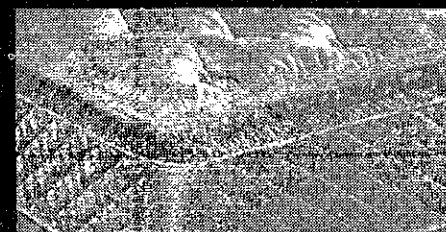
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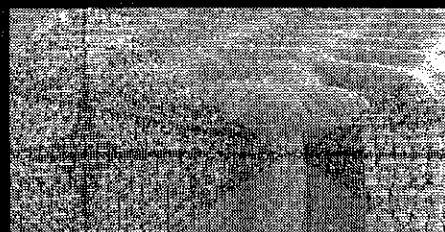
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## BOARD

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through, on the academic side."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez said Fiegel stood out after the two interviews with each of the finalists, but she couldn't commit to hiring him.

"I can't help but go back to the idea if he's the best of two, or is he the best for the district," Gonzalez said.

"I think he's the best of two, but I'm not ready to commit to him as being the one."

Kadri received high marks from trustees, but they felt he was more a "turnaround specialist" and not what Plymouth-Canton needed.

"In my mind I think he's someone who could more help a struggling district," said Steven Sneiderman, board secretary. "Certainly we have issues with funding, but we are by no means a struggling

district ... one that has failing test scores, failing finances, issues with safety and declining enrollment."

Fiegel admitted he "had a sense" he'd become the finalist, saying "I'm very excited, I think it's a good fit."

Fiegel said moving from a district of 1,900 students to one with nearly 19,000 will be a challenge, but noted his work in Lawrence, Kan., a district of 10,000 students.

"When you get into a district the size of Plymouth-Canton, you rely on a lot more people to do a lot of things," Fiegel said.

"There are advantages to a smaller district. I understand parts of every job. There certainly will be a learning curve."

Fiegel said he hasn't discussed specific salary with Plymouth-Canton officials.

"I heard figures they had been thinking about, but the search firm told them they

would have to go higher, based on the market size of the district," said Fiegel, who earns \$180,000. Current Supt. Jim Ryan's salary, at its peak, was \$161,000.

"I don't see any hesitation on my side," Fiegel added, referring to his commitment to signing a contract. "I'm sure we can work it out."

Mardigian said nearly two dozen reference checks on Fiegel had been made, mainly of school board members and union presidents, with more references contacted before a contract is offered. A criminal background check, per state law, has also been conducted on Fiegel.

Mardigian contacted Fiegel after the board's decision, and said he "was very excited" about the nearing possibility of succeeding Ryan, who will be retiring Feb. 29.

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## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

Here's a snippet of what Plymouth-Canton board members said about their two candidates:

■ Steven Sneiderman on Paul Kadri: "I was a little concerned that he's leaving the district he's currently in after two years. However, the issues he has with his current board, I can't guarantee he wouldn't have the same issues with the board of our school district. I wouldn't want someone that wouldn't want to stick around and work things out. I don't think he's a right fit for us."

On Craig Fiegel: "I've heard some concern about the size of the district he comes from ... but what is the right size ... if that's the case then I think we may have to erase the last six years because I think that we've had someone who we may consider the best superintendent (Jim Ryan) in the last year come from districts of 2,000-3,000."

■ Barry Simescu on Paul Kadri: "Paul Kadri is a 'if we're broke I'll fix it for you,' and I don't think we're broken, and we don't need an extreme makeover here."

On Craig Fiegel: "I liked his personality. There's nobody like Jim, but I was very comfortable with him from the beginning."

■ John Jackson on Craig Fiegel: "I think that one candidate really stands out, and I think that's Dr. Craig Fiegel. I think he would do a fine job for this school district."

■ Nancy Eggenberger: "I feel Dr. Fiegel will be a strong, steady leader. I think he will bring our school district along on the path it's already on, keep it going and do a good job of it."

■ Dianne Gonzalez: "I think it was easy to see during the second interview process that Dr. Fiegel stood out to all of us and the community at-large."

■ Judy Mardigian on Paul Kadri: "He thinks like a mega district ... and I think he's really at a different level than where we are right now. If you were in a struggling district, or had a district with issues, he's very creative and sticks in there."

On Dr. Fiegel: "I was really blown away by some of the reference checks by some of the board members I talked to about Dr. Fiegel. They said what you see is who he is, he just gets better. The idea of being a steady leader, very comfortable personality, the fact he's had tremendous longevity in both places he's been. I think he's really up to the task to move us ahead in the next stage for this district."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2008 for the following:

## RESIDENTIAL GRASS CUTTING

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Gym Floor Remodeling for Eriksson, Fiegel, Field, and Hulsing Elementary Schools. 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; (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.

## Bid Division descriptions include:

- 103: Selective Demolition
- 124: Wood Flooring
- 151: Cafeteria Folding Pocket Tables

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Main Office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. 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 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid familial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly. 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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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE TO PUBLIC  
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 14, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday, March 4, 2008	Organizational Meeting -- 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (No Appointments)
Monday, March 10, 2008	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 11, 2008	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Wednesday, March 12, 2008	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Thursday, March 13, 2008	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. (Appointment Only)
Friday, March 14, 2008	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. (Appointment Only)

Please be advised entry the building on Tuesday, March 11th after 5:00p.m. and Wednesday, March 12th after 5:00p.m. can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township hall.

If you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's office directly at (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK  
Charter Township of Canton

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## Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)981-0303 on 2/29/08 at 12:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:  
3030 - Herman Glass - 10 Bags, TV, VCR  
4015 - Chad Cummins - Bike, Vacuum, Freezer  
4026 - Tiyana Robson - TV, Vacuum, 2 Mattresses  
4212 - Brooke Forquer - Table, 4 Boxes, Misc Items  
4248 - Lisa Young - 7 Totes, Misc Items, 3 Boxes  
4254 - John Williams - Stroller, Mattress, Suitcase  
4262 - Bryon Hill - Loveseat, 2 Chairs, 6 Boxes  
4294 - Diane Jacobs - 5 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items  
6212 - Bharti Washington - 20 Boxes, 4 Chairs, Computer

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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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Personal property described below in the matter of:

1013 - Lissa Seiber - Microwave, TV, Sofa  
2011 - James Clippert - 4 Kitchen Chairs, 1 Office Chair, 2 End Tables  
3018 - Bonzell Joins - China Cabinet, Sofa, 50 Boxes  
4027 - Jason Brodie - Computer, Dresser, Tool Box  
4201 - Russell Pfeifer - 3 Bikes, 5 totes, 3 tool boxes  
4237 - Jeri Luce - Bike, 20 Boxes, TV  
5008 - Amicie Crayton - Couch, Loveseat, Vanity  
5107 - Gloria and Lonnie Parham - Bicycle, 30 Boxes, Floor Buffer  
5150 - Angelik Lancaster - Printer, Lawnmower, 20 Boxes  
5260 - Amy McLellan - Stroller, Microwave, Misc Items

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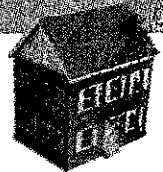
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## OUR VIEWS

# Diverse group of candidates shows how far we've come

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."*  
— Declaration of Independence

With Presidents' Day having been observed on Monday, we couldn't help but think about the current presidential race and reflect on how far we have come as a country.

Never before in U.S. history has a more diverse group of candidates been seriously considered by voters for the highest office in the land.

The candidates, including Mitt Romney, a Mormon who recently dropped out of the race, have varied in age, religion, race and gender.

The Nov. 4, 2008, election may see America electing its first woman president or its first black president since its founding more than 232 years ago.

Even voters who don't agree with Hillary Rodham Clinton's or Barack Obama's political platforms must admit we've come a long way in recent decades toward truly believing one of our core founding truths: That all men (people) are created equal.

It wasn't until 1920 that women won the right to vote.

And it was even later, in 1964, that the Civil Rights Act was passed outlawing discrimination based on race, color and religion.

Now a woman and a black, who even has support from Southern states, are the top two contenders for the Democratic nomination.

Of course, one area remains where the playing field is not yet equal. It takes money — millions — to run for president. The diverse group of candidates does not include one pauper.

But it is a good time to celebrate how far we have come — and it's been a long way, baby.

# State's economic future depends on strong schools

Education is the key.

Everyone agrees that Michigan's long-term economic future depends on a well-educated workforce, capable of filling jobs in a more complex and shifting economy.

We have not been keeping pace with the rest of the country.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has been working with Democratic and Republican legislators in this critical area that both parties agree is the state's primary obligation.

Granholm offered these proposals during her State of the State address:

- Increasing state funding for the 2008-09 school year by \$108 to \$216 per student to provide more funding and narrow the funding gap. This would make a minimum foundation allowance of \$7,420.

- Raising the dropout age from 16 to 18.

- Urging school districts to offer full-day kindergarten and increased funding for preschool programs.

- Creating a 21st Century Schools Fund to help school districts replace large high schools that have

**It's important to note that these are not immediate remedies for Michigan's vexing economic problems. Instead, they are the crucial element in guaranteeing that the state has a healthy economic future.**

low academic achievement and high dropout rates with smaller high schools. The fund would provide \$300 million in grants to school districts over the next three years to create these schools.

- Increasing funding to community colleges and state universities by 3 percent.

All of these are good ideas. It is now up to the

Legislature to study the funding proposals to see what the state can afford.

It's important to note that these are not immediate remedies for Michigan's vexing economic problems. Instead, they are the crucial element in guaranteeing that the state has a healthy economic future.

These proposals alone will not address the social and economic problems that have confounded our large urban school districts, particularly Detroit. But they show a need to create an educational system that reaches children at an early age; educates children in small, well-disciplined and relevant school environments; keeps students in school; and provides a well-funded mix of post-secondary educational opportunities.



## LETTERS

### Outsider interference

I take exception to an individual who has no stake in our local politics, coming into my neighborhood and trying to recall my state representative!

I am talking about Leon Drolet's recall effort against state Rep. Marc Corriveau. Drolet has absolutely nothing to lose if we lose OUR representative, but our community stands to lose a lot! Marc is dedicated to this community. He works hard for us.

I urge anyone who is asked to sign a recall petition to say, "NO"!

Arthur R. Kainz  
Plymouth Township

### Dog ignorance

Could you post this to the narrow-minded people in Plymouth, because they are so ignorant and stupid to even say or think bad when they hear pit bull? It is a dog, just like any other dog.

There are no bad dogs, they turn bad if they are trained by the caretaker. For the person who says they are fearing for their kid when they come out of the house, should we fear for our safety when that kid comes out because he/she might turn out to be a mass murderer or destructive or a menace?

Let the people in Plymouth know how ignorant and stupid they sound. Go Gagel!

Pat Melkonian  
Canton

### No to recall

I do not believe Rep. Corriveau should be recalled. Mr. Drolet and his friends should not ask us to spend unnecessary tax money on recall elections a few months ahead of regular elections. Instead, they should identify in detail the spending reductions they have touted endlessly, and tell us exactly which programs should be cut.

They chose to deride Rep. Corriveau and others who were brave enough to take a stand and say enough is enough. This is a very obvious political ploy to grab back the seat for a Republican. I hope the recall goes nowhere — where it belongs!

Julia Petro  
Plymouth

### Recall a false issue

Rep. Corriveau impresses me as hard-working, conscientious and sincere. If he should prove to be misguided in the future, I can vote for someone else — as can any voter. The claimed reason for recall is a false issue. Anyone who brings such a petition to my door will get a couple of earfuls.

Corriveau voted on the tax questions as I would have voted if I were in his position. As a retiree with a small income, I should probably be expected to object to any tax increase of any kind, but I feel that we citizens of Michigan should be able to tolerate a slight income tax increase for the time being, considering the current dire conditions.

If the state government fails afterward to cease wasteful spending, then we can object vigorously to said income tax increase as well as any other kind.

One of the most obvious and irritating wastes in Michigan's government is the maintaining of a full-time Legislature, providing legislators more opportunity to engage in chicanery and mischief. A certain bombastic phony campaigned for the state Senate on the strength of his attendance record vs. that of his opponent — another false issue, since many legislators waste time in Lansing when they could be accomplishing more back in their districts. Why not recall them?

Our much-lauded Michigan secretary of state imposes late fees — essentially fines — for late renewal of vehicle registrations and operator permits. This should be ruled unconstitutional, as it denies citizens the presumption of innocence. Why not recall her?

And so on. You get my point, no doubt.

N.L. Hansen  
Plymouth

### Wasting taxpayer dollars

Thank goodness Marc Corriveau had the guts to stand up and be counted for the citizens of Michigan since we are hard-pressed to have anyone else doing that.

Does anyone really think we can get out of our mess by cutting taxes more? You just have to look at California to get a grip. They want their services, but they don't want to pay for them.

I support Marc Corriveau and Andy Dillon, they seem to be the only ones with a sense of what it means to be a politician and a leader. The people who want to recall them are more concerned with themselves and it speaks to a very sad state of affairs.

Too bad you put it on the front page with the byline you did. Why do these folks want to spend MORE money on a special election? We have better things to use our taxpayer dollars on then catering to their special interests.

Linda Gobecki  
Plymouth

### Disappointed in paper

I am deeply disappointed that our local paper is supporting the effort of outsiders to distract our elected representative from doing his job.

Rep. Corriveau made the tough choice required to maintain a minimum level of state services in the face of declining revenues. Your page-one article is not a presentation of the facts of the situation, it is an editorial complete with the information about how to get involved with the recall.

For shame!

Jon Oatley  
Plymouth

### No superdelegates

As a reasonably intelligent senior — my academic credentials are somewhere between a G.E.D. and a Ph.D. — and having passed Civics 101 during the building of the Great Pyramid, and just when I was beginning to fathom the RNC/DNC-controlled gobbledygook of the Electoral Kindergarten, a new and further bastardization of the system envisioned by the founders has ratcheted up my political quandary. As the king said: "It's a puzzlement!"

Now we're told that if the Clinton-Obama race becomes inconclusive, another anomalous, mind-boggling, quixotic political obfuscation called superdelegates will decide the nominee. Who are these supers? Ostensibly, they're a coven of 800 super wise, contemplative Merlins, i.e., party big shots and a smorgasbord of unknown political lackeys, who will tell us who our choice is. Gawd! And to think we used to make jokes about the Soviets' one-candidate system!

If anyone still believes the "Your vote counts" mantra, I have \$1 each shares in Dubai's man-made island paradise. Given P.T. Barnum's famous prognostication, I expect a tsunami-level sales bonanza.

William Carruth  
Royal Oak

### Disgraceful Democrats

Has Hillary pulled another scam?

First, her faked crying.

Second, more crying at Yale.

Third, has she faked the writing of her personal check of \$5 million to her campaign in order to make her followers feel bad so they would send the \$6 million she received after the announcement from her staff that they were not being paid?

Of course, the Clintons have the plan to have the super delegates to vote her in instead of being elected by the people and will do so if Obama is the choice. Just look at the super delegates she trusts — Gore, Berger, Carter, Dean, Reno, and the list goes on and on. The entire group has lots of baggage and carries no credibility in the Washington political scheme.

Haven't we experienced enough untruths with the Clintons since coming out of Whitewater and the other disgraces the president and the first lady did while they reduced our national security with all their cuts in military spending, the opening of several gate scams and the expense of the impeachment process?

Every voter should be made aware of all the scams we in the Detroit area have seen with our own elected governor and mayor's election — it will be the same no matter which Democrat is the final candidate. Either Democrat will disgrace the USA by pulling our troops out of Iraq before we win this war.

Don Wharff  
Rochester Hills

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## QUOTABLE

**"I'll be an unabashed supporter this time."**

— Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, discussing Oakwood's proposal to build a Canton hospital south of the location that the Planning Commission denied them from building on last year



## Cox's ill-conceived license opinion sends yet another wrong message

Two days after Christmas, while Lansing was silent and largely deserted for the holiday season, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox issued an opinion indicating that only permanent Michigan residents may get a driver's license. It appeared to say that people living here legally, but on a temporary basis, couldn't get one.

That opinion came in response to a request by state Rep. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge. It was clearly not produced overnight. The opinion was five single-spaced pages in length and was accompanied by 13 footnotes and case citations.

Nobody I talked with in preparing this column — and I talked with plenty of people — knew Cox's opinion was coming. But it was a bombshell.

It provoked a round of furious finger-pointing with Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, his fellow Republican. Her office was responsible for implementing Cox's complex ruling. It enraged the business community, which employs nearly 400,000 aliens legally in Michigan on valid visas. It infuriated state universities when they suddenly discovered that thousands of their students and faculty members living legally in Michigan could not get a driver's license.

It wounded economic developers across the state, who found themselves trying to explain that Michigan really didn't want to slam the door against international business expansion. And it provoked official protests from the governments of Japan and India.

All this from one little opinion by a state attorney general.

Of course, there was a political dimension to all this (surprise, surprise). The subject of illegal aliens has been one of consuming interest during the presidential campaign, especially to many Republicans, who want the border with Mexico closed and all illegals chucked out. (That is, unless they employ any on the sly.)

And the issue has more than just Republicans squirming. Sen. Hillary Clinton got herself into trouble during the presidential debates with a series of confusing and contradictory responses when asked whether illegal aliens should get driver's licenses.

Most Lansing sources I talked with figure that Cox was doing little more than pandering to the anti-immigrant wing of the GOP. I tried to ask Cox's PR guy about this, but my call was not returned.

In any event, once people returned to Lansing and the national press started saying that Michigan was now the toughest state in the country for aliens to get driver's licenses, all hell broke loose.

Jim Epolito, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., was politely furious. He fired off a letter to Cox noting that his troops "have been receiving frantic telephone calls, e-mails and

letters from Michigan's international business community regarding this issue. Your opinion, issued with no advanced warning to the business community and with no opportunity for a hearing or public comment, has given the international business community the perception that Michigan is not open for business."

Epolito cited more than 375,000 employees who were in Michigan on perfectly legal visas, who could not effectively conduct their business without being able to drive a car.

And Birgit Klohs, the highly effective economic developer for Grand Rapids, told me she'd been on the phone at all hours trying to explain what was going on to angry foreign companies considering — at least, they had been — Michigan as a possible place for expansion.

