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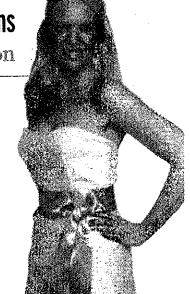
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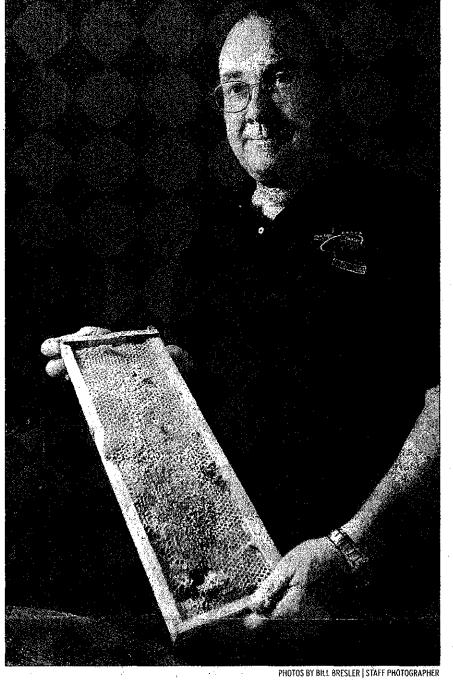
> BY KURT KUBAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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

From that first hive he built five years ago,



McLaughlin making run for Canton treasurer



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 trea-

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 oneyear 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

"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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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

percent last year," Shaw said.

Before Proposal A, property

was taxed at half of its market

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.

Poole gets 20-35 years for murdering foster child

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 Poole 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 hospitai rignt 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

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

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

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."

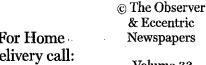
Poole, eligible for parole in 20 years, will get credit for the 513 days she's been incarcerated.



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Alan Poole, husband of defendant Carol Poole, waits for sentencing to

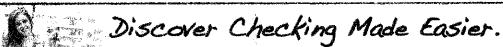
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Coming Sunday



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.

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.

Bowling fund-raiser

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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

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-

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 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.

nomic 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

Jeffrey W. Schultz, CPA

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.

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

"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 trea-

"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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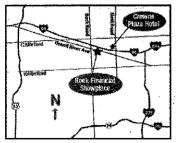
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'My time to go'

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 Rvan, 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 peo-

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.

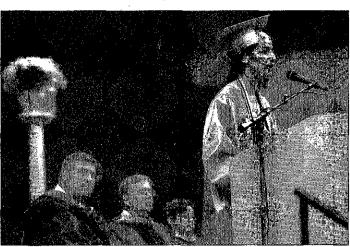
Rvan's demeanor can be summed up in one word, one that he wears on his suit coat lapel, "Attitude".

"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.

"I don't build cars, I can't shut

the second shift down at the plant if we're not selling enough

dent achievement."

cars," Ryan said. "We build stu-

Despite dealing with \$12

million in budget reductions

over the past five years, Ryan

has always been reluctant to

cut programs, opting instead

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

Ryan has worked since he

was 14-years-old, when he oper-

ated a recreation center in Ohio.

He laughs while remembering

Ford Michigan Truck Plant in

"I just never could get the

hang of it," sáid Ryan. "I have

a real respect for the job those

37 years, Ryan said he's confi-

dent he's spent his last days in

After a career that's spanned

"I don't think I'll ever do any-

thing in K-12 education again,"

he said. "Maybe there will be

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"It's easy to cut more, it's hard

THE RYAN FILE

Name: Dr. Jim Ryan Position: Retiring Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent On the job: Was deputy superintendent, became superintendent

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.

Taking some 'swings' in retirement

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

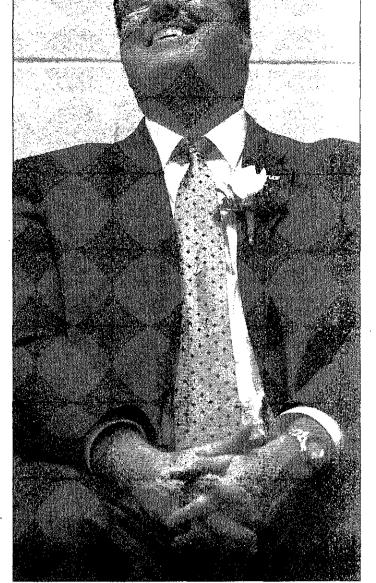
At Tuesday's Board of Education meeting - his last as superintendent - Jim Ryan received accolades and wellwishes from trustees as retirement loomed only a few days

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

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



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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.

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

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.

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"I've decided Snow White is a little naive," Mosquera said. "I'm trying to go through her lines with a naiveté 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 Bean Stalk 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

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

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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 and 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."

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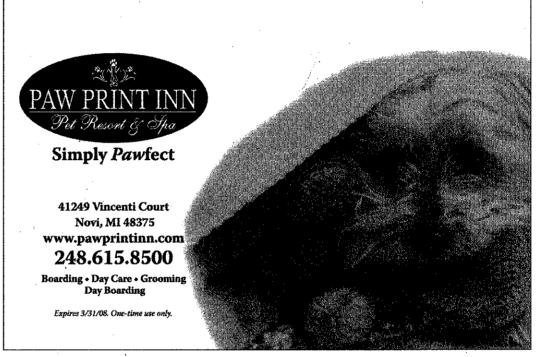
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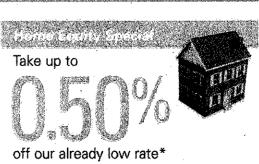


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There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the location above. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for Bid Division: #109: Roofing.

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

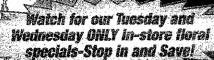
Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly. These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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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 mar-

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

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.

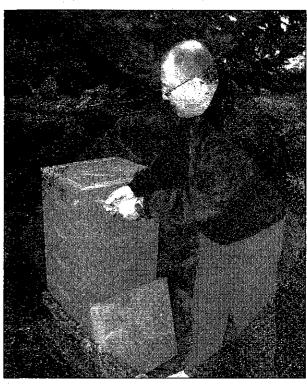
Jastrzebski's wife of 35 years, Linda, calls herself the bee widow, because her husband spends so much time with his little friends. It could be worse, she said.

"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.bobilinhoney.com.



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Bob Jastrzebski checks one of his hives in his backyard.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **INVITATION TO BID**

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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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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

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Michigan Pete Landscaping Fun & Easy Tips to Create the Home of Your Dreams! 2 p.m. -

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How to "Faux" Finish Your Walls 3 p.m. -

Home Depot

4 p.m. -How to Install Ceramic Tile Home Depot

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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

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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 blending 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

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

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 tophatted 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 Schechter

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

meteorolo-

gists; 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 sexu-

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 offerings 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 hbrenke@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 Lakhota 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

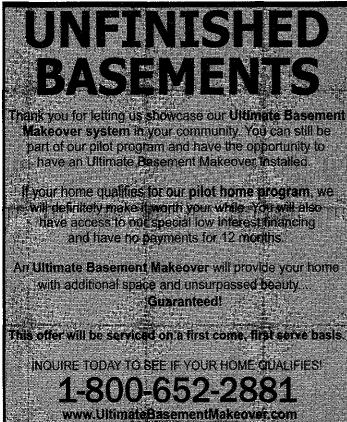
with Alternative for Girls. The Southfield club has scholarship initiatives and has supported the OCC women's center and Detroit Demolition (a women's football team)."

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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paid \$1,200, \$800 would be subject to ordinary income tax. Between state and federal income taxes. it will cost

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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

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.

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 interestfree loan, a better alternative would be to cash out, pay your taxes and put the money to work for you.

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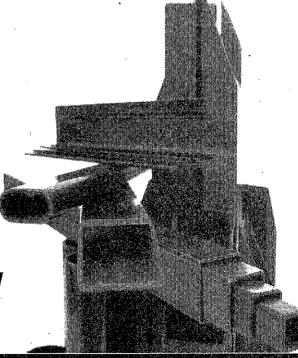




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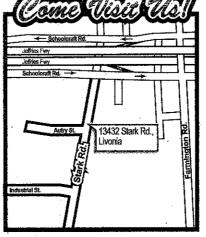


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Oakwood deserves credit for finding better site

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 ciation 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.



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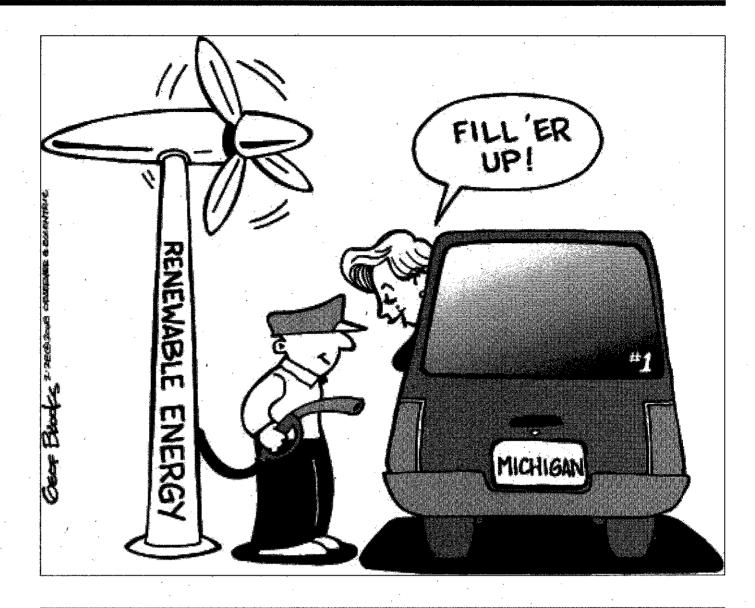
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Judge should be impartial

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 insensitiv-

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 should she 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

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

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 Canton

Bad tax choices

Only in Michigan ... Does the 2008 assessed value of private property decrease from its 2007 value. But the taxable value increases. A decrease of 12.7 percent in value, and an increase in taxable value of 2.3

percent. "Estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that Michigan's population has decreased by 30,500 from 2006 to 2007. According to the new estimates, Michigan had the nation's third-highest rate of net domestic out-migration in 2007, surpassed only by New York and Rhode Island. Michigan has the nation's seventh-highest rate for the entire period since the 2000 Census, surpassed by New York, the District of Columbia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Illinois." - www.michigan.gov.

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

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 ½ years of

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 Lincolnesque, 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.

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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

Merger between 'legacy' airlines would be promising for Michigan

here are lots of reasons the much-anticipated merger between Northwest and Delta Airlines ${\bf would} \ {\bf be} \ {\bf good-very} \ {\bf good-for} \ {\bf Michigan}.$ But as happens all too often when a good idea comes along, it's met by noisy objections from

Both Northwest and Delta are "legacy" airlines, survivors of the companies that dominated the industry before government deregulation in 1978. Many of their sisters - Pan American, Eastern and TWA, to name a few - no longer exist, victims of high costs, poor labor relations, bad management and newly aggressive competition.

Both Delta and Northwest recently emerged from a brush with bankruptcy. But both are still

relatively high-cost companies, pressed on one side with more and more expensive jet fuel. and pressed on the other by new, vigorous and low-cost competitors like Jet Blue, Spirit and Southwest. Both economics and competitive pressures are combining to push Northwest and Delta together, and both managements are serious about trying to make it work.

