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Bob the bee guy

Beekeeper wants to pass along his love for industrious insects

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Bob Jastrzebski decided to build a beehive in his Canton back yard, he only did it because he thought the pollinating insects would help his garden produce more vegetables. He had no idea he would become so enamored with the flying insects, and they would ultimately lead to a second career for him.

But that's exactly what happened. "The garden has been better and my neighbors have remarked their trees have been better since I put the hive back there. It's a proven fact that trees flower much better with bees than without them," Jastrzebski said.

From that first hive he built five years ago,

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Bob Jastrzebski displays a frame filled with wax comb and honey.

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Poole gets 20-35 years for murdering foster child

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the moments after his wife was sentenced to a minimum of 20 years in prison, Alan Poole took off his coat, balled it up in his lap and sat alone in the sixth floor hallway of Third Circuit Court.

Judge Ulysses Boykin sentenced convicted murderer Carol Poole of Canton to 20-35 years Wednesday afternoon in the death of Allison Newman, the Poole's 2-year-old foster daughter. In addition to the sentence for the murder conviction, Poole will serve a concurrent sentence of 10-15 years for her first-degree child abuse conviction. Boykin set aside sentencing on Poole's involuntary manslaughter conviction saying it would have constituted double jeopardy with the murder charge.



With about a dozen people supporting her Wednesday, Carol Poole, 42, addressed the court and expressed remorse for the actions that led to Allison's death in September 2006.

"I will never forgive myself for failing Allison," said Poole, who sobbed throughout most of the proceedings. "I cannot believe I did not take her to the hospital right away."

The state maintained that Poole intentionally killed the child and had been abusing her since July 2006. Poole, a management recruiter, has admitted she used bad judgment in offering police and doctors multiple explanations for Allison's head trauma, but claimed that she and Allison were playing a twirling game on the second-floor of her Emily Court home when the child fell 12 feet over a balcony.

"I loved my daughter," Poole said, while slightly tilting her head back for emphasis. "I absolutely loved her."

While Poole's attorney Mark Satawa pushed for leniency with the sentencing, Jerry Dorsey IV, assistant prosecutor, asked Boykin to go above the maximum sentence in order to send a "message to foster parents."

In the end, Boykin said he decided stay within the parameters of a second-degree murder conviction. He could have sentenced Poole to life in prison.

The Pooles had Allison in their custody for nine months. Carol Poole's supporters have maintained that she was a loving mother who adored Allison and was patient with the child who was once described as "dramatic."

Allison's paternal family, who have been a constant presence at Poole's court appearances, said they deal with the grief of Allison's death every day.

The child's father, Kenneth Newman, as well as her grandmother, Debbie Newman of Westland, each addressed the court before Poole was sentenced.

Debbie Newman said it's been a struggle to keep her family together but said she's determined to do so because "if I fail, Carol Poole will have taken more than one life."

Poole, eligible for parole in 20 years, will get credit for the 513 days she's been incarcerated.



BILL BRESLER
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Alan Poole, husband of defendant Carol Poole, waits for sentencing to begin.

McLaughlin making run for Canton treasurer



McLaughlin

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Longtime Canton Township Trustee Melissa McLaughlin announced she won't be running for re-election this year. But she still hopes to be a member of the Board of Trustees after elections this fall.

McLaughlin, who has been a trustee since 1992, announced Tuesday that she is running for Canton Township treasurer, a position currently held by

Elaine Kirchgatter, who has not made it official whether or not she is running for re-election.

Kirchgatter, who was elected in 1988, did not immediately return calls for this story.

McLaughlin, who has lived in Canton since 1962; has been an integral part of Canton government for many years.

In addition to serving as a trustee, she is currently a member of the planning commission, DDA and historic

district commission.

McLaughlin said she wanted to run for one of the board's three full-time positions: supervisor, clerk and treasurer.

She decided on treasurer, because she felt the clerk's position was too difficult (and she is friends with incumbent Terry Bennett) and that she felt the supervisor's position would be best filled by state Rep. Phil LaJoy, who

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Officials expect fewer appeals on tax assessments

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's the continuing story of Proposal A — lower assessments, higher taxes.

But there's been a glimmer of hope reflected in the assessments that have arrived at Canton residences, according to Doug Shaw, the township's assessor.

"We are not going to be as busy as we have been in the past," he said of the appeals process before the Board of Review. "The one-year sales study has already made a big difference. It's the biggest change."

For the first time, a property's assessed value — or its state equalized value (SEV), which is half of its market value — is based on a one-year sales study

Tell us what you think about Proposal A's impact on property taxes, or if you plan to go before the Board of Review to appeal your tax bill. E-mail editor Kurt Kurban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

instead of a two-year study. Shaw said this year's SEV's offer a better reflection of the area's housing slump than in past years.

"It's now based on a more recent sample of sales," he said. Even so, property taxes are based on a parcel's taxable value, not its SEV. Taxable values have increased by 2.3 percent, the rate of inflation required under Proposal A.

"There's been some piece of mind that it decreased from 3.7

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In making an appeal, homeowners must present documentation, such as an appraisal and sales of comparable properties. To schedule an appointment, call (734) 394-5111. Appeals that have been mailed in must reach township offices by March 14.

percent last year," Shaw said. Before Proposal A, property was taxed at half of its market

value.

The logic of the proposal, which was ushered in by voters in 1994, is that taxes will remain steady whether property values skyrocket or plummet.

Canton Assistant Treasurer Bruce Malinczak previously said that the township benefited from the proposal for years before market values began to dwindle.

"The thing I keep pointing out is Proposal A," he said. "Some people don't want to hear it, but it is a break. We had the benefit for years, but now it has (flipped)."

More than 1,500 residents appealed their assessments last year. Shaw won't estimate how many are expected to go before this year's Board of Review, but believes it will be a substantial decrease.

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Coming Sunday in Health



Inexpensive drug could prevent kidney damage from dyes used during CT and other imaging scans

PCA open house

Plymouth Christian Academy, located at 43065 Joy Road in Canton, is hosting "Walk In Wednesdays" on Wednesday's through March 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an open house for prospective students and parents. Fall classes are still available for preschool, elementary, middle and high school.

To RSVP, call the school at (734) 459-3505.

For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.plymouthchristian.org.

Mocha Moms meeting

Mocha Moms Inc., a national support group for mothers of color and a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, is looking to start chapters in the Downriver and Canton areas.

Please come out and learn more about this organization on at 4 p.m., March 2 at Starbucks in Canton (on Ford Road near Lotz). For more information, visit michiganmochas@yahoo.com or www.mochamoms.org.

Bowling fund-raiser

Students from East and Pioneer middle schools in Plymouth and Marshall Middle School in Westland are raising money for the People to People Student Ambassador Program, which sends students to other countries as Student Ambassadors to meet and learn from foreign students and representatives of other nations. The students - Richard McCutcheon of East Middle School, Abbey Jarrett of Pioneer Middle School and John Puterbaugh and John Hollenbeck of Marshall Middle School - had to qualify for the honor.

The Bowling Fun Raiser will be at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, March 2. Tickets are \$15 and include three games of bowling, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and a soft drink.

For tickets or more information, call Roy McCutcheon, (734) 398-5676 or (734) 748-5803.

Organic garden volunteers needed

Canton residents inter-

ested in helping to build and maintain an intergenerational community organic garden should plan to attend the "ground breaking" information sessions scheduled for Wednesday, March 5 and Monday, March 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Summit on the Park Ash Room.

Volunteers are needed to help plan and construct specially designed raised garden beds with accessible pathways for young children and older adults. In addition, garden plots will also be available for rent at various locations throughout the township.

This project is intended to provide a unique and calming place for children, senior citizens, wheelchair bound gardeners and volunteers of all ages to come together and garden organically. For more information on this project please call Marina Harvey at (734) 394-5460.

Women wanted

The Canton Business & Professional Women (BPW), which promotes full participation, equity and eco-



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Vying for the big prize

Canton's Silvia Boyde (second from right) was one of five finalists for the state lottery's \$2 million drawing Friday night at The Palace of Auburn Hills, along with (from left) Daniel Lynch of Redford, Barb Farrah of Southgate, Crystal Awdish of West Bloomfield, and Michael Adair of Imlay City. Farrah, who is a state representative, was the lucky winner when the prize wheel stopped on green, the color of the shirt she was randomly given prior to the drawing. Boyde and the other finalists each received \$5,000. Each qualified for the drawing by claiming a \$1,000 prize in one of the following \$20 instant games: \$2,000,000 Cash Windfall, Millionaire's Club, \$2,000,000 Explosion, and \$35,000,000 Riches, and Double Red Millions. The grand prize drawing was conducted at during the Detroit Pistons game against the Milwaukee Bucks.

economic self-sufficiency for America's working women, will meet 6-8 p.m., March 10 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton (located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road - east of Canton Center Road). Special guests will

be The Petticoat Ladies as "Charmers & Cranks". Dinner will also be served.

Please RSVP for this meeting by contacting June Nicholas by phone at (313) 610-2561 or e-mail at junenicholas@comcast.net. There is a cost for dinner.

TREASURER

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announced last month that he is running for the position. Longtime Supervisor Tom Yack is not running for re-election.

"I have a desire to be more engaged," McLaughlin said of her decision. "I'm practically there (township offices) full time now, anyway."

McLaughlin, who has also volunteered for many local organizations and is a member of the Canton Hall of Fame, said all her experience will benefit her as treasurer.

"I think with Tom (Yack) leaving, there is a need for a strong, experienced administrative team moving forward," she said.

"I have a proven record that I am very proud of that will distinguish me from any other candidate. I look forward to continuing service to my community."

Both the Canton clerk and treasurer earn an annual salary of \$127,073.

McLaughlin's decision means there will be at least two trustee seats open.

Todd LaJoy recently announced he won't be running for re-election, and instead will run for his father's seat in the state House.

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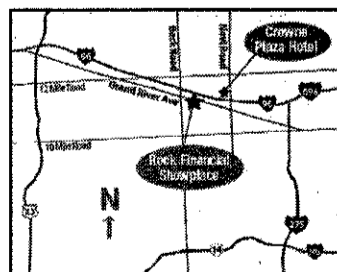
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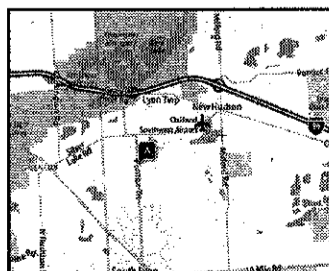


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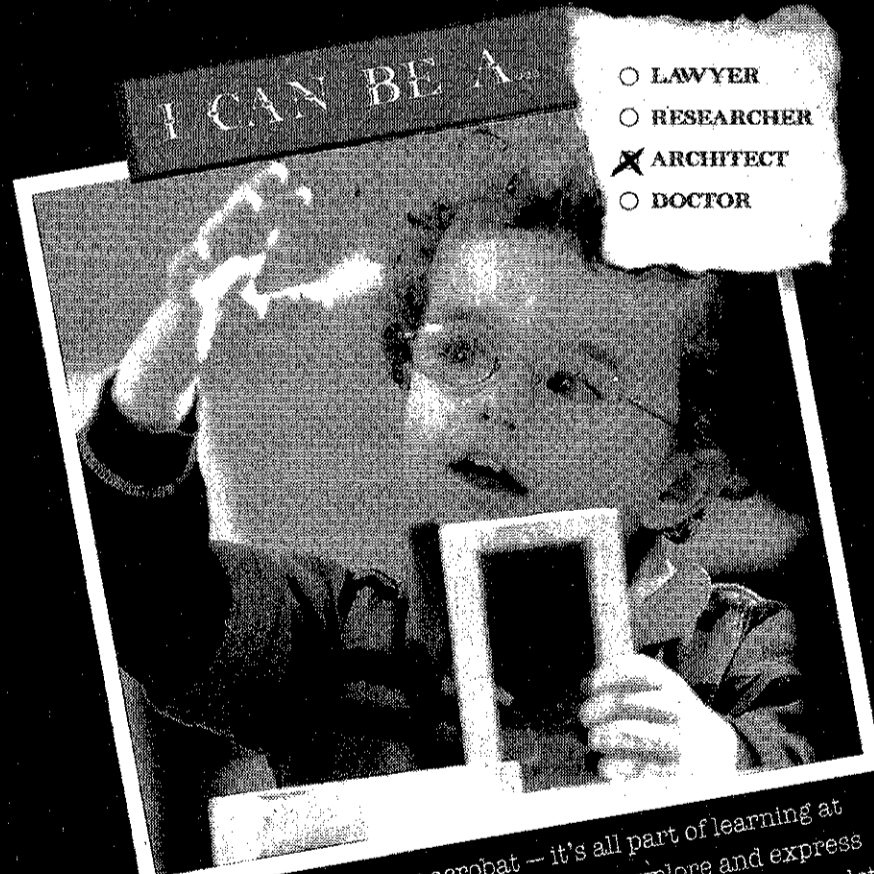


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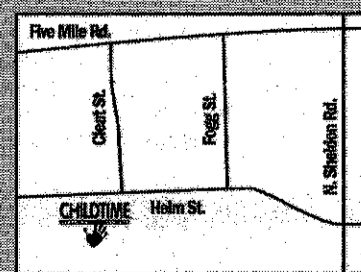
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'My time to go'

As song says, educator went out 'his way'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan said he's not singing "My Way" a la Frank Sinatra, but in retiring Friday as the CEO of the state's fourth-largest school district he's going exactly that - finishing up on his own terms.

"I've never left a superintendency - four years in Reed City, seven at Lansing Waverly and six years here - where the very last day I didn't look around, walk out and say 'I did the best I could,'" said Ryan. "I'm feeling a sense of satisfaction from the work we did over the last six years in partnership with the Board of Education, my team, administrators, teachers and the community."

"I hope I'm walking out - not being carried out - at the top of my game," he added.

When Ryan became interim superintendent in July 2002 he took over after Kathleen Booher, who had alienated many administrators, teachers and parents, resigned under pressure.

As Ryan tells the story, members of the Board of Education walked into the deputy superintendent's office and "asked the fat guy down the hall" if he would like the job. Ryan said he originally told the board "no," but then took the position with the stipulation that trustees "root like hell for me." Six months later the interim tag was removed.

From the beginning of his tenure, it was obvious what Ryan's number one objective had to be.