Universities were just as dismayed. University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman pointed out that our universities are on the front line of bringing capable people to Michigan. I got a call from Linda Lim, the head of U-M's Southeast Asia Center, saying that she had an office full of students in tears.

Meanwhile, once the secretary of state's office started figuring out what the opinion really meant, they ran into all kinds of trouble trying to work their way through the complex opinion. Lawyers quickly pointed out that Cox's language appeared to mean that even U.S. citizens living in Michigan temporarily could not obtain a driver's license. Implementing rules were issued Jan. 22, and were promptly attacked by a suit from the American Civil Liberties Union.

Cox's office complained that the secretary of state "misread" the opinion, which is the legal equivalent of "I wrote it, but it's your problem to figure out what I meant."

Fingers were pointed back and forth all over Lansing, with feelings (mostly anger) running especially high between the attorney general's office and that of the secretary of state, both Republicans.

Meanwhile, Gov. Jennifer Granholm urged the Legislature to find a fix to overturn the Cox opinion. Acting with unusual speed and bipartisanship, both the House and Senate overwhelmingly passed legislation that allowed foreign citizens living temporarily in Michigan to obtain a driver's license. The governor promptly signed the bill last Friday.

But the damage has been done. With his state facing terrible economic times, with Michigan desperate for skilled immigrant workers and students, Cox's opinion succeeded in holding our foot up to be shot with our own pistol. What's sad, embarrassing and all-too predictable about this particular episode of pandering-gone-wrong is that it was totally, and completely, unnecessary.

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## Dems shouldn't accept results of state primary

The Democratic Party seems ready to block its own march into the White House by tainting the election process with back-room politics and the kind of wheeling and dealing that many Americans find disgusting and disheartening.



Hugh Gallagher

The Michigan delegation to the Democratic National Convention must *not* be seated based on the results of January's dubious primary. If those results are accepted and play any role in tipping the nomination to Sen. Hillary Clinton, or if superdelegates decide for Clinton against the results on the party caucuses and primaries, the party will find that millions of voters will sit out this election or cast their votes for John McCain in protest to the arrogance of the Democratic Party.

This is not about the relative merits of Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama. They are both qualified to be president. Both have detailed positions on the major issues — just go to their Web sites. Obama is more charismatic, an eloquent and forceful speaker. Clinton has more years in Washington and, on balance, more support among party leaders.

If either were to win the presidency, it would be a long overdue historic moment.

Despite Obama's current momentum, the nomination is still up for grabs. Clinton may well post strong wins in Texas, Ohio and Pennsylvania and make the issue moot.

But if Obama maintains his momentum and goes into the convention with more delegates and a larger vote count, the final decision should not hang on the votes from Michigan and Florida or the calculations of party bosses.

Michigan's Democratic leaders had legitimate concerns about the peculiar weight given to Iowa and New Hampshire in the quadrennial election. Those states are small, predominantly rural and white. They represent a portion of the electorate, but do not represent the majority of the country.

But the national party thought otherwise and asked other states to schedule their primaries or caucuses for February and after, with the exceptions of Nevada and South Carolina to give voice to Hispanics and African Americans.

Michigan and Florida decided to defy the party and the party retaliated by stripping those states of their delegates. The candidates agreed not to campaign here and in Florida. Obama and John Edwards pulled their names from the Michigan ballot, Clinton kept her name on the ballot. Voters did not get a fair chance to evaluate the candidates or hear them

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in person.

Now Clinton wants those votes counted out of her concern for the voters of Michigan and Florida. Yeah, right!

On Friday, the Michigan Democratic Party announced the delegate allocations, if, and they presume when, the Michigan delegation is seated. Based on the primary, Clinton would receive 73 pledged delegates, 16 pledged alternates and 10 committee members. There will be 55 uncommitted delegates, five uncommitted alternates and eight uncommitted committee members. The actual delegates will be chosen at congressional and state meetings in March and May. The delegation will also include 28 unpledged delegates (the superdelegates).

Ironically, if Michigan had kept its February primary date, the state would be a key player in the nominating process. The two remaining candidates would be spending a lot of time and media dollars here. Michigan's broad, racially diverse population would have made a difference. And, as the economy weakens, Michigan's problems would be a central concern for candidates.

The leap frogging primaries have been a disservice to democracy. The slow building primary process has always been a way for the less well-known candidates to make their case and build a following against the better-known and better-financed candidates. This is why Obama's campaign has built momentum against Clinton. The process has also been beneficial for Sen. John McCain, who was counted out by the media but began scoring victory after victory against the better-financed former Gov. Mitt Romney, who was favored by party leaders.

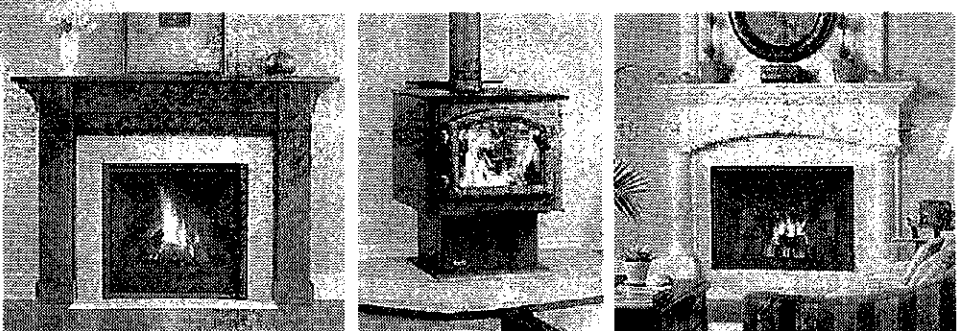
It would be sad if Michigan is not included in the convention. But it would be sadder if the party accepts a sham vote and that vote is in any way decisive in selecting the nominee. Such an outcome would see many of the young voters who have been excited by Obama's campaign sit out the election and many black voters turn away from the election because they will feel they've been disenfranchised yet again.

Democrats, don't do it.

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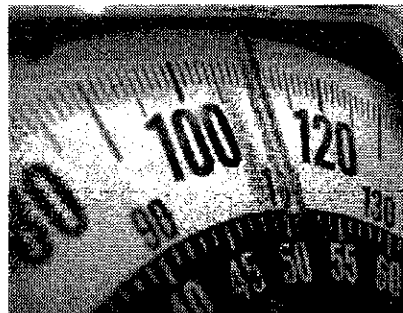
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## Rocks hold off Wildcats in District opener

For results of Wednesday's game, please visit  
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BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Salem and Plymouth's cross-campus rivalry moved off-campus Monday night, but both teams apparently remembered to pack their intensity.

In a first-round Class A District clash played at Livonia Ladywood High School, the Rocks advanced to Wednesday's semifinal round with a hard-fought 42-35 victory over the Wildcats, who capped their season with a 9-12 mark. Plymouth cut a one-time 11-point deficit down to 33-30 in the opening minute of the fourth quarter on an inside basket from Shaakira Haywood, but the Rocks responded with a 5-1 run to subdue the rally.

Monday's meeting was the third this season between the two teams. Plymouth won Round 1, 57-56, in December before Salem claimed a 58-30 triumph on Feb. 5.

Salem coach Fred Thomann warned his team to be ready for a battle.

"Any time you play a city rival — especially in a setting where you have three schools on the same campus like we do — you're going to get their best game," said Thomann, whose No. 8-ranked squad improved to 19-2. "We were 1-1 coming in against Plymouth and we had to figure out a way to sustain our effort."

"We got off to a great start thanks to Chelsea Davis's and some good looks. They made a couple runs at us, but they could never get over the hump against us."

Although her team struggled with

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shooting (33 percent) and taking care of the ball (19 turnovers), Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly couldn't fault her team's determination.

"I was very pleased with how hard the girls played," she said. "Our effort and execution just didn't match up."

"We did a lot of things well tonight, especially defending in the second half, but we made too many turnovers once we got close."

Senior guard Alaya Mitchell led Salem with 15 points, seven rebounds and three steals.

Davis also played well, netting nine points and seven boards.

Sixth-man Rachel Norman provided the Rocks with some vital energy off the bench and finished with six points

and three rebounds.

"Rachel's getting better and better as we go through the season," said Thomann. "She's no longer a sophomore."

Haywood, a junior center, led Plymouth with 13 points and eight rebounds. Junior guard Kelsi Robinson added 10, Megan Quinlan twined five and Stacey Klonowski chipped in with four points, seven rebounds and a pair of thefts.

"I thought Stacey Klonowski did a nice job with the point-guard role, something we haven't asked her to play much this season," said Reilly. "She did a solid job handling the ball and making good decisions while at the same time guarding (Sara) Stone on defense and rebounding."

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Kevin Hayter, pictured above during a meet earlier this season, advanced to Saturday's Division 1 individual Regional meet after winning the 130-pound weight class at last weekend's District meet.

## QUEST TO BE THE BEST

### 12 P-CEP grapplers advance to Saturday's individual Regional tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

A dozen P-CEP wrestlers are two victories from a berth in the Division 1 individual state finals following impressive outings at Saturday's individual District tournament at Birmingham Groves High School.

The individual state finals are set for March 6-8 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Nine Canton athletes — a school record — along with a trio of Salem grapplers placed among the top four finishers in their respective weight classes to advance to Saturday's individual Regional competition at Southgate Anderson.

"Advancing nine wrestlers to the Regional is a testament to the program and how far we come in such a short time," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "I was proud to get that many through. We had a couple of heart-breakers, otherwise we could have got a couple more through, but nine is a huge accomplishment."

Advancing for Canton were: Waleed Faraj (103 pounds),

Carl Lucke (119), Donnie Watkins (125), Steve Cox (135), Brent Winekoff (140), Rodger Kropp (171), Adam Powers (189), Dan Wanshon (215) and Luke Konsitzke (285).

Salem's movers were Kevin Bennett (125), Kevin Hayter (130) and Jeremy Epley (160).

Epley (40-3) placed first in his weight class after handing Livonia Stevenson's Ziad Kharbush his first loss of the season — a 4-2 overtime decision that came one week after Kharbush edged Epley, 7-6, in OT.

"Jeremy was dominant against Canton (in the team District tournament Feb. 14) and on Saturday as well," said Salem coach Greg Wochuk. "Kevin is getting better and better with every match and Kevin is turning it on at the right time."

A win in Saturday's opening match would give Epley 100 for his career, according to Wochuk.

Faraj got things rolling for Canton Saturday with a second-place showing at 103. The sophomore, who is ranked

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## BIG TIPPER

### Last-second shot by Miller lifts Agape to win

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

After feasting on rebounds all night, Canton Agape's Jared Miller left a mighty big tip Tuesday in the

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Wolverines' pivotal showdown at Novi Franklin Road Christian.

Miller, a senior, tipped in teammate Mark Mullett's missed shot with five seconds left to give Agape a 47-45 victory over the Warriors.

Franklin Road was unable to sink a desperation last-second shot.

The win improved the Wolverines' Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division record to 7-2, one-half game behind Franklin Road (8-2) heading into Thursday night's regular-season finale at Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

Miller notched a double-double with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Ty Majeski chipped in with 14 points for the winners.

David Mansfield led the Warriors with 16 points.

Franklin Road led 7-4 in a defensive-dominated first quarter before the Wolverines rebounded to grab a 20-18 halftime advantage. Agape led 35-32 with eight minutes to play.

"We pressed them in the second quarter and kind of picked up the pace," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "This was a very good win for us because Franklin Road has a good, solid team."

An Agape win on Thursday would deadlock the Wolverines and Warriors at 8-2 atop the Red Division standings.

The Wolverines defeated the Warriors twice this season, thus giving them the tie-breaker.

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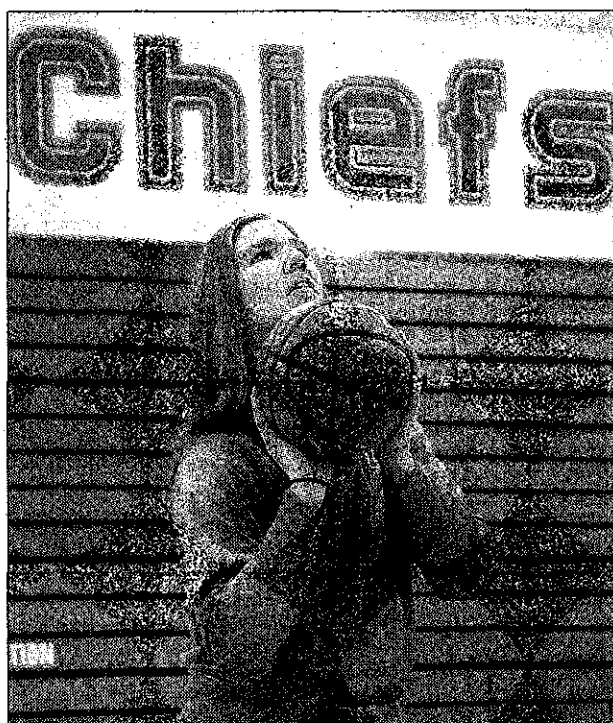
## Kitchener nips Whalers, 2-1

Mikkel Boedker scored a pair of third-period goals as the Kitchener Rangers defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 2-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 3,337 at Compuware Arena.

Kitchener — the No. 1-ranked team in the 62-team Canadian Hockey League — improved its record to a league-best 43-9-1-2, good for 89 points.

Plymouth gave Kitchener all it could handle over the final two periods and is now 31-22-2-2, good for 66 points.

Chris Terry scored the lone Whaler goal (his team-leading 37th of the year), also in the third period.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Baylee Hollowell earned WLA All-Western Division honors this season after averaging over 14 points and 12 rebounds per game for the Chiefs.

## Hollowell excelled despite foes' undivided attention

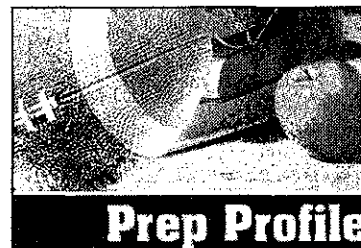
BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Three words undoubtedly dominated the pre-game strategizing sessions for opponents of Canton's girls basketball team this season: Contain Baylee Hollowell.

The order proved to be easier said than done.

Despite drawing double-teams seemingly the second she stepped off the bus, and triple-teams the second she touched the ball in the paint, Hollowell registered a stellar senior season for the Chiefs. The 6-1 center netted roughly 14 points and 12 rebounds per contest despite drawing defensive attention that LeBron James could relate to.

Hollowell's prowess around the basket was on display during the



### Prep Profile

second quarter of Monday night's season-ending loss to state-ranked Livonia Ladywood.

On one possession, Hollowell sealed off her defender, secured a pass from guard Melanie Pickert, faked a move right with her back to the basket before curling left and going up and under Ladywood's 6-1 center Alexandra Serowoky before banking the ball

Please see **HOLLOWELL, B3**

## Sidelines

### Hoop tryouts

The Plymouth-Canton Wolfpack boys 14U/eighth-grade AAU basketball team will be holding tryouts for the 2008 spring and summer season on Wednesday, March 12. The tryouts will take place at High Velocity Sports in Canton from 6-8 p.m. with registration starting at 5:30 p.m.

To be eligible, you must live within the Plymouth-Canton school district and have a birth date on or after Sept. 1, 1993. There is a \$15 registration fee to participate in the tryout.

Registration forms and additional information can be found at www.plymouthcanton-wolfpack.com. For more information, send an e-mail to cantonwolfpack@yahoo.com.

### Stingrays prevail

The '98 Plymouth Squirt A travel hockey team won the International Silver Sticks Championship in New Market, Ontario, last month.

In December, the Stingrays qualified for the international tournament by winning the Detroit Regional Silver Stick Championship.

The Stingrays defeated the Mississauga Braves, 2-1, in triple overtime in the final game to conclude a perfect 10-0 run. Keeghan Howdeshell netted the game-winner on assists from Nick Beers and Trevor McManus. Brendan Guziak scored the game-tying goal with 4:26 left in the third period on an assist from Anthony Solack.

The team consists of: Kevin Onofrio, Trevor McManus, Cody Borke, Will Borrows, Bailey Thompson, Beers, C.J. Regula, Evan Newel, Carson Pakula, Chase Danol, Ryan Radwan, Solack, Riley Brass, Guziak, Howdeshell and David Kiers.

The team is coached by Steve Borke, Rob Reilly, Dave Brass, Russ Borrows and Ray Danol.

### Variety show

The Plymouth Saberettes will hold their fifth annual "Variety Show" Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$7. Pre-sale tickets will be available during practice on Thursday.

### MU softball clinic

The Madonna University softball clinic is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday, Feb. 24 at the activities center.

The clinic will consist of all phases of hitting in fast-pitch softball, over a three-hour session. MU softball players and coaches will be on hand to instruct young players who sign up.

Pre-registration is required; the cost of the clinic is \$30.

For more information contact head coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 516-5137, or via e-mail at awhite@madonna.edu.



# Anastos thwarts Canton rally; Blazers win, 48-29

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton was well on its way to digging out of a Grand Canyon-sized hole during Monday night's Class A District opener against Livonia Ladywood when the Blazers' Jenna Anastos stole the Chiefs' shovel.

The scrappy Chiefs had whittled a 16-0 deficit down to 16-10 on a Baylee Hollowell basket with 42 seconds left in the first half, but Anastos countered with a triple from the deep corner and a fast-break layup at the first-half buzzer to extend Ladywood's lead back to 21-10 at the intermission.

The Blazers carried the late momentum into the second half and continued on to win, 48-29, to advance into Wednesday night's semifinal showdown against Northville, which drew a first-round bye.

"Those five points Jenna scored at the end of the first half were very important because we didn't want to go into the half leading by just a couple of points after outplaying them for a quarter-and-a-half," said Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski.

Ladywood, which is ranked No. 7 in the state in Class A, improved to 18-3. Canton capped its season with a 6-15 mark.

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"I thought we came out a little tentative and not as aggressive as I would have liked," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Once we got flowing a little bit, we made a nice run to end the second quarter. I'm proud of the way the kids hung in there and battled."

Anastos led all scorers with 13 points. Alison Szczypka added 10 points and three steals, and Alexandra Serowoky netted eight points and four rebounds.