So far, the biggest hangup has been getting pilots to agree on a combined seniority list. But that shouldn't prove insurmountable.

Why would a merger be good for all of us? Well, a merger could play to Northwest's Michiganbased crown jewels: the magnificent airport hub at Detroit Metro and the airline's profitable and rapidly growing routes to China, Japan and the rest of rapidly booming Asia.

Combining these with Delta's excellent trans-Atlantic routes would make Detroit the premier gateway to Asia and a tremendously attractive hub for travelers to Europe and South America.

That can't but help the proposed "airport city," a consolidated passenger and freight logistics center that would include Detroit Metropolitan Airport on the east, Willow Run on the west and some 27,000 now relatively undeveloped acres in between.

Airport City represents one of the very few possible economic development projects on the drawing board with the potential to produce thousands and thousands of jobs in southeast Michigan.

So what's the problem?

Much of it is political, in the person of U.S. Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., the chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He tore into the proposed merger a couple of weeks ago in a piece in Business Week that ended, "We should just say no. Hell, no!"

Oberstar is threatening a hearing on what he see as the evils of the merger, mainly "further consolidation in the airline industry, further reductions in choice for consumers, and probably fewer flights, fewer jobs and higher fares."

Naturally, alert readers will remember that all politics are local — and realize that Oberstar is concerned about what it would mean to Minneapolis if Northwest's corporate headquarters jobs vanish as a result of the merger. Moreover, organized labor is grumbling about possible job losses; Northwest is

heavily unionized, while Delta is mostly non-union. (The pilots, however, are union at both airlines.)

Oberstar also misreads the economic history of the airline industry. Despite the raft of consolidations that have taken place since the Airline Deregulation Act was passed in 1978, the inflationadjusted cost of air travel has dropped by half, from eight cents per mile to four. Not only that, but a look at the route structures of Northwest and Delta shows very little overlap, which suggests service reductions from a merger would be slight indeed.

But the real potential problem for the merger is not going to be overtly political, no matter how loud Oberstar fumes. It's antitrust law, which puts the matter squarely into the hands of the Department of Transportation and the antitrust division of the Justice Department. The legal issue is whether the merger in and of itself will tend to suppress competition and, thus, increase prices for customers.

One important part of antitrust doctrine has to do with something economists call "ease of entry," which addresses whether a merged company gains sufficient power to deter potential competitors from entering its market. That hasn't been the case so far.

Instead, what's striking about the airline industry is how relatively easy it is for competitors to get into the business — witness the new, low-cost and successful airlines like Jet Blue and Spirit. They're eating the old established carriers' lunch. In economist-speak, the airline industry offers low barriers

And because those barriers to entry are so low, big and established airlines find it tough to sustain high prices in a given market without attracting new, cheaper competition.

Back in the 1980s, the airline industry began to discover that the revenues of all airlines are hostage to whatever pricing strategy the lowest-priced competitor decides to adopt. If Jet Blue offers cheap fares from Detroit to Chicago, for example, Northwest — or, say, Northwest-Delta — will find it hard to compete successfully on that route without matching that low fare.

Over the years, legacy airlines tried to establish pricing power by setting up "hub and spoke" route systems, all feeding into big hub airports which they could dominate. The strategy worked for a while, but the economic structure of the industry - ease of entry and pricing transparency - doomed the idea. Northwest says that today, low-cost carriers serve all the legacy airline hubs and successfully put downward pressure on airline fares.

Undoubtedly the cut-rate carriers will have a different view. All these arguments will take considerable time (and very high legal bills) to play themselves out before the scrutinizing eyes of the Justice Department. Such scrutiny is important, but at the end of the day the regulators would be wise to approve the Northwest-Delta merger. And folks in Michigan should jump for joy at the prospect.

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Doug Fraser worked tirelessly to improve all Americans' lives

Je lost a good man. Doug Fraser, the retired president of the United Auto Workers from 1977-83 and distinguished professor of labor studies at Wayne State University, died Feb. 23. He was 91.

Doug Fraser was a measuring stick of goodness. There was a sense of decency and integrity that seemed to permeate his very being. There was never a time that I had the oppor-

tunity to be with him that I did not walk away feeling good about the world and knowing that I had learned and grown from our conversation. This happened recently as we bumped into each other in our hometown of Northville. We talked about state and national politics and how there is a need for leaders, at every

level, to realize the economic anxiety and stress that many working people are under in Michigan, America and across the globe and the need to take action to help.

Doug, as he liked to be called, lived a long and productive life. Born Dec. 18, 1916, in Glasgow, Scotland, he spent his life working — and looking out — for the working people of this country. He understood that America's success was built on the blood, sweat and tears of the American worker.

Today, America is a better place because of labor leaders like Doug Fraser. Yet, in that brief encounter standing in the doorway of a Northville restaurant a month or so ago, Doug Fraser lamented about how it seems we have lost the shared sacrifice and common good of what has woven us together as a country.

"A great country extends a ladder, a helping hand, to those below and helps lift them up; this is slipping away," he bemoaned as he took a deep breath, inhaling oxygen from his portable respirator, a remnant of a lifetime of

Doug had a room-illuminating smile and a quick wit. His roots and rooting for the working man began in the working-class neighborhood of Glasgow, were varnished during the struggles of the Great Depression and were cemented in the auto plants in Hamtramck and Detroit. He was a tough adversary during labor negotiations. He carried out his role with integrity that earned the respect of his members and management alike.

He was a leading American trade unionist and advocate for civil and human rights around the world.

As a Ford Rouge Plant employee, I knew of the legendary Fraser and his fight to save Chrysler Corp. from bankruptcy in 1979. With then-young congressman and later Gov. James Blanchard, they successfully lobbied Congress

Upon retirement from the UAW in 1983, Fraser began a second career as a distinguished professor of labor studies at Wayne State University. It was there that he shared his wisdom and experience with students who were growing up in the 'irrational exuberance' of the past 20 years. I recall seeing the young students gather around the gray-haired old labor leader on the WSU campus as he spun a labor or political tale and challenged them to get involved in the struggles to make America the best it could be for all.

and President Jimmy Carter to support \$1.5 billion in federal loan guarantees. I admired the work Fraser did not only to save a company, but also the lives and livelihood of many working people. This should never be forgot-

Further, as a life-long Democrat, he proudly marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil rights struggles of the 1960s. He was a strong champion for the auto industry to recruit more minorities and women.

I met Doug Fraser during the first Blanchard for Governor campaign, where I served as deputy campaign manager. The awe and admiration only grew from there.

His wife and partner, Dr. Winnie Fraser, a psychologist, shared Doug's passion for people and remains a strong advocate for the weakest among us, the mentally ill.

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The former UAW president is now in heaven - organizing the angels, doing what he has done here on earth, focusing his energies on improving the economic and social well-being of working men and women everywhere.

Doug Fraser was a good man and he will be sorely missed.

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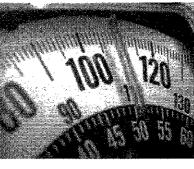
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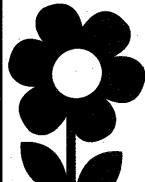
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2008 Boys District Basketball Tournament

Several 'Cats contribute to 65-58 win over Salem

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Most high school basketball teams turn to a star to lead them in the post-season.

Plymouth turned to a galaxy of stars Monday night in a first-round Class A District showdown against Salem at Novi High School.

The Wildcats received double-digit scoring efforts from four players — and a dynamite blue-collar effort from a fifth — on the way to a thrill-aminute 65-58 victory over the Rocks.

Senior point guard Brandon Roberts led the winners with 17 points, but he had plenty of help from fellow seniors Garrett Rebain and Navraj Sandhu (12 points each); Mike Hanchett (11); and David Harvey, who only scored five points but was as valuable as anyone on the court with his eight rebounds, five steals and never-ending hustle.

"This was definitely a team effort tonight," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "Our role players did more than just their role, and that's what made the difference.

'We've been playing a lot better during the second half of the season. We're digging in defensively and creating transition baskets. We're playing unselfish basketball and it's showing because we're getting more kids in the scoring column."

Plymouth will take an 8-13 record into Wednesday night's 5 p.m. semifinal clash against Detroit Catholic Central. Novi will take on Northville in the 7 p.m. semi showdown.

Salem finished 9-12 despite exceptional efforts from senior Grant Stone, who capped his stellar career with 19 points and eight rebounds, and junior Joe Posler, who finished with 16 points (eight in the fourth quarter) and five boards.

Van Wagoner said containing Stone was his team's biggest challenge.

"We definitely ran some extra people at Grant tonight," said Van Wagoner. "When he entered the post, we had someone come in early. A couple times we didn't get there quick enough, but overall we defended pretty well."

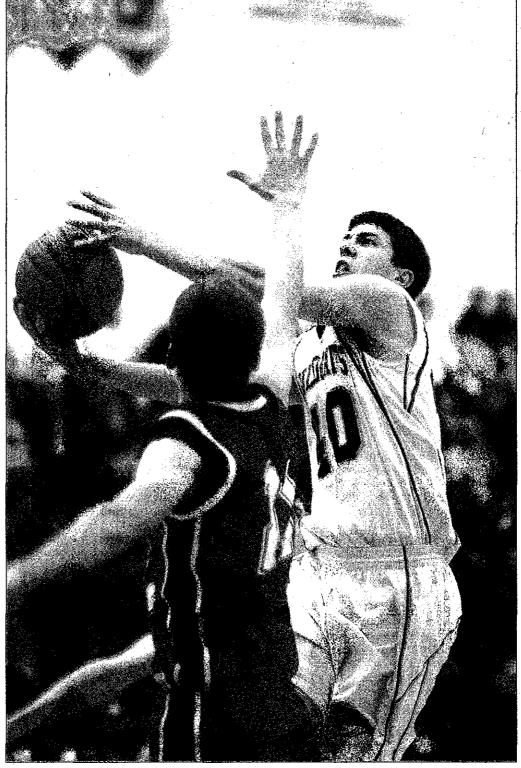
One of the game's pivotal plays turned out to be a dazzling missed dunk by the 6foot, spring-loaded Roberts on a wide-open fast-break opportunity with 2:30 left in the third quarter.

Following the near-miss slam, the Wildcats went on a 9-0 run to turn a 43-40 deficit into a 49-43 lead.

"The kids really care about Brandon and they knew he was just trying to make a special play, so they seemed to dig in after that," said Van

Wagoner. The Rocks battled back to

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Plymouth's Garrett Rebain elevates over Salem's Joe Posler for two of his 12 points in Monday night's 65-58 victory.

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Ed Wright

That said, none of the games has been more pulse-quickening, upand-down-the-court exciting than the two Class A District games I witnessed Monday night at Novi High School.

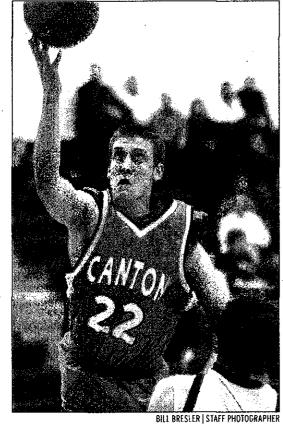
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Non-stop highlights

From the opening tip of the Salem-Plymouth nail-biter to the final buzzer of the Canton-Novi cliffhanger, I saw more jaw-dropping spin-dribble drives, ohmy-gosh! fade-away three-point

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Canton's Dan Stoney goes strong to the hole during the Chiefs' down-to-the-wire 72-67 setback to Novi Monday night. Stoney, a junior, finished with nine points.



