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## School board inks pact with new chief

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education put its stamp of approval Tuesday night on a three-year contract to hire Craig Fiegel, voting unanimously to hire the superintendent of Evergreen Park (Ill.) Elementary School District 124.

Fiegel's starting salary will be \$195,000, a boost from his current \$180,000. It's also higher than his predecessor, Jim Ryan, who earned \$161,000. Fiegel said he'll take over full time July 1, when his contract with Evergreen Park ends.

After visiting Fiegel's district last week, Trustee John Jackson said he discovered from many school and community groups that Fiegel has a collaborative style which should be successful in Plymouth-Canton.

"He listens to all sides of any issue, and takes in the information before making a decision," Jackson said. "Once all the information is taken in, he's not afraid to make the decision ... and he will stand behind the decision and carry it through. People respect him for that."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, who was the lone dissenting



Fiegel

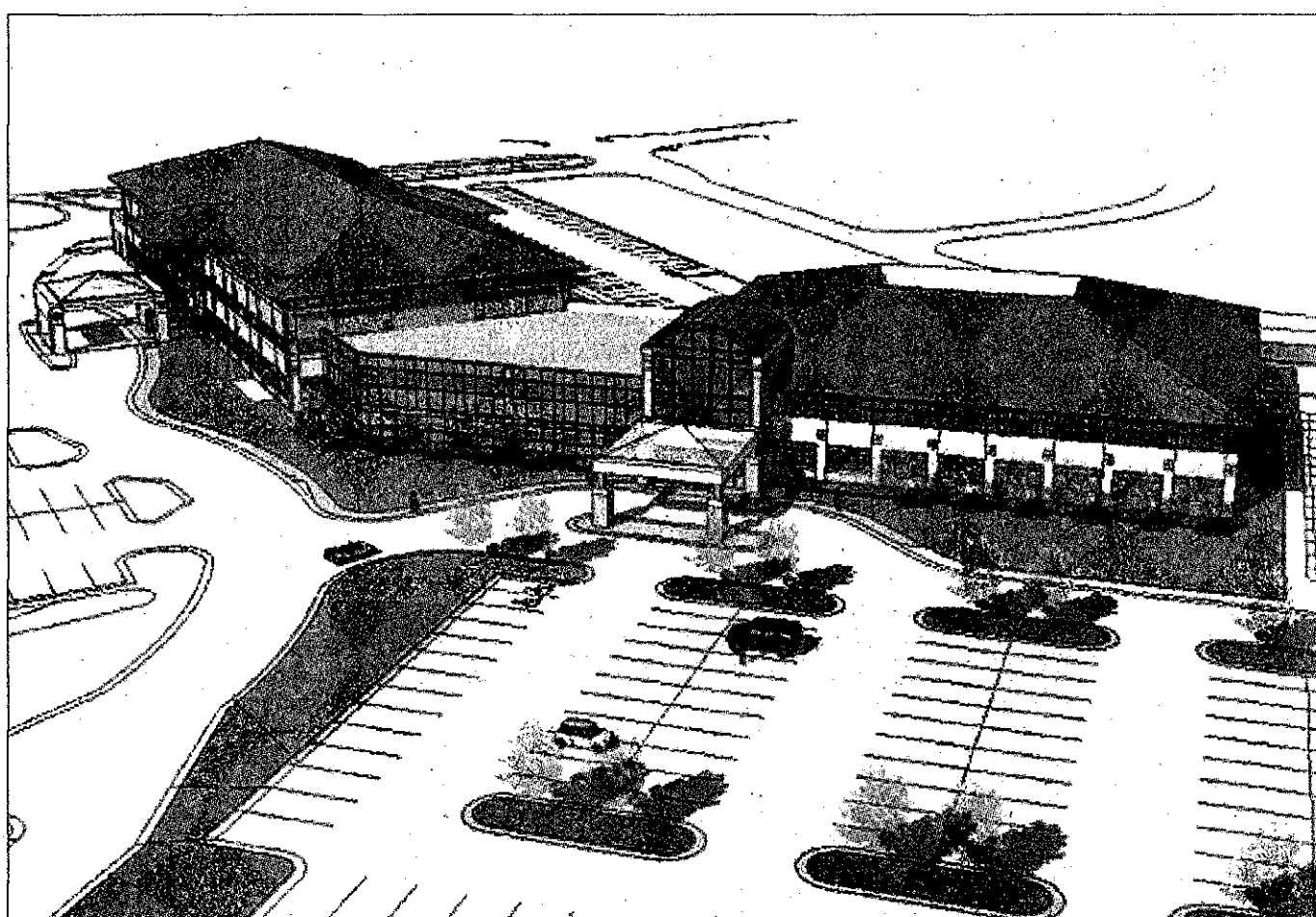
vote in moving forward with negotiations with Fiegel, voted in favor of the contract Tuesday night.

"My reservations about hiring him are more about the process we went through than the candidate. I would have liked to see if he was the best candidate," said Gonzalez, who would have preferred to see the applications of all the candidates, not just the three presented by the search firm. "This (my vote) is about compromise and I plan to root for him like hell."

The only concern expressed by board members during the interview process was whether Fiegel, whose current district has only 1,900 students, could handle Plymouth-Canton's enrollment that's nearing 19,000 students.

"I understand, and that's a valid concern," Fiegel said. "I do feel comfortable I can make the adjustments. I can't say there won't be a huge learning curve, but I hope there will be patience as I find my way around."

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An artist's rendering depicts the expansion of the St. Joseph-Mercy Canton Health Center, which is expected to be completed in 2009.

## Big expansion on tap for health center

### St. Joseph Mercy plans call for new cancer, surgery centers

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center was given approval to expand its operations in the township Tuesday night.

"We feel like we have a commitment to this community and we are very excited about this new phase," said Kathy Kasperek-Korelis, the director of cancer services for St. Joseph. "We are pleased to bring in technology that's not available in the community."

The township board unanimously voted for the plan, which calls for the existing center at 1600 S. Canton Center Road to be expanded

by 56,300 square feet. The addition, which nearly doubles the size of the complex, will include minimally invasive surgery suites, imaging facilities and a cancer center.

The health center, which has about 100 employees, will hire 25-30 workers for the cancer center and about 20 people for the surgery center.

Kasperek-Korelis, who serves as the project manager for the expansion, said the cancer center is expected to benefit township residents.

"While you can get chemotherapy in the area, you can not get radiation," she said, adding that radiation treatments are traditionally five

#### ST. JOSEPH MERCY CANTON HEALTH CENTER

Where: 1600 S. Canton Center Road (at Summit Parkway)

Contact: (734) 398-7557

**Services available:** Audiology testing; clinical laboratory services; St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station; physical medicine and rehabilitation services; radiology services (CT scan, general x-ray, mammography, and ultrasound); St. Joseph Mercy Breast Care; specialty medical practices (such as: allergy, audiology, cardiology, ear nose and throat, nephrology, neurology, orthopedic surgery, plastic surgery and urology); and urgent care

**Expansion:** The center will be expanded by 56,300 square feet, and should be completed by late 2009

days a week for five to six weeks. "When we opened up our Brighton cancer center, the community was thrilled. Anyone who has been through cancer knows its tough enough without (having to deal with a daily commute). This was the right thing to do for our cancer patients."

St. Joseph is slated to break

ground on the addition and celebrate the 10th anniversary of the existing facility in May. If all goes according to plan, the imaging center will open in January and the cancer center will be complete in September 2009.

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Canton Trustee Karl Zarbo announced Monday that he is seeking re-election.

## Citing unfinished work, Zarbo seeks re-election

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Karl Zarbo touched down in Canton 25 years ago, he didn't set his sights on local government.

"I didn't even know what a homeowner's association was," he joked. "I asked 'Why am I writing this check every month?' but I got up to speed pretty quick."

Zarbo, who has spent six years as a trustee on the Township Board, has announced his plans to run for re-election.

"This just gets into you," he said. "There is unfinished work for me."

Zarbo, the director of operations for Konover South, which owns the Livonia Mall, said he plans to go door to door this summer to connect with residents.