Hollowell, playing in her last high school game, registered 11 points, 10 rebounds and three steals. Freshman forward Kayla Bridges was next with five points.

Ladywood's defense was stifling during the game's first 16 minutes when it held Canton to 0-for-8 shooting while forcing 10 early turnovers. The Chiefs' first points didn't come until the 4:25 mark of second quarter when a Hollowell put-back made it 16-2.

"The No. 1 thing I was most pleased with was the way we came out with a lot of energy," said Gorski. "That's something we hadn't been doing our past few games. I knew right off the bat that things were going to go well for us tonight."

Sophomores Lindsay Winters and Kaylie Martin contributed key baskets in

the Chiefs' late second-quarter streak.

The Blazers closed the third quarter much like they ended the first half — with a blaze of glory. This time it was Serowoky who completed a catch-and-shoot at the horn to put her team up 32-17 with eight minutes left.

Both teams emptied their benches with just under four minutes to play.

A combination of tenacious defense by both teams, post-season jitters and poor decision-making resulted in a combined 52 turnovers — 27 for Ladywood and 25 for Canton.

The Blazers connected on 60 percent of their field goals (18-for-30) and half their free throws (8-for-16). Canton was 8-for-29 from the floor (27.5 percent) and 13-of-21 from the charity stripe (61.9).

"Looking at the season as a whole, were we successful when it came to the number of games we won? No," said Samulski. "Were we successful as far as improving as the season went on? Definitely. For instance, we lost to Walled Lake Western by 22 points the first time we played them and by seven the second time.

"The girls worked hard every second of every practice and in the games and they always played with effort, which shows what kind of character they have."

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## D1 opportunity awaits Rolfe

Plymouth senior Colin Rolfe (seated middle) recently signed a letter of intent to play soccer at the University of Louisville. Rolfe was a multiple All-State performer for the Wildcats during his high school career. Pictured are (left to right) P-CEP athletic director Sue Heinzman, Jay Rolfe (Colin's dad), Colin Rolfe, Mary Rolfe (Colin's mom) and Plymouth soccer coach Jeff Neschich.

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## Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - February 12, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin. Staff Absent: Director Faas. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Minutes of January 16, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of January 22, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Minutes for January 29, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** **Item 1. REQUEST FROM TGI FRIDAY'S (A NEW YORK CORPORATION) TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF 2003 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS LOCATED IN ESCROW AT 41980 FORD ROAD, CANTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN, WAYNE COUNTY, FROM COOKER RESTAURANT CORPORATION (AN OHIO CORP); MARTIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., RECEIVER TO TGI FRIDAY'S INC. (A NEW YORK CORP.); WITH LICENSE TO BE HELD IN ESCROW. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the transfer of ownership of 2003 Class C licensed business, located in escrow at 41980 Ford Road, Canton MI 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County from Cooker Restaurant Corporation (an Ohio Corporation); Martin Management Services, Inc., receiver to TGI Friday's Inc. (a New York Corporation); with license to be held in escrow. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CANTON NEWCOMERS MOM TO MOM SALE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs at locations for Canton Newcomer's Mom to Mom Sale which will be held on April 5, 2008 at the Summit on the Park. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING THE PARADE OF HOMES. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to grant special event status and to approve installation of signs advertising the Parade of Homes. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. APPOINTMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Canton Board of Trustees appoints Mr. Gary McFarren to a four-year term (February 12, 2008 - February 12, 2012) on the Canton Downtown Development Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR:** **Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR SCHOOLHOUSE MONTESSORI ACADEMY. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for special land use request for Schoolhouse Montessori Academy. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Schoolhouse Montessori Academy WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Michael Blanek, has requested special use approval for Schoolhouse Montessori Academy, a day care center, to be located on Haggerty Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill Roads; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval based upon the findings outlined in the recommendation; and, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Michael Blanek, to conduct the special use for the proposed Schoolhouse Montessori Academy subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item 2. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL AND SITE PLAN FOR THE WAL-MART SUPER CENTER EXPANSION. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use and site plan for Wal-Mart Expansion. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use and Site Plan for Wal-Mart Expansion WHEREAS,** the petitioner has requested approval of a revised Special Land Use and Site Plan approval for Wal-Mart expansion to a Super center located on approximately 33 acres of land located north of Ford and east of Lotz Roads; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission found the special land use amendment and site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Community and recommended APPROVAL, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed special land use amendment and site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the special land use amendment for the Wal-Mart Super center expansion and related site plan improvements, located on EDP #s 048-99-0022-707 and 048-99-0022-708 subject to all other regulations of the Township. **Item 3. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR 2006 UASL (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the Interlocal Funding Agreement between Oakland County and Canton Township for the 2006 Homeland Security Grant (UASD). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. APPROVE EMPLOYEE WORK RULES. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the employee work rules as presented to the employee work group and as approved by the Merit Commission at the January 28, 2008 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LICENSES FOR THE CITYWORKS ASSET MANAGEMENT. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of the Azteca, Inc., Cityworks software, associated update and support services, and on-site training and technical services for a total cost of \$ 9,975.00 from the Parks Division Capital - Park/Golf Maintenance Software account #101-270-977-0000.

Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. RENEW GOOSEWORK'S CONTRACT FOR GOOSE CONTROL AT PHEASANT RUN CLUB, SUMMIT ON THE PARK, AND HERITAGE PARK. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to renew the contract for humane goose control services at Pheasant Run Golf Club, Summit on the Park, and Heritage Park with Gooseworks, LLC, 12040 Crooked Lane, South Lyon, MI in the amount of \$8,000 to be paid from Pheasant Run account #584-756-818-0000 (\$6,000) and Parks Division account #101-270-818-0000 (\$2,000). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF START SMART SUPPLIES FOR LEISURESERVICES. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize purchase of Start Smart Sports supplies in the amount of \$11,370 from account number 101-691-742-6000 (Recreation, Program/Activity Supplies - Sports) from the National Alliance for Youth Sports, 2050 Vista Parkway, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. AWARD BID FOR PRINTING THREE EDITIONS OF THE LEISURE SERVICES DISCOVER BROCHURE. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for layout, design, printing and distribution of the 2008 editions of the Discover Brochure to S&N Graphic Solutions, located at P.O. Box 871296, Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$48,900 to be paid from the following accounts: Senior 101-672-900 0000 (\$7,335); Recreation 101-691-900-0000 (\$29,829); Summit 208-757-900-0000 (\$6,846); CSC 101-755-900-0000 (\$4,890); **TOTAL \$48,900. Motion carried unanimously.** **Item 9. AWARD CONTRACT FOR PORTABLE TOILETS FOR 2008 SEASON. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to award the contract for portable toilets for the 2008 season to John's Sanitation, Inc. of 24700 Milford Road, South Lyon, MI 48178 in the amount of \$7,614 to be taken from account #101-270-818-0000 (Parks-Contracted Services) in the amount of \$6,510, and account #584-756-818-0000 (Pheasant Run Golf Club-Contracted Services) in the amount of \$1,104. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 10. APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER FOR THEATER TICKETPROCESSING FEES FROM SABO. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a purchase order for Seat Advisor Box Office, Inc., located at 3904 Groton Street #103, San Diego, CA 92110, for ticket transaction fees in the amount of \$20,000 to be taken from account #101-760-818-0000 (Performing Arts Center, Contracted Services). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 11. AUTHORIZEPURCHASE OF COPIER FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to reprogram \$522 from Door Replacement in account # 101-755-975-0000 (Canton Sports Center/Capital Outlay - Buildings) to account # 101-755-977-0000 (Canton Sports Center/Capital Outlay - Equipment) for Copier Replacement. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 2510SPF copier for Canton Sports Center in the amount of \$6,022 from account #101-755-977-0000 (Canton Sports Center/Capital Outlay Equipment). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 12. ADOPT 2008 BUDGET FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS CONSTRUCTION FUND \$402. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the following 2008 budget for the Capital Projects Construction Fund to account for the sanitary sewer relief construction projects: Revenues: Interest income #402-000-664-0000 \$ 1,538,400; Appropriation from Fund Balance 402-000-699-0000 21,118,978; Total \$22,657,378. Appropriations: Contracted Services Engineering #402-302-903-0000, \$ 3,795,690; Construction 402-302-969-0000, \$18,861,688; Total \$22,657,378. This establishes the 2008 budget for the Capital Projects Construction Fund at \$22,657,378. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 13. APPROVAL OF 2007-2008 SPECIALIZED SERVICES OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2007-2008 Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program contract with SMART in the amount of \$31,942 and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 14. APPROVAL OF NORAL NCE-0201 LIGHTING. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the price quote from Service Electric Supply for \$7,022.00 for three light poles and lamps to be installed at the Cherry Hill School site. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 15. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 2009 M100 WARRANTY AND MAINTENANCE ON ELECTION EQUIPMENT (50 UNITS) (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2009 Maintenance agreement for 50, M-100 election tabulators with Election Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S), 11208 John Galt Blvd. Omaha, NE 68137 in the amount of \$6,650 (\$133.00 per unit) from account number 101-191-932-0000. Motion carried unanimously. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn to Study Session at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION:** A study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Eva, Jeff Goulet, Bill Serchak Staff Absent: Director Faas. Study Session: National Heritage Canton Academy West Traffic Impact Discussion. The Charter Academy presently serves 692 students. A mirror image building is proposed for the acreage to the north of the present school site location. It would also be a K-8 school designed to serve the 1031 students with submitted applications on the present waiting list. A traffic impact study is under review. The Academy is proposing to make improvements on Ridge Road to the north entrance of the proposed site. The improvement would include Two lanes of paving and if required a right hand turn taper. Mr. Amann representing the Academy feels that this would place the township in a positive position for securing a light at Ridge and Ford Roads. The second building must be located on the same site as the present building to meet the requirements of the present Charter. The second building would access Ridge Road for entrance to the facility. The entrance to the first building would remain off of Ford Road. Principal Claudia Williamson, presented the current traffic management plan for managing the morning drop off traffic and the afternoon pick up traffic. The Board has expressed concerns about stacking on the shoulder of Ford and at Ridge, eastbound. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn the Study Session at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

- Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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## OPENER

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"I thought Megan Quinlan did a nice job of guarding Alaya Mitchell in the first half and Kelsi made a couple of really big shots for us."

Salem led 25-16 at the half and 33-28 with eight minutes to play.

The Rocks never trailed after Chelsea Davis banked in

a short jumper 1:30 into the game.

Salem hit 16-of-39 field goals (41 percent) and half of their 14 free-throw attempts.

Plymouth was 14-for-42 from the field and 4-for-10 from the stripe.

Both teams finished with 25 rebounds.

Salem took care of the ball, registering just eight turnovers.

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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 **District Health, Dental, & Vision Insurance Coverage**. Specifications, bid forms, and "pre-bid" meeting information can be obtained by contacting the District's health insurance consultant Susie Roble of Gallagher/Raines at (248) 502-1138. Sealed bids are due on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, Attention: Dan Phillips (Health, Dental, & Vision Insurance Bid). 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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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2008 for the following:

### CONCRETE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://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 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

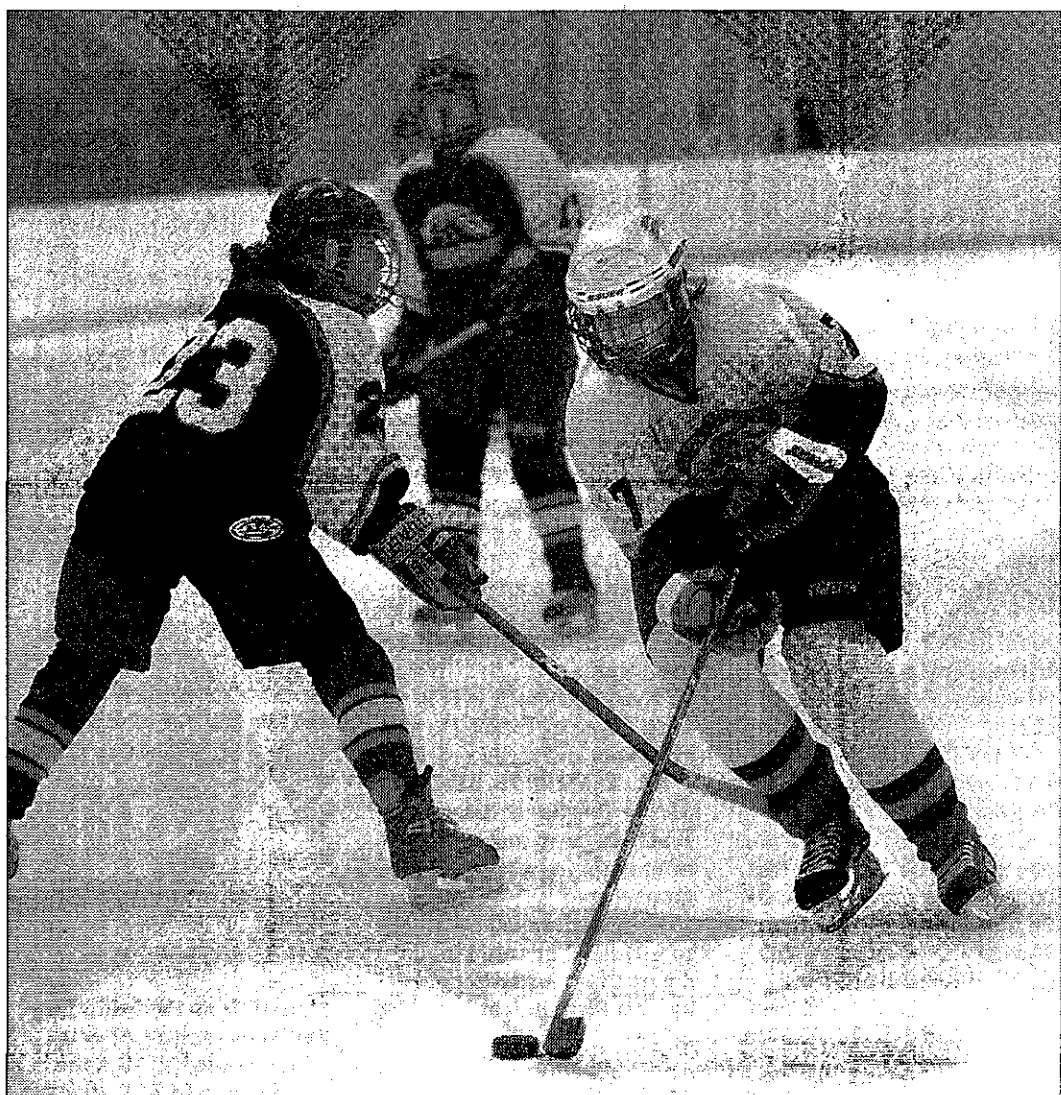
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006 and Public Act 168 of 1959 of the State of Michigan, a Public Hearing will be held to remove a member of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance while in office. The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00pm. Written comments may be sent to the Charter Township of Canton Clerk at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI. 48188.

Charter Township of Canton Clerk  
Terry G. Bennett

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Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Brooke Caccavelli (7), pictured in a game earlier this season, recorded a hat trick in the Penguins' 7-4 loss to Cranbrook-Kingswood Tuesday night.

## Penguins fall 7-4 on 'Senior Night' Tuesday

Two of the top seniors on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team turned in outstanding efforts on "Senior Night" Tuesday night.

Unfortunately for the Penguins, the well-timed performances weren't quite enough to register a victory against visiting Cranbrook-Kingswood.

The Cranes defeated PCS, 7-4, to drop the Penguins' record to 5-11 overall and 3-11 in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League.

Senior Brooke Caccavelli notched her first career hat-trick in the setback. Fellow senior Amy Coleman scored

the other goal and also contributed a pair of assists.

"Overall, I thought the girls played a good game," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "But we had 15 penalties — which is uncharacteristic for us — so it seemed like we were playing short-handed most of the night."

Michelle Schaffer tended goal for the Penguins, who battled the Cranes to a 3-all draw in the entertaining first period. Cranbrook led 6-4 after two periods before adding an insurance lamp-lighter in the final stanza.

Eight senior Penguins were honored Tuesday night:

Caccavelli, Coleman, Ashley Zaborowski, Emily Patton, Jenny Grodus, Brittany Chiado, Annie McTurner and Monica Doyle.

On Feb. 8, the Penguins waxed Northville's "B" squad, 7-0. Amy Coleman, Caccavelli (two), Zaborowski, Sarah Coleman, Kelsey Nikkila and Lauren Smith recorded goals for the winners. For Zaborowski and Smith, the net-finders were career firsts.

On Feb. 5, the Penguins fell to unbeaten Grosse Pointe South, 9-1. Caccavelli scored the lone PCS goal, an unassisted effort.

## HOLLOWELL

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in with a soft touch off the glass.

On the next trip down the court, Hollowell hustled after an offensive rebound and deftly deposited the ball in the net with a deceptively quick release.

"Baylee was without a doubt the center piece of this team — she was our go-to player," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We had a very young team, so we needed her to step up this season, which she did."

"She's a very, very hard worker and she provided good leadership for the younger girls on the team."

### Better with time

Basketball wasn't always a walk in the park for Hollowell, whose first taste of competitive action came in the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball League at the age of 8.

"I was pretty bad when I first started playing," she said, smiling. "But I've always seemed to have good coaching and good teammates who helped me get better."

After seeing limited varsity time as a sophomore, Hollowell came into her own during her junior season when she provided a formidable post threat for the Chiefs during their run to the Western Lakes Activities Association championship.

### A shot to remember

The most glaring highlight of a highlight-

filled campaign came in a Class A District semifinal game against Salem when she scored the game-winning basket as the buzzer sounded.

The wins haven't come as frequently this season — Canton finished 6-15 — but the season can't be measured solely by what the won-loss ledger indicates, said Hollowell, who earned WLAA All-Western Division status this season.

"We didn't win as many games as we would have liked, but we still stayed upbeat and we continued to play hard and have fun at practices," said Hollowell. "The thing I like the best about high school basketball is that it's so family-oriented. I've loved being a part of this team. It's hard to believe it's over."

### Best yet to come

Hollowell is destined to play collegiate basketball — she's just not sure where.

"It's still up in the air," she said, "but there are some schools interested in me."