Canton's rally falls just short Agape bounces Lutheran South. See Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton's conversion to "small" ball Monday night nearly resulted in a bigtime comeback in its first-round Class A District game against Novi.

With his team trailing 48-39 at the outset of the fourth quarter, Canton coach Dan Colligan inserted a smaller, quicker line-up that nearly could have qualified for a six-feet-and-under league.

The strategy almost worked as the Chiefs scrapped back to within 64-63 on a Chris Bailey put-back with 50 seconds left before eventually falling, 72-67, to the host Wildcats.

The season-ending loss left Canton with a 7-14 mark. Novi, which earned a berth in Wednesday's semifinal game against Northville, improved to 16-5.

"I couldn't be more proud of my team right now," said Colligan. "They battled, didn't give up and kept working. We told them all week to play in the moment - don't worry about the past or what's ahead — and I thought they did that.

Who knows — if we get a couple more breaks or the ball bounces the right way one more time, we may have been looking at a win. My hat's off to Novi, though. They did an outstanding job tonight."

The Chiefs reached their most dire straights with 30 seconds left in the third quarter when Novi's Brandon Bradford rolled in a driving layup to put the Wildcats up, 48-36.

However, Canton's Dan Stoney delivered a sign of things to come when he swished a long triple to bring his team to within 48-39 at the close of the third quarter.

At the 7:47 mark of the fourth quarter, Canton's 6-foot Donald Haron did an impression of a 747 when he soared high

to challenge Novi's 6-9 Caleb Dean, who was moving in for a potential slam.

Haron was called for a foul on the blocked shot, but the play sent a charge through his teammates and the Chiefs' cheering section.

After Dean misfired on both free throws, Canton freshman guard Dietrich Lever canned a pair of freebies to bring the Chiefs to within 48-41.

With 1:50 left and the Chiefs trailing 61-59, junior guard Marlan Glenn stole the ball at mid-court and attacked the basket before delivering a behindthe-back pass to a trailing Neil Sharma, whose potential game-tying layup rolled around the rim and out.

A second later, Sharma committed his fifth foul, which sent him to the bench after a sterling 14-point, six-rebound effort. Chris Bellamy drained a pair of free throws to give the Wildcats a 63-59

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Haburne's a star on ice, in class

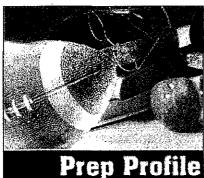
BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

If you think Salem's 6-foot-4, 200-pound hockey defenseman Mike Haburne is talented, productive and intimidating with a hockey stick in his hand, you should see him gripping a No. 2 pencil.

Judging by his 3.8 grade-point average, the Rocks' ultra-successful defenseman has never met a test or an essay he couldn't conquer.

Haburne is a shining epitome of the term student-athlete: The senior National Honor Society member excels as much on the ice as he does sitting at a desk so much so that he has earned Academic All-State recognition.

"When I was named coach before this season, it was a foregone conclusion that Mike was going to be one of the captains," said first-year Salem coach Ryan



Ossenmacher. "He's one of those kids that excels off the ice, on the ice and in the community. He's just a well-rounded kid.

"As a captain, Mike's more of leader by example than a screamer. But when he does speak, everybody on the team listens."

More than numbers

Heading into Tuesday night's pre-Regional contest against state-ranked Livonia Churchill, Haburne had compiled two goals and 11 assists. Although the numbers are solid for a defenseman, they fall way short of describing Haburne's contributions to the

"Mike's one of the top defensemen around," said Ossenmacher. "He logs a ton of time and he always plays close to half the game. He provides a good mix of offense and defense.

"He's a big, imposing figure out there on the blue line. Guys will shy away from him when they see he's in their path."

Young achiever

Haburne's passion for hockey started burning a short time after he laced up his first pair of skates at the age of "4 or 5."

"I like the sport because you never know what's going to happen every time you step on the ice," he said. "Everybody's never in

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Senior Mike Haburne excels on the ice and in the classroom at Salem. The defenseman carries a 3.8 grade-point average.

MHSAA honors two Wildcats

Two Plymouth High School student-athletes earned the Michigan High School Athletic Association's most-distinguished honor recently when they were named recipients of its Scholar-Athlete scholar-

Seniors David Harvey, who competes in basketball and baseball, and Pam Bhullar, who excels in cross country and track, were among 14 studentathletes from Class A-sized schools to receive \$1,000 scholarships from the MHSAA.

Harvey and Bhullar, who were chosen for the honor based on their academic, athletic and community-service achievements, will be honored at halftime ceremonies of the Class C boys basketball final game at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 15.



Pictured are the projected Canton starters for Friday afternoon's Division 1 quarterfinal match against No. 1-ranked Davison: (left to right) Waleed Faraj (103 pounds), Connor Johnson (112), Carl Lucke (119), Donnie Watkins (125), Jeremy Filippelli (130), Steve Cox (135), Brent Winekoff (140), Braden Price (145), Keith Zech (152), Pat Durocher (160), Rodger Kropp (171), Adam Powers (189), Dan Wanson (215) and Luke Konsitzke (285).

'Elite Eight' appearance

Canton grapplers pumped up for No. 1 Davison

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Canton's wrestling team will be doing more than looking out for No. 1 Friday afternoon in Battle Creek.

The Chiefs will be looking to knock off No. 1 when they tangle with topranked Davison — the winner of seven of the past eight Division 1 team wrestling titles — in an "Elite Eight" quarterfinal match set to commence at 5:30 p.m. at Kellogg Arena.

Canton coach Casey Randolph said his 26-7 team respects the 31-1 Cardinals, but it doesn't fear them.

"We know they're the No. 1 team in the state and we know their only loss came to St. Edward's in Ohio

 the No. 3-ranked team in the country — but we really think we have a chance to beat them," Randolph said. "The great thing about Friday's match is that we'll be wrestling right after the weigh-in, which helps us because we don't cut weight.

"Hopefully, we're fresh and they're a little tired."

The Chiefs have been on a month-

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long roll after stacking together firstplace showings in the Observerland Tournament and the Western Lakes Activities Association Championships, before handily seizing District and

Regional crowns. While the Chiefs' entire roster is formidable, its line-up from 119 pounds to 140 is comparable to a super-charged buzz-saw. Of the five wrestlers that fill that stretch, one

- 119-pound Carl Lucke — is a former individual state qualifier and three others - Donnie Watkins (125), Steve Cox (135) and Brent Winekoff (140) earned berths at the Palace of Auburn

Although the Chiefs have competed in just one other state final meet (2006), they're far from strangers to the "Cereal City" in late-February.

"We've always taken our team down there to watch the finals so that they can get used to the atmosphere," said Randolph. "They know where to weigh in, how everything works.

"Even though we're young, I expect our senior leadership to help calm the young guys' nerves. I expect our guys

to be very business-like before the match - kind of like the calm before. the storm."

Canton competed in the Davison Dual Tournament earlier this season, but the Chiefs didn't square off against the Cardinals.

"We've scouted them and broken down their tendencies," said Randolph. "They're tough, top to bottom. They're a senior- and juniordominated team."

Randolph said his team's goals have accelerated since that first trip to the finals in 2006.

"We want to do more than just get there now," Randolph said. "We've set our goals higher. We want to wrestle on Saturday (when the semifinals and finals are held) now.

. "We want to wrestle in the Final Four and wrestle for a state championship. The kids deserve that — they deserve to find out what that kind of success is all about — after all the work they've put in this season."

The Chiefs' bus will depart from the Phase III parking lot at 10 a.m. Friday. The "March of Champions" is set for

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8 P-CEP grapplers Palace-bound

Eight P-CEP wrestlers advanced to the Division 1 Individual State Meet set for March 6-8 at the Palace of Auburn Hills after finishing in the top four in their respective weight classes at last weekend's Regional tournament at Southgate Anderson High

Two Salem grapplers -130-pound Kevin Hayter and 160-pound Jeremy Epley - moved on along with six Canton matmen: Waleed Faraj (103), Donnie Watkins (125), Steve Cox (135), Brent Winekoff (140), Rodger Kropp (171) and Dan Wanshon (215).

Epley will carry an impressive 41-4 record to the Palace after finishing second to Temperance Bedford's Alex Ortman at the Regional. Epley opened with a 16-5 major-decision win over Dearborn's Alex Eklem. He then dominated Bedford's Ian Kohlhofer, 10-0, in the semifinal match.

Hayter earned his first trip to the Palace by placing fourth on Saturday. He opened with a hard-fought 10-8 victory over Westland John Glenn's Jared Stephens before dropping a 17-2 decision to Bedford's Billy Osborne. Hayter (36-6) defeated Northville's

Evan Bentley, 15-10, to advance. Faraj, a sophomore, dropped his opener, 4-3, to Monroe's Derek

Davidson, before storming back through the consolation brackets with wins over North Farmington's Jordan Russell (5:32 pin) and John Glenn's Steven Wakeford (8-1).

Watkins (40-9), a two-time state qualifier, placed third at 125 thanks to impressive wins over Garden City's Devin Ashley (pin at 3:39), Livonia Stevenson's Tom Myshock (6-2) and Southgate Anderson's Mike Roberts.

Cox improved to 43-3 by winning the Regional title at 135. His road to gold was paved by wins over Garden City's Justin Johnson (pin at 3:53), Lincoln Park's Jason VanWasshenova (pin at 5:29) and Wyandotte Roosevelt's Dario Farrugia (pin in

The 43-4 Winekoff took top honors by ousting John Glenn's Dan McCahill (pin in 2:20), Bedford's Aaron Jeffrey (15-5) and Belleville's Jacob Losen (12-4).

Kropp (33-17) continued his seasonlong ascension to the sport's upperechelon by finishing runner-up to Livonia Franklin's Dan Woodall. He advanced to the final with wins over Woodhaven's John Schneider (pin at 4:32) and Monroe's Devin Duncan (pin in 3:11).

Wanshon (38-12) moved on fueled

by wins over Bedford's Jacob Szych (5-2) and Belleville's Kaare Cigan (2-0)
INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL WRESTLING

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (top 4 finishers qualify for state meet) DIVISION 1 at SOUTHGATE ANDERSON

103 pounds: Ryan Jones (Monroe) decisioned Anthony Paylich (Westland John Glenn), 2-1; 3rd place: Derek Davison (Monroe) dec. Waleed Faraj (Canton), 6-2 112: Leon Shannon (Wyandotte) dec. Jared Pieknik (Livonia Franklin), 7-4; 3rd: Justin Fleeson (Belleville) won by major dec. over Michael Fobar (Livonia Stevenson), 13-3. 119: Paul Hancock (Dearborn Fordson) dec. Chris Schneider (Belleville), 13-7; 3rd: Jonny D'Anna (Northville) dec. Isaac Morisett (Southgate), 9-8. 125: Zac Stevens (Monroe) pinned Jeremiah Austin (John Glenn), 1:40; 3rd: Donnie Watkins (Canton) dec. Mik Roberts (Southgate).