"Canton faces many challenges as we continue to provide first class services," he said. "It is my goal to be a continued voice of reason and stability for residents."

In his conversations with

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## Planning commissioner formally resigns

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Months after she was asked for her resignation, Catherine Johnson has officially stepped down from the Canton Planning Commission.

Johnson, who did not return calls for this story, submitted a letter to the township Monday.

Described by one township official as "short and sweet," the letter arrived a day before Tuesday's township board meeting where a public hearing was scheduled to discuss Johnson's removal from both the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. The item, which was still listed on the meeting's agenda, was not mentioned at the meeting.

A resolution brought by Township Supervisor Tom Yack called for Johnson's



Catherine Johnson, center, submitted her resignation from the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday.

removal because of comments at a Dec. 3 Planning Commission meeting that were "offensive to the petitioner, derogatory, hearsay, inappropriate (they were not

germane to the petitioner's request), and cast the Planning Commission, Board of Trustees, and the Canton community in a negative light."

While offering her opinion on the proposal to rebuild the Hindu Temple on Cherry Hill Road, Johnson questioned whether public urination was included in the temple's practices.

Yack has said the longtime commissioner, who had been on the board since 1980, didn't show remorse for the remarks. Johnson has said she meant no harm in making the inquiry and didn't mean to offend anyone.

"Heavens, no," she said in an earlier interview with the *Observer*.

"I did not mean any offense. I'm not that familiar with the (Hindu) religion

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### Coming Sunday in Health



Psychotherapist looking to start support group for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.



### St. Pat's party

Area seniors are invited to attend the Canton Senior Center's Annual St. Pat's Party on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 from noon-3 p.m. in the Summit on the Park's Walnut Room, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Food will include roast beef, corned beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, home baked rolls, fresh pie and a cash bar. Entertainment will be provided by Rennie Kaufmann. Door prizes will be available along with special prizes for the best green outfit.

The St. Pat's Party is sponsored by Waltonwood Cherry Hill, Waltonwood Carriage Park and Fidelity Bank.

Registration is only \$12 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. To register, visit [leisure.canton-mi.org](http://leisure.canton-mi.org). For more information visit [leisure.canton-mi.org](http://leisure.canton-mi.org) or call (734) 394-5485.

### Good Friday breakfast

The 33rd annual Men's Good Friday Breakfast will be held at 8 a.m., March 21 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton. Guest speaker at this community outreach program will be Chris McCaskin of Alcoholics for Christ. An all-you-can-eat breakfast is included. Tickets are \$5 and \$2 for boys 10 and under, and are available at the church office. For more information, call (734) 459-3333.

### Family cruise preview

The Canton Chamber of

Commerce will host a Family Cruise Preview at 6 p.m., March 18 at Summit on the Park - Grand Ballroom (46000 Summit Parkway). Bring the whole family. A fun, fact filled introduction to cruising. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by AAA and Royal Caribbean.

There is no cost for the event. RSVP by March 14 by calling (734) 844-5030.

### Arts and crafts show

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters will host their 4th Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road (Beck Road south of Joy Road), Canton. Admission is \$2. This juried arts and crafts event is held annually to support the music/band programs at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park. More than 90 quality exhibitors of hand-made items will be featured. A bake sale, raffle, concessions, and entertainment will also be available. The event is hosted by the not-for-profit Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, a 501(c)3 organization. All funds raised go to the band programs at all three Plymouth-Canton high schools, including the nationally-acclaimed Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, which ranked 7th in the nation in 2007.

For more information, visit [www.pcmh.net/artcraft](http://www.pcmh.net/artcraft).

### Chamber dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of

Commerce will host its annual dinner auction fundraiser on Friday, April 11 from 7 p.m.-midnight at Burton Manor in Livonia.

This year's theme is "Margaritaville". Guests are invited to dress in costume for the event. The evening gives those in attendance networking possibilities and socializing with more than 400 key business people and community leaders. Tickets are \$75 and include dinner, open bar, entertainment, raffles, live and silent auction.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Sponsorships range from \$2,500 to \$300 and are available for businesses looking to expand their exposure before, after and during the event.

Sponsorships will include tickets to the event and a number of recognition mechanisms.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event, visit the Chamber's Web site at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com), complete sponsorship form, and fax to (734) 453-4503. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Lisa Lewis, events coordinator, at (734) 453-4040.

### Relay for Life

This year's Relay for Life of Canton will be held at Heritage Park on May 17-18, and offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer.

This year marks 10 years for Relay For Life of Canton,

featuring a new Fight Back Ceremony at 10:45 a.m. on May 17. While the Luminaria and Survivor Ceremonies offer time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have won the battle, the Fight Back Ceremony gives everyone a chance to make a personal commitment to how they're going to take action against cancer.

If you are interested in starting or joining a team, log on to [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) and follow the links to the Relay For Life of Canton page.

If you're not able to join a team, simply log on to make a donation. For more information, call Jamie Chapman (248) 663-3419.

### Lacrosse fund-raiser

The Plymouth, Canton, and Salem boys lacrosse teams are having a joint fund-raiser with Boulder's Restaurant in Plymouth on Ann Arbor Road, on Saturday, March 15. You may visit Boulder's from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Tell your server you are with Plymouth, Canton, or Salem lacrosse when you order and 20 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the programs.

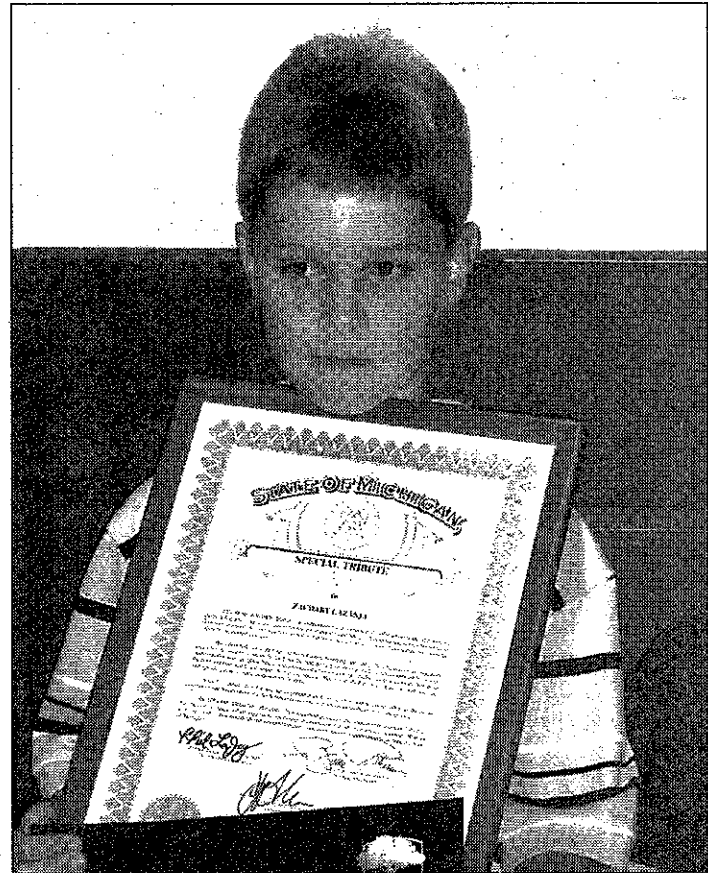
For more information contact Cindy Martin at [crsm1@comcast.net](mailto:crsm1@comcast.net) or (734) 981-4416.

### Calling all artists

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill and Canton Leisure Services are seeking artists for inclusion in a resource directory for consideration for possible future collaborations.

All artistic media will be considered, including visual art, performing arts, and multimedia, such as painting and sculpture.

All local artists within 30 miles of Canton are eligible



### Help recognize a true hero

Canton's Zachary Lazanja, a fourth-grader at Gallimore Elementary School, has been selected as a finalist for the 'People's Choice Award' for the 2008 American Red Cross Hero Award, which recognizes citizens who help people in need. Last year Zach saved a friend from drowning in a swimming pool. To help him win the award anyone can log onto [www.detroitredcross.org](http://www.detroitredcross.org) and cast a vote for Zach. Currently his name is on the Web site with the other nominees. Online voting began last week. Zach was also selected as a recipient of the Canton Community Achiever Award. 'We are very proud of him,' said his mother, Christe Lazanja.

for inclusion and will be considered for future projects.