A solid 3.8 student, Hollowell enjoys photography and scrap booking when she's not rebounding and defending.

"I always have my camera with me," she said.

"It's fun putting together scrapbooks of pictures of me and my friends."

It would probably take more than one scrapbook to contain the articles that described Hollowell's extraordinary high school basketball achievements.

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## Taking it to the next level

Plymouth Christian Academy senior Bryson Machonga (seated middle) recently signed a letter of intent to play soccer for Erskine College, a Division 2 university located in Due West, S.C. Pictured are (left to right) Dr. David Butler, the headmaster and secondary principal at PCA; Bryson's mom, Ingrid; Ryan Machonga, Bryson, Jordan Machonga, Larry Machonga, Bryson's dad and soccer coach at PCA; and PCA athletic director Chris Johnson.

## QUEST

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10th at his weight by Michigan Grappler, led 6-3 until succumbing to a third-period pin.

Lucke, a junior, will take a 30-16 mark into the Regional thanks to a pair of wins of Livonia Franklin's Justin Jacobson, whom he defeated 9-2 and 7-3.

Watkins placed first at 125 with a pin of Stevenson's Tommy Myshock in the finale.

Cox, who has been ranked as high as No. 3 this sea-

son at 135, pinned Livonia Churchill's Andrew Murray in the final to improve to 43-3.

Winekoff took gold at 140 by pinning Churchill's J.P. Gaffke in the last match to up his record to 43-4.

The Chiefs' four heaviest competitors all advanced, led by Kropp and Powers, who both took second.

"Rodger's wrestling really well," said Randolph. "He beat Ziembra from Churchill, 4-3, which was a really good win because he lost to him earlier."

"Adam seems to be peaking at the right time, too."

Wanshon earned a fourth-place showing in what Randolph described as "a very

tough weight class."

And Konsitzke notched a third in large part due to a pin over Livonia Franklin's Mike Modes, who had defeated the Canton junior twice previously this season.

"This should give Luke a good boost of confidence heading into Saturday," said Randolph. Canton's Jeremy Filippelli (130) and Braden Price (145) came within one win of qualifying for the Regional phase of the tournament.

"Jeremy's was especially heart-breaking because he led 2-0 in the third period," said Randolph.

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## MAT RESULTS

**Feb. 16 at Birmingham Groves**  
**103 pounds:** 1. Connor Caldwell (Novi); 2. Waleed Faraj (Canton); 3. Steve Tuyo (Livonia Franklin); 4. Jordan Russell (North Farmington).  
**112:** 1. Jared Pieknik (Franklin); 3. Michael Fobar (Livonia Stevenson); 3. Matt Jaisle (N. Farmington); 4. Matt Hecksel (Livonia Churchill).  
**119:** 1. Jonny D'Anna (Northville); 2. Robbie Yusko (Novi); 3. Carl Lucke (Canton); 4. Justin Jacobsen (Franklin).  
**125:** 1. Donnie Watkins (Canton); 2. Tommy Myshock (Stevenson); 3. Kevin Bennett (Salem).  
**130:** 1. Kevin Hayter (Salem); 2. Evan Bentley (Northville); 3. John Hebert (Northville); 4. Mike Jaisle (N. Farmington).

**135:** 1. Steve Cox (Canton); 2. Andrew Murray (Churchill); 3. Matt Ladhoff (Northville); 4. Anthony Mainella (Stevenson).  
**140:** 1. Brent Winekoff (Canton); 2. J.P. Gaffke (Churchill); 3. Brandon Smith (Franklin); 4. Matt Hintz (Franklin).  
**145:** 1. Brian Bagian (Northville); 2. Gramos Pallaska (Churchill); 2. Raz Markosian (Stevenson); 4. Matt Lamer (N. Farmington).  
**152:** 1. Ryan Thomas (Novi); 2. Don Stratz (Franklin); 3. Matt Hagan (Northville); 4. Elvin Ferreira (Franklin).  
**160:** 1. Jeremy Epley (Salem); 2. Ziad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Nick Mudar (Northville); 4. Grant Morgan (Churchill).

**171:** 1. Dan Woodall (Franklin); 2. Rodger Kropp (Canton); 3. Johnathon Bryant (Oak Park); 4. Brandon Smith (Oak Park).  
**189:** 1. Ryan Ridenour (Novi); 2. Adam Powers (Canton); 3. Emanuel Onwuemene (Stevenson); 4. Brandon Smith (Oak Park).  
**215:** 1. Marcel Dubose (Oak Park); 2. Matt Greenman (Stevenson); 3. DiMarco Scarber (Oak Park); 4. Dan Wanshon (Canton).  
**285:** 1. Allen Doman (Birmingham Brother Rice); 2. Mark Parrish (Churchill); 3. Luke Konsitzke (Canton); 4. Mike Modes (Franklin).  
**Note:** Top 4 finishers advance to the individual regional 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at Southgate Anderson.

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The Whirlpool Kitchen Suite advertised on the inside back cover of this week's Lowe's newspaper insert contains an error. The correct price for the suite is \$2,592.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2008 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1455, 40810 Ann Arbor Trail: The applicant is requesting the following variances: lot width, lot area, lot coverage, front yard setback and side yard setback to build an 11 x 16 family room addition.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734-354-3210.

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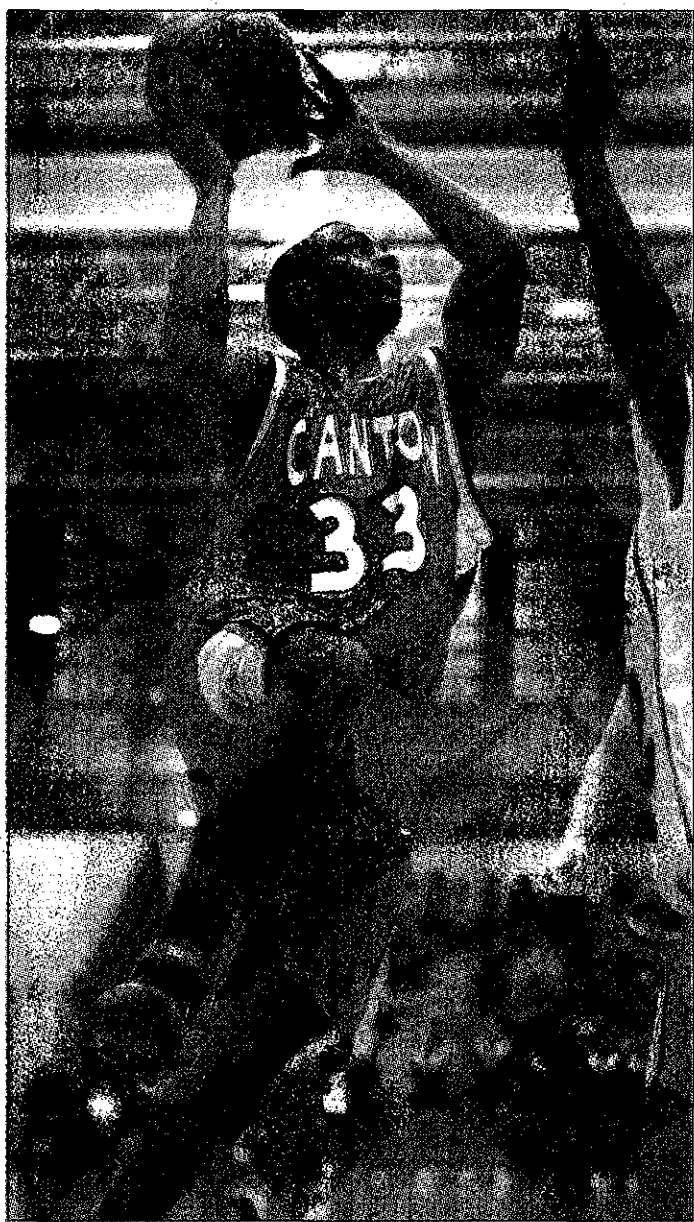
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Canton's Chris Bailey, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored 10 points in the Chiefs' 58-42 victory over Livonia Franklin Tuesday night.

## Plymouth freshman doubles up Vikings

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The "Moss" Valuable Player for Plymouth's boys basketball team Tuesday night turned out to be a freshman.

Ninth-grader Justin Moss, a 6-foot-5, 215-pound center, netted 18 points, 10 rebounds and a pair of blocks in the Wildcats' 59-53 triumph over Walled Lake Central in the final regular-season contest for both teams.

Moss was promoted from the Wildcats' junior-varsity squad last week. He played the first 17 games of the season on the freshman team.

"He's done bigger and better things in all three games on the varsity," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, whose team finished 7-13. "Beating Central was a nice way to finish the regular season. Hopefully, we can make the necessary adjustments and get the job done against Salem Monday night."

The Wildcats open the Class A District tournament at 5 p.m. Monday night against

cross-campus rival Salem.

Moss may have been the brightest star for the Wildcats Tuesday night, but he was far from their only star. Senior Brandon Roberts added 17 points while seniors David Harvey and Navraj Sandhu both chipped in with eight each. Mike Hanchett contributed five points and five rebounds to the winning cause.

Derek Mitchell (14 points) and Cody Rzeznick (12) led the Vikings.

Central (7-13) led 15-14 after one quarter before Plymouth bounced back to secure a 32-26 halftime advantage. The 'Cats held a 46-40 lead with eight minutes to play.

Plymouth hit 14-of-19 free throws (73.6 percent); Central canned 16-of-21 (76.1) from the line.

**CANTON 58, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 42:** On Tuesday at Canton, the Chiefs used a balanced attack to upend the visiting Patriots in the final regular-season tilt for both squads.

The victory improved the

Chiefs' record to 7-13 while Franklin slipped to 5-15.

Chris Bailey and Dan Stoney both scored 10 points for the winners, who also received eight-point efforts from Ryan Seely and William Tidwell.

Nate Coleman led the Patriots with 12 points.

"We had a very balanced attack tonight," noted Canton coach Dan Colligan. "I thought Dan Stoney did a great job all the way around. He really provided us with a lot of energy — he moves without the ball really well. He's getting better every game."

"Ryan Seely took over in the fourth quarter for us. He had six points and three assists."

**W.L. WESTERN 55, SALEM 33:** On Tuesday at Salem, the Warriors never looked back after grabbing a 13-10 first-quarter lead.

The loss dropped the Rocks to 9-11 heading into Monday's 5 p.m. Class A District opener against Plymouth at Novi High School.

Senior Grant Stone led Salem with 14 points. Sean Armstrong paced the winners with 19 points.

"Western shot the ball well and we weren't very effective at the offensive end tonight," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They put a lot of pressure on us defensively and we only shot 25

### ROCK-SOLID ACHIEVEMENT

Salem senior forward Grant Stone became just the fourth boys basketball player in the school's history to eclipse the 1,000-point mark Friday in the Rocks' 74-72 double-overtime victory over Plymouth. Stone, whose has averaged 16.1 points per game over his three-year varsity career, trails only Jim Ellinghausen, James Head and David Hoskins in career points. "The impressive thing about Grant's accomplishment is that he did it in just three years whereas the others did it in four," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. Stone has 1,023 points entering Monday's Class A District game against Plymouth.

percent (from the field). They were really getting after us."

Western led 32-16 at the half-way point and 42-22 after three quarters.

Salem hit 5-of-7 free throws; Western was 9-of-11 from the stripe.

The Rocks turned the ball over 18 times.

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## Victory within reach: Lady Ocelots ready to run through the wall

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Last year, Karen Lafata's Lady Ocelots hit the wall. This year, energized by newcomer Heidi Warczynsky, they seem determined to run through it.

On Saturday, with Warczynsky scoring 20 points and contributing 11 assists, Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team breezed to a 95-66 win over visiting Wayne County Community.

The victory enabled Schoolcraft (21-3, 14-1) to clinch the Michigan Community College Athletic Association-Eastern Conference title for the second season in a row.

All 12 players who saw action against the Wildcats scored at least two points, helping Schoolcraft set a new school record for field-goal

percentage in a game (36-58, 62 percent).

"I like the way we did it in grand fashion," said Lafata, with a big smile. "We proved that we wanted it. It was a fine performance from the whole team. I'm proud, because it was one of our goals to win it again, and we did."

"But we know there's bigger fish to fry. So, it's just one step. But it's good because we're playing well. Last year at this time, that wasn't the story."

The Lady Ocelots, as a result, will be the top seed in the conference playoffs.

Lafata is confident this season won't end on a sour note the way it did in 2006-07, when Schoolcraft dropped its final two games in the postseason to finish at 25-5.

"It's because of the depth, the energy, the commitment, the kids

last year hit a wall and we didn't have the sophomore leadership," she said, asked about why she is confident things will finish differently this time around.

One player who epitomizes those characteristics is sophomore guard Warczynsky, not on the '06-07 squad.

An example of the fire she brings to the proceedings took place midway during Saturday's first half, when Wayne County (6-16, 4-11) took a brief 19-17 lead.

That advantage lasted only as long as it took Warczynsky to take the ball to the other end of the court and drain a trey from the left corner. She pumped her fist into the air following the big bucket, and Schoolcraft went on a 15-0 tear that set the tone for the afternoon.

"When you've got Heidi out there playing the way she's playing, she

just put us on her back," Lafata said. "She's our emotional leader. It's been like pulling teeth to get her to realize that, that she has to be more vocal out there."

But the Wildcats didn't go away quietly, trailing just 46-37 at halftime thanks to the hot shooting of guard Ruth Bell (14 points), who hit four treys during the first 20 minutes.

After Lafata made a couple adjustments during halftime, Bell and her teammates could not stem the Schoolcraft tide.

The Lady Ocelots started running and gunning, with plenty of players getting in on the act.

Sophomore forward Antoinette Brown and sophomore guard Brittney Ivey each scored 13 points while sophomore forward Janelle Harris chipped in with 12.

Also providing plenty of that

energy Lafata likes were freshmen forwards Tayler Langham (Plymouth Salem) and Sheray Brown.

Langham finished with nine points along with three steals while Brown contributed eight points and 10 rebounds.

Both players did not look like freshmen against the Wildcats.

"It's a byproduct of them working hard, ... coming to practice and being on a talented team and having to defend these talented sophomores every day (in practice)," Lafata explained. "Our practices are brutal. These kids are competitive. So they go at each other. And it reflects out on the floor."

"They're really just starting to understand what we want to do out there offensively and defensively."

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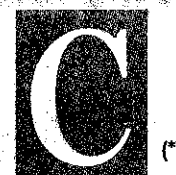
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## Keep out winter's chill with energy-savings tips

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Livonia resident Len Singer knows a thing or two about energy savings, useful information in this chilly winter.

"Insulating the attic especially is one of the major components," said Singer, spokesman for DTE Energy. Blown-in cellulose insulation on top of rolled fiberglass is recommended.

"There are a number of contractors who can do that," said Singer, adding it's also a good project if you're handy around the house.

The recommendation for attic insulation is expressed in R-value. In Michigan, the recommended level of insulation is R49 — which equates to about 18 inches of insulation. Most homes don't meet that level. Homes built before 1995 typically have about R19 in the attic. Homes built after 1995 will have about R30 in the attic. DTE recommends blown cellulose insulation installed on top of existing insulation to achieve the recommended R49 level.

People often tend to think energy savings tips will save just a few dollars a month, but savings add up. Singer recommends sealing leaks, including for windows, and getting a programmable thermostat that drops the temperature when you're out at work or sleeping.

"Programmable thermostat is a great way to regulate natural gas or whatever your heating fuel is," he said, noting he has it in his home. "By the time we get home, the house is back to the comfortable temperature. It's a very painless way to save money on your heating bill."

You'll save about 3 percent on heating costs for each degree dialed down.

"That's a great way to regulate the amount of energy you're using," Singer said. Extra clothing helps to keep you warm when the wind blows in the winter as well.

DTE Energy offers the following tips to help manage winter energy



costs and save money on energy bills:

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of the year will reflect the difference between the energy you actually used and the 11 payments you made. Enroll online at [www.mydteenergy.com](http://www.mydteenergy.com) or by calling (800) 477-4747.

That program's offered for all customers, both gas and electric, said Singer.

"We recognize paying the heating bill or electric bill can be a struggle

for a lot of families." In addition to Budgetwise Billing, there are programs for low-income and senior customers, including the Winter Protection Plan which guarantees against service shutoff.

"Contact us sooner rather than later" if trouble surfaces with paying a bill, he said. "The worst thing to do is

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## Learn to save on energy at home or small business

Everyone has advice on how to save money on your energy bills. But is it specific to your own abode?

DTE Energy has launched a free, online tool designed for all energy users, including small businesses. Called MyEnergy Analyzer, it helps customers understand their energy usage by asking questions specific to their own apartment, condo, house or small business.

MyEnergy Analyzer, at [www.mydteenergy.com](http://www.mydteenergy.com), has two parts — a bill-analyzing tool and an energy-efficiency tool. It provides customized energy-efficiency recommendations and will show you how much you can expect to save if the recommendations are followed.

"We're offering this to our customers because the information goes beyond what we can offer on our

paper bills," said Joyce Hayes-Giles, DTE Energy senior vice president, Customer Service. "MyEnergy Analyzer can provide immediate answers to energy-related questions and identify factors that cause energy bills to go up or down."

Customers are led through a series of questions such as the style of residence, how many levels it has, the year it was built, the number of rooms, how

many people live there and the type of heating/cooling systems. It also asks about the appliances used and with the help of your mouse, can tell you how much it costs to operate individual appliances annually.

Lastly, it recommends different tactics to save energy and the expected savings, and will allow you to compare bills and see your billing history.

## Ownership can hold conflict of interest

**Q. We just found out that our attorney owns or owned a portion of our property management company. Do you think that creates any conflict?**

**A. It depends on what interest the attorney had in what management company. Obviously, if the attorney owns an interest in the management company that currently**



Robert Meisner

represents your association, that would clearly be a conflict, and it should have been disclosed to you in detail. Also, if the attorney formally represented the management company or another management company which may have had some involvement with your association, that may indeed represent a conflict. The fact that the attorney owned an interest in the management company, which may have resulted in him or her getting referrals, should be a source of concern to any particular association, and it should demand full details from the attorney as to when and where that attorney had or has an interest in the management company.