130: Christian Cullinan (Wyandotte) dec. Billy Osborne (Temperance Bedford), 9-6; 3rd: Jared Stephens (John Glenn) dec. Kevin Hayter (Salem), 9-4. 135: Steve Cox (Canton) p. Dario Farrugia (Wyandotte), 3:17; 3rd: Jason VanWasshenova (Lincoln Park) dec. Andrew Murray (Livonia Churchill), 6-2.

140: Brent Winekoff (Canton) won by major dec. over Jacob Losen (Belleville), 12-4; 3rd: Aaron Jeffrey (Bedford) p. J.P. Gaffke (Churchill), 5:39 145: Steve Coak (Belleville) dec. Dain Taylor (Monroe)

12-5; **3rd:** Brian Bagian (Northville) dec. Raz Markosian 152; Ryan Thomas (Novi) won by major dec. over Matthew Washelewski (Woodhaven), 14-4; **3rd:** Patrick Nusbaum (Bedford) dec. Khodor Hoballah (Dearborn), 2-0. 6-2: 3rd: Ziad Kharbush (LS) won by void over Brian

171: Dan Woodall (Franklin) dec. Rodger Kropp (Canton), 12-5; **3rd:** Devin Duncan (Monroe) dec. John So

(Woodbaven), 8-5. 189: Nick Whitenburg (Bedford) dec. Ryan Ridenour (Novi), 7-3; **3rd:** Emanuel Onwuemene (LS) dec. Jabreel Naser (Fordson), 3-1.

215: Marcel Dubose (Oak Park) p. Jacob Moore (Southgate), 1:23; **3rd:** DiMarco Scarber (Oak Park) dec. Dan Wanshon (Canton), 3-1.

285: Alex Doman (Birmingham Brother Rice) p. Adam Love (Garden City), 1:52; **3rd:** Mason Cole (Bedford) p. Travis Brown (Southgate), 1:19. MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS

AREA 1ST-ROUND PAIRINGS March 6 at Palace of Auburn Hills DIVISION 1

285 pounds: Adam Love, Sr., Garden City (40-5) vs. Jared Cowan, Sr., Davison (36-8). 103: Anthony Paylich, Soph., Westland John Glenn (48-3) vs. Zack Worthing, Sr., Utica Ford (37-12); Waleed Faraj, Soph., Canton (35-17) vs. Gary Cicotte, Soph., L'Anse Creuse North (50-4). 112: Jarek Pieknik, Sr., Livonia Franklin (48-8) vs. Cody

Robins, Soph., Davison (41-7); Michael Fobar, Sr., Livonia Stevenson (34-17) vs. Terrance Frank, Sr., Grand Blanc 125: Jeremiah Austin, Sr., John Glenn (50-1) vs. Michael

Dibble, Jr., Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (44-13); Donnie Watkins, Soph., Canton (40-9) vs. Tyler Bunting, Jr., Rochester Ádams (39-15).

130: Jared Stephens, Jr., John Glenn (43-7) vs. Alex Popp, Jr., Clarkston (38-3); Kevin Hayter, Sr., Salem (38-8) vs. Josh Houldsworth, Soph., Holly (54-2). 135: Andrew Murray, Sr., Livonia Churchill (29-9) vs. John Houseman, Sr., Grand Haven (33-0). 140: Brent Winekoff, Soph., Canton (46-4) vs. Richard Newbill, Sr., Utica Ford (36-21); J.P. Gaffke, Sr., Churchill (33-10) vs. Robert Nash, Jr., Roseville (46-7). 145: Steve Coak, Sr., Belleville (33-3) vs. Evan King, Soph., Clarkston (32-25): Raz Markosian, Jr., Stevenson (38-14) vs. Jeremy Bommarito, Sr., Hartland (55-2). 160: Jeremy Epiey, Sr., Salem (41-4) vs. Mike Wranosky, Jr. Acomb Dakota (29-8), Ziad Kharbush, Sr., Stevenson (43-2) vs. Fadi Moosa, Sr., Sterling Heights (48-9). 171: Rodger Kropp, Sr., Canton (35-18) vs. Kyle Summerfield, Jr., Hartland (35-7); Dan Woodall, Sr., Franklin (54-2) vs. Max McGoldrick, Sr., Holly (43-10). 189: Emanuel Onwuemene, Sr., Stevenson (31-11) vs. Seth

Holt, Sr., Grand Haven (44-1). 215: Dan Wanshon, Sr., Canton (38-12) vs. Jarrett Lintz, Sr. L'Anse Creuse (54-2). DIVISION 4 152: Stephen Kemp, Jr., Lutheran High Westfand (47-3) vs. Casey Rickli, Sr., Martin (46-18).

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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.

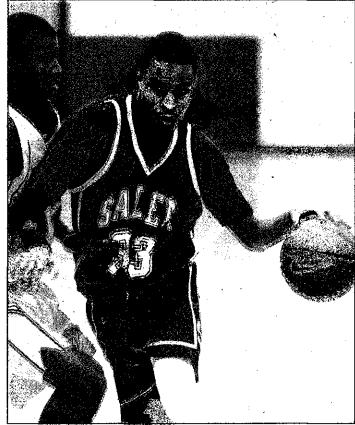
Salem led 14-10 after one quarter before the Wildcats rallied to grab a 29-28 halftime lead on Rebain's jumper with 1 tick left.

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



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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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swishes and get-that-weakstuff-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 rimbending 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-roomonly huge.

But the attendance was so low at the beginning of the

first game, I think I knew everyone in the gym on a firstname 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 pinpoint 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 & 1 ife

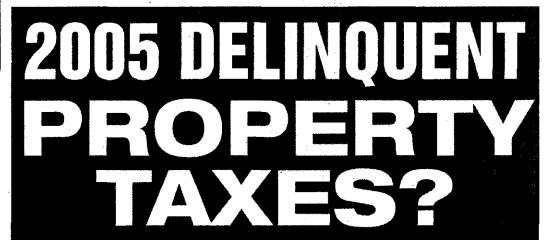
Agape excelled from the opening tip and raced to a 20-7 advantage during the opening eight minutes.

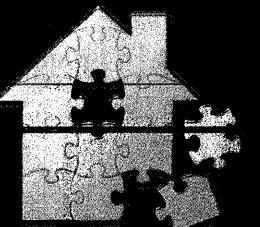
The Wolverines' lead was cut to 30-19 at the half before they stretched the margin to 55-231 with eight minutes to play.

"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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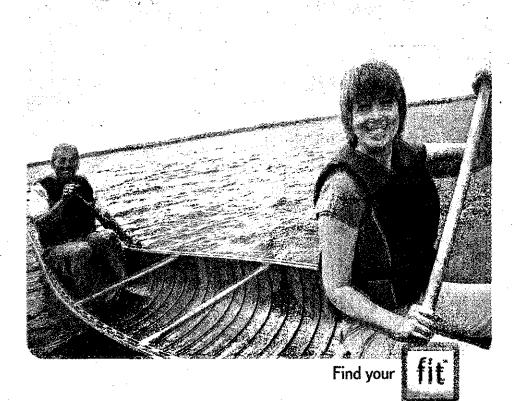
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Plymouth icers edge Chiefs in showdown

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BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth and Canton hockey teams have met numerous times over the past few years, but never were the stakes higher than during Monday night's Division 2 pre-Regional showdown at Eddie Edgar

Clutch goal-keeping by senior Christian Blick and senior forward Colin Rolfe's second-period goal combined to make the difference in the Wildcats' 3-2 triumph.

The victory earned Plymouth (14-9-2) a berth in Wednesday night's pre-Regional final against WLAA rival Livonia Franklin, which received a first-round bye.

The opening face-off is set for 7 p.m. at Edgar Arena.

The Wildcats are 1-0-1 against the Patriots this season. They won the first encounter, 4-2, before battling to a 5-all draw last month.

Visit www.hometownlife. com Thursday morning for results of Wednesday night's

The Ontario Hockey League playoffs

do not start for another month, but the

Plymouth Whalers and Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds played a game with a playoff

Compuware Arena.

slipped to 32-22-2-3.

atmosphere Saturday night before 3,211 at

Brandon MacLean's shootout goal gave

the first-place Greyhounds (38-15-2-4, 82

points) a 2-1 victory over Plymouth, which

There was no scoring through the first

Gajewski hooked up in a netminder's duel.

star in stopping 46-of-47 shots (including

Matthew Lyall's penalty shot at 13:00 of

the second period) and Gajewski the sec-

Plymouth took a 1-0 lead at 10:18 of the

third period on Vern Cooper's 17th goal of

ond star in stopping 35-of-36 shots.

two periods as Plymouth goaltender

Jeremy Smith and Sault Ste. Marie Kyle

In the end, Smith was the game's first

Justin Gilliam put the 'Cats on the board first three minutes into the game when he scored off a nifty pass from senior captain Ricky Cigile.

The Wildcats doubled their lead to 2-0 three minutes later on a goal from Jake Jossey that was set up by slick pass from

"We came out a little flat in the second period and Canton scored the first minute in," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender.

Rolfe scored on a 2-on-1 with four minutes to play in the second period to make it 3-1.

The Chiefs made a strong run in the third period, cutting their deficit to 3-2 with just under four minutes left, but the Wildcats managed to hang on.

"Canton must have had 17 shots on goal in the third period alone," Fassbender noted. "Christian did a great job of covering up the puck and not giving up any rebounds." Fassbender said he could see

his team maturing before his eyes Monday night. "One example was our sophomore Noel Aspinwall," he said.

a Division 2 pre-Regional contest at Eddie Edgar Arena. "Noel's never been thought of real highly defensively; he's we're so young."

doorstep.

Joe McCann.

Saginaw at 2 p.m.

was the one making sure they making sure we had a third the bench, we was constantly reminding his teammates to

The Wildcats are one victory away from setting a new school single-season win record.

Zane Birchler played well in net for the Chiefs, Fassbender

Details of Canton's goals were not available as of Tuesday night's deadline.

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Churchill skaters power past Salem

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An accurate gauge of the Livonia Churchill hockey team's adrenaline level Tuesday night was scattered in a thousand tiny pieces just beyond the west boards prior to its Division 1 pre-Regional game against Salem.

There lay the remains of a section of Plexiglass a Charger had shattered with a pre-game warmup shot.

Adrenaline reading: high. Following a 13-minute glassreplacement delay, the No. 2ranked Chargers shattered the Rocks' hopes of a long post-season run by skating to a dominating 8-2

Churchill will take a 20-5 record into Thursday night's pre-Regional final against cross-campus rival and No. 1-ranked Livonia Stevenson.

"We broke one at practice last week Thursday, so something you can go a lifetime without seeing we saw twice in a week," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said of his team's recent Plexiglass-breaking

"I thought we played with a great sense of urgency tonight after the delay. The second half of the first period I thought we really played to our speed. We had a lot of guys going to the net and we kept things

Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said his team was done in by its own penalties and its opponents' high skill level.

"Overall, I thought we played well when it was 5-on-5," noted Ossenmacher, whose squad finished 7-17-1 in his first year behind the bench. "It was 2-2 in the third period, which was the period we played 5-on-5 the most.

"We just got beat by a better team. I think they have as good a shot as anybody to win the whole thing."