One of the goals of this new resource guide is to unearth talented artists in and around our community and to provide them with opportunities to present their work in Canton.

For more information, con-

tact Jennifer Provenzano at (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

### Grief support group

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Heartland Hospice.

The group is held 10-11 a.m. at Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 N. Lilley Road, Canton.

The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss.

This group is held the first and third Wednesday of the month and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse.

There is no charge. For information, contact Ann Christensen, toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

Heartland Hospice is offering a free series, "Adult Loss of a Parent", beginning March 27 through April 24. This program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief.

The series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office, 3840 Packard Road, Suite 260, Ann Arbor, and is open to anyone.

For more information on other support groups or to register, contact Christensen at (734) 973-1145.

## RESIGNATION

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and the question of the urination was brought up to me by other people. I did not want to resign, but it was an honor and privilege to serve as long as I have."

With Johnson submitting her resignation, Yack will begin reviewing the qualifications of about 25 people that have expressed a desire to fill both Johnson's role on the commission as well as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

"The work begins," Yack said, noting that he will whittle the list down to about four or five people before presenting a nominee to the board. He expects to make his final decision in early April. Whoever is chosen will have to serve on both boards.

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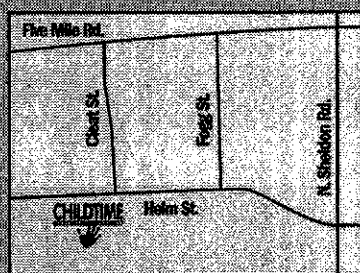
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2008 for the following:

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

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3048 – Daniel Smith II – 50 Boxes, Sofa, Dresser  
4074 – Barry Gates – 20 Totes, Tool chest, Luggage  
4267 – Alina Lafleche – 4 Chairs, 2 Totes, China Cabinet  
4270 – Lisa Young – 25 Totes, 10 boxes, Misc Items  
4294 – Diane Jacobs – 5 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items  
5010 – Sybil Upshaw – TV, Coffee Table, Stroller  
5016 – Calvin Davis Washer, 2 Totes, 20 Boxes  
5202 – Donald Reardon – 4 Chairs, 20 Boxes, Misc Items  
5226 – Victoria Pope – 2 Trunks, Chair, 15 Boxes  
5240 – Debra Chamoske – Keyboard, Compressor, Misc Items  
5268 – Mike Zehel – Entertainment Center, Vacuum, Rocker  
9054 – Karen Luna – Headboard, Mattress, Sofa

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2037 – Shawn Booth – Dresser, Couch, 4 Chairs  
3036 – Juanita Lango – Tote, 10 Boxes, Heater  
3036 – Roy Lee – Bicycle, Love Seat, Grill  
4030 – Judy Bennett – 5 Totes, 30 Boxes, Misc Items  
4127 – Stephanie Mech – Hutch, Dresser, Mattress  
4255 – Markay Hall – Headboard, Dresser, 20 Boxes  
4264 – George Jackson – Patio Table, 2 Luggage, 2 Rugs  
5107 – Gloria & Lonnie Parham – Bicycle, Floor Buffer, 30 Boxes  
5302 – Tenitia Zimmerman – Refrigerator, TV, Dresser

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## ZARBO

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voters, the former planning commissioner said one universal concern has been the aging conditions of some township roads. With Canton being a township and not a city, its roads belong to Wayne County.

"I used to tell people 'These are not our roads' but then I realized that's not a good enough answer," he said, pointing to his involvement with the township's Intersection Action Committee.

With a handful of completed intersection improvements, such as at Cherry Hill and Sheldon, and more on deck for the future, Zarbo said the program has been a success.

"The township's leaders need to continue to find ways to improve quality of life while lowering taxes," he said.

Late last year, the board faced some criticism for approving about \$11,000 in salary hikes for the trustee, supervisor, clerk and treasurer positions. An unsuccessful attempt for a referendum followed the Nov. 27 vote.

Zarbo said he stands behind his decision to approve the raises but said the process is being reviewed for future township boards.

"The (amount) stayed fairly insignificant (for the trustees), but it's all being looked at," he said.

Zarbo has been a recipient of the Canton Chamber of Commerce Excellence Award, the Canton Community Supporter Award and is a board member of the Canton

## THINKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

Candidates for any positions on the Canton Board of Trustees must do the following to get on the ballot:

■ If you are running as a partisan (affiliated with a party), you must submit a minimum of 200 and a maximum of 400 signatures of registered Canton voters to the Canton Clerk's Office by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 13.

■ Thinking about running for office? If you are running without party affiliation, you must submit a minimum of 600 and a maximum of 1,200 signatures of registered Canton voters to the Canton Clerk's Office by 4 p.m. Thursday, July 17.

■ There are also six seats up for grabs on the library board, which is a nonpartisan office. You must either pay a \$100 filing fee or submit between 40-100 signatures of Canton voters to Clerk's Office by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 13.

Homeowners Advisory Council.

There will be two open trustee seats on the board, because current trustees Todd LaJoy and Melissa McLaughlin are seeking other political offices. Currently, only newcomer Pat Williams has filed to run. However, Trustee Todd Caccamo has said he will seek re-election.

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## Irish Fest

The Gavins will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with two festivals of Irish music. At 7 p.m. Saturday, Mick Gavin and Friends will perform with Irish dancers at Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. A dinner and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$10, \$15 at the door. On Monday, March 17, Mick and Friends will accompany the Heinzman School of Dance beginning at 2 p.m. at the Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Food will include corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew and Dublin style fish and chips. A cash bar will feature Irish beers and whiskey. Pictured are Michael Gavin on banjo, Sean Gavin on pipes and Mick Gavin on fiddle.

## Seminars educate veterans on benefits

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They may have fought in different wars and served in various branches of the military, but all veterans may be entitled to certain benefits and not even realize it.

A new veterans group and two Lansing legislators hope to change that.

The Westland Veterans Association, state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, and state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will sponsor a pair of informational seminars in April for area veterans, not just those from the sponsors' hometown.

"Our goal is to provide an avenue for veterans to learn what they're entitled to and the various types of benefits they can apply for," said Vietnam veteran Kenneth Mehl, who chairs the Westland Veterans Association. "We have reason to believe that a lot of veterans don't know what's entitled to them or what benefits may be available to them."

The sessions will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Harris-

Kehrer VFW Post 3323 on Wayne Road south of Cherry Hill, and at 1:30 p.m. on the same day at the Stanley Romanowski VFW Post 6896 on Joy Road east of Middlebelt.

Seating will be limited. To sign up, call Mehl at (734) 261-5955, Tony Wager at (734) 637-7992 or Joe Tebor at (734) 377-8329. Veterans expect large crowds at both seminars.

"Other cities have sponsored these seminars and the seating has been full," Mehl said.

The Westland Veterans Association became an offshoot of a group that worked on bringing The Moving Wall — a smaller version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. — to the Westland Summer Festival in 2006.

The group hopes to educate veterans about benefits they may receive.

"This might sound morbid, but some people don't know that every veteran (and spouse) can apply to be buried in a national cemetery," Mehl said, "and we have one in Holly."

If the April 19 seminars prove successful, he said, it's possible another one may be scheduled in the fall.

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It pays to be proactive to protect yourself. So before spring storms arrive, it is important to review your homeowner's policy to make sure it is up to date.

Unfortunately, a homeowner's policy can be difficult to understand. They tend to be written by lawyers for lawyers. That is why in most cases it is important to deal with a home-



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Rick Bloom

owner's insurance agent who is more than just a salesperson. A good agent should be able to explain the terms of your present policy and look at your present situation to make sure you are properly insured. A good agent also should be your advocate if you ever have a problem in dealing with the insurance company. One of the keys is to find someone who you can communicate with and with whom you feel comfortable asking questions. In addition to insurance, other ways to protect your home and its contents is to have a videotaped inventory. It's inexpensive and the benefits are invaluable in case of a natural disaster.