**Q. I have heard that some associations have been able to negotiate a compensation package with one or more of the cable companies for access to their condominiums. I also understand that the FCC has a new ruling regarding exclusivity. Do you have any comment?**

**A. Many of our firm's clients have been able to negotiate a compensation package in exchange for the non-exclusive right of the cable company to provide service to the members of the condo association. An exclusivity clause gives a video services provider the exclusive right to provide service in a community. If an association has entered into an agreement for video services on behalf of its residents, that agreement could be affected, even if the community consists of single family homes. It's best to consult with a knowledgeable community association attorney.**

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### HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

<b>Canton</b>		43531 Argonne Ct	\$163,000
		704 Ashton Woods Dr	\$100,000
		5070 Belleville Rd	\$95,000
		7486 Burgundy St	\$230,000
		3945 Cornerstone Dr	\$46,000
		39442 Dorchester Cir	\$276,000
		46953 Glastonbury Dr	\$330,000
		49054 Hawksbury Rd	\$181,000
		2055 Hendrie	\$305,000
		45902 Henley Dr	\$336,000
		8528 N Canton Center Rd	\$75,000
		2589 N Woods Blvd	\$245,000
		41653 Ravenwood St	\$169,000
		3492 Riverside Dr	\$228,000
		2570 Siever Dr	\$300,000
		7015 Stonebrook Ct	\$80,000
<b>Farmington</b>		21269 Birchwood St	\$7,000
		31831 Grand River Ave	\$31,000
<b>Farmington Hills</b>		28892 Bannockburn St	\$184,000
		37961 Bradley Dr	\$295,000
<b>Garden City</b>		33870 Cotswold St	\$230,000
		30027 Kimberly Ct	\$90,000
		29640 Middlebelt Rd	\$79,000
		33143 Tulipwood Rd	\$250,000
		29001 W 11 Mile Rd	\$250,000
<b>Livonia</b>		5843 Arcola St	\$137,000
		29021 Block St	\$90,000
		31034 Rosslyn Ave	\$85,000
		6542 Sunset St	\$99,000
		11300 Berwick St	\$197,000
		38254 Bristol St	\$275,000
		36250 Brookview Dr	\$195,000
		9812 Camden St	\$148,000
		14195 Cavell St	\$176,000
		37482 Eagle Dr	\$85,000
		36718 Gardner St	\$198,000
		31087 Grenada St	\$187,000
		19470 Haggerty Rd	\$250,000
		9160 Henry Ruff Rd	\$126,000
		19642 Ingram St	\$165,000
		18615 Irving St	\$123,000
		38608 Lancaster Ct	\$224,000
		16252 Marsha St	\$275,000
		18712 Mayfield Rd	\$255,000
		14478 Merriman Rd	\$128,000
		15210 Middlebelt Rd	\$210,000
		18962 Myron St	\$149,000
		29635 Nottingham Cir	\$138,000
		15792 Southampton St	\$201,000
<b>Millford</b>		18435 University Park Dr	\$85,000
		29600 Wentworth St	\$260,000
		21967 Whitcomb St	\$216,000
<b>Northville</b>		175 E Maple Rd	\$185,000
		3061 Exeter Dr	\$325,000
		4577 S Millford Rd	\$300,000
		2643 Wildemere Dr	\$365,000
<b>Novi</b>		16871 Abby Cir	\$475,000
		42108 Gladwin St	\$108,000
		47088 Merion Cir	\$500,000
		49390 Parkshore Ct	\$728,000
		822 Revere Ct	\$110,000
		511 W Cady St	\$281,000
		49476 Waterstone Estates Cir	\$590,000
<b>Plymouth</b>		28568 Carlton Way Dr	\$165,000
		40357 Guilford	\$220,000
		27863 Hopkins Dr	\$130,000
		41132 McMahon	\$153,000
		22617 Summer Ln	\$505,000
		47080 Burning Tree Ln	\$510,000
		738 Burroughs St	\$360,000
		11157 Chestnut Dr	\$203,000
		9069 Cobblestone Cir	\$330,000
		11732 Deer Creek Run	\$350,000
		9777 Fellows Creek Dr	\$710,000
		48567 Quail Run Dr S	\$290,000
		480 Ross St	\$195,000
<b>Redford</b>		50983 Weston Dr	\$379,000
		12417 Woodlands Ct	\$450,000
<b>South Lyon</b>		25301 Five Mile Rd	\$34,000
		24762 Ashley Ct	\$185,000
		16776 Brady	\$55,000
		25987 Cathedral	\$125,000
		17424 Centralia	\$116,000
		8888 Grayfield	\$166,000
		14990 Kinloch	\$136,000
		18357 Lexington	\$76,000
		17394 MacArthur	\$152,000
		18491 Norborne	\$73,000
		12876 Woodbine	\$89,000
<b>Westland</b>		60453 Lillian St	\$150,000
		120 Maplewood Ct	\$155,000
		59373 Pacers Path	\$250,000
		856 Wood Run	\$290,000
		8550 Alper St	\$138,000
		6830 Apache Trl	\$150,000
		32339 Birchwood St	\$145,000
		32415 Cowan Rd	\$245,000
		35115 Florence St	\$147,000
		33666 Hazelwood St	\$160,000
		37630 Laramie St	\$201,000
		549 Ravenscrest Ln	\$150,000
		1720 Regene St	\$113,000
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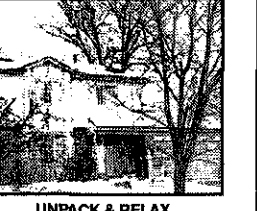
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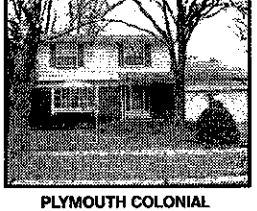
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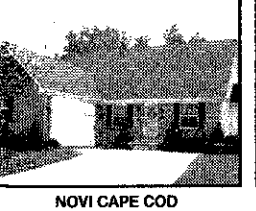
Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath home within walking distance to downtown. Updates include roof, gutters, furnace, C/A, windows, paver Patio, &amp; part finished bsmt.

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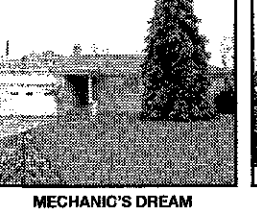
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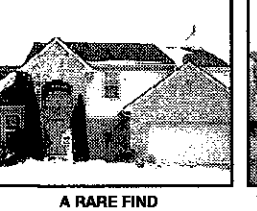
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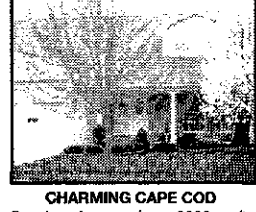
Check out this 3 bd, 2 bath home feat: large bdrm w/2 WIC's, finished bsmt w/frpl &amp; bar, 2 car Garage, shed in private backyard, updated furnace, shingles, &amp; windows. A must see!

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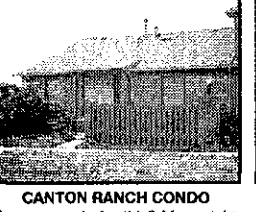
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\$300,000 (P-755SH)

**CANTON RANCH CONDO**

Are you ready for this? Move right into this beautiful 2 bd condo featuring large Master, cath ceilings, big bsmt, fresh paint &amp; new carpet, &amp; close to everything.

\$122,900 (P-388SO)

**AWESOME HOME**

4 bd, 3.5 bath home w/1st fl Master w/Jacuzzi tub, vaulted ceilings, Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl laun, Kit w/ss appl's, convenient location close to shopping, marinas, &amp; schools.

\$285,000 (P-692SU)

**CUSTOM COLONIAL**

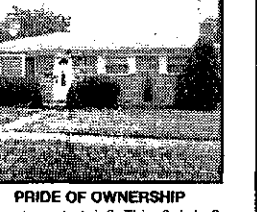
Beautiful &amp; expansive home feat: 4 bd, 3.5 bas, open floor plan w/ maple hwd flrs, vaulted ceilings, 1st fl Mast w/frpl &amp; bath, 1st &amp; 2nd fl laun, Northville Schools, &amp; stamped Patio.

\$560,000 (P-520SU)

**GARDEN CITY RANCH**

Located in a great area &amp; priced to sell quickly! This one has a finished bsmt w/full bath, stove, fridge, home warranty, updated furnace, siding, KIt, &amp; more.

\$114,900 (C-753WI)

**PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP**

Love to entertain? This 3 bd, 2 bath, well maintained ranch offers 2 full KIt's. Enjoy the summer breezes by the pool or in the shade of a covered Patio. Hwd flrs, updated baths, 31x11 rec room, &amp; appl's stay.

\$164,900 (C-364BA)

**BREATHTAKING!**

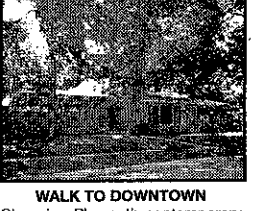
Excellent curb appeal on this great home! 4 bd, 2.5 baths, huge Kit, 1st fl laun, 2 story Great Rm, lovely paver Patio, &amp; quiet cul de sac location.

\$200,000 (C-777DA)

**ENJOY THE PARK**

You can't find a better location! Brick ranch perfectly situated across from the Community Center &amp; park. Spacious floor plan w/large Liv Rm, finished bsmt, &amp; all appl's stay.

\$174,900 (P-431EL)

**WALK TO DOWNTOWN**

Charming Plymouth contemporary home w/an inground pool, finished bsmt, large Liv Rm, Fam Rm w/ downwall, 4 bds, 2 full &amp; 2 half baths, &amp; unbeatable location.

\$439,000 (C-670EV)

**START PACKING!!**

4 bd, colonial loaded w/beautiful features. Oak hwd flrs, sharp Kit w/ nook &amp; all appl's, Great Rm w/frpl, French doors to Library, large Master, Patio, &amp; more.

\$275,000 (C-653GL)

**GREAT FIND!**

Fabulous 2 bd, 2 bath condo in popular South Lyon neighborhood. 1139 sq ft, neutral decor, Master w/WIC, Florida Room, vaulted ceilings, &amp; area pool &amp; tennis.

\$99,900 (C-133GR)

**GORGEOUS OLD ROSEDALE**

Beautifully updated home w/hwd floors, gourmet island Kit w/cherry &amp; granite, finished bsmt, oversized Garage, &amp; large Deck.

\$239,900 (C-419ME)

**CUSTOM BUILT RANCH**

Sited on almost an acre in Livonia, this ranch offers a newer furnace, hwd flrs, elec, plum, Pella windows, oak floors, 2 baths, finished bsmt, large Garage w/ water &amp; attic space.

\$248,000 (C-723NO)

**SHARP COLONIAL**

Beautiful 4 bd, 3.5 bath home in Independence Hills. Feat: finished bsmt, inground pool, hot tub &amp; cabana. Great for entertaining w/ wetbar, large Kit, Formal Din Rm, &amp; updated galore.

\$305,000 (C-801OL)

**ROOMY RANCH**

Solid brick ranch w/huge Kit, 1000+ sq ft, 3 bds, 2.5 baths, &amp; Garage. Many updates done inc furnace, hwd flrs, elec, glass block, &amp; huge bsmt w/plenty of storage space.

\$129,900 (C-425PA)

**OVER AN ACRE LOT!**

3 bd bungalow situated on a great lot w/trees. 2 car Garage w/office space, 2nd Garage, 3rd build for garden equip or storage, newer roof, windows, carpet, &amp; updated elec.

\$139,900 (C-968RO)

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY**

Well cared for brick home w/ plaster walls, hwd flrs, newer mechanicals, formal DR/LR, Fam Rm, &amp; possible in-law/rental quarters on 2nd level. Easily convert to single family home.

\$59,000 (C-862RU)

**GREAT LOCATION**

Located at the end of 11 Mile &amp; within walking distance to golf course, this condo has all the charm &amp; comforts you desire. Efficient Kit, Great Rm, Master w/ bath &amp; WIC, &amp; 2 car att Garage.

\$199,000 (C-178SA)

**PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP**

Freshly painted St. James on a quiet street. Large island Kit w/ appl's, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, formal Dining, Master w/volume ceiling, bath, &amp; walk-in.

\$249,900 (C-527SH)

**GREAT CONDO**

Beautiful townhouse located in elite Tala Hill Sub. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, Formal Din Rm, updated Kit w/ skylights, all bdrms have walk-in closets, Patio, &amp; serene setting.

\$195,000 (C-131TA)

**DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**

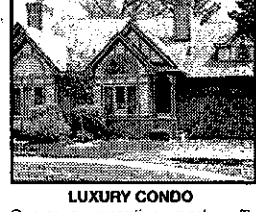
Gorgeous condo w/hickory hwd, gourmet Kit w/eating area, LR w/ marble frpl, large Master w/WIC, finished bsmt w/study area, fenced patio, &amp; more.

\$115,000 (C-801VI)

**NEW BOSTON CONDO**

2 year old condo w/great cul de sac location backing to woods. End unit w/classical windows, bright Great Rm w/frpl, 2 bds, 2 baths, &amp; full bsmt.

\$176,000 (C-443AV)

**LUXURY CONDO**

Gorgeous executive ranch w/3 large bds, 2 custom baths w/jetted tub, open floor plan, gourmet Kit, Great Rm w/frpl, great Deck overlooking wooded area, &amp; 2 car garage.

\$255,000 (C-880BE)

**MOVE IN READY!**

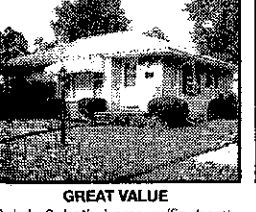
This home is fully updated - roof, walls, windows, furnace, maple, hwd, siding, hwd floors, maple cabinets, doors, &amp; carpet. Utica schools &amp; great neighborhood.

\$159,000 (C-404BU)

**NEWER COLONIAL**

This 4 bd, 2.5 bath home has a lot to offer. Spacious Fam Rm w/ cathedral ceiling &amp; gas frpl, island Kit w/pantry, 1st fl laundry, 3 car Garage, &amp; much more.

\$244,900 (C-075CL)

**GREAT VALUE**

3 bd, 2 bath home w/frpl bsmt, fireplace, hwd flring, newer windows, fenced yard, glass block windows, newer tile in KIt, freshly painted interior, &amp; so much more.

\$119,900 (C-602DE)

**UPDATED WESTLAND RANCH**

3 bd, 2 bath home w/oak Kit, LR w/frpl, hwd flrs, 2 story Great Rm, coran counters, finished bsmt w/media room &amp; bath, &amp; backs to pond. Move in ready!

\$125,000 (C-629FL)

**THE BEST ON THE SUB**

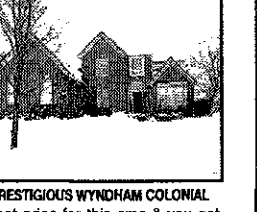
Tons of upgrades on this cape cod home w/hwd flrs, 2 story Great Rm, coran counters, finished bsmt w/media room &amp; bath, &amp; backs to pond. Move in ready!

\$275,000 (C-674AU)

**UPDATED RANCH**

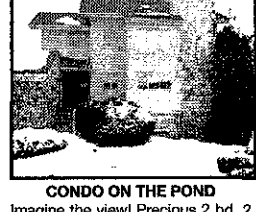
2 bd, 1 bath Eastpointe ranch boasting a remod Kit, large bedrooms, new carpet &amp; paint in Great Rm, 2.5 car mechanic's dream Garage w/workshop, newer roof, &amp; windows.

\$74,900 (P-745BE)

**PRESTIGIOUS WYNDHAM COLONIAL**

Great price for this area &amp; you get to pick carpet, paint, &amp; granite. 3 way frpl, gourmet Kit, Master w/ huge bath &amp; closet, fin bsmt w/1/2 bath &amp; 2nd Kit, &amp; 3 car Garage.

\$474,900 (P-253BE)

**CONDO ON THE POND**

Imagine the view! Precious 2 bd, 2 bath condo w/very open floor plan, Great Rm w/frpl, walkout to scenic pond, welcoming decor, &amp; so much more.

\$144,900 (P-052BO)

**CHARMING COLONIAL**

This home features cherry hwd flrs, LR w/bay window, island Kit w/ ceramic tile &amp; oak cabs, Fam Rm w/frpl, &amp; built in 2002.

\$264,900 (P-241BR)

**LOVELY TRI-LEVEL**

3 bd, 2 bath tri-level w/newer Kit cabs, both baths updated, freshly painted, over 1500 sq ft, 2 car Garage, and Immed Occupancy.

\$140,000 (P-913CH)

**LIVONIA GEM**



## ENERGY

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ignore bills."

In addition, remember homes with proper humidity levels will provide greater comfort at lower temperatures. When humidity is kept at a proper level — about 35 percent at 70 degrees — windows will not sweat and the air won't feel dry. Replace the humidifier pad or clean it of calcium deposits for best results.

## FINE TUNE YOUR FURNACE

■ Examine furnace filters. "They should be checked regularly during the heating season," Singer said of furnace air filters. Dirty, dusty filters block the warm airflow in the home, which causes the furnace to work harder. Many furnace filters cost very little, and others can be used again. You'll need to check in warmer weather, too, if you use central air conditioning.

"Another thing is to have the furnace inspected professionally on a regular basis," both for efficiency and safety, Singer said. ■ Clean and vacuum ducts, vents and heat registers. Check heat registers to ensure that drapes or furniture do not block airflow.

## ADD INSULATION

■ Insulate all heating ducts located in attics and unheated crawlspaces, and make sure there are no leaks in your ductwork.

■ Place an insulation blanket around your hot water heater. Electric water heaters should be placed on an insulated surface, such as foam. Adjust water heater temperature to the warm setting (about 120 degrees F).

## KEEP THE COLD AIR OUT

■ Seal windows and doors with caulk and weather stripping to block unwanted drafts. If caulk cracks and peels away, it allows your home's heat to escape.

"Air leaks are one of the major causes of problems," Singer said. Caulking or using weather stripping for windows helps.

Plastic over windows offers

an additional layer of warmth: "Anything you can do to seal those openings is going to help," he said.