The Chargers led 3-0 after one period thanks to power-play net-finders from Joshua Proben (from Travis Satkowiak and Daniel Bostick) and Cody Atkins (Stefan Kubus and Mitchell Carpenter); and an even-strength lamp-lighter from Atkins, who was assisted by Bostick and Kyle Burke.

Churchill started the second

period with a two-man advantage after the Rocks were whistled for a charging penalty when Charger goalie Derrick Daignaeu was slammed into the boards from behind while corraling a loose

Salem quickly learned the following lesson: Never charge a Charger.

Thirty-one seconds later, it was 5-0 in the wake of power-play goals from Nathan Milam and Kyle Burke, who banked a shot off the back of Salem goalie Mark Barkoff's pads.

"If anything, I think the (charging) penalty got the kids excited because it gave them a chance to go on the power play, which has been pretty good for us all year," said Mazzoni. "I think the hit was more coincidental than intentional."

Kubus made it 6-0 at the 11:23 mark of the second when he scored off a pass from Burke.

Despite its large deficit, Salem remained feisty and scored the first two goals of the third period.

Rock junior forward Nick Gennety buried a slick pass from Ian Barnaby with 7:24 left and Joel Cheesman followed suit less than three minutes later when he banged the puck home after securing a rebound shot off the stick of Sam Ott.

Churchill capped the scoring with late goals from Tyler Cotter (from Proben and Nicklaus Harakas) and Keith Yackley (unassisted).

The Chargers outshot the Rocks,

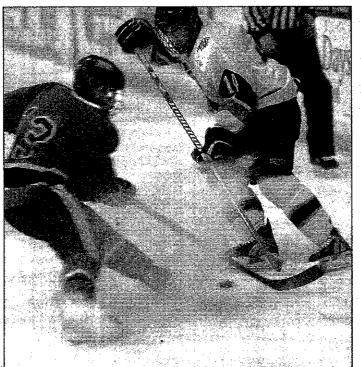
"I thought guys like Cody Atkins and Travis Satkowiak had real good games tonight," said Mazzoni. "I was pleased with the way our grinders played tonight."

Daigneau stopped all three shots he saw in the first period before getting replaced by Aaron Crouse, who notched eight saves over the final 30 minutes.

Barkoff and Eric Fiorentino split time between the pipes for the

Ossenmacher said his team made strides as the season wore

"I thought we made a lot of progress over the course of the season." he said. "We have a very young team, so we have a lot of guys coming back."



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for our entire team because always looking for his points. But with about eight or nine

Plymouth's Colin Rolfe (right), pictured above in a game earlier this season,

notched the game-winning goal in Monday night's 3-2 victory over Canton in

minutes left Monday night, he didn't get the puck in deep and guy high. And when he was on get the puck out of our zone.

"This is a great experience

Whalers come 'Soo' close to upending Greyhounds

Plymouth goal-tender Jeremy Smith stopped 46-of-

47 shots Saturday night against Sault Ste. Marie.

ted home the rebound into an empty net

the season as he redirected Wavne

After a scoreless overtime, the

Greyhound sandwiched shootout goals

Smith saves on Dustin Jeffrey, Fine and

from Hayes, but Gajewski denied Chris

Terry, Andrew Fournier, A.J. Jenks and

After playing in Sarnia on Friday,

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all Plymouth games by calling the

Plymouth returns home Saturday against

Belleville at 7:05 p.m. and Sunday against

Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or

Simmonds. Plymouth got a shootout goal

by Matt Caria and MacLean around

36, through 65 minutes.

Simmonds' pass from the right boards in

the Plymouth zone past Smith at the right

Sault Ste. Marie outshot Plymouth, 48-

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Spartans' late surge nips Northville in WLAA meet

BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Saturday marked the last chapter of the 25th and final Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim meet at Salem High School.

And the finish did not disappoint as Livonia Stevenson stormed back for the win in the final three events to unseat defending champion Northville, 652-643, for the title. Walled Lake Northern took a distant third with 378 points followed by the host Rocks (254), Canton (237) and Plymouth (225) in the top six.

The Spartans, who along with the other 11 WLAA members, will merge next year with the Kensington Valley Conference and two schools from Waterford to form the Kensington Lakes Conference.

They washed away the stain of a 98-88 dual-meet loss to the Mustangs in January and did it the hard way, overcoming a clerical error in the 1-meter diving event, which disqualified Stevenson's top two divers, including the leader after eight attempts.

Stevenson, the Lakes Division champions, spotted the Mustangs 43 points in the event, but clawed back and eventually regained the lead following the 100-yard breaststroke, 612-595.

'We knew we had a lead to play with, but they (Northville) were coming fast," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "It was a shame for the divers, we should have won by a 100."

Shoemaker credited the performance two days earlier in the prelims as the catalyst.

"You don't swim for the regular season, you swim for the championship meet," he said. "The playoff season is where it's at. We swim so well on Thursday. That's the best (prelim) swim overall we've had in a championship meet."

Several P-CEP excelled on Saturday, including Plymouth's Mike Conger, who placed second in the 200 IM and fourth in the 500 freestyle. Conger also joined forces with teammates Dan Stoscup, Paul Snyder and Chris Wilson to lead the Wildcats to a fourth-place showing in the 200 medley relay.

Salem's Adam Seroka excelled in the 200 IM (fifth) and 500 freestyle (third) while his teammate, Kevin Smith, took second in the 1-meter diving competi-

Rock senior Sida Chen touched second in the 100 breaststroke with a clocking of 1:03.04 in the finals.

Canton's standouts included Richard Zhang (fifth in the 200 freestyle), Chris McGinnis (fifth in the 50 freestyle) and Kevin Karlinski (fifth in the 100 breaststroke).

Stevenson captured just three events, including a victory in the 200 medley relay as senior Robert Luke, junior Joey Wingett, junior Mike Cruce and junior Ryan



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state meet (in 2006). To go

out and win that last one . .

One WLAA record was

200 IM in 1:55.76, besting the mark of 1:56.51 set by

Westland John Glenn's Matt

Martin in 1991. Blickle also

captured the 100 backstroke

in 52.66 with Luke finishing

Northville's Jon Bardsley

was a double winner as well, taking the 200 freestyle

(1:44.92) and 500 freestyle

Northern senior Matt Zavislak swept the 50- and

100 freestyles in 21.94 and

The Mustangs, Western

Division champions at 5-0,

also took the 200 freestyle

relay (1:29.09) and 400 free-

the Spartans, who celebrated

afterwards by doing a group

pool while hoisting the trophies along with their coach.

'We've had our ups-and-

downs this season, but we're

looking a lot better than

ten at the state meet."

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we were," Shoemaker said.

"We'd like to be in the top

victory dive in the Salem

47.50, respectively.

style relay (3:14.99). But the day belonged to

(4:48.46, edging Stevenson's Cruce, who clocked a

eclipsed as Northville's Brody Blickle captured the

you can't beat that."

runner-up in 53.99.

4:49.33).

Plymouth's Dan Stoscup placed eighth in the 100-yard breaststroke at Saturday's WLAA Conference Swim Finals at Salem.



Canton's Chris McGinnis placed fifth in the 50-yard freestyle at Saturday's WLAA Conference Swim Finals at Salem.

Scott combined for a time of 1:39.81.

Luke added a victory in the 100 butterfly (53.63), while Wingett took the 100 breaststroke (1:00.8).

Shoemaker, however, pointed to the unsung performances turned in by Chris Behler, Kyle Hermann and Bryan Bielicki as meet deciders.

Behler, a junior, placed third in the 200 freestyle (1:49.56) and added a fifth in the 100 freestyle (50.46), while Hermann, a senior, collected a state cut time of 22.55 in the 50 freestyle en route to a third place and contributed a fourth in the 100 freestyle (50.07).

Bielicki, meanwhile, chipped in with a third in the 100 backstroke (56.91)



Salem's Adam Seroka placed third in the 500-yard freestyle at Saturday's

and an eighth in the 200 individual medley (2:0.6.88). We had to hit on all cylinders to beat Northville

- everything had to go our

way," said Shoemaker, now in his eighth season. "This is probably the most gratifying for me except our third (place) at the (Division 1)

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(LF), 1:52.89; 10. Daniel Schoff (LS),
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2.13.62. **50 freestyle**: 1. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 21.94; 2. Kyle Adams (N), 22.51; 3. Kyle Hermann (LS), 22.55; 4. Ryan Scott (LS), 22.93; 5. Chris McGinnis (C), 23.41; (LS), 22.93, 5. CMTS MCGININS (L), 23.41, 6. Shane Shelton (LF), 23.5; (B): 7. Jereme Pesta (LS), 23.11, 8. A.J. Aquinto (N), 23.58, 9. Clay Malloure (N), 23.59; 10. Evan Cole (WLN), 23.69; 11. Jordan Holland (WM), 23.86; 12. Nathan Spala (S), 23.87.

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1-meter diving: 1. Kevin Bain (N), 300.45 points; 2. Kevin Smith (S), 276.30; 3. Travis Holt (LC), 270.45; 4. Kevin Courtney (N), 269.85; 5. Tyler Esmacher (WLC), 264.15; 6. Chase Boothby (WLN), 250.15; 7. Matt Figlewicz (C), 245.15; 8. Joe Nodge (WLC), 240.80; 9. Matt Funni (WtC), 2410.70; 10. Andrew Richards (LC), 237.60; 11. Christian Orsorio (P), 232.00; 12. Kyle Wilkenson (P), 229.35.

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100 freestyle: 1. Zavislak (WLN), 47.5; 2. Gerber (WLN), 48.16; 3. Adams (N), 49.42; 4. Hermann (LS), 50.07; 5. Behler (LS), 50.97; 10. Scott (LS), 51.45; 11. Spala (S), 51.65; 12. Aquinto (N), 51.94.

500 freestyle: 1. Bardsley (N), 4:48.46; 2. Cruce (LS), 4:49.33; 3. Adam Seroka (S), 4:50.12; 4. Conger (P), 4:56.31; 5. J. Blickle (N), 5:05.47; 6. Wingett (LS), 5:35.9; (B): 7. D. Schoff (LS), 5:03.02; 8. Chris LaFayette (N), 5:07.5; 12. Matt Collingwood (S), 5:19.84.

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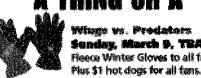
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Glenn, 1:41.09. 100 backstroke: 1. B. Blickle (N), 52.66; 2. Luke (LS), 53.99; 3. Bielicki (LS), 56.91; 4. Sheppard (N), 57.05; 5. Lubisco (N), 58.96; 6. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 59.35; (B): 7. Cole (WLN), 58.45; 8. B. Schoff (LS), 59.17; 9. Jimmy Vayis (LS), 1:00.11; 10. Lane (N), 1:01.38; 11. Alex Musto (WLN), 10. Lane (N). 1:01.38; 11. Alex Musto (WLN), 1:02.76; 12. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 1:03.27.

100 breaststroke: 1. Wingett (LS), 1:00.8; 2. Chen (S), 1:03.04; 3. Brian Carter (WLN), 1:03.69; 4. Turlo (LS), 1:04.47; 5. Karlinski (C), 1:04.93; 6. Eric Schuman (LS), 1:05.07; (B): 7. John Loria (LS), 1:04.55; 8. Dan Stoscup (P), 1:05.01; 9. Morgen Hummel (WLN), 1:05.19; 10. Erik Peterson (N), 1:06.48; 11. Brandon Larkins (LF), 1:06.7; 12. Alec Wagner (N), 1:08.65. 400 freestyler relay: 1. Northville (Bardsley, Lunn, Malloure, B. Blickle).