A videotape will help you remember what you have and

provide some documentation. Once it's complete, store the videotape either in a safety deposit box or some sort of fireproof box.

If you own collectibles such as artwork, make sure you videotape the artwork and also any appraisals or receipts that you may have. Talk your way through the video. Remember, the purpose is to remind you of what you have and to provide proof to the insurance company in case of a disaster. Therefore, the more information you have on your videotape, the better it will be.

For individuals unhappy with their current homeowner's policy it pays to receive competitive bids. Make sure you ask about discounts. In addition, if you belong to a credit union ask for a competitive bid. Credit unions offer very good discount programs.

How often should you shop around for a homeowner's policy. Although, there are no hard fast rules, I generally

recommend at least every two to three years. We live in a very competitive society and you'd be surprised how fast homeowner's policies change. You may find that shopping around gets you a better policy for less money.

Don't assume that the cheapest bid is the best bid. That is not always the case. In addition, just because one policy may be good for your neighbor does not necessarily mean it's good for you. The key is to take your time and find the right policy that's priced appropriately and matches your individual situation. Good luck!

Remember, the few minutes that you spend with your homeowner's policy may literally save you thousands of dollars down the road.

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

## Dick Purtan Radiothon raises over \$2,310,070

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit, Oldies 104.3 WOMC, Dick Purtan and Purtan's People joined forces for the annual Dick Purtan Radiothon on Friday, Feb. 29, live from Oakland Mall. The 16-hour event raised \$2,310,070 to benefit the Army's Bed and Bread Program.

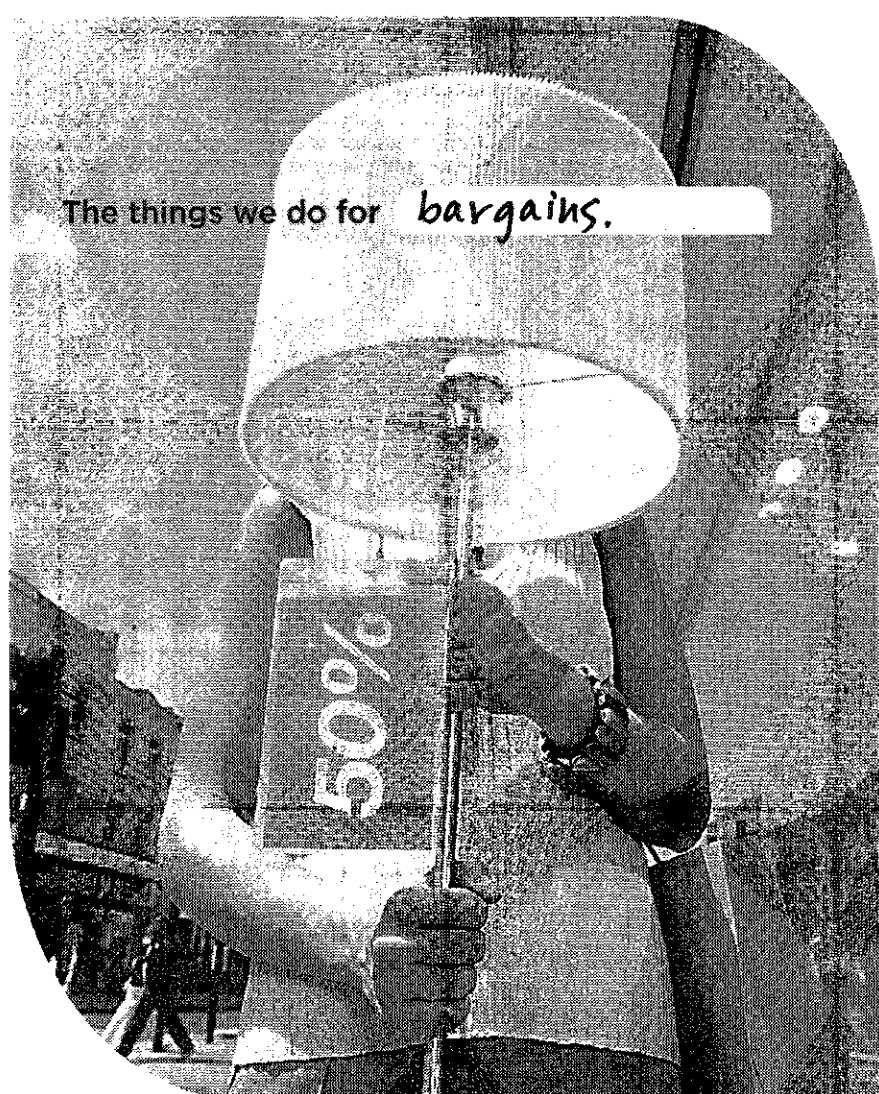
The Bed and Bread program brings food, shelter and services to countless destitute people within our community, providing them with their basic needs and assisting them to get back on their feet.

More than 4,900 meals are served each day to the hungry by the program, which includes Bed & Bread trucks that make stops in metro Detroit's most depressed areas every day of the year. In addition, the Bed & Bread program shelters 565 men, women and children each

day. The need this year has been greater than ever with Michigan's economic state and with recent bitter cold temperatures.

"We are grateful for the outpouring of kindness and support metro Detroit has shown the Dick Purtan Radiothon and, in turn, The Salvation Army over the last 21 years," said Major Norman Marshall, divisional commander of The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. "The need is great and growing in our community. The funds raised will help us to provide daily bread for those who are hungry and a place to sleep for those without shelter."

Donations to The Salvation Army's Bed and Bread Club program can still be made by calling (248) 307-1043 or by visiting: [www.salmich.org](http://www.salmich.org).



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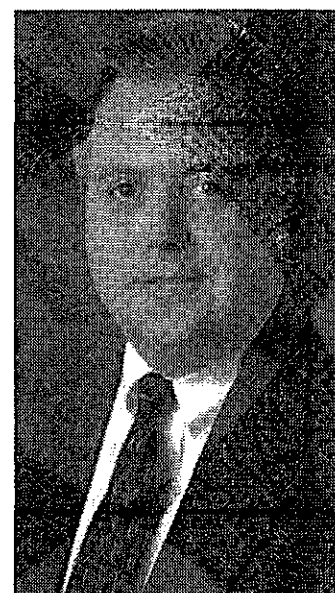