"Thank God the goal was to improve relationships with the community and staff, because I think that's what I do best," said Ryan, whose self-deprecating humor is an automatic ice breaker. "You just show people how proud you are to be the superintendent."

"I'm not amazed it worked that well," he said. "It's how you treat and work with people."

Jill David, president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Council - comprised of parent representatives of each school in the district - said Ryan always appeared humbled when he attended their meetings to give an update on the district.

"He always made us feel so important, like he wouldn't be where he was today if it weren't for all the parents in the district," said David, of Plymouth Township. "Very genuine and sincere. We'll miss him."

Ryan's demeanor can be summed up in one word, one that he wears on his suit coat lapel, "Attitude."

"Our number-one goal was to improve student achievement, and I think we're showing that," he said. "On time and under budget bond issues, we're the best in the state at it. Six unqualified audits in a row. And, we met the board mandates (on smaller learning communities) at the Park."

Board President Judy Mardigian, the longest-serving current board member, said it's been a great ride.

"We have a feeling of labor peace, a period of calm and good relationships in this district," Mardigian said at Tuesday's board meeting, Ryan's last as superintendent. "You are a natural leader, an irresistible personality. This district is in a much better place now, you definitely have made a huge contribution."

Ryan said some of his best and worst moments as Plymouth-Canton superintendent have ties to bond issues.



One of Jim Ryan's favorite things was attending graduation, as he did in June, where he listened to Senior Class speaker Sharan Kaur Shokar.

THE RYAN FILE

Name: Dr. Jim Ryan

Position: Retiring Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent

On the job: Was deputy superintendent, became superintendent in 2002

Previous jobs: Superintendent in Reed City and Lansing Waverly

Family: Wife, Kathy; children Mike and Amy; six grandchildren: Liam, Shannon, Nora, Owen, Abigail and Olivia

"I think I'll always look back at the passage of the 2004 bond ... we did renovations to every single building except, unfortunately, Central Middle School," said Ryan. "And our new buildings, Plymouth (High School), and Dodson and Workman (elementaries). The Workman dedication meant a lot to me because Mr. (Tom) Workman was able to attend."

Ryan said the failure of two bond issues in 2007 will "weigh heavily" on him.

"I will always feel bad that I wasn't able to explain to the community that it was only a half mill, and it would help us by putting a second middle school in Canton and help us make some very needed adjustments at Central," said Ryan. "We were 250 votes away from doing some great things, which now will have to wait for years."

Ryan said he'll always miss the daily interaction with employees and students. However, while reflecting on his tenure, he admitted there were some things that began to wear on him.

"The board meetings got harder, the fear of the unknown," he said. "Like who's coming at citizen comments and who's going to pound on you, (negative) feedback from doing your job."

The continuing struggles with Lansing for funding and subsequent budget cuts didn't help.

"I don't build cars, I can't shut the second shift down at the plant if we're not selling enough cars," Ryan said. "We build student achievement."

Despite dealing with \$12 million in budget reductions over the past five years, Ryan has always been reluctant to cut programs, opting instead to make up the money in other areas.

"It's easy to cut more, it's hard to cut less and get scolded for deficit spending," Ryan said. "This board has never had a cut and slash policy, they hung tough with us. I just think the best years are ahead for this district."

Ryan has worked since he was 14-years-old, when he operated a recreation center in Ohio. He laughs while remembering his three summers working on the assembly line at the Ford Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne.

"I just never could get the hang of it," said Ryan. "I have a real respect for the job those workers do."

After a career that's spanned 37 years, Ryan said he's confident he's spent his last days in education.

"I don't think I'll ever do anything in K-12 education again," he said. "Maybe there will be

Taking some 'swings' in retirement

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At Tuesday's Board of Education meeting - his last as superintendent - Jim Ryan received accolades and well-wishes from trustees as retirement loomed only a few days away.

Ryan, who occasionally plays golf, was given a gift basket of golf items he could use while on the links during retirement. It included a shirt with "Attitude" and his initials embroidered on it, as well as special golf balls to help his game.

"We know there are times you wanted to take a swing at us, so we have personalized golf balls with our pictures inserted on them," said Trustee Dianne Gonzalez in presenting the basket to Ryan.

After a few laughs, board President Judy Mardigian quipped, "Who's he going to hit first?"

To which Vice President Barry Simescu wondered, "Which one will go farther?"

something else in my life that I'll be able to do and enjoy. If I don't think I can enjoy it as much as I did my 17 years as a superintendent, then retirement will be in my long-range plans."

His wife, Kathy, who retired two years ago after 30 years as a special education teacher, said with all the energy Jim has for his job, she's concerned how her husband will make the transition to retirement.

"Every day is a Saturday, it's



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One of retiring Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent Jim Ryan's strengths was his ability to laugh, even at himself, as he did here at his going-away party.

awesome," said Kathy Ryan. "You have time to do everything you've ever wanted to do."

However, if Jim remains restless, Kathy has an idea. "There's always plenty of house projects to be done," she said.

Jim Ryan said he doesn't want to hear that he won't know what to do with himself in retirement. He's got a plan.

"I'll be 60 this summer and I want to regain my health, that's my number one priority," Ryan said. "We'll have a lot of time to see the grandkids. I want

to walk the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day and go to Mt. Rushmore, which has been a life-long dream.

"No tie, no alarm clock and I'm never coming home from up north on Sunday ever again," he said. "If you're true to yourself and you know what's in your heart, I think you know when your time has come. And, I just think my time has come."

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AAUW ready to present 'Snow White'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As an eighth-grade drama teacher, Melissa Mosquera requires her students to see a play, and she's made it easy for them to do so by inviting them to see her in the Plymouth-Canton AAUW's production of *Snow White* next weekend.

"The boys are groaning and complaining, but I told them if their teacher is going to get up on stage and perform, they can be there to watch," said Mosquera.

The Livonia resident is playing *Snow White* in the play which will be presented at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium Thursday-Saturday, March 6-8.

Mosquera is excited to play the role of *Snow White*. It was one of two roles — the other

was *Happy* — she auditioned for last fall. She admits she's nervous about playing the lead role, especially since it's a step up from a "minor role" she had in last year's production. But it gives her the opportunity to create her own version of the fairy tale character.

"I've decided *Snow White* is a little naive," Mosquera said. "I'm trying to go through her lines with a naïveté like when the woodsman tells he's taking her to the woods to kill her. She thinks it's a joke."

Monica Nick of Plymouth also is stepping out of the supporting cast to play *Snow White*'s nemesis, Queen Braggamore. This is her third production and has had roles as a candlestick seller in *Jack and the Beanstalk* and a playing card in *Alice in Wonderland*. She tried out for the part

because she thought "it would be neat to be a queen and wear a crown." She admits now she didn't realize the queen has the most lines in the play.

"I've been studying my lines every night," she said. "I love doing this because it's creative and challenging, the role is the opposite of what I see myself as."

This is the 48th year the Plymouth-Canton American Association of University Women has presented live children's theater. The organization, with members from Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Ann Arbor, Novi, Northville and Wyandotte, takes classics like *Pinocchio*, *Snow White* and *Cinderella* and crafts hourlong AAUW versions. Its first production was *Hansel and Gretel*. It now has a repertoire of seven plays

that are rotated through and updated every few years.

"We took out some older lines that the dwarves say," said Becky Copenhaver, who is sharing directing duties with Kay Paupore, Diana Wilcox and Shirley Zaetta. "In the palace scene, when they talk about Prince Michael, they talk about seeing him on myspace. We make it a fairy tale, but update it for the kids."

The play will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 6-7, and 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the high school at 6500 Middlebelt north of Ford.

Presale tickets cost \$5 and are available at Fanatic U, 30409 Ford, Garden City, call (734) 266-0893; The Book Cellar, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, call (734) 455-2665; and Perkos Shoes, 33426 Five Mile, Livonia, call (734) 427-3477. They also will be available at the door on performance dates at \$6 each.

The Thursday evening production will include an interactive cast presentation about



Monica Nick of Plymouth is Queen Braggamore and Melissa Mosquera of Livonia plays *Snow White* in the upcoming Plymouth-Canton AAUW production of "Snow White."

theater at 6:15 p.m., so Girl Scouts, Brownies and Daisies can work on work on requirements for patches and badges. The AAUW has done the presentation on Saturday for several years, but moved it to Thursday evening to accommodate the Scouts. The event will include a fun patch for those Scouts who attend. However, they need to register in advance by sending an e-mail to aauw_plymouthcanton@yahoo.com.

According to Copenhaver, who's been involved with the

AAUW since 1985, the play is a nice time for members to spend with each other and get caught up on what has happened in their lives.

But the production goes beyond that.

Members see it as a "powerful tool to reach children" and lets them tap in to "their instinct to explore."

"I love doing the play because it's for a great cause, but it's also a great way to give back to the community," said Nick. "I really enjoy doing it."

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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. McClelland 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.

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Jastrzebski now knows just about everything there is to know about honey bees. He also started his own honey business, Bobilin Honey, and sells his precious commodity at local stores, including Holiday Market and Mango's, as well as local farm markets.

He takes great pride in his honey, which is all natural and never processed like many honey products that usually fill grocery store shelves.

"What you buy in stores is processed, which kills a lot of the natural qualities in the honey," he said. "The bottom line is if you don't know your beekeeper, you don't know your honey."

Don't just take his word for it, either. Jastrzebski won four blue ribbons at the 2007 Michigan State Fair,

including for his honey, beeswax, and comb — all products produced by his bees.

Jastrzebski, who moved to Canton in 1985 and owns the Canton-based CIM Solutions and Networking, says he spends about two days a week tending to the 60 hives he has in the area. Many are located on farms stretching from Canton down to Manchester. He said tending to the bees is a year-round endeavor, but one that never gets boring for him.

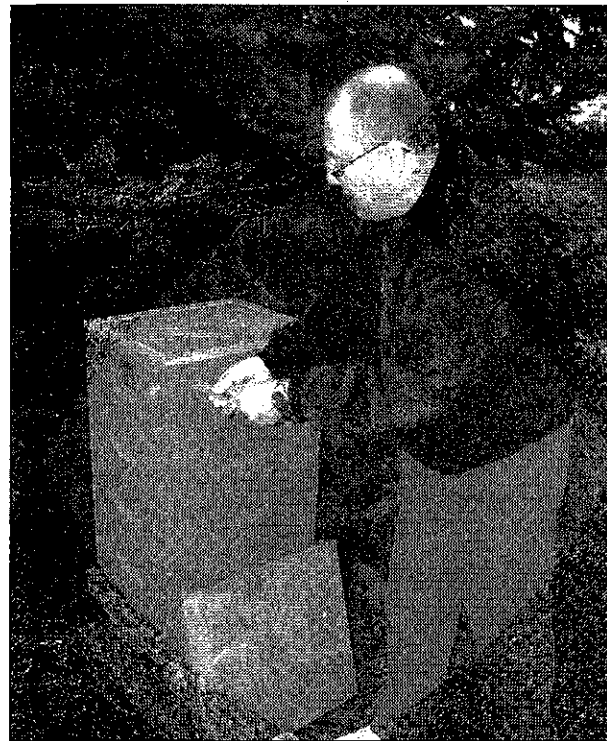
Jastrzebski's wife of 35 years, Linda, calls herself the bee widow, because her husband spends so much time with his little friends. It could be worse, she said.

"When he gets into something, he gets into it full blast. That's the way he is," she said. "But I can't really say anything negative about it. He's not an alcoholic. He's not out chasing women around. He just likes to spend time with his bees."

Jastrzebski, 55, says he has become fascinated with his honey bees, which have incredibly structured communities, revolving around a queen bee. Each bee has a specific role, from undertaker bees that actually remove dead bees from the hive to foraging bees that go out and collect the pollen that ultimately becomes the honey.

Jastrzebski now wants to pass his passion on to others and is offering a boot camp for beekeepers, which will teach people everything they need to know about beekeeping and producing honey. He said the class will consist of about four sessions, beginning sometime in March. He will determine the dates once he gets people signed up.

To sign up for the class or for more information, contact Jastrzebski at (734) 748-2185, or e-mail him at bobj@cimsurf.com. You can also visit his Web site at <http://www.bobilin-honey.com>.

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Bob Jastrzebski checks one of his hives in his backyard.

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:

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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.

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

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- 1 p.m. - How to Install Brick Pavers - Patios & Walkways
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Not an easy thing: Workshop tackles the topic of divorce

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Mediation is the new gentler divorce, says Eudora Adolph, and the smarter way to go not only because of finances but family matters.

As a financial planner with AverTrust Advisors in Farmington Hills, Adolph has seen the results of a messy divorce. That's why she founded Money Caretakers Forum to help people so they don't end up in a costly court room battle. On Monday, March 3, Adolph will be joined by experts in the areas of law, tax and psychology for a divorce management workshop sponsored by AverTrust

DIVORCE MANAGEMENT: HOW TO MAKE IT AMICABLE

What: Panel discussion with experts in the financial, legal, tax, and psychology fields address the issues of money, law and family
When: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 3
Where: Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.
Cost: \$20, payable at the door. For reservations, call (248) 553-320, Ext. 3109

Advisors, a holistic financial consulting and planning company.

"Mediation is kind of like arbitration," said Eudora Adolph, a financial growth engineer for AverTrust Advisors in Farmington Hills. "It doesn't go to trial and is cheaper, easier. One of the attorneys will speak on

this, another attorney on traditional divorce. A psychologist is speaking on family issues, how can you still be a good parent after divorce."

Generally, says Adolph, her clients come to her for advice when it's too late.

"From a tax and financial standpoint it's like a business. You have people blend-

ing their entire financial picture. People need to take certain steps and plan to make it the least painful," said Adolph. "Try to put emotions aside. It's like a business breaking apart. It's a big change. It's emotional but there's certain things you can do."

Financially, Adolph advises clients to look at the whole picture.

"You need a clear view of what all the assets are. If a couple married 20 years, what is the 401k picture, the house, credit cards, retirement plans, how do you go from we to me," said Adolph. "All of this acts together. Think about this from a

legal aspect. An attorney is not going to know the ramifications. Once all the tax ramifications hit it may not be equitable anymore. Lots of times people get hung up over something inconsequential, sometimes it may be the house. She thinks she wants the house. She may not be able to afford the house. What do you do when you're selling a house in a market that is declining? When you marry you're throwing all assets together. After divorce you're going to have two separate households. The separate households might not be as luxurious as one household. Now you have a financial loss as well."