(Bardsley, Lunn, Malloure, B. Blickle), 3:14.99; 2. W.L. Northern, 3:15.28; 3. Stevenson, 3:21.92; 4. Canton, 3:23.85; 5 Plymouth, 3:26.52; 6. Salem, 3:28.41; (B): 7. Franklin, 3:31.2; 8. W.t. Central, 3:32.3; 9. Wayne, 3:33.76; 10. Churchill, 3:45.08; W.L. Western, 3:49.15; 12. John Glenn,

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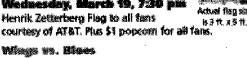


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advantage. Bailey's put-back with 50 seconds left pulled Canton to within 64-63, but Novi hit 7-

of-8 free throws in the final 37 seconds to seal the win. "We got some good driveand-kick action with the smaller lineup in there," said Colligan. "That lineup also

played great against Novi's pressure defense." Bailey put the icing on an outstanding senior season with

16 points and 13 rebounds. Lever, who was playing in his first varsity contest, came off the bench to score 12 points and nail 10-of-12 free throws. Kyle Biega and Stoney both

contributed nine points.

Dean led the Wildcats with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Bellamy added 15 and

Bradford chipped in with 14. Both teams were 19-of-49 from the field (38.7 percent). Canton was prolific from the charity stripe, canning 22-of-26 (84.6) while the Wildcats made 26-of-37 from the line (70.3).

The Chiefs committed 14 turnovers while the Wildcats turned the ball over nine

"I loved the way this team worked from day one," Colligan emphasized. "They were a pleasure to be around. I can't thank them enough for allowing me to coach them."

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

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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

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'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."

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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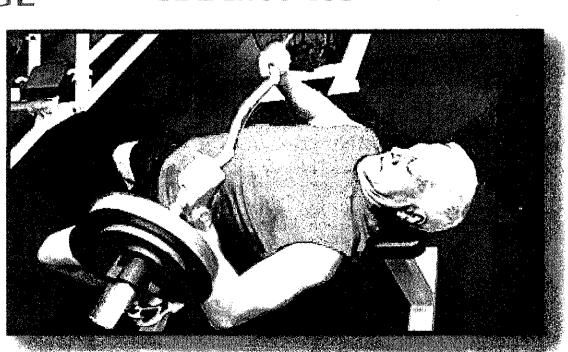
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Legislators voice concerns on housing market

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Legislative action from Lansing is designed to address real estate problems that have dominated recent

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 criti-

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 fixedrate 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

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 fourfive 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 wellserved 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."

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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-



Robert Meisner

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?

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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

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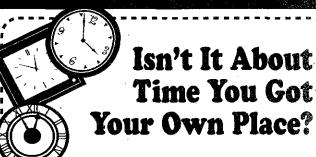
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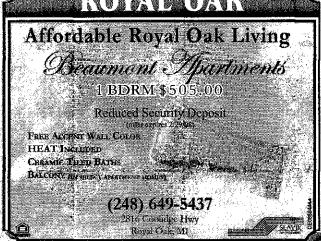
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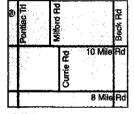
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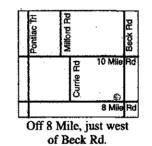
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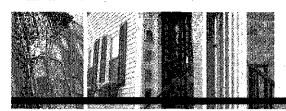












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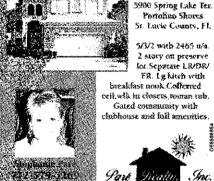


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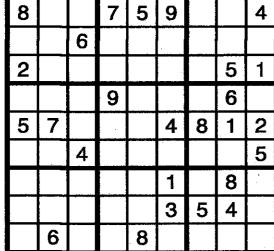
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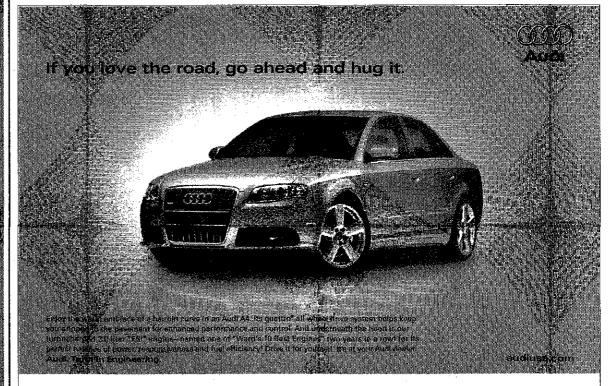
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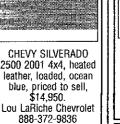
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By Dale Buss



Back in the good old days -- when an engine was still an engine and not some fuel-sipping mockery of locomotion -- Chrysler dusted off its Hemi tradition, gussied up a powerful new V8 and wrote a great chapter in sub-branding history by promoting its robustness. Consumers went nuts from 2002 through 2006 selecting the 5.7-liter option and turning "That thing got a Hemi?" into a cultural

What a difference three years and \$3-a-gallon gasoline can make. Nowadays, Chrysler still touts the Hemi. But it is repositioning the iconic engine brand into a platform for powertrain diversity that notably includes a version that boosts fuel economy by shutting down half of its cylinders at cruising

speeds.

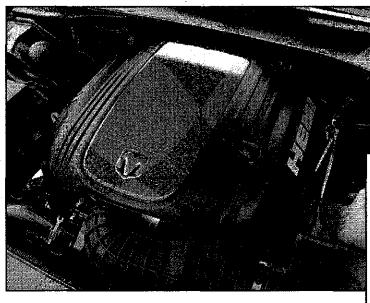
"It was a very unique opportunity for us," said
Mike Accavitti, director of Dodge marketing and
communications for Chrysler. "Now consumers say,
'It's got a Hemi,' but they don't necessarily think of it as a gas-guzzling engine."

Automakers are attempting more of these

marketing sleights of hand these days as American consumers increasingly hang - or bounce - between their continued desire for ample engine power and the gnawing imperative to obtain greater fuel economy in their new wheels. For some buyers, the answer is to pony up a few thousand dollars more for a hybrid or clean-diesel powertrain, or to wait until fuel cells and other cutting-edge propulsion concepts make their way out of concept cars and into showrooms.

But to help the vast majority of auto buyers solve their current dilemma, car companies are squeezing more power and up to 20% better mileage out of the traditional internal-combustion engine with direct-injection technology, turbo boosting and other means. Then they're building marketing positions around their innovations, usually only hoping that they can attain the same kind of success in the new era that Chrysler did a few years ago with

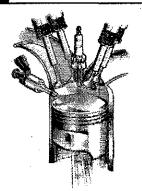
Ford's gambit may be the most ambitious from a marketing perspective. The company announced in January that it is introducing EcoBoost, which it calls a new "affordable engine technology" that it will deliver 20% better fuel economy on half a



A schematic of Ford's EcoBoost technology.

in a 2006 Dodge **Charger Daytona**

The Hemi engine



million Ford. Lincoln and Mercury vehicles annually during the next five years, beginning with

annually during the next live years, beginning with the new Lincoln MKS sedan in 2009.

The EcoBoost family of four- and six-cylinder engines features both turbo charging and direct injection, boosting fuel economy, the company says, without hurting performance. "EcoBoost is meaningful because it can be applied across a wide variety of engine types and vehicles, from small cars to large trucks – and it's affordable," said Derrick Kuzak, Ford's vice president of global product

Ford isn't yet saying exactly how much extra an EcoBoost option may cost a consumer. But it says that a purchaser could expect to recoup an initial investment in a four-cylinder EcoBoost engine through fuel savings in about 30 months. That compares with an average of seven years with a diesel in North America and nearly 12 years with a hybrid, Ford said, given equivalent miles driven and

Hemi has become the success case study in this genre over the last several years. Chrysler did such a good job of reviving its Fifties performance brand in new pieces of hardware a half-century later that the redneck "Hemi Boys" are still gracing TVadvertising viewers with their presence. But over the last couple of years, spiking consumer worries about fuel economy have rapidly caught up with their appetite to have a ravenous Hemi that would impress on the basis of raw power alone.

So when Chrysler recently began fielding its Multi-Displacement System (MDS) on the 5.7-liter Hemi to offer consumers a fuel-saving option, it

faced a marketing dilemma: create a new brand for the technology or somehow make the Hemi image also fit this new attribute? Chrysler dabbled with the idea of creating another engine brand but quickly settled on flexing Hemi.

"To come up with a different name, we'd have to

explain to consumers what it is and give them yet another new message," Accavitti said. "That would be a lot to swallow. We could have done it, but we would have had to spend a lot of money.

So instead, Chrysler has focused on trying to expand Hemi's personality to include a mileage-friendly aspect. "Because Hemi has so much equity we didn't have to spend a lot of money and effort explaining what the Hemi is, and we have been able to dedicate that time in our advertisements speaking to the MDS – that consumers could have Hemi power when they need it and that the engine deactivates four cylinders when they don't need them," Accavitti explained. Consumer research shows the approach has

worked. "People believe they can have their cake and eat it, too, with the Hemi," Accavitti said. "Hemi awareness is high, and consumers associate Hemi with power and performance, which is great - but not necessarily with poor fuel economy, which is also great."

In fact, Chrysler is even unapologetically planning to attach the Hemi name to the new hybrid powertrain that will first appear on the Dodge Durango later this year. "We'll market that as the best of both worlds to people who need torque and power but who also are looking for a greener solution," Accavitti said.

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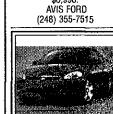
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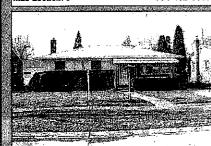
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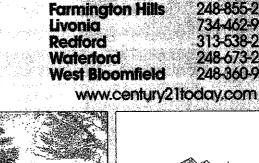
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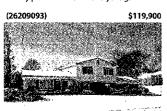
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248-684-1065 Livonia Ranch w/3-4 Bedrooms. Updated 2 full baths. Large FR w/ gas FP. Large Kitchen w/ snack bar. Fin. LL. Newer carpet, paint, roof, windows and more. Fenced yard.



248-348-6430 Remodeled From Top To Bottom! New everything! Kitchen, bath, roof, paint, door, window treatments, sprinkler system. Partial, finished bsmt w/ half bath, work room & storage, Large corner lot. (27186562) \$168,900



Livonia 248-684-1065 Move right in this lovely 4 BR colonial. Freshly painted. Updates include furnace, AC, window roof, doors, sprinkler. Nat't FP. Large backyard.



POTTERY BARN PERFECTION! Oak flooring & ssional paint give WOW appeal. Updates de windows, bath, copper plumbing, electrical, shingles. Extra large heated garage (27215963) \$151,888



Livonia 734-591-9200 Location, quality, value & charm. This 3 BDRM brick home has it all. Updts incl: new roof. kit & BAs, furn & C/A; 2-car gar; new storage shed. New appls stay; refin hdwd firs; fncd,



248-348-6430 Accent on Value. Don't pay rent - Own this 1 1/2 story priv entry condo. Move-in ready. Nice kit, dr, lg mstr w/loft. Freshly painted, new carpet & vinyl windows. Livonia Schools.