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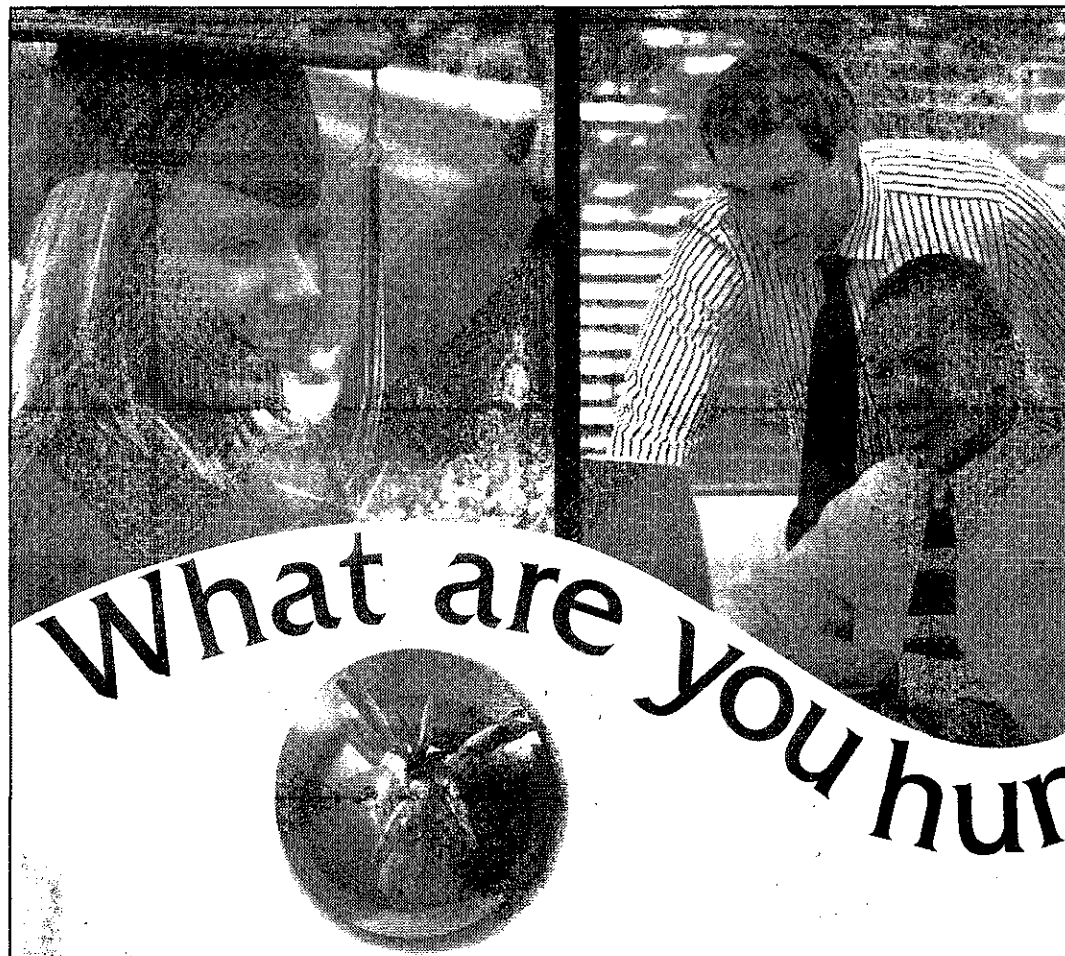
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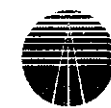
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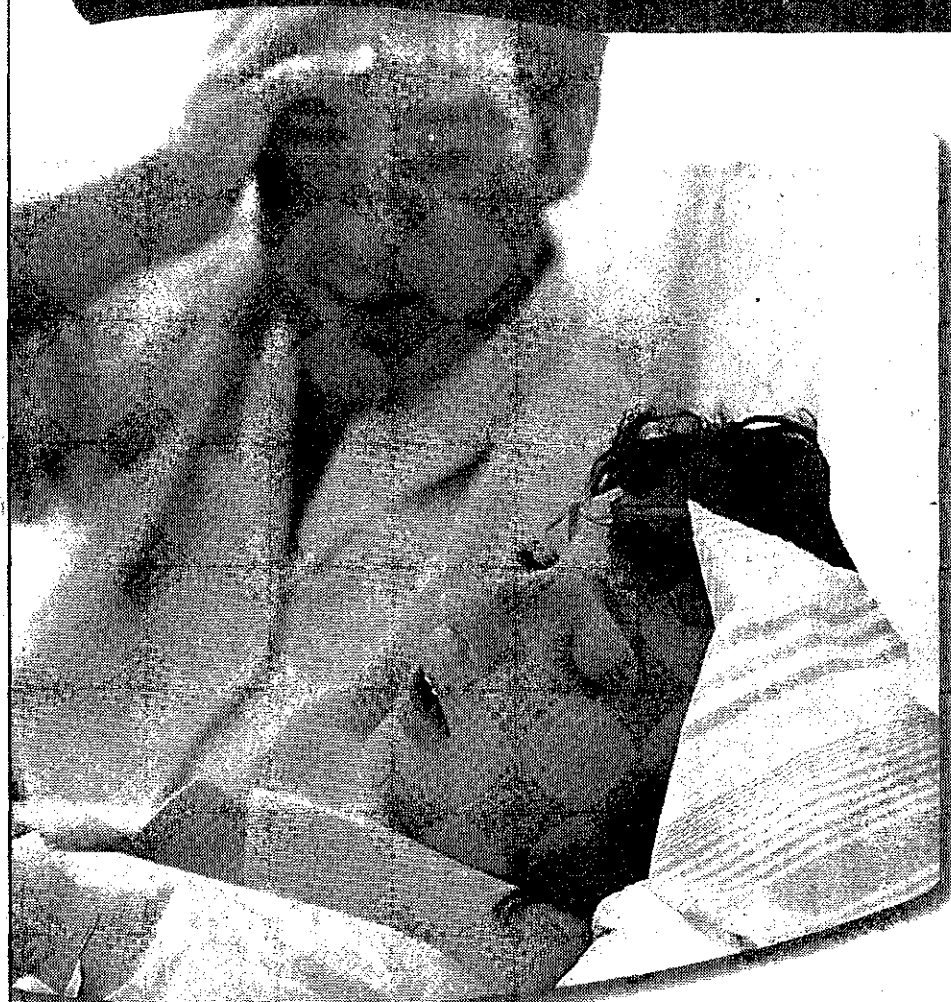
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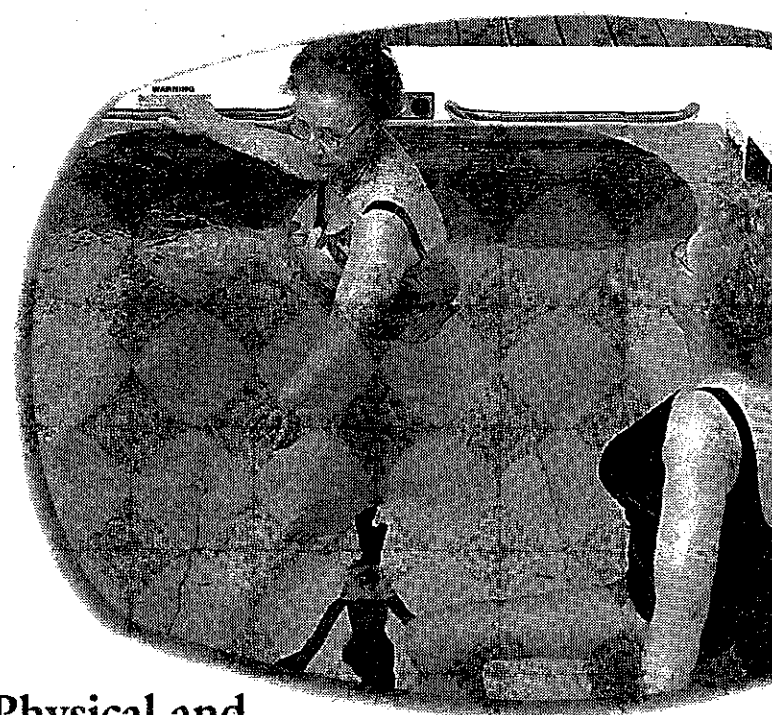
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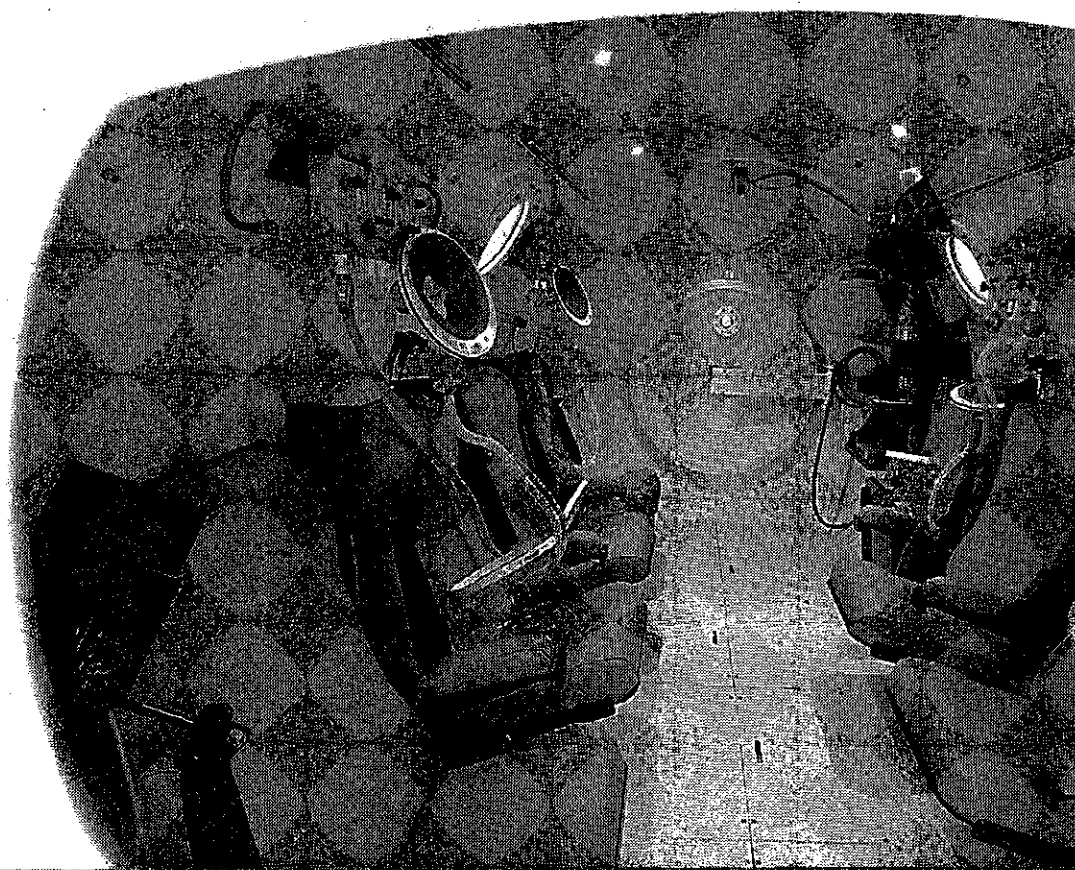
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# What's your favorite art?