Adolph says that from an emotional standpoint many people don't have a realistic view of finances and this leads to fighting between the parties.

"Attorneys make more money the more you fight," said Adolph. "We're going to have a psychologist discuss the many family care issues, what makes the divorce easier? The perfect divorce works out the business issue and then has the attorneys make it legal. We want to help people with this and see how holistically it fits together."

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It's time to tap the sap as spring nears

A few weeks have passed since Punxsutawney Phil, the Seer of Seers, the prognosticator of prognosticators, cast his eyes on Pennsylvania's Gobble Hill and proudly proclaimed his wisdom, "As I look about me, a bright light I see and with a shadow beside me six more weeks of winter it will be."

So said that famous top-hatted old groundhog. You may know the groundhog as a woodchuck. Same animal, two names, but once they emerge from hibernation, probably another month, they will be dreaming of your future garden greens. Thinking spring? You bet.

That's one forecaster of spring's approach. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Center for Environmental Prediction is a bit more high tech than the babble and antics of rotund media-seeking rodents. NOAA has the super computer of super computers to monitor our nation's climate and weather and forecast daily outlooks, hazard assessments and long term seasonal out-



On Nature

Jonathan
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looks. It's fast, taking in 1.7 billion observations per day and makes 14 trillion calculations per second. NOAA provides that information to federal, state and private meteorologists; all well

and good for weather fanatics and those who need to know. And more often that not the science of weather forecasting gets it quite right. And NOAA told us quite correctly of the past few week's freezes and thaws, snow and ice storms.

But sometimes you don't need a weather man or a groggy groundhog to know which way the wind is blowing, especially when looking for seasonal trends. Mother Nature has other forecasting vanguards of spring. I'm watching the maple trees. Look to their broken twigs and you can't miss a fact: Some already sparkle with drops of sap. As a matter of fact on sunny days when the

temperature climbs about the freezing mark, and is preceded by a night below freezing, the sap flows in collectable amounts.

When afternoon temperature drop rapidly below freezing, small sparkling fascicles hang from these fractured twigs. What's this all mean? Forget the snow we have and the storms to come and remember the great Michigan tradition of sugaring. Michigan remains the sixth largest producer of this sweet pancake drowning natural wonder.

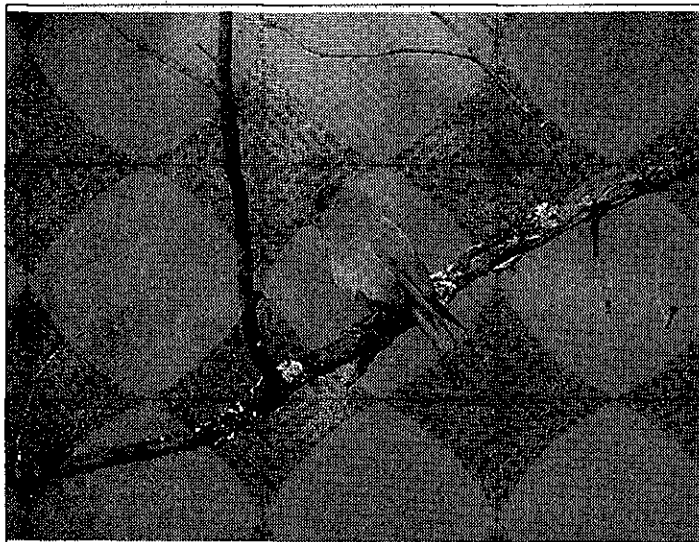
Public relations spokeswoman Denise Semion of the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority may not be a naturalist, but she is sweet on sap, and reminds us now is the time to mark calendars for "Maples Sweet Story" at the Kensington Metropark Learning Center and "Maple Sugaring" at Indian Springs.

Both parks have excellent interpretive programs. (Explore other Metropark maple programs and winter events at www.metroparks.com. "Maples Sweet Story" is held every Saturday and

Sunday in March. A hot breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon precedes the trek down to the sugar bush to watch the boiling of the sap from noon to 3 p.m. (The art of sugaring is a visual and taste bud treat not to be missed. I hang a few buckets up on my Ortonville maples, a passion I developed many waning winters ago back in Plainfield, Vt., when as part of a work-study college job I spent many nights in the sugar house.) Registration is not required for the Kensington weekend programs. If you want to partake in the sweetness with an organized group appointments can be made for weekdays. Full information: 800-477-3178 or (248) 685-1561

"Maple Sugaring" at Indian Springs, near White Lake, is on Saturdays and Sundays on March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 29 and 30 and includes sap boiling and the history of maple sugaring. Registration is required. Times and full details: 800-477-3129 or (248) 625-7280.

Might as well take heed of the weather forecasters and enjoy the waning days of winter. It's over soon. Daylight



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

An eastern bluebird trumpets in the sap season.

already battles darkness at 6:30 a.m. and lingers to 6:30 p.m. Spring signs are everywhere: Bluebirds warbling. Owls breeding. Icicles dripping. Under ice crappie are moving to shallows. Lake ice groans. Red squirrels restless. Spring fashions bloom in Birmingham window displays. Skunks are out and about - mating. Raccoons in hormonal frays. Chickadees and crows full of song. And one day in that not too distant future the red winged blackbirds return. Don't wait for robins to mark

springs return. They never left. But with the tease of spring here, it's time to tap and sap. For me. And why not for you. The other choice: Sit about indoors blissfully ignorant and unplugged from the wonders of winter. A real shame when nature's way is so assessable in Oakland County. At least that's the way I see it.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. He can be reached at Oaknature@aol.com.

Lending a helping hand: Zonta events are for and about women

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Judy Lombardo is looking forward to shopping till she drops at the Farmington/Novi area Zonta Club's annual fashion event 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Parisian in Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. She'll not only be able to purchase clothing and accessories at a 20-percent discount, but support First Step programs to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Lombardo and her Zonta sisters put on Stepping Out in Style as part of the international organization's mission to advance the status of women through service and advocacy. Each club chooses its own philanthropy projects to reflect the interests of its executive and professional women members. Lombardo and the Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi area, which includes members from Livonia and Plymouth, dreamed up the evening of shopping, culinary offer-

ings from more than a dozen local restaurants and caterers, live entertainment, and raffles for \$500 cash and a \$500 Parisian shopping spree. Advance tickets are \$25 until March 3, or \$30 at door. Call (734) 414-0553 or send e-mail to hbreneke@comcast.net. For information, visit www.zontafarmingtonnovi.org.

Since it was begun 14 years ago, the event has raised over \$300,000 for First Step. Lombardo would like to see more women become involved so the club could help even more women through a variety of projects. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month at Embassy Suites in Livonia. Call Lombardo for details at (248) 982-9740 or (248) 349-6246.

Zonta is derived from a word in the Lakota language of the Native-American Sioux peoples. It means honest and trustworthy, and symbolizes the club's mission to work together for service and world understanding.

"We also make mastectomy pillows, a soft flannel heart

shaped pillow to go around the patient to support the arm on the mastectomy side. We give them to hospitals, the American Cancer Society, anyone we hear about that's had surgery. We're doing the sewing, the cutting and meet once a month on a Saturday," said Judy Lombardo who retired in 2005 after 31 years as an industrial relations manager. "We're also a very social group and like to get together with one another. We have a district conference once a year and international conference every two years that's been in Australia, Japan."

Women can take their pick of these two events to learn more about Zonta. At

6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, the Southfield Club hosts a Membership Information Night for women interested in joining one of the 10 Zontas in the tri-county area. The event takes place at the John W. English Administrative Center (Southfield Public Schools), 24661 Lahser. Call (248) 346-5262 for information or send e-mail to zontasouthfield@comcast.net.

Zonta Southfield recently held their Glass Slipper Ball to benefit the Wayne County Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners Program (SANE) which provides advanced training for registered nurses so they can conduct compassionate and comprehensive

forensic examinations of sexual assault victims.

"We want to attract young members, women actively engaged in employment, professional business women, any age who have the willingness to devote time and effort," said Amy Maple of Zonta Southfield. "We're a volunteer organization and we require commitment to the causes. There will be representatives from tri-county clubs to answer questions and share information about what makes their club unique. The Detroit club is involved

with Alternative for Girls. The Southfield club has scholarship initiatives and has supported the OCC women's center and Detroit Demolition (a women's football team)."

Maple has been involved with Zonta for almost 20 years. In addition to helping others, Zonta helped hone her leadership skills when she was given the opportunity to chair committees.

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What are you waiting for? Cash in Savings Bonds

I recently met with a new client who has a substantial number of U.S. Savings Bonds. The majority of the bonds had already matured, which means they were no longer paying interest. This is a problem I see with many

individuals. They put the bonds in a drawer and forget about them or they don't want to cash out because they would have to pay taxes.

This strategy makes no sense and ends up costing money. I have always said don't

let the tax tail wag the dog. Savings Bonds grow tax-deferred. When redeemed, the individual is taxed on the interest that has accumulated. The interest is subject to both state and federal income taxes. If you redeem U.S. Savings



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Bonds for \$2,000 and you originally paid \$1,200, \$800 would be subject to ordinary income tax.

Between state and federal income taxes, it will cost most people between \$200-

\$250. After taxes, you'd be left with approximately \$1,800. Someone who does not cash out U.S. Savings Bonds because of the tax consequences is losing \$1,800.

Another issue with matured U.S. Savings Bonds deals with the Internal Revenue Service. Under federal law, when a bond matures is when the income — whether the bond is cashed in or not — should be reported. If the IRS decided to be aggressive in enforcing this provision, it could cause many taxpayers to pay interest and penalties.

When U.S. Savings Bonds mature, cash them out, pay

the taxes and then focus on what to do with the rest of the money.

One mistake people make with U.S. Savings Bonds is that they think the bonds are all the same. That is not the case. The maturity of the bonds and the interest paid has changed dramatically over the years.

When I was a kid, you bought a bond for \$18.75 and down the road it was worth \$25. In today's world, some U.S. Savings Bonds pay a substantially higher rate than other bonds. Some U.S. Savings Bonds pay a fixed rate throughout the life of the bond, while others have an interest rate that adjusts.

If you own U.S. Savings Bonds, know what the bonds are worth and what interest rate is paid. One online resource is the U.S. Treasury at www.publicdebt.treasury.gov.

I am often asked about U.S. Savings Bonds as an investment vehicle for a child's or grandchild's college education. U.S. Savings Bonds are

a patriotic investment and that is why people should purchase them. However, there are better ways to save for a child's college education. Unfortunately, the rate of return on U.S. Savings Bonds does not keep up with the increased cost of a college education. I recommend other investment vehicles, such as the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP).

Most U.S. Savings Bonds have a 30-year maturity. Therefore, if you purchased U.S. Savings Bonds before the late 1970s, there is a good chance the bonds have matured. Instead of giving the government an interest-free loan, a better alternative would be to cash out, pay your taxes and put the money to work for you.

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OUR VIEWS

Oakwood deserves credit for finding better site

They say the third time's a charm. That seems to be the case for Oakwood Healthcare's plan to build a medical campus in Canton.

The Dearborn-based health care giant recently submitted preliminary plans to build a hospital and medical campus on the west side of Beck Road between Geddes and Michigan Avenue. The parcel of land is less than a mile south from a location Oakwood wanted to build on in 2006. In fact, after neighbors criticized Oakwood's first proposal at that location, Oakwood officials came back with a plan to build an impressive, state-of-the-art medical campus that preserved plenty of green space.

But as good as the plan was, it was being proposed in a residential area that was surrounded by a couple upscale subdivisions, and neighbors there organized enough opposition to pressure the Planning Commission to vote against it in April of last year.

Although they initially vowed to investigate their options at the first site, Oakwood officials did the right thing and found another location that is much more suitable for the kind of campus they want to build. The property is located closer to Michigan Avenue, which should alleviate some of the traffic issues that neighbors feared at the other location. It is also located on industrial zoned land just north of some warehouses, so there won't be the same kind of impact to a residential area. In other words, neighbors aren't going to look out their back windows and see a massive six-story hospital, and have ambulances whizzing by at all times of the day.

The proposed campus should get swift approval in the planning process. Oakwood certainly has one influential person on its side with the new plan. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said he is going to be an "unabashed supporter" and is backing the proposal. He, like others in town, know there is a need for a full services hospital in a town as large as Canton.

However, at this point, Oakwood has only submitted a preliminary planned development district request. More detailed plans for the campus are yet to come. Hopefully Oakwood officials will propose building something as nice as what they were proposing for the other site when they were trying to appease neighbors. Oakwood officials should keep in mind that the site isn't too far away from residential developments.

But those are issues that can be solved in the planning process. At this point, Oakwood deserves credit for finding a better site.

Green consensus forming on state's energy future

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has been in Washington, D.C., this week at the winter meeting of the National Governors Association on a mission to promote alternative energy and energy research.