Milford 248-684-1065 Post & Beam house with 5265 Sq Ft plus 1300 Sq Fin. Bsmt. 5 bds. 5.1ba. 5.76 acres or Kensington Park, 3-car gar. One bd & ba in



Milford 248-684-1065 Possible pole barn allowed. Manicured 1.36 acre lot. Open fir plan. Cath ceil. Granite cntrtops. New carpet & ceramic fir. Bay windows. New



Milford 248-684-1065 Well maintained home on 1.5 wooded acres. Huge LR w/ hdwd firs. DR w/ D/W to covered porch. Oak kit. Spacious FR w/ D/W to deck. 1st fir laun. 2 car gar.

(28024868) \$219,900



backing to preserve. 2-story foyer, office/library, 2-way FP, HDWD flrs., granite isl, 3-car garage.



New Hudson 248-437-3800 Super deal on a sharp colonial, Home is in excellent condition and offers a spacious a spacious with acres of counter space. Large rooms with 10 ft. ceilings. Giant master suite w/walk in closet.



248-348-6430 Must see Condo. 3 Bedroom Wonderful condo w/in walking distance to dwntwn area. Open flr plan, new windows & furnace. Updated cab, lots of storage. 1st fir laundry. Backs to



248-348-6430 Maybury Park Estates Custom Cape Cod. Elegant elevation on private wooded lot. Custom tiled kit w/granite. Spacious 2 story GR w/open banister. 1st fir mstr & bath w/jetted w/open banister. 1st fir i tub. LGR upper loft area. (27162652)\$975,000



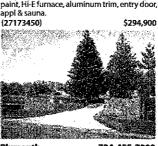
248-348-6430 Exquisite Custom Built Cape Cod! Exceptional home with attention to every detail. 3 BRs, loft, 3 FPs, study & den. 2 story foyer, GR & Family and decor! (27217381) \$899,000



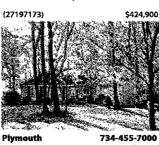
248-348-6430 Imagine Owning This Beautiful Home. Accent on details, hdwd fir highlights kit & brkfst area, FR w/vaulted ceiling, elegant LR & DR, lib, nice mstr, extra wide 2 car garage, patio



A Short Stroll From Do ntown Northville. Well maintained home. Brick Paver walkway leads to entry. Updates include Pella windows, carpet, paint, Hi-E furnace, aluminum trim, entry door,



734-455-7000 Plymouth WOODSY SETTING! A Brick Ranch on 10+ acres that turn Sunsets to works of art! 2 FPs nom w/skvlite. full LL, att. greenhouse &



Plymouth GREAT PLYMOUTH RANCH! 3BR/2.1BA brick ranch tucked away on a wooded lot in sought after Walnut Creek. New kitchen w/oak cabs, library w/FP, fin bsmt, fresh paint, new carpet



Plymouth 2 Bedroom Ground Level Condo in Plymouth. Short run or bike ride to EH Park! Updates incl. HDWD laminate fl in KIT, living RM, dining area & entry, bathroom fixtures, carpet & paint. Patio



734-455-7000 LOVELY BUNGALOW W/TONS OF UPDATES! tree-lined street. 3 bedrms; 2 full baths; newly



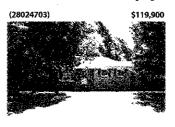
Look no Further! Gorgeous 3 BDRM Brick home with remodled Open Kitchen w/ maple cabs and stone bksplsh, shiney HRWD floors, 2 car gar, huge finished-look bas



SPACIOUS RANCHW/LOTS OF POTENTIAL Nice family rm w/ natural fireplace, oak kitchen cabinetry, glass blk windows. Hardwood firs, custom kit w/SS appliances, 2 pantries, formal DR w/ french drs.



734-326-2000 GOOD VALUE FOR THE MONEY is this 3 BD brick ranch w/ a full partially fin basement, updated kit w/snack bar, formal dining rm, newer vinyl windows, 1 1/2 baths and a 2 1/2 car garage.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 COUNTRY LIVING ON 4+ ACRES! Creek running on property. Ranch home features living room, country kitchen w/snack bar, 3 BR, 2 full baths and first floor laundry. Walk-out basen



South Lvon 248-437-3800 Completely Remodeled Duplex! Each unit has separate entrance, separate water, elect. and gas meters. Front unit has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Back unit has 1 bedroom and 1 bath.



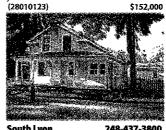
South Lyon 248-437-3800 Well kept colonial!! This home offers 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, hardwood floor in the kitchen, finished basement with dry cedar sauna, tile, separate shower, decks, sprinklers, \$195,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800 In Tip Top Shape! Priced to sell, this very well maintained home has a long list of updates from the furnace to the roof and everything in between, Finished basement, Much more!!



248-437-3800 Very Cute Updated home in great location. New siding, interior kitchen including cabinets and flooring. Newer roof and windows. Extra insulation and energy efficient. Large fenced



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Charming Home downtown! New windows, doors, refinished original hardwood floors, new drywall and remodeled master suite. Just add your finishing touches! (27165531) \$132,500

Van buren Twp 734-455-7000 GORGEOUS SETTING! 4 bedrms/2 full baths/ 2half baths, Colonial on a cul-de-sac, Backing to pond. Prof. fin basement. Home Warranty.



Excellent condition home! Home offers e/i kit, w/exit to back & 10'x 20' cov patio. Newer furn, carpet, roof, & drway. Ext offers fen'd yd, 2.5 car



Westland 734-326-2000 LIKE NEW PRIVATE ENTRANCE CONDO Professionally painted, all new flooring, newer roof, private deck. Beautiful well cared for complex. Close to but far enough away from



Westland PLENTY OF SPACE AT AN EXCELLENT PRICE is yours in this 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo w/newer Pergo type kitchen and dining room, large living room & master suite w/ walk-in closet & full bath w/ shower.



248-437-3800 Whitmore Lake Split Level on quiet wooded lot! Home backs to nature preserve and has tons to offer. Updated kitchen cabinets & counters, all new appliances, hardwood floors, both bathrooms,



Whitmore Lake 248-437-3800 Charming 3 Bedroom ranch! Perfect for the first time home buyer. 3 bedroom ranch with great curb appeal. Doorwall from breakfast nook to deck. Conveniet location!



248-348-6430 Wixom Backs to protected wetlands, great lot! Entry leads to study/den on to beautiful LR & DR. Maple kit, wood firs & natural fps in the FR add seasonal warmth. Lg mstr w/deep tub, sep. shower & dual sinks. (27201529)



248-348-6430 Beautifully Maintained, Great Location. Free standing Cape Cod with master on first floor. Finished basement, all appliances included.

\$198,500

(28029735)





Meticulous Home is Move-in Ready. Neutral 4 BR, 2.5 BA w/ LR, DR, FR/gas FP. Kit/oak cab and breakfast rm. 2nd flr laundry. Mstr ste has full BA. Full bsmnt w/ glass block wndws. (28015691)





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Heat up winter with catered organic

BY LANA MINI O & E STAFF WRITER

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

Wensdy Von Buskirk, editor . (734) 953-2019 . wvonb@hometownlife.com

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

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 hor-

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 form 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 semicreepy 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."

For more information visit www.organikiss.com



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

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

5 ounces firm or extra firm tofu ½ teaspoon Sofrito (can be found in most major supermarkets with an international or ethnic foods isle)

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

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

1 large coconut

1 yellow bell pepper I red pepper

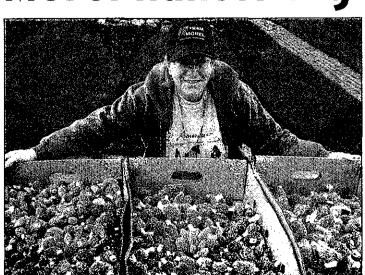
1 orange bell pepper juice from ½ lemon or 1 teaspoon real lemon juice.

½ red onion ¾ cup raw cane sugar 3 green plantains

Bring 6 cups of water to a boil.

Please see **RECIPES**, **D2**

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

OUTDOORAMA

Dates: Feb. 28-March 2 Hours: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Where: Rock Financial Showplace. 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Admission: \$9 adults: \$4 children 6 to 14: free for children 5

and under. Information: www.Outdoorama. com or 800-328-6550.

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

Please see OUTDOORAMA, D2

'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 restau-

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.

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.

The Maybriers offered two recipes, listed below, for morels.

SAUTÉED MORELS

Prepare morels: clean and pat dry,

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 bowling

water over pods, cover and set

Using a large bowl and a

hand to make sure you get as

much of the tamarind as pos-

sible to go through the strainer.

Using tamarind paste: Place

With either the paste or pods,

while using a nail, jab a hole into

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the eyes of the coconut, drain

juice into bowl and set aside. Also grate about 1/2 cup of coco-

nut flesh, set aside.

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paste into a bowl and pour boil-

ing water over it. Set aside.

strainer, strain liquid. Use your

aside for 15 minutes.

Set juice aside.

cut into ringlets, separating caps from

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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 ¼ pound bacon or ham

½ cup chopped red onion ½ cup chopped green, yellow or red

Grab your blender. Chop

along with lemon juice and

setting.

taste buds.

pepper mixture.

for 15 -20 minutes.

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peppers and onion. Place them

coconut juice into the blender.

Switch it to the high or liquefy

Let that run until it looks like

Meanwhile, peel plantains.

Season with salt, black pep-

per, and/or cayenne to suit your

Combine tamarind juice,

quart pot and bring to a boil.

pepper juice, and sugar into a 6

One tablespoon full at a time,

roll plantains into balls and gen-

Once you've gotten all of the

balls boiling, simmer (covered)

Source: Maria LeMay-Erlandson of

reparation for

tly drop into boiling tamarind/

Using a grater, grate the plan-

tains into mushiness

Add grated coconut.

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.

½ cup cooked asparagus tops 1½ cups shredded Swiss cheese

¾ cup Bisquick mix

Shake of pepper

Shake of granulated garlic

In a bowl combine the Bisquick, eggs, pepper and garlic.

Use a quiche dish or 10inch 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.