## Officials seeking input about temporary art on Ford Road

Will it be "Blast," "Untitled" or "Sentinel"? What about "Matisse in Blue" or "Surprise Kiss"?

Residents have been asked to vote for their favorite piece of temporary art along Ford Road.

The voting, which can be done on Canton's Web site, [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org), has so far tagged "Matisse in Blue" as the favorite among roughly 40 votes. The three-piece exhibit is located at Target.

After residents weighed in on last year's collection, Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, a recreation and facilities manager for Canton, said there's a desire to be in step with what residents find interesting.

"It's hard to know what people will enjoy," she said. "It's always a surprise."

Thus far, the second top

**What do you think?** Tell us what you think about the temporary art on Ford Road, including which is your favorite or if you like any of the 11 pieces. Either e-mail your thoughts to [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com) or post a comment on our Web site at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

vote-getter is "French Curve," which is outside of Bed, Bath and Beyond.

"People are noticing the artwork," said Bilbrey-Honsowetz, adding that her personal favorite is "Sentinel," a red abstract piece outside of Michael's at the Willow Creek Plaza. "I don't know why but it appeals to me."

Other pieces are on display at Canton Cinema, Griffin Funeral Home, Home Depot, IKEA and New Towne Center (Kohl's).

### FORD ROAD ART LOCATIONS

- "A Conversation" – IKEA
- "Akimbo II & L'Autre (the Other)" – Home Depot
- "Blast" – Griffin Funeral Home
- "Dr. D's Push Me Pull Me" – Target
- "French Curve" – Bed, Bath and Beyond
- "Matisse in Blue" – Target
- "Sentinel" – Michael's
- "Surprise Kiss" – Canton Cinema
- "Untitled" – Kohl's
- "Weltmassigkeit" – Bed, Bath and Beyond

Canton's Downtown Development Authority pays for the annual exhibit in an effort to spruce up the Ford Road corridor.

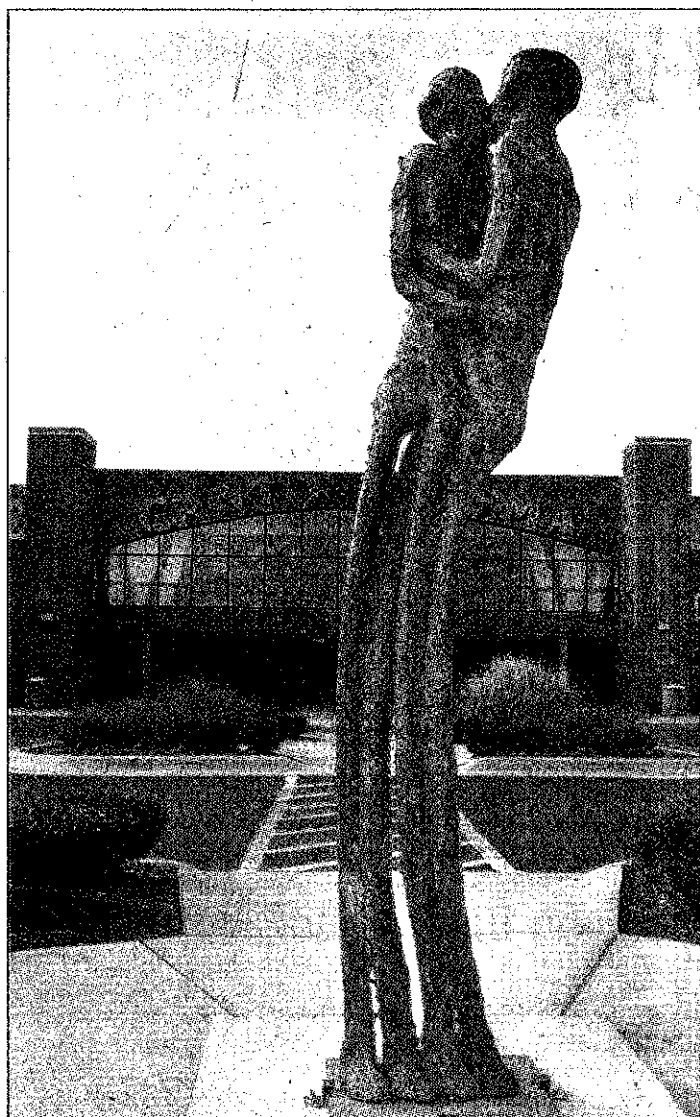
To vote, access Canton's homepage and click the temporary art link under the Community Information section. For more information

about the exhibit, call Bilbrey-Honsowetz at (734) 394-5464.

- By Tiffany L. Parks

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At right, 'Surprise Kiss,' a bronze statue by artist Mark Chatterley, is one of 11 pieces of temporary public art along Ford Road.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2008 for the following:

ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES D.D.A.

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-  
March 4, 2008

A closed study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Chris Johnson (Rosati and Johnson) **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Zarbo to approved the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Citizens Comments:** George Belovitz, Administrator Plymouth Canton Schools, speaking on behalf of the Plymouth Canton School District, asked the Board of Trustees to consider carefully all points related to the proposal from the Charter School to site an additional building at the present location. He offered to provide any information that might be needed on behalf of the Plymouth Canton School District. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from open session to closed session at 7:04 PM for the purpose of discussion of Personal and Confidential Letter from Council. Motion carried unanimously. **Closed Session: Roll Call:** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Chris Johnson (Rosati and Johnson) **Item 1:** Review and Discuss Personal and Confidential Letter from Council. Letter from Johnson and Rosati, Labarge Aselyne and Field PC was reviewed and discussed as personal and confidential information. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session at 8:20 PM. Motion carried unanimously. – Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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

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# Here's another chance to 'Dine with the Stars'

Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* are back for a second season of Dining with the Stars.

This month's lucky winner will have lunch or dinner with Trudi Daniels, the popular news host of the *Drew & Mike* show on WRIF-FM (101.1).

To enter the contest, tell us in 100 words or less why you want to dine at Buddy's with Trudi Daniels. E-mail your entry to [BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com](mailto:BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com) by midnight Sunday, March 16.

Daniels, the recipient of *Hour* magazine's Sexiest Voice Contest and the recent host



Daniels

fied open water scuba diver just back from sunny Mexico. Her favorite music?

"I still love Stevie Ray (Vaughan) — he's immortal — the (Red Hot) Chili Peppers and, of course, my iPod is crammed with AC/DC! Favorite new album is *Stadium Arcadium*

of the WRIF Rock Girl Competition, describes herself as a wife and mom who enjoys inline skating and scuba diving. She's a certi-

and best new song, *Worldwide Suicide*," Daniels said.