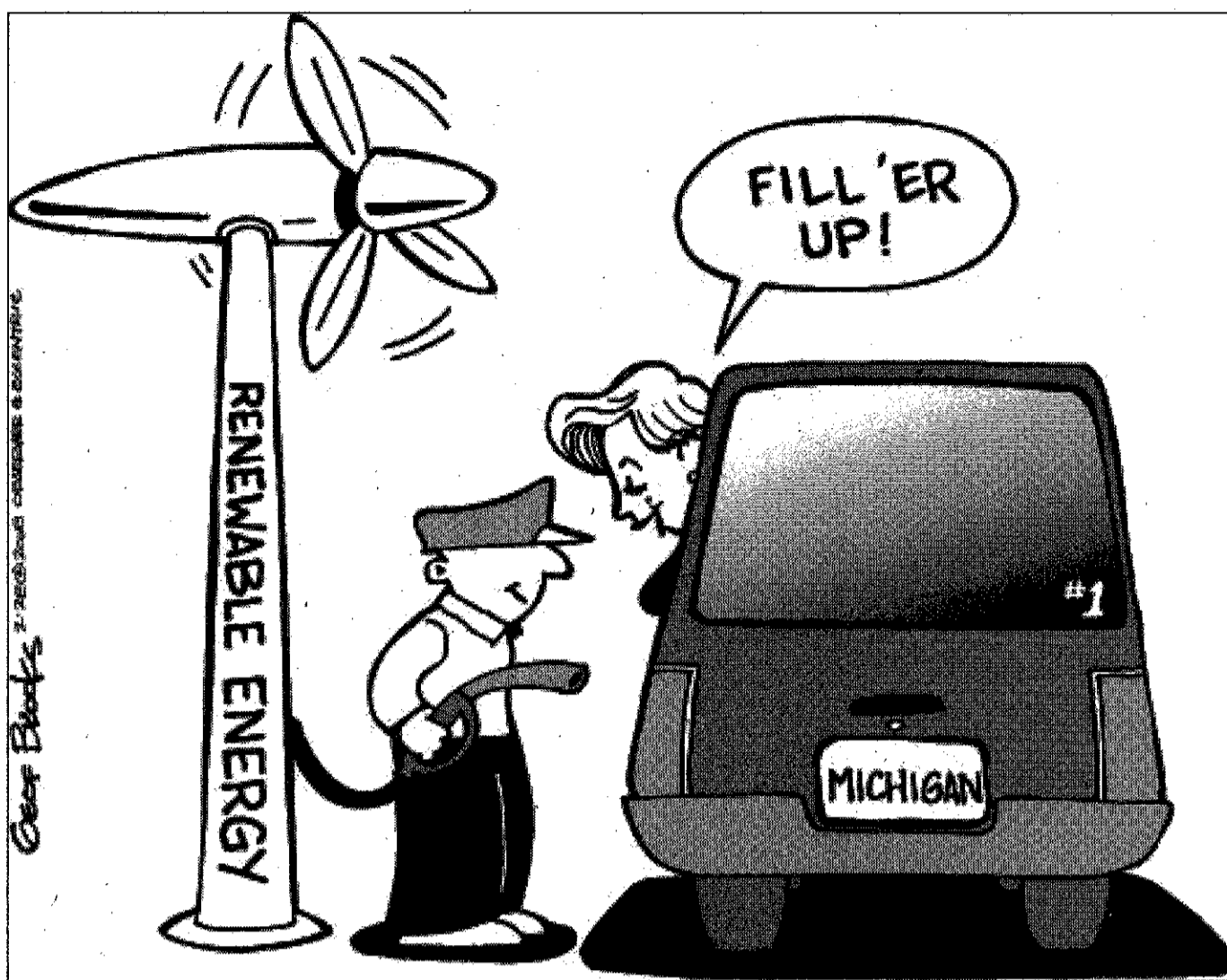
Michigan, other state governments and the federal government have all been wrestling with ways to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, cited by many as the major factor in global warming. In a volatile global political environment, we are also trying to find ways to decrease our reliance on foreign oil.

Granholm and other state leaders have long touted alternative energy as a growth industry for Michigan, an industry that would build on Michigan's engineering and manufacturing history. In addition to finding alternate methods for fueling automobiles, the state is working on developing a workable renewable energy portfolio standard to partially replace coal-generated electricity with alternate renewable energy sources (wind, solar, biomass, etc.).

"Michigan is uniquely positioned to take advantage of the evolving green energy revolution," Granholm was quoted in a press release prior to leaving for Washington. "Our untapped wind resources offer us an almost unlimited source of clean, zero-carbon electricity; our productive farm and forest land can be put to use to grow the fuels of the future; our universities and corporate research centers are becoming leaders in alternative energy science; and our manufacturing know-how can build the components of the green-energy economy."

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, chairman of the state Senate Energy Policy and Public Utilities Committee, has been taking testimony from the state's "energy stakeholders," everyone from the two dominant utilities, DTE Energy and CMS Energy, to environmental groups, to alternative energy companies, to the Big Three auto companies, to property rights groups. While there seems to be a growing consensus on the need for alternative energy, how much and when are still major issues. Also at issue is the role of nuclear energy and whether it is still necessary to proceed with new coal plants.

Patterson is confident that an acceptable energy bill will emerge, but it won't be easy. Still, it is encouraging that everyone on all sides of this issue understand that it is critical to Michigan's future that we move toward a cleaner, greener energy future.



LETTERS

Judge should be impartial

I am commenting on the article "Hopefuls lining up for run at court" (Feb. 24). The quote from Cameron Miller saying, "You want someone who is born and raised here and knows the histories," really caught my eye. Even though I am only a sophomore in high school, if I was voting for someone to be judge, I'd want someone coming in not knowing the people and what's going on, so they don't base their decisions on it. I think it's more important to be fair and impartial, than local.

Jillian Hattie
Canton

Forgive Johnson and move on

If your family member offended you by saying something so out of line that you wouldn't have anything to do with them or you maybe gave them the silent treatment for awhile, ultimately you would take them back in your good graces, would you not?

It may take some time and some effort to cool off, but you'd give them the benefit of all of their good points, wouldn't you? You would not forget the offense, but you would forgive and move on, right? So, it should be with Canton's Catherine Johnson, planning commissioner and Zoning Board of Appeals board member who recently made a blunder of the tongue in an emotional display of bad judgment and insensitivity.

Since 2003, I have served with Ms. Johnson on the Canton Planning Commission. She has exhibited nothing but care and concern for her community for many years through, not only service in these official means, but involvement in many community volunteer efforts and activities.

True, she has shown by the remarks she made while deliberating on the Hindu Temple project that she cannot put her individual prejudices, which I believe we all have a certain level of within, aside in favor of fairness, legitimacy, and objectivity of government. I agree with the decision for her to step down, as that past act has made her ineffective as a representative of the township in an official capacity, but it doesn't make her a villain by any means or any less worthy as one of our own residents.

I have witnessed the sensationalized way Cathy's remarks have been used in local news articles about the temple, including reader surveys asking if she should resign, and the like. It disgusts me that a longtime Canton volunteer should be treated this way. She is being punished for her indiscretion by losing her ability to be involved in future planning decisions, which I know must be an agonizing reality for her. You don't involve yourself in these kinds of activities unless you care about your community, as I believe Cathy does.

As in any growing community there are growing pains, and when there is also an increasing diverse ethnic mix there will be a few bumps in the road to understanding and accepting each other. Throwing Cathy Johnson "under the bus" doesn't help the effort to get down that

road. This is an opinion coming from an African-American who has experienced total acceptance since arriving in Canton in 1989. Canton, it is time to learn from this and move on.

Greg Greene
Canton

Don't force Yack's hand

Ms. Catherine Johnson is performing a disservice to the Canton community by staying on as a Planning Commission member. Is it her intention to force Tom Yack into a public hearing? I can predict that the public hearing will only reinforce negative stereotypes of races/religions and the outcome shall be the firing of Ms. Johnson. It is sad that Ms. Johnson chose to elevate a zoning issue into a religious one due to her public remarks about the Hindu faithful.

Rajeev Ramanan
Canton

Open doors to Oakwood

If anyone ever has had a loved one in need of a hospital at any time of the night, then they would understand there is a great need for a hospital for a town of our size. That pitiful excuse of an emergency room at Warren and Canton Center does not serve this community well.

We need a hospital here in Canton! Homeowners better realize it soon than later and hopefully never go through what my family has. It would bring jobs here as well.

Get with it, Canton, and open our doors to Oakwood.

Kathi Lawrence
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Bad tax choices

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Tax decisions such as those recently made by our Legislature and that described above will only exacerbate the migration to other states. And they will not serve to beckon new people and manufacturers to our state.

Tom Shipley
Birmingham

No right to work state here

Back in the fall of 1971, I bought a new Ford Mustang. In the spring of 1972, I went to Georgia to visit family. Even

though I was employed, I decided to job hunt in Atlanta.

I went to an employment agency in Atlanta, and the interviewer made three appointments for me. I don't remember the first appointment at all. The second interview turned into a nightmare, as the salary was less than my monthly car payment. When I mentioned the low salary, I was told, "Women don't make much here."

The third interview was for the position of art director for a well-known insurance agency. I could have been hired here. Again, this super position was for less than I was making in Michigan. I bargained for more money, and wanted to know about advancement in the company. "That's it," was the reply.

I came back to Michigan and retired from DTE Energy after 47 1/2 years of service.

No right to work state for me.

Dolores Kapanke
Garden City

Hope for Obama

The media and Obama's chief strategist David Axelrod have packaged and promoted Barack Obama as a Lincoln-esque, black (yet flawless) JFK as the best person to lead the U.S. during these crucial times. The campaign has stressed character and inspiration instead of policy, issues and experience in leadership skills.

With Oprah as his chief "lobbyist" and using quasi-religious allusions in messianic messages, Obama has embodied the hopes of dreams of all Americans. We have lived with lies, fear, loss of personal privacy, an illegal, unjust war, and have watched our country lose respect throughout the world since 2000.

Yet, his tenure in the Senate has not been notable. He has voted "present" rather than yes or no.

If he is the Democratic nominee for president, let us hope his conciliatory views are not overcome by confrontational views and tactics. Let us hope he can survive real, bitter, personal negative attacks from the opposition. Let us hope his youth can compete with and overcome McCain, the experienced elder statesman.

Hannah Provence Donigan
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"I think he has the right skill set for what we need now. 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."

- Plymouth-Canton school board President Barry Simescu, discussing Craig Fiegel of Illinois, who is the top candidate to become the district's next superintendent

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'CATS

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cut their deficit to 51-49 with 5:45 to play on Ross Davis's put-back, but Plymouth countered with a 5-0 run on a Hanchett free throw and baskets from Harvey and Roberts.

Posler kept Salem in the hunt with eight points over the final 2:50, but the Wildcats hung on thanks to clutch free-throw shooting from Roberts (4-for-4) down the stretch.

Salem led 14-10 after one quarter before the Wildcats rallied to grab a 29-28 half-time lead on Rebain's jumper with 1 tick left.

Plymouth led 46-43 heading into the fourth quarter.

Led by Harvey's eight boards, the Wildcats out-rebounded Salem, 29-28.

"Along with rebounding, playing great defense and just scrapping, David does a great job of leading these kids, too," said Van Wagoner. "He may not be our best basketball player, but he has the heart of a lion."

Davis finished his outstanding career at Salem with 10 points and three rebounds. Junior Jim Dexter also played well, contributing six points



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The brilliant high school career of Salem's Grant Stone (with ball) ended Monday night with the Rocks' 65-58 loss to Plymouth. Stone, guarded by Chris Daniels above, finished with 19 points.

and three rebounds in a reserve role.

Plymouth hit 22-of-49 field goals (44.8 percent) and 15-of-25 free throws (60.0). Salem was 22-of-52 from the floor (42.3) and 11-of-19 from the

line (57.8).

Plymouth committed 12 turnovers; Salem registered 17 miscues.

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WRIGHT

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swishes and get-that-weak-stuff-outta-here blocked shots than a basketball junkie has a right to see in one four-hour span.

Here's how wild Monday night was: I saw a dunk and a near-miss dunk — and the near-miss dunk was more breath-taking.

What was amazing was that all of the pressurized shots and highlight-reel passes that unfolded on the Novi High School court Monday night were performed by kids who were barely old enough to shave.

(O.K., the Novi players with the freshly cut mohawks were definitely old enough to shave — or, at least their friends are — but there were only four of them.)

On several occasions, I thought to myself: Are these guys too young to realize that 16-, 17- and 18-year-old kids (and in Canton freshman guard Dietrich Lever's case, 14-year-old kid) should be firing up rim-bending jumpers and throwing the ball into the fourth row of the stands with their team's season on the line?

Leave it to Lever

Apparently, they were —

especially in the case of Lever, who sank 10 of 12 free throws just a few days after getting promoted to the varsity.

During one dead-ball moment when Lever was standing next to Novi's 6-foot-9 center Caleb Dean, I thought somebody's little brother had wandered onto the court.

A few seconds later, Lever dribble-drove through about four Novi players — including Dean — and converted an acrobatic layup.

At that point, I realized, no, that's nobody's little brother — that's a future star.

What's up, MHSAA?

I'd like to interrupt this 99 percent positive column with a mini-rant: In this age of shrinking crowds at high school sporting events, why would the Michigan High School Athletic Association require the Novi gym to be emptied after the first game of Monday's doubleheader so that anyone who wanted to watch both games would be required to pay twice?

I could almost understand it if it were a Public School League District and the crowds were standing-room-only huge.

But the attendance was so low at the beginning of the

first game, I think I knew everyone in the gym on a first-name basis.

Quick goodbyes

Before I close, I'd like to give props to two incredibly talented players who capped their high school careers Monday night: Salem's Grant Stone and Canton's Neil Sharma.

Stone finished up as the Rocks' fourth all-time leading scorer — a feat he accomplished in just three years on the varsity. I always looked forward to watching Salem play because I knew — sooner or later — Stone was going to pull off a move that made you go "WOW!"

When it came to players who combined tenacity, talent and smarts, Sharma was among the best. When he was a sophomore, he played with the poise of a senior.

And in this, his senior season, he played like a junior — a college junior.

The best news for basketball fanatics like myself is that March doesn't even start until Saturday.

I'm not sure how much more I can take — but I'm more than ready to find out.

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Agape cagers sprint past Lutheran South

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Agape Christian's boys basketball team threw a large helping of pressure defense, several scoops of pin-point perimeter shooting and a dynamite fast-break attack into the blender Monday night and came away with an impressive 74-50 victory over Lutheran South in the opening round of the Division 4 District tournament at Wyandotte Mt. Carmel High School.

The Wolverines improved

to 14-7 and moved into Wednesday night's semifinal round against Taylor Light & Life.

Agape excelled from the opening tip and raced to a 20-7 advantage during the opening eight minutes.

The Wolverines' lead was cut to 30-19 at the half before they stretched the margin to 55-231 with eight minutes to play.

"Our pressure defense was outstanding," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "We forced a lot of turnovers with it and it stimulated our fast

break. We also shot well from three-point range. Ty Majeski had three by himself."

Majeski topped the winners' scoring ledger with 19 points. Other key contributors included Mark Mullett (13 points), Jared Miller (six points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots) and Kevin Reith, who added seven points in a reserve role.

"And Daniel had an excellent game," Anleitner noted. "He had nine points and nine rebounds, and really played well defensively."

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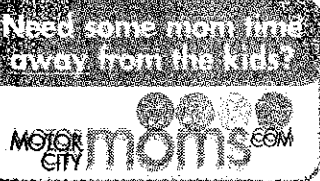
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HABURNE

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the same spot, so you have to read each play as it happens."