Singer said fireplaces, which also lose energy, should have the flue closed when not in use, and installing glass doors is a good idea. However, if you have a gas fireplace, the flue should be partially open to allow fumes from the pilot light to escape.

■ Use kitchen, bath and other ventilating fans wisely. In just one hour, these fans can pull out a houseful of warm air. Turn fans off as soon as they have done their job.

## LET THE SUN SHINE IN

■ Open curtains on south facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home. Be sure to close the curtains at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

Singer added that ovens, stoves or other devices not meant for heating shouldn't be used to heat a home. For more energy savings tips, go to [www.my.dteenergy.com](http://www.my.dteenergy.com).

## SOURCE OF HELP

The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) at 1212 Griswold St., 10th floor, Detroit, Mich. 48226 helps people with utility costs. Those who need help with utility bills should call (800) 866-THAW (8429). Information on donating to THAW online is at [www.thawfund.org](http://www.thawfund.org). The nonprofit's e-mail is [info@thawfund.org](mailto:info@thawfund.org).

John X. Miller, chief executive officer of THAW, appreciates Detroiters' generosity, noting some half million dollars were raised earlier this month in a radiothon with co-sponsor WWJ radio. Utility companies assist THAW with matching funds.

Miller said THAW works with people to avert crisis, working on such things as energy conservation. You can better insulate your home, Miller said, turn down the thermostat when going to bed and even be attentive to recharging of a cell phone or laptop.

"We're advocates for long-term solutions for energy issues," Miller said.

## Learn energy basics at local workshop Saturday, Feb. 23

The Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center will hold the next workshop in its popular Sustainable Energy Series, "A Home Energy Audit: The First Step to Saving Money," presented by Don Nelson of D.R. Nelson & Associates. It will be 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center in Oxford.

Nelson will discuss common claims for energy savings products and how to sift through them. He will explain how the house performs and the benefits of a home energy audit. He will also review the discounts and state rebates available, for a limited time, to offset the cost of an audit.

He will then demonstrate the

use of home energy audit technology, including the blower door test, and home sealing products. There will be time for questions and answers throughout the workshop.

"Many homeowners know that they are wasting money heating a drafty house but they don't know what to make of the energy savings claims of various products and services, or where to get started," said John Batdorf, executive director of Upland Hills EAC. "There are proven ways to save money but they need to be targeted to each home and be cost-effective. The way to determine that is to start with a home energy audit. We are lucky to have a local company to provide this service with

over 25 years of national leadership in home energy savings."

The workshop will be held at the Upland Hills EAC, an authorized Michigan Energy Demonstration Center, located in northern Oakland County at 2375 Indian Lake Road, Oxford, MI 48370 (directions are available at [www.uheac.org](http://www.uheac.org)). The cost is \$10 for non-members and \$5 for UHEAC members. Advance registration, by e-mail to [info@uheac.org](mailto:info@uheac.org) or by phone at (248) 693-1021, is highly recommended as seating is limited. Payment can be made at the door.

"The problem has been the cost of a qualified audit," said Batdorf. "We are excited to announce that D.R. Nelson is

offering significantly reduced fees and an additional UHEAC member discount. Plus, the State of Michigan is offering a generous rebate that is available for a limited time only."

Since 1981, D.R. Nelson & Associates has pioneered the application of building science innovations that reduce energy costs and improve indoor air quality. Beginning with original research work at Princeton University, the company has delivered cost effective solutions to more than 100,000 homes. D.R. Nelson & Associates is located at 222 W. Greenshield Road, Lake Orion, MI 48360. They can be reached at (877) 376-3576 or by e-mail at [info@drnelson.com](mailto:info@drnelson.com).



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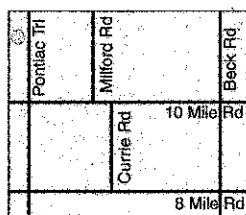
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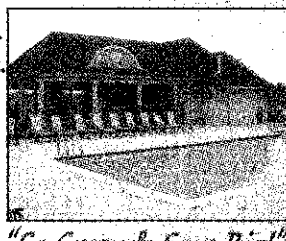
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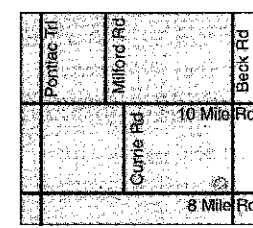
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Well maintained 3BR brick bungalow near downtown Dearborn. Nice size kit, newer wndws & furn. Plenty of storage. Home warr incl.  
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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$100,000  
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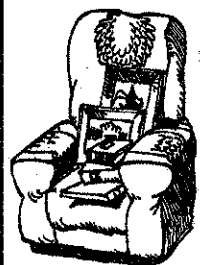
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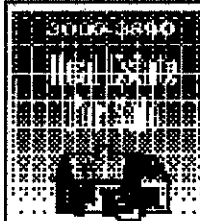
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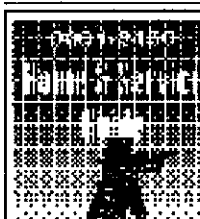
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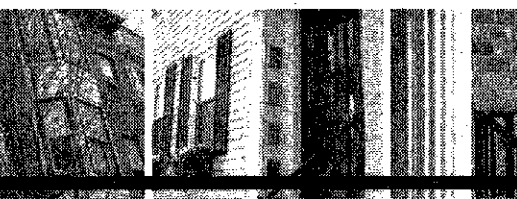
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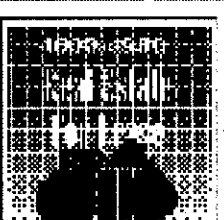
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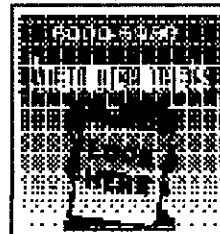
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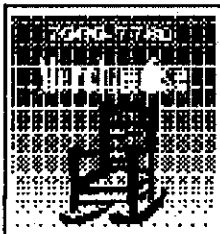
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**FORD FREESTYLE LTD** 2006, leather, loaded, certified, \$15,480.  
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**TAURUS SE** 2005, certified, great value, \$9,840. Stk# P20397.  
**FORD EXPLORER** 2005, 4x4, loaded, certified, \$13,840. Stk# P20399.  
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**LUCERNE CXL** 2006, V-8 blue, loaded, \$19,995.  
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**DEVILLE** 2002, one owner, leather, crimson red, \$11,995.  
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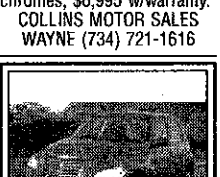
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**PT CRUISER** 2006, black beauty, 4 cylinder, auto, only \$11,995.  
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**PT CRUISER** 2007 Touring Edition, full power, sharp, \$12,895.  
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**SEBRING LXI** 2001, 72K, \$6,495 with warranty. COLLINS MOTOR SALES WAYNE (734) 721-1616

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**CHARGER RT** 2006, 14K, navigation, \$23,998.  
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**NEON SE** 2005, low miles, \$6,998.  
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**CROWN VICTORIA** 2007 Police car edition, 12K, priced to sell at \$14,990.  
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**CROWN VICTORIA** 2008, 9,000 miles, loaded, leather, \$15,990.  
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**CROWN VICTORIA LX** 2001, only 42K, \$8,995.  
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**FIVE HUNDRED LIMITED** 2005, 19K, \$14,998.  
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**FOCUS SE** 2002, \$6,798.  
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**FOCUS SES** 2007, 100 miles, 5 speed, \$12,498.  
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**FOCUS ZTW** 2004 Wagon, full power, very clean!! \$9,495.  
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**FOCUS ZX4** 2005, black, loaded, extra clean, 70K, moon, leather, 5 speed, \$8,000.  
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**FOCUS ZX4 SES** 2006 4 dr., 15K one owner, like brand new. \$11,840.  
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**FUSIONS** 2007, 14 to choose, all colors, low miles, from \$14,999.  
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**MUSTANG** 2004 Convertible, dark blue, 22K, auto, \$13,495.  
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**MUSTANG GT** 1999 Convertible, 35th Anniversary, 15K, \$13,498.  
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**MUSTANG GT** 2001 Coupe, leather, 5 speed, extra clean, low miles, \$9,995.  
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**MUSTANG GT** 2003 Convertible, triple black, low miles, \$16,995.  
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**MUSTANG LX** 2007 Convertible, silver or red, auto, like new!! \$18,995.  
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**MUSTANG** 2005, V-6, certified, \$13,803. Stk# 7C9276A.  
**GRAND MARQUIS LS** 2002, leather, full power, 36K, \$10,450. Stk# 875056A.  
**FOCUS ZX3** 2005, auto, air, \$10,860. Stk# 8C9017A.  
**FOCUS** 2006, great gas, \$11,500. 7C1332A.  
**TAURUS SE** 2006, certified, full power, \$10,450. Stk# P20404.  
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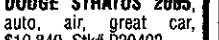
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### ACROSS

- 1 Koan discipline
- 4 Plugged in
- 9 Crucial
- 12 Kind of league
- 13 Ticked off
- 14 Use a charge card
- 15 Dressy events
- 17 Bedding plants
- 19 Good or bad sign
- 21 Reassurance
- 22 Cereal toppers
- 25 Canute's foe
- 29 French article
- 30 Rains ice
- 32 Without a tan
- 33 Moon, in verse
- 35 Camel kin
- 37 Universal rival
- 38 Made fast
- 40 Disadvantages
- 42 Potatoes — gratin
- 43 Char
- 44 Camper

- 46 Physics unit
- 49 Lunar effect
- 50 Caustic comebacks
- 54 Draws close
- 57 Pindar forte
- 58 Tender spots
- 60 Lynx or panther
- 61 Horse's morsel
- 62 Wind around
- 63 Psst!

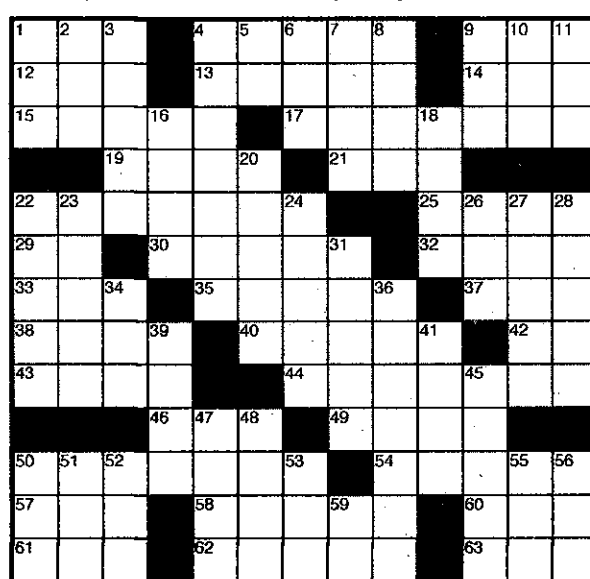
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- 1 Turn sharply
- 2 A Gabor
- 3 Drip-dry fabric
- 4 Weapons cache
- 5 Badger st.
- 6 Yodeler's perch
- 7 Swing a scythe
- 8 Best or Ferber
- 9 Garden-pond fish
- 10 Pasture grazer
- 11 Sportscastrer's shout
- 16 Bombay nanny

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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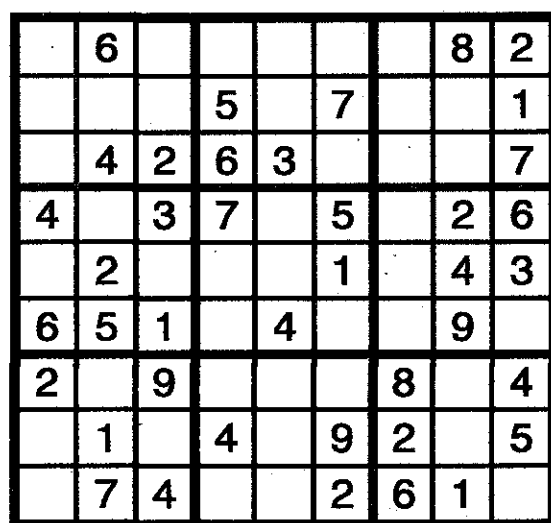
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W	H	U	R	R	I	C	A	N	E
P	U	Y	R	E	D	Z	L	O	Q
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### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

6	1	9	2	8	3	7	4	5	1
9	3	2	6	7	4	9	1	8	
7	2	8	9	5	1	6	3	2	
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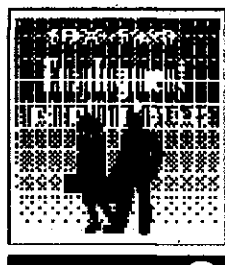
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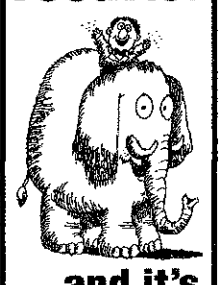
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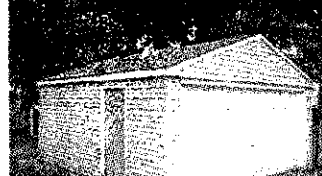
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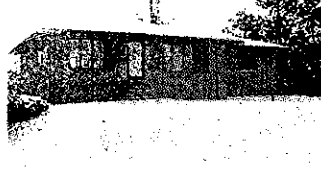
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## How do your grasses grow?

### Goldner Walsh hosts seminars with landscape expert

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
STAFF WRITER

While many people spend snow-filled days dreaming of walking barefoot in the grass, local gardeners are itching to plant it.

Goldner Walsh Nursery in Pontiac will host "Grasses and the Design of Livable Landscapes" on Feb. 29 as part of its ongoing speaker series. The program will feature internationally-known

author, photographer and horticulturist Rick Darke. Darke will sign copies of his books, including "The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes" at 6:30 p.m., and offer a presentation at 7:30 p.m.

"We are known for having national and international speakers come in, particularly garden speakers," said Tim Travis, owner of Goldner Walsh. "It's part of our Cabin Fever series we've set up for our customers who are anxious to do gardening but can't because it's winter."

#### GARDENING WITH GRASSES

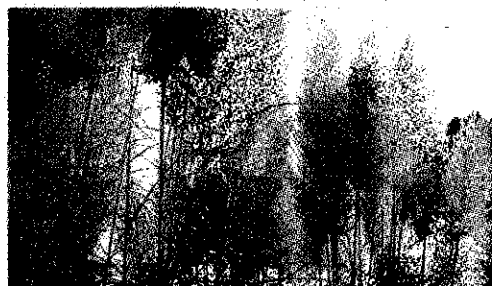
Grasses of all kinds are becoming increasingly popular for use in landscapes, Travis said. Ornamental grasses range from dwarf varieties that can be used as borders, to flashy tufts that can grow 12 feet tall. They can be used to create natural hedges, and are great for soil erosion control.

Most are low maintenance, Travis said, making them a great choice for yards and lakefronts.

"There are a lot of grasses that work in Michigan," Travis said. "They don't require a lot of water, certain fertilizers or any special treatment. They just need to be mowed down in the spring and divided every few years."

The wind makes a pleasant sound blowing through tall grasses, and different varieties offer texture, color, plumage and visual interest that can last right through the winter, Travis said.

Please see GRASS, D2



#### RICK DARKE WORKSHOPS

##### Grasses and the Design of Livable Landscapes

When: Friday, Feb. 29

What: At 6:30 p.m. Author Rick Darke will sign copies of his books "The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes," "Pocket Guide to Ornamental Grasses," and "The American Woodland Garden: Capturing the Spirit of the Deciduous Forest." At 7:30 p.m., Darke will present Grasses and the Design of Livable Landscapes

Cost: \$35, advanced registration required.

Landscapes Through the Lens: Digital Photography and the Art of Observation

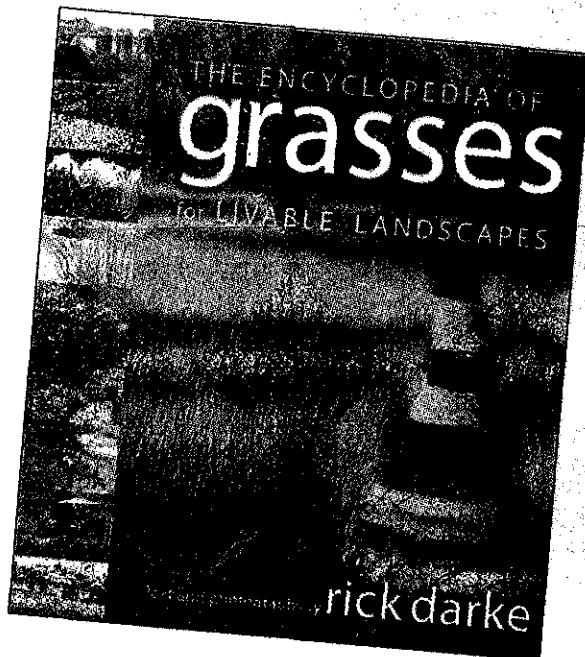
When: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 1

What: Celebrated photographer Rick Darke will demonstrate techniques for maximizing the potential of digital cameras and related computer hardware and software, and explore how the camera can be an important creative tool in landscape design.

Cost: \$165 includes lunch

Where: Both programs take place at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac

Information: Call (248) 332-6430 and visit www.goldner-walsh.com or www.rickdarke.com.



Author Rick Darke will sign copies of his book *The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes* (Timber Press, 2007, \$59.95) at Goldner Walsh in Pontiac on Feb. 29.

## Seek out reasonably priced 2005 Bordeaux now

Bordeaux with its 12,000 wine chateaux and more than 250,000 acres, producing some 800 million bottles annually, remains California's biggest competitor for high-end wines.

Yet, if you believe that some Napa Valley high-end cabernets have become out of reach at \$125 to \$200-plus per bottle, then you must think that prices for 2005 Bordeaux high-end bottlings at three times that and more are stratospheric. You're right, yet that's a small fraction of what's produced in Bordeaux.

Vintage 2005 in Bordeaux was sensational and you should seek out some wines that are more reasonably priced. It has long been said, that in a great Bordeaux vintage, real value lies in seeking out the best from lesser-known chateaux.

However, within the Bordeaux region, there are 57 appellations in the Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC) system and unless you've become a student or connoisseur of Bordeaux wines, discovering these wines can be head spinning.