This month's lucky winner will be treated to a limo ride to Buddy's by All Class Transportation & Limousine Services, a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield, a makeover by Utopia Salon in Northville and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for "Dining With The Stars" and selects the top four to five "fan" letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection.

## 'Raccoon Tune' named Michigan Reads book for kids

The Library of Michigan today announced that it has selected *Raccoon Tune* by Michigan author Nancy Shaw as the featured title for the 2008 Michigan Reads! program. Michigan Reads! is a one-state, one-children's-book program devoted to increasing early childhood literacy, with programming, events and author visits slated to take place throughout September 2008.

"With the tremendous success of last year's Michigan Reads! and the program's continued growth each year, we

expect hundreds of thousands of Michigan children to take part in sharing *Raccoon Tune*," said State Librarian Nancy Robertson. "It's a wonderful book, the kind that can jumpstart young imaginations and the interest in reading that's so key to lifelong learning success."

For the second year in a row, Target is the sole sponsor of Michigan Reads! Thanks to Target's support, the Library of Michigan will provide a copy of the book and programming materials to public libraries, elementary schools, Head Start

and Michigan School Readiness programs across the state.

*Raccoon Tune* — written by Ann Arbor resident Nancy Shaw and illustrated by Howard Fine — tells the story of a family of mischievous raccoons on a rollicking night outing, rifling through sleeping people's trash in search of treats.

More information about Michigan Reads! 2008, including dates and locations of author visits, will be posted on the program's Web site at [www.michigan.gov/michigan-reads](http://www.michigan.gov/michigan-reads) in the coming months.

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# Don't forget about our soldiers in debate on Iraq

Let me first state that Todd Caccamo is running for re-election for the township board. And there will be some who feel writing a column praising him is unfair or shows bias toward his candidacy. But this column has nothing to do with Todd Caccamo the politician. And this is certainly no endorsement of his candidacy or his political ideas.

I just think the Canton trustee deserves a big pat on the back for his recent efforts to collect money and goods for our soldiers in Iraq. With the help of others in the community, Caccamo raised more than \$800 and collected approximately 365 pounds of supplies that he is sending to the troops in Iraq. As he puts it, these health and comfort items will not only be useful to our soldiers, but the support will also benefit their mental health, knowing that the American people are behind them and concerned about their well-being.

Some cynics might feel he did this as a political calculation, to make him look good and help him get re-elected. I don't read minds, so I can't say if that's true or not. But my gut tells me these efforts were born of a sincere desire to help our troops, who are in a very dangerous place.

Unlike people such as myself, or many of his critics (and I have been one, at times), Caccamo understands firsthand what our soldiers are dealing with on a daily basis in Iraq. The hardships. The frustrations. And the dilemma of not knowing exactly who the enemy is over there. That's because he was there himself not all that long ago — he served a tour after volunteering with the Marines.

We can guess, but most of us just have no idea what our soldiers are dealing with in Iraq. However, if you want to get a glimpse into what their lives have been like, do yourself a favor and rent the movie, *No End in Sight*, a riveting documentary by filmmaker Charles Ferguson which examines our invasion and subsequent occupation of Iraq.

The film is full of interviews with our soldiers, who have served on the front lines, and includes footage of what their daily lives are like. In fact, it is the interviews that make this film so engrossing.

It begins with former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, who, at the press conference held when he stepped down, calls the Iraq war "complex for people to comprehend." He goes on to tell President Bush: "I know with certainty that over time the contributions you've made will be recorded by history."

This is probably one of the few statements on which I agree with Rumsfeld — only I think history will draw different conclusions than Rumsfeld does.

Later this month, March 20 to be exact, it will have been five years since George W. Bush, with the blessing of Congress, unleashed the war in Iraq. This is an anniversary no American will be celebrating. Least of all our soldiers, some of whom have served multiple tours and face the prospect of serving more in the future.

Bush's reasoning for invading Iraq will always be considered dubious, not only by many people in our own country, but around the world as well. And I'm not just talking about in the Middle East. Some of our traditional allies have deep concerns about what we are doing there, including Canada, France and even Great Britain, which will soon reduce its troop numbers to 2,500 because of major political pressures at home.

A comprehensive military study released Wednesday,

which was based on hundreds of thousands of seized Iraqi documents and thousands of hours of interrogations of former Iraqi government officials, came to the conclusion that Saddam Hussein had no connection to al-Qaeda or the 9/11 attacks.

Of course, we can debate about that all day. What Ferguson's film makes quite clear, however, is that the architects of this war, most notably Rumsfeld, L. Paul Bremer (appointed by Bush to oversee the reconstruction of Iraq) and Paul Wolfowitz (former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense), as well as the president and Vice President Dick Cheney, were negligent in its planning and execution. None of these men had any combat experience. And they planned the war from the comfy confines of Washington. Yet, as a result of the decisions they made, many of our troops and the Iraqi people themselves have paid a dear price and will continue to pay a price for years to come.

Before you start calling me a yellow commie traitor, watch the film. Don't take my word. Listen to those interviewed, including Richard Armitage (the second-in-command at the State Department from 2001-05) or Gen. Jay Garner, who Bush selected in 2003 to lead the post-war reconstruction efforts in Iraq only to be replaced by Bremer. These are men who have dedicated their lives to their country, and in fact have served Republicans dating back to when Rumsfeld, Cheney, Ronald Reagan and the first George Bush actually supported and armed the regime of Saddam Hussein.

Come this November, we are going to have to make a difficult decision about this war when we head to the polls to cast a vote for who are next president is going to be. In doing so, we are going to have to make a decision about what our relationship is going to be with the Iraqi people. Are we going to be an ally, a baby sitter, or a landlord? If it is either of the latter, then our military may very well be there for 100 years as Republican presidential candidate John McCain has suggested. But if that's the case, let's call it what it is — colonialism.

If it is the former, however, then we must actually liberate the Iraqi people and give them back their country and their autonomy.

There are some public officials who like to bat around words like "victory" and "defeat" as if Iraq was some kind of big football game. In addition to fanning flames of division in our own country, these statements are not grounded in reality. There will be no military victory in Iraq, only a political one.

Once the Democrats get a presidential nominee, the debate about Iraq will rage across America — as it should. My concern, however, is that we will lose sight of the sacrifice our soldiers have made, which is why I commend Caccamo and any others who take the time to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Soon the number of our troops that have died in Iraq will reach 4,000. Thousands more are bringing back physical or psychological wounds. Nearly all will come back changed in some way. Those who know them most will tell you a part of them died in Iraq, just as a part of America has died there. The question is, how many more must die?

Kurt Kuban is the editor of the Canton Observer. He welcomes your comments at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com) or (734) 459-2700.



# Holding interest rates firm is right medicine for economy

We all know the economic pain we're facing in Canton and the rest of the country — with falling home prices, rising gas prices and a stagnant economy.

The Federal Reserve in Washington has been aggressively cutting interest rates to revive the economy — which is what the Federal Reserve always does when the economy slows down. Manipulating interest rates is just about the only thing the Federal Reserve can do to influence the direction of our free market economy. But in the present case, lowering interest rates may be the wrong medicine for our economic illness. In fact, it may make the patient's condition worse.



Raghu Raghunathan

The reason we are in this sub-prime mortgage mess is precisely because credit was available too easily — too much money was lent out to questionable borrowers. Lowering interest rates in the current environment does nothing to fix that problem — in fact, it makes borrowing even easier by increasing the money supply.

Interest rates are the cost of money and, by extension, are a measure of the value of our money. High interest rate means it costs a lot to borrow dollars. Lowering the interest rates implies our money is available cheaper and in more plentiful supply.

But there is a more sinister effect of lowering interest rates in our global economy. It depreciates the value of the dollar. This may not seem a serious side effect to those of us who don't invest globally. But it is a global economy we live in now, and every American is invested globally, whether they know it or not. When we spend money at a gas station, at a jewelry shop or a bakery, we are competing with buyers from Europe, China and India who are also using their currencies to bid on the same assets (oil, gold, wheat, etc.) in the world market.