Haburne graduated to travel hockey at the age of 9 when he made the Plymouth Stingrays' Mite-A team.

"I have great memories of those days," he said. "I remember traveling around a lot to different places — we went to Toronto a lot. We'd play mini-sticks hockey in the hallways in the hotel rooms. It was a lot of fun."

Haburne went the travel hockey route until his 10th-grade year when, on the advice of a fellow classmate, he joined the

high school ranks.

"I heard how fun (high school hockey) was from Joel Cheesman," said Haburne. "One of the reasons I switched was that I wanted to play in front of more than just parents and grandparents. We get some pretty good crowds at our high school games, especially when we play Canton and Plymouth."

High school hockey: No. 1

Haburne countered the notion that travel hockey is a more-skilled version of the sport than the prep offering.

"Personally, I think high school hockey is a faster, more physical game with deeper teams," he said.

Haburne has not let a pre-season knee injury slow him down this season. If you couldn't see the brace he wears to help stabilize a re-attached torn miniscus, you'd never know he was hurt about a week before the season started.

"The doctors were surprised I was able to come back as fast as I did," he said. "I was a little apprehensive at first, but once I got used to the brace, I was fine. It hasn't slowed me down at all."

An academic future at Western Michigan University awaits Haburne in the fall. He plans on majoring in business with an emphasis in marketing.

"I'm going to try out for their club team, but from what I understand it's pretty com-

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MIKE HABURNE

petitive," he said. "Even if I don't make it, I'm still going to keep playing hockey somewhere, hopefully, as long as I can skate."

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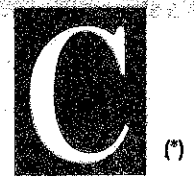
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Legislators voice concerns on housing market

BY JULIE BROWN
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Legislative action from Lansing is designed to address real estate problems that have dominated recent headlines.

Continuing to tackle the foreclosure crisis that has resulted in 14,071 Oakland County foreclosures in 2007, Rep. Andy Meisner, D-Ferndale, joined colleagues in supporting legislation to license and regulate potential "bad actors" in the mortgage industry.

"This is not a crisis that is just affecting people of lower means," said Meisner in a Feb. 18 interview. The crisis impacts property values in more affluent communities, even for those who don't lose their homes.

"Your neighbors aren't necessarily dodging that bullet," said Meisner, an attorney. "It also has a dramatic impact on property values. It's critical."

He cited the budget deficit in Oakland County and resulting threat to quality of life.

Meisner said some mortgage brokers passed out loans "like candy," and didn't check financial status of those receiving loans. He also said homeowners need to avoid getting in over their heads.

He'd like those with adjustable rate mortgages to be able to refinance through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to get a fixed-rate loan. "It's a very serious problem," Meisner said. "There is no single solution."

RealtyTrac provided him with numbers on Oakland County, including foreclosures and those who've received foreclosure notices or a notice their home will be sold. Meisner agreed educating consumers is key to preventing problems, so they understand their loans and ability to pay.

Some with adjustable-rate loans may have planned to refinance: "As the credit market is tightening up, a lot of people aren't able to do that," Meisner said.

He noted mortgage lenders haven't been regulated by the state, and should be required to verify financial data of people they lend money to: "There really is a personal responsibility message here," Meisner said.



The legislative package passed Feb. 13 in the House is made up of House Bills 4596 and 5287-91, and Senate Bills 826-33. This package is intended to work in conjunction with the "Save the Dream" legislative package, already passed in the House and pending in the Senate, which would allow homeowners in subprime or adjustable-rate mortgages to refinance through the Michigan State

Housing Development Authority into a fixed-rate, affordable loan.

Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, noted discussion in the Legislature on the foreclosure crisis started four-five months ago, with debate and testimony before committees to come next. The issue was among those he discussed at a Feb. 18 office hour at the Plymouth District Library.

"Many would think my area would

have less of it," he said of foreclosures. "That's not true. There's a huge number in my district." Corriveau, also an attorney, has had several town hall forums on the real estate situation. He'd like to see, among other reforms, a penalty put on people selling loans that aren't appropriate, and help to get people into fixed rate rather than adjustable rate mortgages, including those who already have ARMs.

Meisner's pleased both parties are working on the foreclosure situation. "I really think Republicans and Democrats are working well together on this issue," he said. "I'm very encouraged at the bipartisan nature of the work."

Real estate transactions can go smoothly but professionals acknowledge today's market is a challenging one.

Nanci J. Rands, associate broker with SKBK Sotheby's International Realty of Birmingham, knows a knowledgeable pro can help smooth those rough waters. The Bloomfield Hills resident has some 30 years in the business and is on the Michigan Association of Realtors Board of Directors and past president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, serving Oakland and Macomb counties.

"Increasingly, there are many problems throughout a transaction," said Rands, which means clients are well-served by having a competent Realtor.

"With the current state of the mortgage market, one of the things we find is the market has been changing so rapidly," she said. "We often have to assist in the appraisal process."

Realtors have access to sale prices not generally available, in some cases because they're not recorded quickly enough. "So we can be of real value to appraisers as they are seeking to do their work for lenders," Rands said.

"We know what's going in each of the neighborhoods and each of the specific areas." Realtors know clients who area selling in or considering buying in an area.

"That can be of great value to our clients," Rands said. Pros also know various factors which affect values in any given area.

Having that access to potential clients, "people who are coming into the area, even from outside of the country," can connect a seller with potential buyers, Rands said.

Manager licensing isn't the law in Michigan

Q. I hear that some states are requiring the licensing of property managers. What do you know about it?

A. Manager licensing continues to be a big issue for community associations around the country, including California, which recently approved a five-year re-

authorization of the Manager Certification Titling Act. Only eight states, unfortunately, have some type of mandatory registration or licensing laws. If you

are interested in getting such a law in Michigan, write your legislators as well as the governor. It will improve the caliber of community association managers.

Q. We hired a new attorney to review our management contract, and had that attorney write the management company requesting modification. Instead of responding to our attorney, the management company contacted the president of the association directly to "set up a meeting," in my judgment, to avoid dealing with the attorney. Many of the board members are upset with this action. What do you think?

A. The actions of the management company, in my judgment, are despicable and show a certain lack of integrity. The management company was obviously trying to take advantage of what it perceived to be the naivete of the board by trying to circumvent the lawyer, no doubt suggesting to the board that the assessment could save on legal fees while trying to take advantage of the agent's perceived superior negotiating position with the association. If I were you, I would consider obtaining another management company who has better integrity because this may be an example of what may occur in the future, since they will be handling your funds and you are going to have trust them.

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

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The new Cottage & Lakefront Living Show opens Thursday, Feb. 28, and runs through Sunday, March 2, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

"Cottages and other lakefront homes provide a wonderful family retreat," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan Inc. "The show makes it easier to plan or purchase for the spring and sum-

mer season with experts, displays and information whether you are buying, building or renting."

Sand Castle Days Texas State Champion Big Wave Dave will turn a pile of sand into a giant sandcastle lakefront cottage sand sculpture complete with a dock, boat and its own sandcastle on a beach during the show. Big Wave Dave along with his daughter,

Sara Sunshine, will demonstrate the art of sand sculpture as seen on ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.

Show goers will have the opportunity to create

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 5-11, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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Heat up winter with catered organic Caribbean cuisine

BY LANA MINI
O & E STAFF WRITER

Everyone, it seems, is so over winter and dreaming of warmer lands.

Here's an idea to escape the blahs: host a dinner party with Caribbean recipes — spicy dishes to heat both the body and spirit.

Fried plantains. Apple Cinnamon Empanada. Stir-fries with island spices and coconut plus a garden winter soup with tortilla toast, and seasonal vegetables like squash, asparagus, carrots, and corn.

Metro Detroit is packed with secrets the rest of the country isn't aware of, and that's lucky for us.

For example, there's actually a catering business, based in Rochester Hills, that specializes in Caribbean food.

Amazingly, it's also organic.

Maria LeMay Erlandson is the owner of OrganiKiss, a catering company that serves corporate events, weddings, summer BBQs, winter house parties, non profit groups and more. Erlandson's catered meals reflect several themes. There's the Italian-inspired menu of Italian stew with gnocchi; and a Japanese-themed party menu that includes Teriyaki Vegetables with battered tofu. *The Bambino* kids parties include organic items like pizza bagels and Neapolitan Ice cream with melon balls. *After the Sports Game Parties* feature battered ravioli and *A Night in Acapulco* includes black bean tamales.

There's also the *Night At the Chocolate Party* with lick-able wallpaper and daffodil shaped cups with a main course example of "Luxury Nut and Seed Loaf" with cranberry, apple and brandy sauce. The meal ends with desserts like a chocolate fountain and personalized organic candy bars.

Whew! That's a lot of party ideas! For now, let's focus on the islands.

Erlandson relocated to Michigan from New York just recently. Her business there was strong and now she is launching it in the metro Detroit market.

She tries to be as organic as possible.

"Domestic vegetables, grains and produce are 100 percent organic," she said. "Imports like mangos and plantains are not always organic. Poultry is sometimes organic, always free range and hormone free."

Erlandson specializes in world fusion cuisine. "Which means I use and mix techniques and flavors from Caribbean, Chinese, Indian, Italian, Puerto Rican, Mexican, and of course American cuisine."

Her training?

"Life," Erlandson said. "My mother was a chef. She inspired my love for cooking. Also, I've moved around a lot. I spent four years living with a girl from Taiwan and learned about Chinese cuisine from her. I lived in California, and while there I learned a lot about Indian cuisine. I'm Puerto Rican, so all of my Caribbean food knowledge comes from my upbringing. I also took Gourmet Cooking, Food Safety, and Catering certification courses."

She's been an unofficial caterer since childhood, when she would help her mom cook for parties.

"After moving out on my own I continued doing the same. I just love cooking and watching people eat food I've prepared. That may sound semi-creaky but it's true."

Her reason for going organic is because she wants to serve her clients foods that are healthy, but also at their optimum flavor.

"Looking a little deeper at current day conventional agricultural practices is disturbing," she said. "The effect that pesticides, hormones, etc. have on our ecosystem: Pollution, destroying our planet in a way that will eventually lead to our own extinction. It all just sounds crazy to me."

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STEVE CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Maria LeMay Erlandson strives to use organic ingredients in her catering company that focuses on a variety of themes from Caribbean to Sushi bars.

Recipes

CARIBBEAN STIR FRY

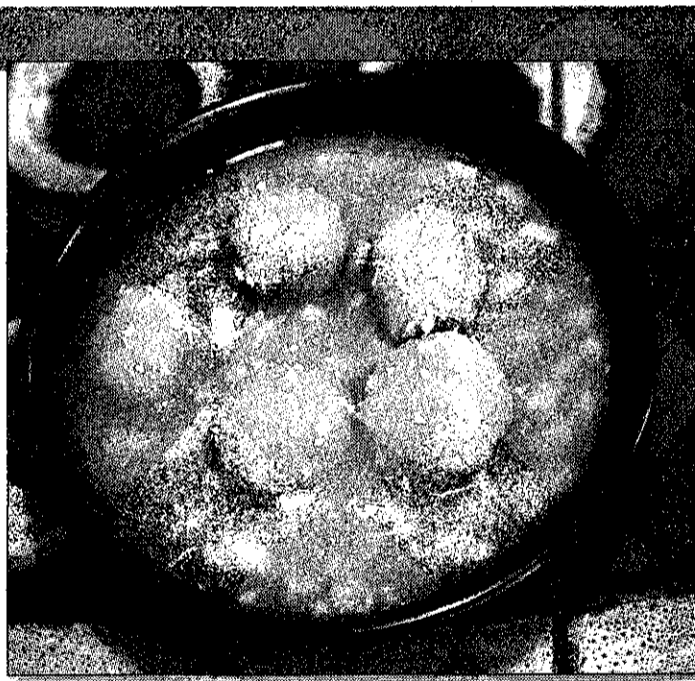
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 yellow plantain (If you can only find green plantains, place green plantains in paper bag and let sit in a cool dry place for about a week or until they fully ripen.)
5 ounces firm or extra firm tofu
½ teaspoon Sofrito (can be found in most major supermarkets with an international or ethnic foods aisle)
1 tablespoon soy sauce
salt to taste
head of broccoli (cut into florets)

In a wok, heat the oil on medium high for 3 minutes. Peel and slice yellow plantain. Single layer plantain slices into wok and let fry for three minutes each side.

Once the plantain is slightly browned on both sides, add tofu, soy sauce and Sofrito, and salt. Stir to distribute seasonings evenly and let simmer (covered) for 10 minutes. Add broccoli, cover and let simmer for another 5 minutes. Serve warm.

TAMARIND COCONUT PLANTAIN BALL

Sweet, Tangy, and HOT. Can be served over rice with a side of vegetables. Used as a substitute for



OrganiKiss' Tamarind-Coconut Plantain ball soup.

meatballs in tomato sauce and served over pasta. Or, add in your favorite vegetables and turn it into a vegetable stew.

20 tamarind pods or 5 tablespoons of tamarind paste (the paste may be in the Thai food section of your local grocer)

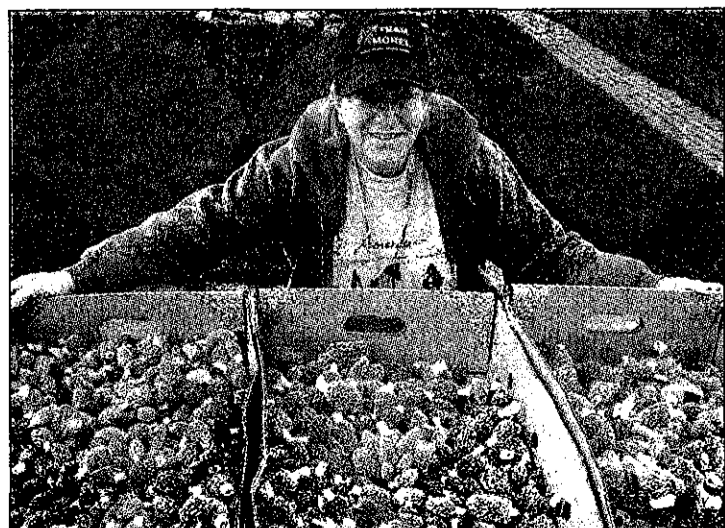
1 large coconut
1 yellow bell pepper
1 red pepper

1 orange bell pepper
juice from ½ lemon or 1 teaspoon real lemon juice.
½ red onion
¾ cup raw cane sugar
3 green plantains

Bring 6 cups of water to a boil.