#### CHRISTIAN MOUEIX TO THE RESCUE

The Christian Moueix Regional Series, including a wine from each of St.-Emilion, Pomerol and Medoc appellations, retailing between \$23 and \$25, was just introduced to the Michigan market. For the uninitiated, these three bottlings offer an introduction to these appellations. For those in the know about Bordeaux wines, some fine drinking at sensible prices.

In addition to the Moueix family vineyards including the renowned Chateau Petrus, Chateau Trotaoy and Chateau La Fleur Petrus, to name a few, Christian Moueix acts as a buyer and supplier of up to 100 wines from the region each year, including Chateau Gazin and Chateau Lafleur in Pomerol and Chateau Belair in St.-Emilion.

Please see WINE, D3

## Sexiest vegetarian lives in Birmingham

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

There's a contest to vote for the country's sexiest vegetarian and one contestant is a Michigander from Birmingham.

His name is Jonny Kest, a handsome and healthy, dedicated husband and father. What makes him special is that despite his chiseled face and toned abs, there's not a huge ego pouring out of Kest. Instead, he's a leader in the Yoga community working hard to promote healthy bodies and minds.

And to add a cherry to the top of the soy ice cream sundae, Kest is also a staunch protector of animals. He does not tolerate cruelty or mockery of animals — or humans.

No wonder Kest is one of just 16 finalists, out of hundreds in the U.S. and Canada, chosen by People for Ethical Treatment of Animals' *Sexiest Vegetarian Contest*.

The reason for the competition isn't popularity. Rather, it's to help publicize the connection between human health, the environment, animal compassion and vegetarianism.

Kest, 40, is the owner of the successful Center for Yoga studios based in Birmingham and West Bloomfield. He's an instructor in a variety of Yoga forms including Ashtanga, also known as "eight limbed yoga," that focuses on breathing and posture.

He's been a vegetarian since the age of 12 and went vegan two years ago — meaning he eats no animal flesh (no fish) or animal by-products such as dairy or eggs. He thanks his father for teaching him kindness toward animals and respect for his body.

#### VOTE FOR JONNY KEST!

**What:** Birmingham's own Jonny Kest beat out hundreds of entrants nationwide in PETA's Sexiest Vegetarian Contest. He's one of just 16 finalists.

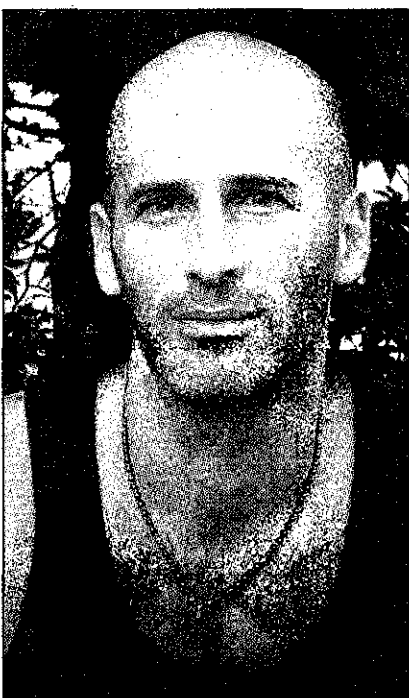
**What he could win:** Seven nights in Maui — and Kest was raised in Hawaii so he would be re-connecting with his roots.

**Why he deserves it:** For starters, he's hot. But it goes deeper. Kest volunteers his time educating the public about compassion for animals. And, as a Yoga instructor, he's promoting better health in our community.

**Vote for him:** Click on [http://www.goveg.com/feat/sexiest\\_vegetarian\\_next\\_door\\_2008/index.asp](http://www.goveg.com/feat/sexiest_vegetarian_next_door_2008/index.asp)

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"I am lighter, stronger, freer and happier," Kest said.

He is humble and attributes his energy and youthful appearance to veganism and Yoga. He doesn't preach or judge, but when asked, he will encourage students to read the *New York Times* best selling book *Skinny Bitch* by Rory Freedman and Kim Barnouin, a book that bluntly explains that you can be thin and eat a lot — just make it vegan.

And to make him even sexier, Kest is not a nightclub-hopper or a show-off. Instead he prefers reading, meditation, walks and swimming in the ocean with his wife and three vegan sons.

If he wins the PETA contest, he joins the ranks of celebrity sexy vegetarian winners such as *American Idol*'s Carrie Underwood, *The Tonight Show*'s Kevin Eubanks, and actors and actresses Joaquin Phoenix, Natalie Portman, Nicolete Sheridan, Alicia Silverstone, musician Prince and professional triathlete Brendan Brazier.

Jonny Kest's Center for Yoga studios are located at 555 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham and 6710 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 258-YOGA or visit [info@centerforyoga.com](http://info@centerforyoga.com).

#### PECAN-CRUSTED FRENCH TOAST

Makes 6 to 8 slices

1½ cups soy or rice milk  
3 tablespoons corn starch  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon chickpea flour or brown rice flour  
1 cup finely chopped pecans  
2 tablespoons refined coconut oil, or more as needed for cooking  
6 to 8 slices vegan whole wheat or whole wheat raisin bread  
maple syrup, for serving

In a medium bowl, whisk together the soy or rice milk, corn starch, and cinnamon. Whisk the chickpea or brown rice flour. Transfer the mixture to a shallow bowl. Place the pecans in another shallow bowl.

In a large skillet over medium heat, melt the coconut oil. One slice at a time, dip the bread in the milk mixture, turning to soak both sides. Dip one side in the pecans, pressing to coat. (Yeah, it's a little challenging to make 'em stick in there. Quit whining. You're about to have French toast!) Arrange the bread in the skillet (you might have to do more than one batch), pecan side down. Cook 2 to 3 minutes, until the pecans are well browned. Carefully turn the bread and continue cooking until the second side is browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve immediately with maple syrup.

\* Source, *The Skinny Bitch Cookbook*

#### WINE PICKS

Although Bordeaux varieties are grown in many places around the globe, Zinfandel is not. California is its home and the following are some superb wines from the 2005 vintage.

##### Outstanding:

2005 Rancho Zabaco Treador Monte Rosso Vineyard \$60

##### Excellent:

2005 Mazzocco "Pony" Dry Creek Valley \$27

2005 Mazzocco "Maple" Dry Creek Valley \$36

2005 Rancho Zabaco Sonoma Valley Monte Rosso Vineyard \$45

##### Very Good:

2005 Kenwood Sonoma County \$14

2006 Artein Mendocino County \$18

2005 Kenwood Reserve \$20

2006 Dashe Late Harvest Dry Creek Valley \$30 (dessert style)

2005 Kenwood Jack London Vineyard \$25

2005 Montevina Terra d'Oro Deaver Vineyard \$30

2005 Montevina Terra d'Oro SHR Field Blend \$30

2005 Wilson Carl's Vineyard Dry Creek Valley \$32

2005 Dashe Florence Vineyard \$32

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



# Put your videos on YouTube for public, private consumption

If you've ever seen the famous Mentos-and-Coke video, the four guys dancing on treadmills, or Miss Teen USA South Carolina's beauty pageant train wreck, then you're no doubt familiar with YouTube.

The site is the Web's top destination for streaming video, the kind you view inside your Web browser.

Today I'm going to explain how to put your own videos online. When you're done, you'll be able to invite select friends and family to view them or make them available for public consumption.

There's no cost to sign up for a YouTube account (youtube.com), though obviously you'll need some kind of video recorder to make your movies.

This can be a traditional camcorder, a digital camera or cell phone that's able to record video clips, or even a Webcam. (YouTube's Quick Capture feature can record up to 10 minutes of Webcam footage, meaning you can sit down at your PC and create a new video almost instantly.)

For the ultimate in convenience, consider a digital-video camera like the Flip Video Ultra (theflip.com), which records up to an hour's worth of YouTube-ready video clips. I find it ideal for those moments when the kids are doing something incredibly cute.

After capturing the moment, you plug the camera directly into your PC's USB port for quick and easy uploading to YouTube.

Similarly, Casio's latest Exilim digital cameras (exilim.com) offer a YouTube capture mode that records video using YouTube's preferred settings.

Pop the camera's memory card into your PC and Casio's special software simplifies the process of uploading the videos to the service.

Of course, these methods are best suited to short, impromptu clips that require no editing. If you're using a camcorder and/or making an actual mini-movie, you'll need editing software.

Windows user need look no further than Windows Movie Maker, which comes baked into Windows XP and Vista. Mac users can turn to iMovie, an OS X staple.

Both programs enable you to edit your video, add titles and transitions, apply special effects, and turn an MP3 or similar audio file into a soundtrack. You can then output the completed video in a YouTube-friendly format.

Speaking of which, YouTube limits videos to 10 minutes apiece. It also limits resolution to 640 by 480 pixels, though if you upload a higher-resolution video, the service will automatically down-convert it.

Just be sure to keep the file size under 100



Armed with a camera or camcorder, an Internet connection, and an idea, you can easily add your own videos to YouTube.

megabytes; anything larger requires you to install YouTube's Windows-only Uploader utility, which can accommodate files up to 1 gigabyte. (The 10-minute length limit still applies.)

That utility also lets you select multiple files to upload at a time. Otherwise, you can use YouTube's Web-based single-file uploader.

Just click the yellow Upload button that appears on every YouTube page, then provide a title, description, category and tags.

You'll also want to choose public or private status for your video; the latter limits you to 25 viewers, while public videos can be viewed by anyone. Finally, pick your sharing options, like whether external sites (such as blogs) can embed your video.

YouTube also allows you to upload videos straight from your phone. You'll need to venture into your account settings first and configure a mobile profile.

Once that's done, you can send a video message (also known as an MMS) directly to 'YTUBE,' or attach your video to an e-mail and send it to the special address listed in your profile (which you should add to your phone's address book for easy future use).

Now that you've added your video to YouTube's massive library, how can you attract eyeballs? Start by getting it off YouTube and onto your blog.

For every uploaded video, YouTube provides an "embed" code that you can copy and paste into a new blog post. The result is an embedded YouTube video player — the kind you've clicked countless times before, but this time it's your very own video on the 'Tube.

**Rick Broida** writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device*, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to [rick.broida@gmail.com](mailto:rick.broida@gmail.com).

## GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wendy Von Buskirk at [wvonn@hometownlife.com](mailto:wvonn@hometownlife.com).

### English Gardens Events

English Gardens will host a free presentation on perennial gardening 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at its retail stores in Ann Arbor, Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield. Learn how to create a colorful garden that will come back every year. Also, English Gardens is hosting its 6th Annual Orchid Festival through Feb. 26, with displays of more than 50 varieties of orchids at all stores. Visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

### A Bit of Green

Goldner Walsh, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac, will host a benefit for Shades of Pink, a Birmingham-based organization that helps women battling breast cancer. A Gardening Lecture and Luncheon 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 will feature lunch in the Event Greenhouse at artist-created tablescapes, and lectures by local experts. A Wine Tasting and Tablescapes Preview 6-10 p.m. tonight will include hors d'oeuvres by candlelight and a sneak peek at the tables; \$60 per event, or \$100 per person to attend both. Call (248) 594-1249 or visit [www.goldnerwalsh.com](http://www.goldnerwalsh.com).

### Master Composter Classes

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority will hold Master Composter classes for environmental gardening enthusiasts beginning 6:45-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Birmingham Department of Public Services Building, 851 S. Eton. The course includes six classes and a field trip to the SOCRRA compost facility. Cost, \$30, includes supplies. Call (248) 288-5150 or e-mail [LFDean@aol.com](mailto:LFDean@aol.com).

### Tropical Breezes

Get ready for some "Tropical Breezes" — that is the theme for the annual Flower Show Competition to be held within the Michigan Home and Garden Show at Ford Field in Detroit March 7-9. The Livonia Garden Club is one of 43 Michigan garden clubs participating in the competition. Admission to the show is \$9, adults; \$4 children 6-14; free, 5 and under. Call 1-800-328-6550 or visit [www.FordFieldHomeShow.com](http://www.FordFieldHomeShow.com).

### Monster Plants!

The Michigan Cactus & Succulent Society will host Monsters, Crests and other Bizarre & Ugly Plants! at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9 in the Commons Room of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 38651 Woodward, Birmingham. Free. Call (248) 790-9089.

### Hostas 101

The Royal Oak Garden Club will present Hostas 101 at 7 p.m. March 10 at the Royal Oak Public Library. A Royal Oak gardener who has turned his backyard into a successful nursery business will explain how to propagate and cultivate hostas at the free event. Call (313) 861-6579.

### Orchid Show

The Michigan Orchid Society will host its 54th Annual Palm Sunday Show March 15-16. Formerly at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, the show will move to the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Programs for beginner, intermediate and casual growers of orchids; 30 vendors selling orchids, supplies and related items. Free. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Visit [www.miorchids.com](http://www.miorchids.com).

## GRASS

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"When everything else is dying down and kind of drab, the grasses are still there like a sculpture. They add drama to the landscape when it's pretty dull," Travis said.

Travis said Rick Darke's background as a photographer gives him a unique perspective on the aesthetics of various types of grasses.

"He sees the added value of what they do visually in the landscape, not just by themselves but the shadow and lighting they create," Travis said. "Most people don't think about moonlight in a landscape, but if you imagine a full moon night in the winter or fall, grasses add just as much dimension as an old oak tree."

### DARKE'S PERSPECTIVE

Rick Darke heads a Pennsylvania-based consulting firm, and is an internationally-recognized authority on the use of grasses in landscapes. While grasses will be a thread that runs through his talk at Goldner Walsh, he will also cover the gardener's role in creating sustainable environments.

"It will be a broader discussion of the smart design of landscapes that are as sensual and practical and walkable and intimate and expansive as we want them to be, and at the same time in sync with regional resources and showing some kind of reverence of place," Darke said.

Darke will explain how grasses, sedges and rushes can be used in patterns and approaches that will work in southeast Michigan.

"They are beautiful spontaneous landscapes to live in and to share, and at the same time they are truly sustainable, maintained without taking an unfair amount of resources or being harmful to local ecologies," he said.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

Darke has been photographing landscapes for more than 30 years. "The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes," is the world's most complete individual reference on the topic, and he'll use photographs from the book to embellish his talk. According to Travis, that's what makes Darke such a unique speaker.

"His presentation is like an art show," Travis said. "He speaks of plants in an artistic way, not just a horticultural way. You learn a lot about plants but also their artistic value in a landscape."

On Saturday, Darke will lead a second workshop in which he teaches attendees how to use their digital cameras to observe and improve their gardens. Landscapes Through the Lens: Digital Photography and the Art of Observation is limited to 20 people.

The workshops at Goldner Walsh are part of Darke's mission to share his inspiration with others, both through his photography and his passion for ecology.

"If we take a decent and inspired approach to our landscaping and our design work and the gardens we make, we can be contributing in meaningful ways to the environment and world we live in," he said.

### A SHORT GUIDE TO GRASSES

Susan Charette, perennial manager and buyer for Goldner Walsh, offers a snapshot of some grasses that grow well in Michigan.

**Feather Reed Grass:** One of the most common grasses used in landscapes, it grows upright, 4-5 feet tall. Starts blooming fairly early in the season and stands up through Michigan winters.

**Japanese Silver Grass:** There are many different varieties of this colorful grass. The green and white variegated Cosmopolitan variety grows 6-8 feet tall, with big silvery plumes in the fall.

**Little Bluestem Grass:** An example of native grasses that are becoming more popular, especially around lakes, Little Bluestem grows 2.5-3 feet tall. Very blue in color, it turns pinkish-red in the fall. Good for soil erosion control.

**Golden Leaved Japanese Forest Grass:** This graceful weeping grass, 12-18 inches tall, looks beautiful bowing over rock boulders and used as a border grass. Its golden color shows up nicely in the shade.

**Clumping Bamboos:** Various bamboos, such as the 8- to 10-foot-tall Umbrella Bamboo, are becoming increasingly popular in Michigan. They can create shade for other plantings in a landscape.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**

**SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**

**MTG. 3 2/4/08**

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

37 - Approved minutes of 1/22/08.

- Bulk Fuel Bid-Mansfield Oil, truck transport; and RKA for tank wagon deliveries.

- Public Educ. & Rouge River Prgm., amt. of \$18,000.

- Adopted Ord. 253, to amend Chptr 2, Art. X, Section 2-701 thru 2-708.

38 - Approved voucher list: \$1,066,360.22 and Prepaid \$1,354,967.28.

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

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# A few things you can do to protect Michigan's animals

The following items, surprisingly, are not illegal in Michigan:

In Michigan, it's *legal* to trap a fox, bear, wolf and beaver with a heavy steel trap, armed with steel teeth-like jaws that clamp around the animal's body leaving them to slowly bleed to death, chew off their feet to escape, die of starvation, and drown ... just for the use

of their fur. Dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, deer and many other animals wander in these traps too. (To educate yourself, if you want to see a photo, visit [www.endtrap.org](http://www.endtrap.org). It's not a pretty picture.)

Steel leghold traps are illegal in 88 countries including the entire European continent, but not yet in Michigan.

Also in Michigan, if you think you are being compassionate by taking stray animals to some animal shelters, you may not realize those animals might not be safe. They might be collected by "Class B" dealers — people who buy homeless dogs and cats and sell them to research laboratories.

And in Michigan, if you have a family member who has tortured or abused an animal, there isn't a whole lot you can do for justice and prevention.

Now, rather than feel helpless, feel empowered.

You can help protect the animals who live in this state with one e-mail or telephone call.

Currently, there are pending state bills that, if passed, will improve everything I've listed above.

All you need to do is e-mail your legislator and urge them to support the bills listed below.

Simple. If you don't know the identity of your state representative, just go to the Humane Society of the United States' Web site and obtain the information with the click of a mouse: <https://community.hsus.org/humane/leg-lookup/>

search.html.

The following bills aren't political, rather they are potential laws that could just protect animals better. Ask your representative to vote "yes" on:

■ **Michigan House Bill 4497.** The passage of this bill is long overdue.

Steel leghold traps are outdated and used to cruelly trap animals for their pelts. Michigan is far too low on its level of respect and compassion for sentient creatures.