GINGER BEER

Serves 16 or more I 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

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

Allow to settle for 2 days. If too strong, dilute with club

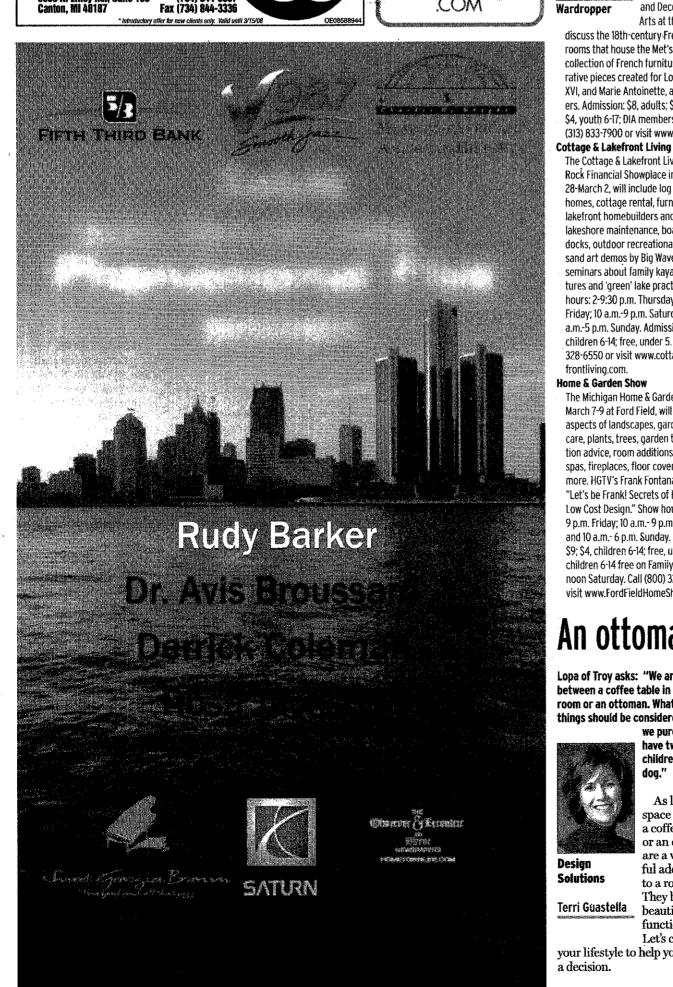
by Rachel Valentin

ginger.

in the refrigerator.

soda or water.

Source: Organic Caribbean Cookbook



Design academy hosts annual green conference

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA **O&E 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 proj-

According to those guidelines, she said, over the last 10 years nearly 30 million homes have undergone renovation. "With the high cost of energy

18th-Century French Furnishings

Dr. ian Wardropper will present

Museum of Art 2

p.m. March I at the

Detroit Institute of

Arts. Wardropper,

and Decorative

XVI, and Marie Antoinette, among oth-

(313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.

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

seminars about family kayak adventures and 'green' lake practices. Show

a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$9; \$4, children 6-14; free, under 5. Call (800)

328-6550 or visit www.cottageandlake-

The Michigan Home & Garden Show,

March 7-9 at Ford Field, will feature all

aspects of landscapes, gardens, lawn

care, plants, trees, garden tools, renova-

more. HGTV's Frank Fontana will present

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:

children 6-14 free on Family Day, 10 a.m.-

noon Saturday. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.FordFieldHomeShow.com.

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tion advice, room additions, furniture,

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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 careeroriented 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



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.

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 II 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.

An ottoman can stand in for a coffee table

A coffee table is generally

more formal and wood surfaces

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

have two teenage children and a dog." As long as space allows,

Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

a coffee table or an ottoman are a wonderful addition to a room. They both are

we purchase? We

beautiful and functional, too. Let's consider

your lifestyle to help you come to

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

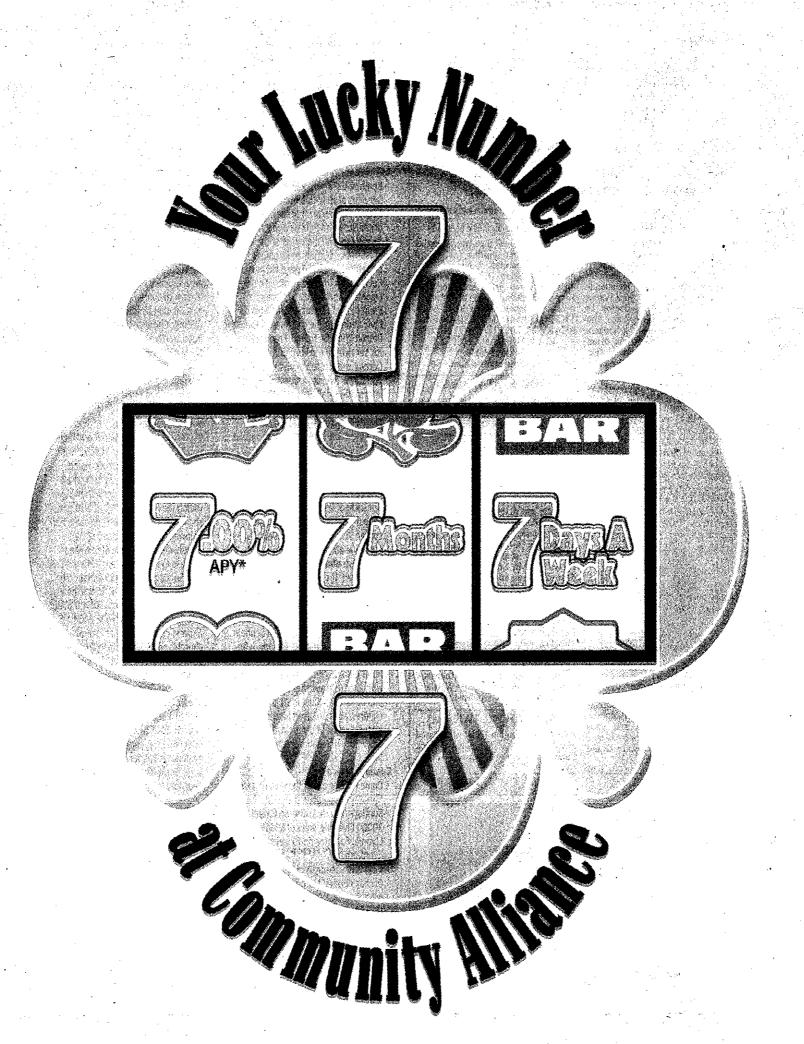
that works for the way you live. A nice ottoman with appropriate upholstery is a great addition. Have the top surface made of leather or good imitation leather. This way, you can wipe up the

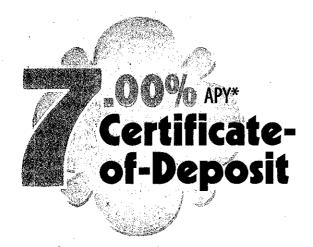
spills and the dirty shoe marks. Place a nice, large tray on the

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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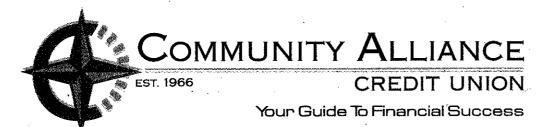
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LORRAINE M. BOYNE

Age 84, of Plymouth, passed away Friday, January 11, 2008, at Chateau Nursing and Rehab Center in Willowbrooke, 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 internment at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville, IL. Arrangements were made by Gibbons Ellisten Funeral Home in Hinsdale, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4709 Golf Rd. Suite 1015, Skikie, IL 60076

FRANKLYN W. PHILLIPS

CONCORD, NH - 90, formerly of Eastman, NFI and Wellesley, MA, died Monday, February 18, 2008. Born in Cleveland, OH, he was the son of A.Edward and Pearl (Updegraf) 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 Acronautics, 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 Space National Aeronautics and Council, as the organizer and Director of the NASA Northeast Office, and as Director of Administration at the ASA 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 eights 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

FILOMENA CORRIDORE

in charge of the arrangements

Bennett Funeral Home of Concord is

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, Frank (Mary) Corridore, the late Nazzareno 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) Christian (Shannon) Corridore, 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



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 Stepehen 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



BOB HURST

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

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 John, Thomas, Wally, and Leonard. He will be dearly missed by his many loving friends and relatives. Celebration of Life Service, Thursday :00PM at the Harry J. Will Funera 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, III. 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 missed by all who knew her.

BETTY RAE SHERMAN

Beloved wife of the late Douglas Sherman. Dear mother of Philip (Suzanne) Sherman. Loving Grand nother of Brian (Emily) Sherman Also survived by Alexander and Harriet Ornstein, other loving relaives and friends. MEMORIAL SER VICE 10;30 AM., THURSDAY, FEB-RUARY 28, 2008 (TODAY) AT THE IRA KAUFMAN CHAPEL.

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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 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 '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

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FEBRUARY

Lenten concert

Begin at 12:35 p.m. following Lenten Services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 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 1-96. 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 Frv 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

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. livonfaith.org.

'each. For information, call (734) 261-

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 marthanaui@sbcqlobal.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, 33112 Grand River, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6573 for details.

UPCOMING

Preschool registration

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

Bethany Suburban West

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

VBS summer ministries

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

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 Aguinas 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 Leverne, 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 II 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 Evangelical 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 II 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 Parkion 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.

Please see RELIGION, D5

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

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 Ohio Dominican University, and immediately began studies at **Trinity Lutheran Seminary** 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

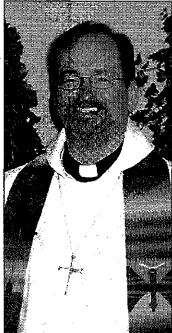
as an on-call hospital chaplain. While in Marquette, he assisted in the development of a national ELCA support system for after-pastors (pastors in parishes where the previous pastor was removed for inappropriate activities.

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,

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)

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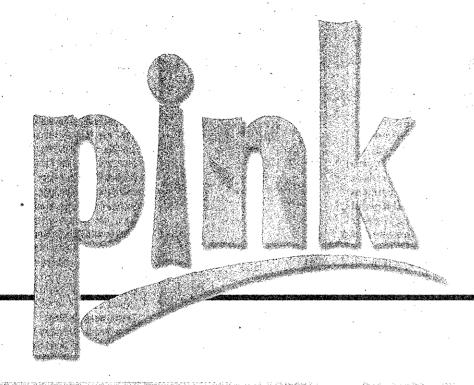
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Don't miss the O&E's pull-out Wedding Guide in today's newspaper!

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.

Word Hil

Anything midriff baring. EVER!

Tota iti

Any fabulous heel by Christian Louboutin. How can you resist

Accessoriza iti

Color is in for spring. Make it a handbag that really punches in color, or a very saturated hue of

The Other Boleyn Girl with fab actresses Scarlett Johansson

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Read it!

Ultra-feminine pieces that have movement!

GOK"l Wear Hi

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

anything from Paris?

shoe with more neutral pieces.

and Natalie Portman

Dior Addict Lip Gloss in sheer spring pink and peach tones

Hear M

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

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The Tudors First Season on DVD

Tivo Iti

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

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 Hi

Water. And then ... some more water.

Cat Hi

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 iti

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

Jowei ki

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 Ri

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

Hometown Love Stories

reception was held at Club Monte Carlo in Shelby Township.

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

e 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.

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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.



ILLI E MARRIED S

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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.



Jablonski-LeAnnais

Melissa Jablonski of Garden City and

John LeAnnais of Livonia were married

on Sept. 1, 2007, in the back yard of their

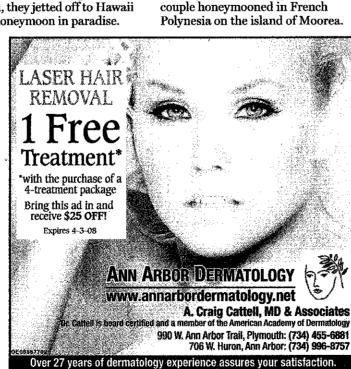
was performed by Rev. Brian Tuttle.

Green Oak Township home. The ceremony

Beth Lubienski 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



Lubienski-Young



Malls & Mainstreets

If you have an item for the Malls & Main Streets calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wensdy Von Buskirk at 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 Mail 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-

Nordstrom Partridge Creek Gala CLINTON TWP. - Nordstrom will kick off the opening of its third Detroitarea 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.shoptwelveoaks.com.

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