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Morel hunter highlights our favorite fungi



Theresa Maybrier, a morel mushroom hunter from Missouri, appears at Outdoorama Feb. 28-March 2 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
O & E STAFF WRITER

It's time to look beyond the icy sidewalks and snow shovels, and think about the outdoors, with a little warmer temperatures, thank you very much.

Outdoor sport enthusiasts can attend the 36th Annual Outdoorama Feb. 28-March 2 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The show is a popular destination for hunters, anglers, campers, boaters, hikers, conservationists and canoeists.

Show attendees will have a chance to think more about spring with seminars from Theresa Maybrier, a morel

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mushroom hunter from Missouri. Maybrier will speak at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) and Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Other hunting and fishing seminars will be conducted by Greg Abbas, Denny Geurink and Mark Martin, along with special appearances by *Michigan Outdoors* hosts Jimmy Gretzinger and Kelly Gotch and MUCC magazine editor Tony Hansen.

"Big Buck Night," "Wildlife Encounters," a daily fish fry, and Milt Wilcox's "Ultimate Air Dogs" are among many special features. Kids' activities include a trout pond and beach play area. The show will be held in conjunction with the first annual Cottage and Lakefront Living Show, providing the public with

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ACCENTS

'BROWNIE POINTS'

Greyston Bakery recently launched a new line of Do Goodie brownies. Profits from the Do Goodie brownie sales help the Greyston Foundation, which supports jobs, child care, health care and housing for the underprivileged. The bakery was founded in 1982 in Yonkers, N.Y. and produces baked goods and desserts for many of New York City's top restaurants.

The Do Goodie is made with Belgian chocolate and all natural ingredients. Flavors range from the original Chocolate Fudge Brownie, Walnut Fudge, Espresso Bean Brownie and a Brown Sugar Blondie.

Locally, the Do Goodie brownies are available at Good Foods East, 74 W. Maple, in Troy; Plum Market, 3675 W. Maple in Bloomfield Township and Westborn Market, 14925 Middlebelt in Livonia, and 27659 Woodward in Berkley.

HELP THE HOMELESS

For three more days, Kroger customers can help the homeless. Kroger will help feed hungry families within the Detroit metropolitan area by donating a loaf of 24 oz. Kroger White Buttercrust Bread to the Salvation Army Bed and Bread program for every 24 oz. of Kroger White Buttercrust Bread that customers purchase.

According to Rick Going, president of Kroger's Michigan Division, more than 80 stores in the greater Detroit Metro area are participating in the program with a goal to donate 15,000 loaves of bread to the Bed and Bread program. The donation period will continue through March 1.

IT'S CRUNCH TIME

Time is running out to get your Girl Scout Cookies. Cookie booths throughout Wayne and Oakland counties will be set up through early March, selling old favorites as well as two new flavors for 2008 — Lemon Cremes and Sugar Free Chocolate Chips.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls gain valuable knowledge while providing the community with wonderful treats. Through voluntary participation in this comprehensive leadership program, girls ages 6-17 gain experience and expertise in finance, marketing, and public speaking. Troops that sell Girl Scout Cookies earn money to fund their troop's activities, with additional proceeds benefiting the troop's council. Financial aid, tutoring, diversity awareness, drug abuse and teen pregnancy prevention programs, leadership, creative arts, science and technology programs, and camp maintenance are among the council programs and activities funded in part by the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

To find cookies in your neighborhood, visit www.girlscoutcookies.org.

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two shows for one admission. Visit www.outdoorama.com for more information. **Maybrier educates the public about morel mushroom hunting, sells books, morel collection bags, crafts and souvenirs related to morel mushrooms.** In 2003 she and her husband, John, officially formed Team Morel. They self-published a hunting guide and created a mesh mushroom collecting bag with safety colors on the storage pouch in addition to guiding weekend mushroom hunts and giving seminars throughout the Midwest.

cut into ringlets, separating caps from stems. Use a 8-10" skillet on medium high heat. Melt 2-3 tablespoons of butter with 1-2 tablespoons of canola oil or extra virgin olive oil (regular olive oil is too strong in flavor). Start with stems, they take slightly longer to cook, add in the caps. Give a shake of granulated garlic. Save salt and pepper until the end. Do not overcrowd the skillet. Stir occasionally, turning over the morels. The butter and oil will get soupy, then the butter/oil will clarify. Shortly thereafter the morels will start to pop like bacon. That is when they are done. Serve in a pool of the butter/oil. Add salt and pepper to taste. Good with everything, or serve alone as appetizer.

- MOREL QUICHE**
1 pound morels
1/4 pound bacon or ham
1/2 cup chopped red onion
1/2 cup chopped green, yellow or red pepper

- 1/2 cup cooked asparagus tops
1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
1/2 cup Bisquick mix
3 eggs
Shake of pepper
Shake of granulated garlic

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Chop ham or bacon, cook to sizzle. Spoon out the meat, leaving the fat. Add morels, cook to sizzle. Spoon out the morels, save 2 tablespoons or less of fat. In a bowl combine the Bisquick, eggs, pepper and garlic. Use a quiche dish or 10-inch glass pie pan. Put the morel meat mix in first, spreading out the fat. Add all the vegetable ingredients. Pour the egg and Bisquick mix with seasoning on top. Bake 35-45 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Serve hot or cold.

SAUTÉED MORELS

Prepare morels: clean and pat dry,

RECIPES

Using tamarind pods: As the water heats, peel tamarinds. Make sure to remove all of the exterior shell and the strings. Place in a bowl. Pour boiling water over pods, cover and set aside for 15 minutes. Using a large bowl and a strainer, strain liquid. Use your hand to make sure you get as much of the tamarind as possible to go through the strainer. Set juice aside. Using tamarind paste: Place paste into a bowl and pour boiling water over it. Set aside. With either the paste or pods, while using a nail, jab a hole into the eyes of the coconut, drain juice into bowl and set aside. Also grate about 1/4 cup of coconut flesh, set aside.

GINGER BEER
Serves 16 or more
1 pound organic ginger
8 cups water
juice and peel of 1 organic lime
4 cups organic granulated sugar or to taste
1 organic cinnamon stick
4-6 organic cloves
Wash, remove skin and grate ginger. Place in a large bottle with about 8 cups of water and juice and peel of 1 lime. Leave in the sun for 1 day. Next day, drain and sweeten. Pour in clean bottles and place in the refrigerator. Allow to settle for 2 days. If too strong, dilute with club soda or water.

Source: Maria LeMay-Erlanson of www.OrganicKiss.biz

Source: Organic Caribbean Cookbook by Rachel Valentin

Design academy hosts annual green conference

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
OSE STAFF WRITER

Troy's International Academy of Design and Technology plans to paint the town green during its fourth annual design conference. Coordinator Barbara Marini believes this year's Campus Green event will break fresh ground. "The mission originally was to introduce students to the concepts of environmental design and sustainability but has shifted over the last year or so," she said. "Now our goal is to reach out to students, design professionals, and this year, the public to promote green design as a way of life, not just a design concept."

This year's event features nationally-known keynote speaker Penny Bonda. She is founding chair of the US Green Building Council committee for LEED Commercial Interiors and the American Society of Interior Designers Foundation's Sustainable Design Council. During Campus Green, Bonda will introduce REGREEN, a program set to launch March 14. Marini described REGREEN as "a framework for practice guidelines and education for residential renovation projects." According to those guidelines, she said, over the last 10 years nearly 30 million homes have undergone renovation. "With the high cost of energy

IADT CAMPUS GREEN ANNUAL INTERIOR DESIGN CONFERENCE

What: Hear Featured Speaker Penny Bonda discuss ReGreen, an environmentally-friendly residential remodeling program developed by U.S. Green Building Council and the American Society of Interior Designers Foundation. **When:** 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29 **Where:** The International Academy of Design & Technology, 1850 Research Drive, Troy **Tickets:** Complimentary for Academy students and faculty, \$20 for the public. Tickets must be purchased at the Academy. **More information:** Visit www.iadtdetroit.com or call (888) 838-2111

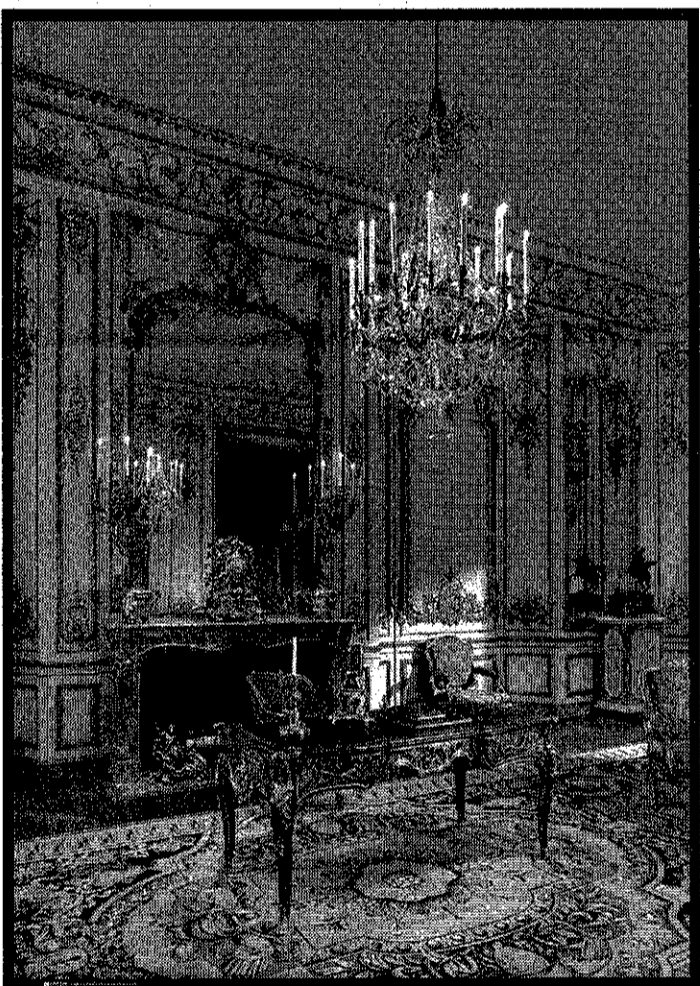
and other environmental and health concerns, the interest in improving the quality of the interior environment is growing," Marini said. "There is a definite need to approach interior design from a holistic perspective and integrate other disciplines — contractors, suppliers, builders, engineers, and architects — in our approach to solutions that best serve our clients." Marini said organizers are hoping for a large turnout thanks to Bonda's participation. "That will indicate an interest in learning more about green design, for the home as well as in the workplace," she said. "Ms. Bonda can speak to both issues with a high level of expertise." While the REGREEN presentation is considered a primary focus of Campus Green, the event serves as a place for students to showcase their work, network with industry professionals and compete in

a community based Design Challenge. It also draws attention to the school. "It's amazing that after nearly five years, many people don't know who we are or where we are located," said Marini. The academy offers career-oriented degree programs in Interior Design, Graphic Design, Game Design, Fashion Design, and Digital Media. Classes provide hands-on training and a real-world perspective courtesy. "We hope that attendees will learn that designing responsibly does not have to cost more and that there are creative ways to implement green design at many levels," said Marini. "As an educational institution, we teach environmental design and sustainability in our interior design program, but the impact across design disciplines is much greater."

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HOME CALENDAR

18th-Century French Furnishings
Dr. Ian Wardropper will present Renovation of the French 18th-Century Wrightsman Galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art 2 p.m. March 1 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Wardropper, the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor chairman of European Sculpture and Decorative Arts at the Met, will discuss the 18th-century-French period rooms that house the Met's renowned collection of French furniture and decorative pieces created for Louis XV, Louis XVI, and Marie Antoinette, among others. Admission: \$8, adults; \$6, seniors; \$4, youth 6-17; DIA members, free. Call (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.



The renovation of French 18th-Century Wrightsman Galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art will be the topic of a talk by Dr. Ian Wardropper at 2 p.m. March 1 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$9; \$4, children 6-14; free, under 5. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.cottageandlakefrontliving.com.

Home & Garden Show
The Michigan Home & Garden Show, March 7-9 at Ford Field, will feature all aspects of landscapes, gardens, lawn care, plants, trees, garden tools, renovation advice, room additions, furniture, spas, fireplaces, floor covering and more. HGTV's Frank Fontana will present "Let's be Frank! Secrets of High Style, Low Cost Design." Show hours are noon-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$9; \$4, children 6-14; free, under 5; children 6-14 free on Family Day, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.FordFieldHomeShow.com.

Art Van Seminars
Steve Piersall and Michael Kirby of Huntington House, will share how to update a single room or entire house with the latest colors, styles and fabrics, 6 p.m. March 11 at the Warren store; and 6 p.m. March 12 in Royal Oak. Amelia Ellenstein, Art Van Furniture's Director of Visual Merchandising, will share trend information and design solutions for the season at 6 p.m. March 13 at the Novi store; and 6 p.m. March 27 in Westland. Refreshments will be served, and The Kids Castle will offer a free, supervised

play area. Call (888) 619-2199 for a free reservation. **Green Exhibitors Wanted**
The deadline for exhibitors to apply for the Green Street Fair in Plymouth is March 1. The first-ever Green Street Fair will be held 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 4 in downtown Plymouth. Presented by Whole Foods Market, the fair was founded to inform people of all ages about the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services. For information, call (734) 259-2983 or visit www.greenstreetfair.com.

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An ottoman can stand in for a coffee table

Lopa of Troy asks: "We are deciding between a coffee table in the family room or an ottoman. What kind of things should be considered before we purchase? We have two teenage children and a dog."