■ **Michigan House Bill 4741** would allow a person to petition the courts for restraining orders against a spouse, ex-spouse, ex-lover, or anyone who has lived in their home who has killed, injured, threatened to injure or kill or neglect an animal owned by the petitioner. This bill would protect both the animal, and the animal's guardian, because we know by now that people who hurt animals often harm humans.

■ **Michigan House Bill 4742** would make it a felony to kill, torture, disfigure, poison, or harm an animal — as a means of committing domestic violence (such as a husband harming a wife's dog). It would be punishable by up to six years in prison or a \$7,500 fine.

■ **Michigan House Bill 4139** would add sexual abusers of animals to the list of registered sexual offenders.

And lastly and the bill being examined hard right now...

■ **Michigan House Bill 5263** would stop "animal dealers" from getting dogs and cats from animal shelters and selling them to research laboratories. Class B dealers sometimes respond to "free to good home ads" pretending to adopt the animal.

The hidden truth is animals are then sold to laboratories where they endure painful experiments not needed for human safety.

There's also a bill about foie gras, but we'll save that for another day — I would like to hear your thoughts on that in the future.

Lana Mini is a staff writer for Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Read her column, One World, Many Beings, every month in HometownLife.

## Thank you, readers, for saving an animal

A few weeks ago we wrote about a homeless black lab puppy whose time was running out.

We asked if any of you, dear readers, would save his life. The response was overwhelming. He's now in a happy home playing with another dog all day long.

Then we asked for help with the rescue group Metro Area Animal Adoption that needed foster families. Without families willing to let a dog or cat live with them for a few weeks, homeless animals don't have any place to stay. Again, an overwhelming number of you responded and now the group has more volunteers — which means more saved lives.

But your help is needed again.

■ **Metro Area Animal Adoption** is in desperate need of a foster home where the homeowner does not have any other animals. Sometimes friendly dogs and cats need fostering, but do better in homes where they are the only pet.

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■ **The Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society**, one of the area's best animal rescue



Stevie is a fun, beige, one-year-old Lab mix who desperately needs a foster home, or permanent home, with no other animals. Stevie loves children, is house-broken and is eager to learn new tricks. He just doesn't like to share human affection with other animals. If you can save the life of this friendly boy contact Julie Sly of Metro Area Animal Adoption at [slymom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slymom@sbcglobal.net).

groups that also does cruelty investigation, is in need. As the economy worsens, the number of homeless animals increases because some people say they can't afford to feed their animal anymore. MACS needs foster families, and it also needs donations. As the economy weakens, donations at the shelter have dropped. If you can foster, call (313) 891-7188. Send donations to: Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, 13569 Joseph Campau Street Hamtramck, 48212.

We will keep you posted.

- Lana Mini

## WINE

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With a dual role as wine producer and negociant, Moueix is afforded a unique opportunity to understand classic Bordeaux wine closely and is probably the most experienced person in the region when it comes to blending exceptional wine.

### WHAT TO BUY

On the right bank of the Dordogne River, all producing principally plush Merlot-based wines, Saint-Emilion (where limestone soils significantly impact the wines' character) can be grouped with Pomerol. Thus a nice pairing to learn the similarities and differences between the appellations is Christian Moueix 2005 St-Emilion and the Christian Moueix 2005 Pomerol.

The St-Emilion (85 percent merlot and 15 percent cabernet franc) showcases black cherry and cassis aromas with mirrored flavors. It's a pure fruit expression with good structure, round yet obvious tannins and long finish.

The Pomerol (95 percent merlot and five percent cabernet franc) is highlighted by blackberry and dark currant aromas and is more austere than the St-Emilion. Similarly though, flavors mirror aromas with the addition of truffle accents and a chocolate nuance.

Strikingly different is the Christian Moueix 2005 Medoc (50 percent cabernet sauvignon, 30 percent merlot, 15 percent cabernet franc and 5 percent petit verdot). An attractive black fruit melange, dark berry and vanilla notes characterize the aroma. Here too, flavors mirror aromas but in the mouth, structural tannins and an immense grip suggest bigger foods, such as a grilled steak.

On this point, red Bordeaux wines are best with food and are not sipping wines.

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## Cottage & Lakefront Living

The Cottage & Lakefront Living Show, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi Feb. 28-March 2, will include log and cedar homes, cottage rental, furnishings, lakefront homebuilders and realtors, lakeshore maintenance, boats and docks, outdoor recreational equipment, sand art demos by Big Wave Dave, and seminars about family kayak adventures and 'green' lake practices. Show hours: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday; 2-9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$9; \$4, children 6-14; free, under 5. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit [www.cottageandlakefrontliving.com](http://www.cottageandlakefrontliving.com).

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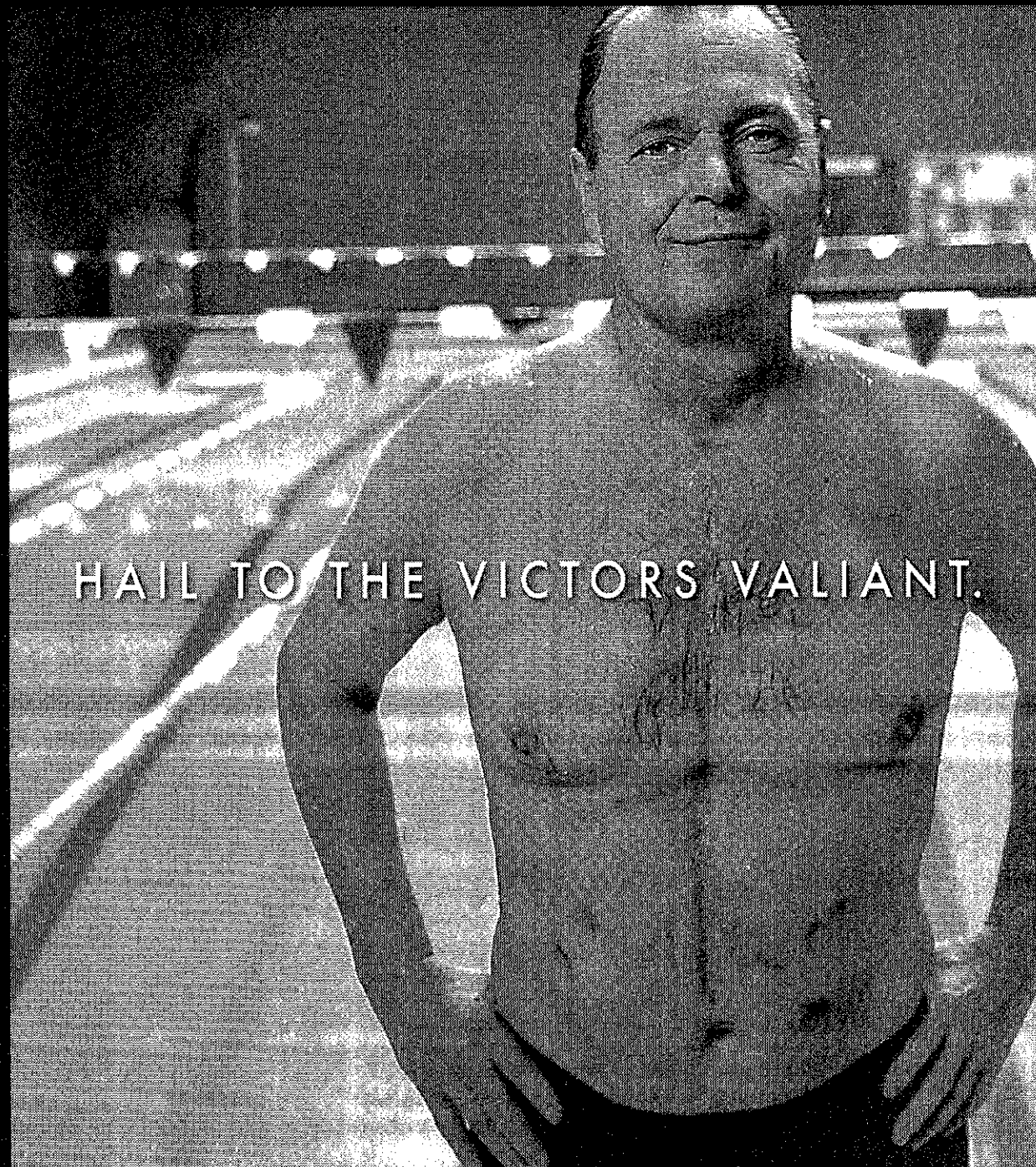
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Don't miss  
the O&E's pull-out  
Wedding Guide next  
Thursday!

## Vera Wang goes vintage

Revolutionary designer veers toward look of yesteryear

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL  
AP FASHION WRITER

To talk about bridal fashion trends is almost moot: Yes, there are subtle differences from season to season but, in the end, the gowns are almost always white, feminine and pretty.

A subtle shift away from floaty, ethereal gowns toward more fitted, glamorous ones — as in Vera Wang's newest collection — actually is a notable change.

"The shape I was feeling for was extremely fitted. It's not something I've been doing a lot of," says Wang.

A slinky, sexy silhouette is often easier to pull off in bridal than in everyday clothes or even evening wear because the market for show-stopping wedding gowns tends to be a specific demographic: youthful women eager to have all eyes on themselves.

"It's a finite group," the designer says. "In ready-to-wear, it's from my daughters all the way up to someone who is 60 — and I'm headed in that direction myself."

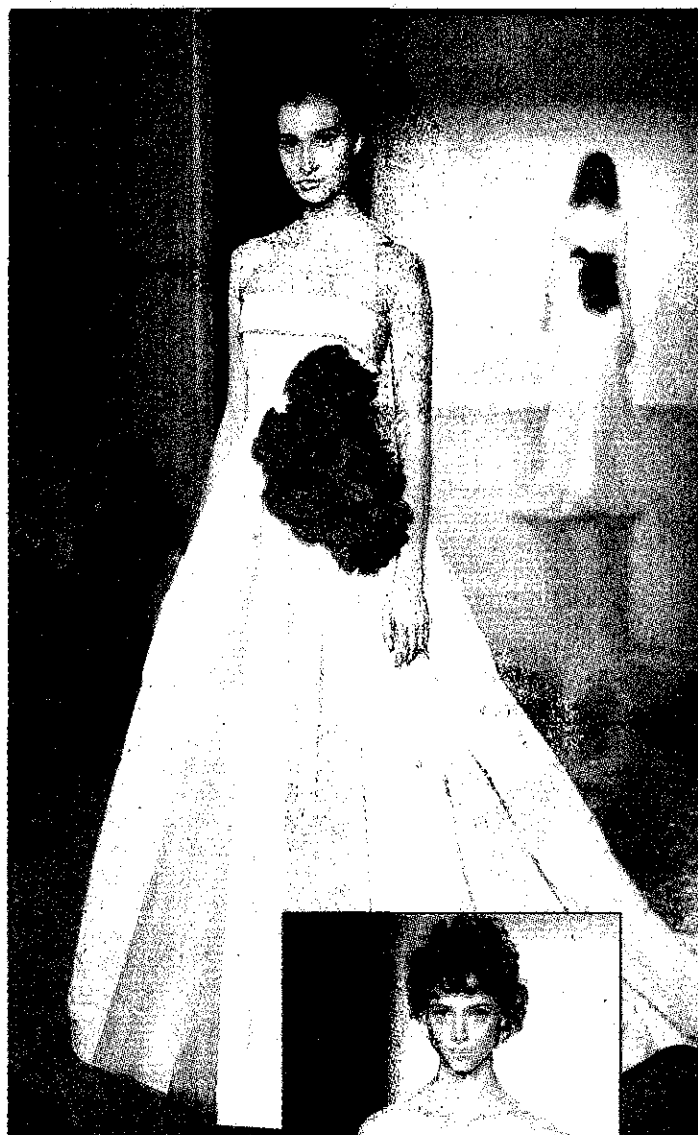
(Wang, 58, won the Council of Fashion Designers of America award as the industry's top womenswear designer for her ready-to-wear collections in 2005.)

If the silhouette was going to hug the body, Wang says, it became important to her to make the surface details, including cabbage-rose corsages, interesting. That led to a look that seemed rooted in the 1950s and early '60s on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, though modern enough to be worn by the granddaughters of that era's famed socialites.

"Once I saw a little Jackie Kennedy in it, I knew we were heading in a very sophisticated direction. It reminded me of



Vera Wang's 2008 line includes unique embellishments like tulle sashes (above) and cabbage-rose corsages (at right).



"That formality looks very new to me. The glamour was fresh to me."

It's also a classic American look, notes Wang. "It's sweet and racy. ... The women from the '40s to the early '60s had a polish and a thoroughbred good look. They were just to me what American glamour was about."

### VERA WANG TRUNK SHOW

**When:** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 14; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 15; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 16  
**Where:** The Bridal Salon, Macy's Somerset, 1st floor  
**What:** A representative from Vera Wang will present the elegant designer's latest collection.  
**Appointments:** Call (248) 816-4270.

women who were the predecessors of Jackie: Babe Paley and the other women Truman Capote ran with," Wang says.

## pink picks

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Wide leg trousers  
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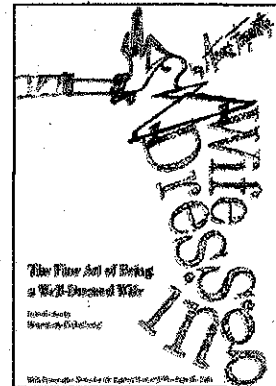
**Smell It!**  
Hard Candy Fragrance

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**DVD It!**  
Across the Universe

**Tivo It!**  
Dexter

**Indulge It!**  
A deep tissue massage by Zena at Margot's Euro Spa in Birmingham



**Read It!**  
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**Eat It!**  
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Muscle Milk after workouts

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## Malls & Mainstreets

If you have an item for the Malls & Main Streets calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wensdy Von Buskirk at [wvonn@hometownlife.com](mailto:wvonn@hometownlife.com).

**Kohl's Holds Job Fair**  
CANTON — Kohl's Department Stores will wrap up its job fair today to fill 150 full- and part-time positions for its Canton store, opening in April. The job fair will be held 12:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Holiday Inn, 46194 I-94 North Service Dr. in Belleville. Call (877) NEW-KOHL or visit [www.kohls-careers.com](http://www.kohls-careers.com).

**Cooking Up Culture and Couture**  
DETROIT — The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History will host "Cooking Up Culture and Couture" 6-10 p.m. tonight. The event will recognize fashion designer Kevan Hall, and style and food expert B. Smith. Detroit-born Hall has dressed celebs from Angela Bassett to Charlize Theron. Restaurant owner and author B. Smith is spokeswoman for Lawry's "Cooking Up Culture" campaign, celebrating the diversity of American cuisine. The gala includes a fashion show featuring select gowns from Hall's 2008 spring line, along with artwork by Annie Lee. The museum is located at 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 494-5853 or visit [www.maah-detroit.org](http://www.maah-detroit.org).

**Reem Acra Trunk Show**  
TROY — The Bridal Salon at Macy's Somerset will host a Reem Acra bridal trunk show Feb. 22-24 featuring the latest designs and a representative from the company. The Reem Acra look is a combination of old world tradition with a modern sensibility and features attention to detail, signature beaded embroideries and unique fabric combinations. Appointments are suggested. Call (248) 816-4270.

**Parisian Clinique GWP**  
Parisian stores in Livonia, Rochester and Clinton Township are offering a Clinique cosmetics gift-with-purchase through Feb. 24. With a Clinique purchase of \$21.50,

receive a gift valued at \$50. A bonus Allure Magazine opportunity also is included.

**Ashka Salon VIP Event**  
Ashka Salon & Spa in Brighton will host an exclusive VIP Event 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26. The evening will include 15 percent off Aveda products, 10 percent off gift cards, a fashion show featuring hush and impulse, hors d'oeuvres, Barefoot Wine & Bubbly, and drawings for a spa day and prizes from Rotterdam Jewelers. First 100 guests receive a free gift. Ashka is located at 9740 Village Place Blvd. in Brighton. Call (810) 225-9441 or visit [www.ashkasalon.com](http://www.ashkasalon.com).

**Easter Bunny Hops into Novi**  
NOVI — The Easter Bunny will hold court at Twelve Oaks Mall's Central Park Garden, March 1-22. Photos of the Easter Bunny with children and families will be available for purchase. Each child who visits will receive a free gift. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Twelve Oaks is located at I-96 and Novi Road. Visit [www.shoptwelveoaks.com](http://www.shoptwelveoaks.com).

**Local Retailer Recognized**  
WESTLAND — Catherine Buchanan of Independent Carpet One Floor & Home was presented with an award for her exceptional commitment to community service during the past year at Carpet One Floor & Home's annual Winter Convention in Houston, Texas last month. The award recognizes a retailer who was part of Carpet One Floor & Home's 2007 community relations campaigns, and went above and beyond the expectations to make an impact on their community. Buchanan was actively involved in the Carpet One Floor & Home Welcomes Your Support breast cancer welcome mat campaign, selling over 425 welcome mats and raising \$2,337.50. Buchanan offered 25 percent off during the month of October to women who showed proof of a mammogram. Visit Independent Carpet One Floor & Home at 1400 North Wayne Road, or call (734) 729-6200.

## The many looks of Miss America

PHOTOS BY TOM DONOGHUE



Kirsten Haglund wore a black bikini edged in gold during the swimsuit competition.

Everyone is still buzzing about hometown girl Kirsten Haglund, who won the Miss America crown on Jan. 26 at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. Here's another glimpse of the high style the 19-year-old Farmington Hills native displayed during competition. As Miss America 2008, Haglund will travel 20,000 miles a month speaking to audiences about her platform of raising awareness of eating disorders, and acting as the official National Goodwill Ambassador for Children's Miracle Network.



After she was crowned, Haglund, was honored by PINK's, a legendary hot dog stand in Hollywood that also serves Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino. The Observer & Eccentric's PINK salutes Haglund too.



Haglund wore a beautiful blue gown designed by Larry Kralowski of Kray Chic in Farmington Hills during the talent phase of competition, in which she sang 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow.'



Haglund was crowned in the stunning, jeweled dress she wore for the evening gown competition, designed by Kralowski. Carol LaBute of The Mane Connection in Farmington Hills traveled with Haglund to keep her loose, wavy hair looking impeccable throughout the show.

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