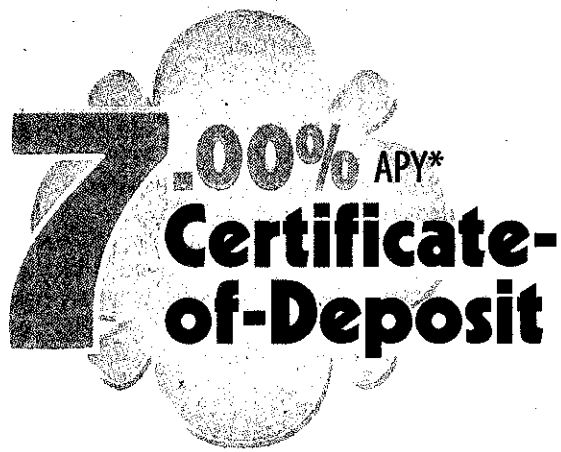
As long as space allows, a coffee table or an ottoman are a wonderful addition to a room. They both are beautiful and functional, too. Let's consider your lifestyle to help you come to a decision.

A coffee table is generally more formal and wood surfaces can become damaged. Since this is a family room, I would strongly urge you to go towards the ottoman idea. You know that whatever you put there, your teenage children will be putting their feet up on it, setting plates of food on it, and sitting on it. A coffee table will get destroyed. Why put yourself through that torture?

Purchase a piece of furniture that works for the way you live. A nice ottoman with appropriate upholstery is a great addition. Have the top surface made of leather or good imitation leather. This way, you can wipe up the spills and the dirty shoe marks. Place a nice, large tray on the

ottoman to serve as a writing surface or dinner tray. This will hold drinks and bowls of popcorn while catching any spills. An ottoman with wheels is also an option worth considering. This way, it is easily rolled off to the side to serve as extra seating or pushed closer to the sofa for a game of Scrabble. There are many storage ottomans available, too, and this is a great place to store an extra blanket or pillow for the couch.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.



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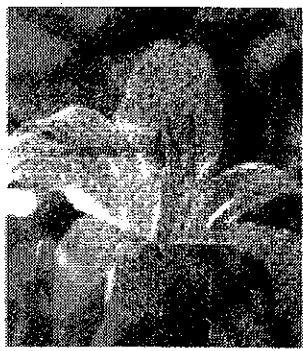
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LORRAINE M. BOYNE

Age 84, of Plymouth, passed away Friday, January 11, 2008, at Chateau Nursing and Rehab Center in Willowbrook, IL. She was born October 4, 1923, in Detroit, MI, and was the daughter of John and Anna (Sartor) Katzler. Lorraine attended Detroit Schools graduating from high school in 1941. She worked several years for National Bank of Detroit in their management training program. The former Lorraine M. Katzler married Thomas L. Boyne on June 22, 1946 and he preceded her in death on February 6, 2007. She was a longtime member of Good Council and St. Kenneth Catholic churches in Plymouth. She volunteered for many years as a hot dog lady and fluoride aide at Good Council Grade School. Lorraine loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking and gathering her family around her to celebrate yearly events. She is survived by her children: Thomas J. (Elaine), Ronald A. (Judy), Gail A. (Paul) Meeks, Gary A. (Carol), Janet M. (Dave) Doty; her grandchildren: David, Karen, Taylor, Garrett, Morgan, Mackenzie, and Samantha. The funeral Mass was celebrated January 14, 2008, at St. Isaac Joques Church in Hinsdale, IL, with interment at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville, IL. Arrangements were made by Gibbons Elisten Funeral Home in Hinsdale, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4709 Golf Rd., Suite 1015, Skokie, IL 60076.

FRANKLYN W. PHILLIPS

CONCORD, NH - 90, formerly of Eastman, NH and Wellesley, MA, died Monday, February 18, 2008. Born in Cleveland, OH, he was the son of A. Edward and Pearl (Updegraff) Phillips and grew up in Cleveland and Birmingham, MI. He was a graduate of General Motors Institute and M.I.T. He worked as a researcher at the Langley and Lewis Research Centers of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, as a Research Manager for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as assistant to the first two NASA Administrators in Washington DC, as Secretary to the National Aeronautics and Space Council, as the organizer and Director of the NASA Northeast Office, and as Director of Administration at the NASA Electronics Research Center in Cambridge, MA. After his career with NASA, Mr. Phillips worked as Vice President of Administration for the University of Massachusetts in Boston until his retirement in 1973. He met his wife Patricia (Bjorklund) while working at the Lewis Research Center in Cleveland. They were married in 1945 and lived in the District of Columbia, Falls Church VA, and Alexandria, VA, before moving to Wellesley, MA in 1962. They became residents of Eastman, NH in 1978. His wife predeceased him in October 2001, and he moved to Havenwood/Heritage Heights in Concord, NH in 2006. Mr. Phillips was active in parishes of the Episcopal Church throughout his life, most recently in the New Hampshire Diocese at Grace Church in Concord, and immediately prior to that at St. Thomas Church in Hanover. He is survived by his two children, Marianne P. Leonard of Woburn, MA and Andrew W. Phillips of Amherst, MA; three grandchildren, Michael J. Leonard of St. Louis, MO, and Robert L. and Amanda M. Phillips of Amherst, MA, and one great-grandchild, Cypher Nartowicz, also of Amherst, MA. Memorial donations may be made to the Havenwood/Heritage Heights Resident Fund, 145 East Side Dr., Concord, NH, 03301, or to Grace Episcopal Church, 30 Eastman St., Concord, NH, 03301. A memorial service will be held at a later date. The Bennett Funeral Home of Concord is in charge of the arrangements.

FILOMENA CORRIDORE

Originally from Pianola L' Aquila, Italy. Passed away February 23, 2008 at Angela Hospice in Livonia. Mrs. Corridore is the beloved wife of Rinaldo, married 69 years. She is the dear mother of Carmela (Lorenzo) Centi, Enrico (Phyllis) Corridore, Centi (Mary) Corridore, the late Nazzeno Corridore and the late Enrico Corridore. Dear grandmother of Marco (Donatella) Centi, Danielle Centi, Andrea (Eric) Daniel, Michael (Cindy) Corridore, Marco (Celina) Corridore, Anthony (Maria Andrea) Corridore, Nicholas (Kimberly) Corridore, Christian (Shannon) Corridore, Lisa (Leon) Letter, Paulo Corridore and Lucas (Angie) Corridore. Dearest great-grandmother of 19. Dear mother-in-law of Theresa Corridore-Fox. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 26, 2008, from St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. Arrangements were entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice. To leave a condolence visit: www.schrader-howell.com

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CHARLES W. DIETRICH

Age 60, of Livonia, MI, died suddenly on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at home after a brief illness. He was born in Detroit, MI, to Willy A. & Charlotte Dietrich on March 4, 1947. He attended Bentley High School in Livonia and went on to earn a degree in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Michigan and a Masters of Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University. He retired after a career as an Engineer for the Ford Motor Company. Survivors include his sister Isla Jean Markl of Florissant, MO, brother William Dietrich of Naples, FL, nephews Stephen Markl of Florissant, MI, Mark Dietrich of Dewitt, MI and Alan Dietrich of Livonia, MI and cousin Carl Eggers of Sterling Heights, MI. At Chuck's request, no funeral or memorial services will be held.

MARTHA E. HOOKANA

Age 90, Detroit, MI. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.



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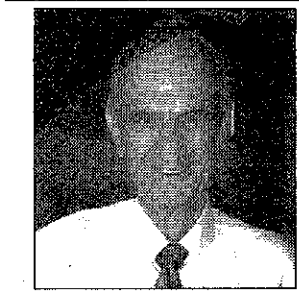
June 8, 1952 - Feb. 26, 1998. We greatly miss your Smile, your Laughter, your Words of Wisdom and your Sunday Breakfast! Our Love Always, Mary, Rachael, Jessica, Joshua, Grand kids, Family and Friends.

PAUL E. KELLY

Age 79, W. Bloomfield, MI, passed away Feb. 25, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

DANIEL MATHEA

A memorial service will be held for Daniel Mathea who passed. Retired master plumber, loved by family and friends for his kindness and humor. Service will be held at Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile, Redford Twp. on Sunday, March 2, 2008 between 2-4pm.



STEPHEN PITUCH

February 22, 2008, age 79, of Redford Township. Beloved husband of Jaunita "Nell". Loving father of Kathryn (Steve) Thompson, Larry, and Dr. Stephen Pituck. Dear grandfather of Nick, Jaimie, and the late Adam. Brother of Mike, Victor, Nick, Betty, Mary and preceded in death by Joe, John, Thomas, Wally, and Leonard. He will be dearly missed by his many loving friends and relatives. Celebration of Life Service, Thursday 1:00PM at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Visitation Wednesday 2-9PM.

"BILLIE" RILEY/SAND

Wilma "Billie" Riley passed away in Bozeman, Montana on Feb 1, 2008. She was born July 26, 1923, in Sioux City, Iowa to William and Pearl (Herring) Peak. Billie grew up in Galesburg, Ill. and graduated from high school with a secretarial course. Her first job was a legal secretary in Galesburg. She also often helped her beloved father, William Peak, in his photography studio. She married her high school sweetheart, Darrel Sand, who soon left for the Philippines to serve in the Army Corps of Engineers. After the war, they moved to Michigan where Darrel attended GMI and later worked for General Motors as an engineer. Together they raised four children, Roger Sand of Kokomo, Ind., Deborah Purcell of Georgetown, Texas, Joy Ames of Bozeman, Mt. and Vickie Smith of Vista, Calif. The family lived in the small town of Plymouth, Mich. She was preceded in death by her second husband, Jim Riley. Billie is survived by her four children and nine grandchildren; her first husband Darrel; and her older sister, Patricia Bullock. Billie was a kind and wonderful mother and will be missed by all who knew her.

BETTY RAE SHERMAN

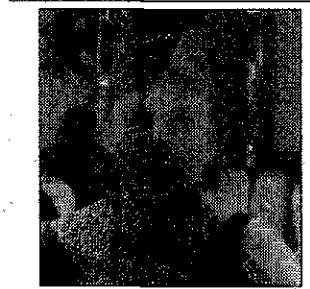
Beloved wife of the late Douglas Sherman. Dear mother of Philip (Suzanne) Sherman. Loving Grandmother of Brian (Emily) Sherman. Also survived by Alexander and Harriet Orstein, other loving relatives and friends. MEMORIAL SERVICE 10:30 AM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008 (TODAY) AT THE IRA KAUFMAN CHAPEL. (248)569-0020. www.irakauffman.com.

TODD R. STANAWAY

Age 36 of Warren, MI passed away February 24, 2008. Todd was born July 7, 1971 in Lansing, MI. Survived by his wife Julie; daughter, Samantha Stanaway, Warren, MI; grandfather, Lee Hubbard, Mancelona, MI; father, Thomas (Loretta) Stanaway, Lansing, MI; mother, Vicki Hubbard, Lansing, MI; father and mother-in-law, Michael (Sandra) Belz of Warren, MI; Brothers and sisters, Mike (Kimberly) Betts, Mason, MI; Toni (Mike) Lauria, Haslett, MI; Bill Betts, Bath, MI; brother-in-law Michael Belz, San Diego, Ca; stepfather, Jerry Betts, Perry, MI. Mr. Stanaway was a resident of Warren and a firefighter with the Westland Fire Department. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Edward Swanson & Son Funeral Home, 30351 Dequindre, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Visitation Tuesday 4-9pm and Wednesday 2-9pm; services Thursday 10:30am at Funeral Home. Burial at Christian Memorial Cultural Center, Rochester Hills, MI. Memorials to Westland Firefighter Scholarship Fund.

FREDERIC W. TAKALO

Age 77, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away Feb. 21, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.



SHIRLEY JANE TRUSS

Age 53, born March 9, 1954. Passed away on February 22, 2008. She is survived by her son Scott B. Shevrovich, daughter Natalie N. Shevrovich, sisters Sue Truss, Donna Cavallo and Sally Johnson and brother Eddie Truss. She was a thirty year loyal and dedicated employee of the Karas House of Redford and Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution in Shirley's name are asked to consider The Children's Home of Judson Center, 4410 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

FEBRUARY

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.

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. 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.

Sunday services

Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livoniafaith.org.

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. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit 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.

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, 3312 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.iceonline.org.

Contemporary music

Mass with contemporary music 11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 2, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Come join us in Liturgy, praising God with contemporary music by some of your favorite Christian artists: Steve Angrisano, Jesse Manibusan and more.

Lenten programming

Begins with a potato dinner and movie night 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2, with goodwill donation proceeds going to support the Society of St. Andrew project to feed the hungry, showing of Facing the Giant film (PG) at 6:30 p.m.; second program is soup and salad bar followed by inspiring story of Olga Loizon and her journey of faith and success in the restaurant business 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9 (\$5 donation to cover cost of dinner), at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. A grand opening and dedication of the church's new Fellowship Hall is 5-9 p.m. Saturday, March 15. The community is invited.

World Day of Prayer

10 a.m. Friday, March 2 (registration at 9:30 a.m.), at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street, Inkster (313) 561-2838. Lunch is \$5. Bring hygiene and paper products for First Step. World Day of Prayer program by Dearborn Inkster unit of Church Women United.

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 services

Noon and 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, 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.

Grieving children's program

The public is invited to attend an open house to learn more about St. John Open Arms, a program that teaches families and children to cope with grief following the loss of a loved one due to illness, accident or violence 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 5780 Evergreen. For more information, visit www.stjohn.org/openarms.

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. 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.

Mid-week worship

Continues 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 5 and 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, March 6, organist Kevin Bylsma perform music by Bach, Pachelbel and Vierne, 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.

Spring concert

The Calvin College Orchestra kicks off its Spring tour with a concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, at Ward Evengelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Conductor Robert Nordling leads the 80 piece ensemble in a program featuring works by Beethoven, Strauss and Wagner. Admission free; an offering will be received. Reception to follow concert. Call (248) 374-7400 for information.

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. 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. 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.

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.

Blessing of the fleet

11 a.m. Sunday, March 9, at Mariners' Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage (entrance on the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward). For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

Concert

An evening with the Blackwoods 5 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at New Life Metro Church, 20320 Superior, Taylor. Cost \$10 advance, \$15 at door. Paid child care available. Pre-registration requested. Call (734) 287-8838.

Workshop

Liturgy of the Hours Workshop, learn about the manner in which the passage of time has been made sacred by Christianity, evening prayer experience takes place 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia. No charge. To register, call (734) 425-5950.

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. 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 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.

Holy Week services

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16; 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20 The Last Supper, and noon Good Friday, March 21, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. Easter services are 7 a.m. Sunday, March 23, at Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh, north of Eight Mile, Livonia, and 10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church.

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May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



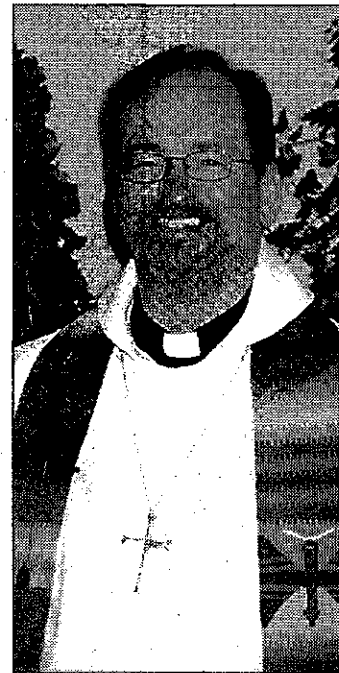
New pastor installed at Christ the King

The Rev. James Fogle was installed as pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Livonia on Sunday, Feb. 24. The Rev. Bishop John Schreiber, Bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, presided. Fogle was born and raised in Marion, Ohio. He attended Capital University in Columbus, Ohio followed by employment in a variety of settings including as a prison guard, hospital registration supervisor, business manager, at a drug and addiction recovery center, and the state of Ohio. While working at Grant Medical Center in Columbus he was mentored by the hospital chaplain. It was there

that he first contemplated a call to hospital chaplain ministry. He finished his undergraduate degree at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Columbus. He spent his internship year at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Delaware, Ohio, where he determined he felt called to parish ministry rather than hospital chaplaincy. He graduated with a Master of Divinity in May 1999 and was ordained June 1999. Fogle's first call was to the Upper Peninsula. In addition to his parish, he was involved in many activities including president of the Marquette Ecumenical Clergy Council, instructor for the Northern

Great Lakes Synod Lay School for Mission, chairperson of the Synod Worship Committee, on the board of Northern Michigan University's Lutheran Campus Ministry, a member of the Marquette Arts and Culture Commission, and as an on-call hospital chaplain. While in Marquette, he assisted in the development of a national ELCA support system for after-pastors (pastors in parishes where the previous pastor was removed for inappropriate activities). Fogle participated in the first two After-Pastor conferences giving the opening speech, writing and leading the closing worship service, and serving as a chaplain at his second conference. Fogle was called to the

Southeast Michigan Synod in March 2003, serving as a called pastor for two years and as an intentional interim pastor for the past three. While living in the Flint area, his local and cluster involvement has included serving as president of the local Kiwanis, vice-president of the Greater Flint Council of Churches, and has been an on-call chaplain at Hurley Medical Center. He has also served as dean of the Flint Cluster and as a member of the Southeast Michigan Synod Council and the synod Worship Committee. Fogle married Heather Burke April 1994. It was a church choir romance. They and their 10-year-old dog Melody plan to move to Livonia after Easter.



The Rev. James Fogle was installed as pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church, ELCA, in Livonia on Sunday, Feb. 24.

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Holy Week schedule

The Last Supper, Revelation Along the Way 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; Expiration Along the Way Good Friday service at noon and 7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship March 21; Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday, March 22, and Sunrise Service Celebration Along the Way at 7 a.m., and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Festival worship with Holy Communion and special music of Holy Trinity's various choirs and instrumentalists Easter Sunday, March 23, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. **Easter week services** 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, and Good Friday, March 21, and 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 22, at Historic Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. For information, call (734) 495-0035.

Your Invitation To Worship

BAPTIST NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH 33640 Michigan Ave. • Wayne, MI (Between Wayne Rd. & Merriman Rd.) (734) 728-2180 Virgil Humes, Pastor Saturday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Sunday Worship 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. • Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Prase Service 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday Children, Youth and Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:30 p.m.		UNITED METHODIST Clarenceville United Methodist 20300 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia 248-474-3444 Pastor Beth Librande Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Nursery Provided		LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia just north of I-96 734-522-6830 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional Staffed Nursery Available Sunday/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413 Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ Pastors: Robert F. Bayer and Anthony M. Creeden							
CATHOLIC ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Memorial Latin Mass Approved by Pope St. Pius V in 1870 St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 23310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan 5 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 534-2121 Mass Schedule: First 7:00 p.m. First Sat. 11:00 a.m. Sun. Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.		EVANGELICAL COVENANT FAITH COVENANT CHURCH 14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills (248) 661-9191 Sunday Worship and Children's Church 9:15 a.m. Contemporary 11:00 a.m. Traditional Child Care provided for all services Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups		More than Sunday Services™ Worship Services 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. • Dynamic Youth and Children's Programs • Excellent Music Ministries • Small Groups For Every Age • Outreach Opportunities Pastor: Dr. John Grenfell III Associate Pastor: Rev. David Wichert First United Methodist Church of Plymouth 45201 North Territorial Road (West of Sheldon Road) (734) 453-5280 www.pfumc.org		NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH "Open Hearts, Minds & Doors" 36500 Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne & Newburgh Rds. 734-422-0149 Worship Service and Sunday School 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Rev. Marsha M. Woolley Visit our website: www.newburgumc.org		GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD 25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY 313-532-2266 REDFORD TWP. Worship Service 9:15 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School 9:15 & 11:00 A.M. Nursery Provided The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior Pastor The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor		HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL 9600 Levee • So. Redford • 313-937-2424 "Vacancy Pastor - Rev. Carl Rockrohr" Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Christian School - Pre-Kindergarten-8th Grade For more information call 313-937-2233	
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City, MI 48135 (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.		NON DENOMINATIONAL BELL CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH Casual, Contemporary, Excellent Children's Program Meets at Franklin H.S. in Livonia on Joy Road (Between Merriman and Middlebelt Roads) at 10:00 a.m. 734-425-1174 Join us for coffee, bagels and donuts after the service!		PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.) ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman & Farmington Rds.) (734) 422-0494 www.rosedalegardens.org Chapel Worship Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am WE WELCOME YOU TO A FULL SERVICE CHURCH		EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Road "just west of I-275" Northville, MI 248-374-7400 Traditional Worship 9:00 & 10:20 A.M. Contemporary Worship 9:00 A.M. Nursery & Sunday School During All Morning Worship Services Evening Service • 7:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday WRD-AM 560 The WMU Word Station For additional information visit www.wardchurch.org		Risen Christ Lutheran David W. Martin, Pastor 46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth (1 Mile W. of Sheldon) (734) 453-5252 Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Nursery Care Available Wednesday Lenten Worship Feb. 6 - March 12, 7:00 p.m. www.risenchrist.info			
CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196		CHRISTIAN SCIENCE First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 734-453-0970 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m. Reading Room located at church Saturday 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. 734-453-0970		ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN Church, USA 25350 West Six Mile Rd. Redford (313) 534-7730 Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M., Sunday School - 10:15 A.M., Thursday Dinners - 6:00 P.M., Thrift Store every Sat. 10am-2pm Nursery Care Provided • Handicapped Accessible Rev. Paul S. Bousquette		LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL 17810 FARMINGTON ROAD, LIVONIA (734) 261-1360 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. website: www.stpaulslivonia.org					
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 36600 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia Parking lot is on N.W. corner of Levan & Schoolcraft • Nursery provided		ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN Church, USA 25350 West Six Mile Rd. Redford (313) 534-7730 Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M., Sunday School - 10:15 A.M., Thursday Dinners - 6:00 P.M., Thrift Store every Sat. 10am-2pm Nursery Care Provided • Handicapped Accessible Rev. Paul S. Bousquette		EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA Timothy Lutheran Church A Reconciling in Christ Congregation 8820 Wayne Rd. (Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road) Livonia • 427-2290 Jill Hegdal, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Available)							

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Don't miss the O&E's pull-out Wedding Guide in today's newspaper!

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By Kirsten Haglund



Haglund Life has been a whirlwind for Kirsten Haglund, of Farmington Hills, who was crowned Miss America 2008 on Jan. 26, but the 19-year-old beauty queen took a moment out of her hectic schedule to offer us her very own PINK Picks.

DVD It!
The Tudors First Season on DVD

Tivo It!
The upcoming season of The Tudors on Showtime ... what can I say, I LOVE history.

Read It!
Atonement by Ian McEwan BEFORE you see the movie!

Shop It!
Barneys.com — the latest high fashion at your fingertips! Great for buys AND outfit ideas.

Drink It!
Water. And then ... some more water.

Eat It!
Dinner with your family. If mom can cook up some homemade spaghetti sauce, even better.

Use It!
Tanning lotion to get you through to summer — SO much better than the tanning bed. Love the skin you're in!

Understand It!
Another language ... even if it's just a few words out of a pocket dictionary, et vive la vie!

Love It!
Wear a crown for a day. Even if it's a paper Burger King crown. You work hard, you deserve it. If people look at you funny, tell them you're Miss America for the day.

Dream It!
Don't sit and dream. Get out and make it happen ... You can start by making sure you VOTE this year.

Wear It!
Ultra-feminine pieces that have movement!

DON'T Wear It!
Anything midriff baring. EVER!

Tote It!
A stuffed-animal Chihuahua or other small dog ... and see if anyone notices. Pretend it's real.

Kick It!
Any fabulous heel by Christian Louboutin. How can you resist anything from Paris?

Accessorize It!
Color is in for spring. Make it a handbag that really punches in color, or a very saturated hue of shoe with more neutral pieces.

See It!
The Other Boleyn Girl with fab actresses Scarlett Johansson and Natalie Portman

Face It!
Dior Addict Lip Gloss in sheer spring pink and peach tones

Hear It!
Tune into your classical music station on the radio for a change.



Barnett-Asche

Andrea Diane Barnett of Rochester Hills met her husband, Jan Albert Asche of Essen, Germany, while serving an internship overseas. They were wed April 7, 2007, in a candlelit ceremony at Woodside Bible Church in Troy. The bride's brother, Rochester Hills mayor Bryan Barnett, performed part of the ceremony. After a limo drive through downtown Rochester and a snack at Red Knapp's, the reception was held at Club Monte Carlo in Shelby Township.



PHOTO BY KATHY PICKENS

Jablonski-LeAnnais

Melissa Jablonski of Garden City and John LeAnnais of Livonia were married on Sept. 1, 2007, in the back yard of their Green Oak Township home. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Brian Tuttle.

Hometown Love Stories

We asked local newlyweds to submit photos for our 2008 Wedding Guide. The response was so overwhelming, we couldn't fit them all! Here's a look at some of the happy hometown couples. For more, check out the Wedding Guide, a pull-out section in today's Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers.



Garden-Brow

Christien Garden and Jeffrey Brow were married May 5, 2007, aboard the Marco Island Princess in Marco Island, Fla. The couple met on a blind date and were engaged exactly a year later. Jeffrey is a sergeant for the City of Farmington's Department of Public Safety, and Christien works at Main Street Bank in Plymouth. They live in Redford Township with their Black Lab Felony.



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Fahner-Alexander

Julie Fahner and John Alexander, both of Garden City, were married Sept. 28, 2007, at Tri-City Christian Center in Canton. Their theme was a black and white wedding, accented with red roses. Before the reception at Burton Manor in Livonia, the couple took photos at Heritage Park in Canton. Then, they jetted off to Hawaii for a 12-day honeymoon in paradise.



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Lubienksi-Young

Beth Lubienksi and Eric Young of Royal Oak were married June 23, 2007, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. After the "simply elegant" wedding, a reception followed at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, overlooking the water and gardens. The couple honeymooned in French Polynesia on the island of Moorea.

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 Wendys Von Buskirk at wvonb@hometownlife.com.

Ashka Salon Recognized
CANTON — Ashka Salon, owned by Lisa and Steven Curry, recently was named one of the 200 fastest-growing salons in North America by Salon Today magazine, a top business publication for salon and spa owners. The magazine's eleventh annual Salon Today 200 profiled the selected salons in its January issue. The magazine honored the applicants who posted the highest increases in gross sales between 2005 and 2006, and who were on track to increase sales significantly in 2007. Ashka Salon & Spa is located at 6529 Canton Center Road. Call (734) 414-9980 or visit www.ashkasalon.com.

Macy's Suit Event
DEARBORN — Macy's Fairlane will host a Suit Event 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, March 5 in the Career Suit Department. Check out the latest suit styles for fall, meet with vendors from favorite brands, receive a special gift with purchase, and get free alterations up to \$50 with any suit purchase of \$150 or more during the event.

Prom Party with CosmoGirl
NOVI — Macy's at Twelve Oaks Mall will host a pre-prom party 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 8, on the first floor. Join Macy's and CosmoGirl magazine to check out the hottest gowns for Prom 2008. Get glamorous makeovers and enjoy live music, great gifts with purchase and exciting giveaways, plus save 15 percent on regular priced gowns purchased during the event.

Upscale Garage Sale
GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Junior League of Detroit will host an Upscale Garage Sale 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the University of Liggett Upper School in Grosse Pointe Woods. Thousands of donated items, as well as crafts and new merchandise, will

be available to the public at very low prices. Admission is \$1 and parking is free. The event raises money for the League's community programs, primarily focusing on childhood obesity, nutrition and literacy. The University of Liggett School is located at 1045 Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods. Visit www.jldetroit.org.

Spring Fever Fling
BERKLEY — Nikeeta Williams, owner of Evolutions Salon & Spa, will celebrate her first anniversary in business with a "Spring Fever Fling" 8 p.m. March 15. The community is invited to enjoy entertainment, sample spring beauty products and services and wish Williams a happy anniversary. Williams aims to break down the barriers between black and white beauty at her multicultural spa, located at 3257 W. 12 Mile Road. Call (248) 336-9655.

Nordstrom Partridge Creek Gala
CLINTON TWP. — Nordstrom will kick off the opening of its third Detroit-area store with an evening gala on Wednesday, April 16. The new Nordstrom at The Mall at Partridge Creek will open on Friday, April 18. Guests at the gala will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert buffets, cocktails, live entertainment and the first chance to do some shopping in the new, 118,000-square-foot store. Doors open at 7 p.m. The event will be entirely underwritten by Nordstrom. Tickets \$75 per person, are expected to raise more than \$90,000 for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and the Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals. Call (313) 874-6734.

Easter Bunny Hops into Novi
NOVI — The Easter Bunny will hold court at Twelve Oaks Mall's Central Park Garden, decorated for spring, March 1-22. Photos are available for purchase. Each child who visits will receive a free gift. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.shop12welveoaks.com.

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