The dollar has fallen more than 30 percent against the euro, and by similar percentages against other world currencies. What it means is that the value of all our financial assets, which are denominated in dollars, including our wages and salaries, our retirement plans, domestic investments, etc., has gone down by the same amount. Part of the reason the prices of oil and gold are going up so much is that the dollar in which we measure their prices is going down.

We hear news about how home prices in Canton have gone down by as much as 10 percent in the last year. But that hides the real truth. They have gone down 10 percent when measured in dollar terms. But the dollar has gone down 30 percent or more against the world currencies. So in terms of the euro, the yen and even the Indian rupee, home prices in Canton, and in many parts of the country, have fallen 40 percent or more.

To me this is the larger story. When American asset values are being eroded so rapidly, it severely limits the options American businesses have in the world stage. Foreigners have this new-found confidence since the money they hold goes a much longer way in America in terms of buying our assets such as real estate and businesses. Americans find they are at a disadvantage and have to invest a lot more (in dollar terms) to buy assets abroad or to invest in global businesses.

For better or for worse, the U.S. is committed to globalization. We have negotiated free trade agreements with many countries, and are pushing for more open markets in many developing countries. Given our commitment to globalization, it is very important to maintain our competitive edge by keeping the economy and the dollar strong so American businesses have a fighting chance when they go abroad with their dollars to do business.

Each time the interest rates are cut, the dollar depreciates further, which makes goods cost more in dollar terms, which leads to inflation. One hopes the Bush administration is not steering this economy toward higher inflation during a period of stagnant growth — a pattern that economists call stagflation, which is what plagued Jimmy Carter's economy in the late 1970s.

The correct medicine for this economy may be to hold interest rates firm to kill inflation and keep the dollar strong. This will increase the real global wealth of Americans who largely hold dollar denominated assets. It will also wring out the excess from the economy by administering a bitter medicine for our reckless borrowing — by letting the sub-prime mortgage holders default on their mortgages, which is eventually what must be done to correct this economic mess. Trying to fix the problem by artificially keeping interest rates low may lead to more serious unexpected consequences for our global health.

Raghu Raghunathan is a longtime Canton resident.

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## PCEP grapplers lock up All-State honors at Palace

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The final point Salem senior Jeremy Epley earned in his stellar high school wrestling career proved to be the biggest.

On Saturday at the Division 1 Individual Wrestling State Meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Epley escaped with a thrilling 1-0 victory over Ziad Kharbush of Livonia Stevenson to secure a third-place finish in the 160-pound weight class.

The two Western Lakes Activities Association rivals had split a pair of previous encounters this season.

Epley, who finished with a 46-5 record and 103 career victories, registered an early escape then held on to hold off Kharbush's late-match challenge.

### PREP WRESTLING

Epley dropped into the consolation brackets following a second-round loss to East Kentwood's Jake Bohn, the eventual 160-pound state runner-up. He then notched three straight wins on Saturday in rapid-fire fashion: 5-3 over Novi Catholic Central's Stefan Gatt; 8-0 over Lake Orion's Joe Graffeo; and 1-0 over Kharbush.

"Coming back the way Jeremy did through the consolation bracket is the toughest way to do it," said Salem coach Greg Woocuk. "In a lot of ways it's more difficult than what the second-place wrestler had to go through."

"All the matches were back-to-back-to-back on Saturday, which made it all the more impressive."

A trio of Canton wrestlers also turned in All-State performances on Saturday.

Senior Steve Cox (50-6) capped an exceptional career with a fifth-place showing at 135 pounds. After dropping into the consolation brackets on Friday, Cox defeated Rockford's Adam Bonner, 12-1, before falling to Holly's Josh Stoudt, 4-2. He then closed strong by pinning Lake Orion's A.J. Pratt in 4:53 in the fifth-sixth showdown.

The Chiefs' 125-pound competitor, sophomore Donnie Watkins, secured a sixth-place finish by defeating Davison's Paul Vilker, 8-6, before dropping a pair of heart-breaking decisions: 6-5 to Davison's Zach Davis and 7-5 to Utica Ford's Anthony Dworniczak.

Watkins, a two-time All-State performer, finished with a 44-12 record.

Canton sophomore Brent Winekoff joined the All-State contingent by placing seventh at 140 pounds. Winekoff capped his second prep season with an incredible 50-6 mark.

Altogether, a school-record six Chiefs qualified for last week's individual state meet.

"All six guys wrestled well," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "While all six are proud of their accomplishments, I know they're not satisfied."

"The three who didn't place (103-pound Waleed Faraj, 171-pound Rodger Kropp and 215-pound Dan Wanshon) lost close matches. Dan was up 5-0 after the first period against a kid with only two losses, but he got caught in the second period."

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Longtime Plymouth Whalers play-by-play announcer Pete Krupsky calls the team's home games from high above the Compuware Arena ice surface.

## Power play-by-play

'Voice of the Whalers' has earned a loyal following

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You'd be amazed how far Pete Krupsky's voice travels when he broadcasts Plymouth Whalers hockey games from high above Ontario Hockey League ice surfaces two or three times a week, eight months a year.

With the help of 21st century Internet technology, Krupsky's smooth and polished play-by-play commentary flows up to Essex, Ontario, Canada, where a 77-year-old grandmother listens intently for the sound of her grandson's name.

It makes its way through high-speed wires to Waswanipi, Quebec, so the members of a Cree Indian village can catch up on the latest exploits of one of their own.

And just as importantly — if not as jaw-dropping — it echoes throughout southeastern Michigan so that die-hard Whalers fans can follow every bounce of the puck from the comfort of their own living rooms.

### Trusted voice

Krupsky's words not only travel far via Internet streaming on www.plymouthwhalers.com — they travel well, thanks to the 20-plus years he's honed the craft that he embraces like a loved one.

"I get emotional when I talk about my broadcasts reaching the players' families because I know it's very, very important to them," said Krupsky, his eyes welling up with

### THE KRUPSKY FILE

**NAME:** Pete Krupsky;  
**AGE:** 55;  
**FAMILY:** Wife, Twyla; son, Gordon, 19;  
**TITLE:** Plymouth Whalers play-by-play announcer/director of communications;

**NICKNAME:** 'Krupper';  
**ORIGIN OF NICKNAME:** "Back when I got the nickname, we had about six Petes working here at the same time. Pete Deboer was the head coach; Pete Ginopolis ran the restaurant; we had about three Petes on staff and, of course, Pete Karmanos is the owner. Somewhere along the line, Pete Deboer came up with the nickname 'Krupper' and it stuck. It's a typical hockey nickname."

**FAVORITE HOCKEY ANNOUNCERS:** Bruce Martyn and Chris Cuthbert;

**FAVORITE PLACE TO CALL A GAME (BESIDES COMPUWARE ARENA):** "Probably Erie. The place we broadcast from is just a wooden platform on top of the stands, but the Whalers have had a lot of success there and the place absolutely rocks."

emotion. "Some nights, there may be only 50 people listening, but I know those 50 people are very passionate about the Whalers."

"I open every broadcast by saying hello to the Whalers' extended family, wherever they may be listening."

(Whalers player) Joe McCann's 77-year-old grandmother has told me that when I say that, I'm saying hello to her. I'm not necessarily saying it to anyone in particular, but that's how they feel."

### Patient climb

Krupsky's ascension to the lead play-by-play voice of the Whalers was a lot like the home game-night climbs he makes up the narrow, 20-rung metal ladder that leads from the floor of the Compuware Arena press box to the facility's broadcasting site just below the rafters: steady and focused.

Armed with persistence, patience and the willingness to work through some rough times, Krupsky's radio days commenced in the mid-80s and were coated with some remarkable circumstances.

"I didn't pursue a broadcasting career right off the bat," said Krupsky, who spent a good chunk of the past two decades working in a southwest Detroit refinery plant that eventually became Honeywell (he retired as a laboratory manager in 2004).

"Myself and a guy I played softball with used to pretend to broadcast the games from the outfield when he was in left field and I was in left-center. He told me if he ever got on the air somewhere, I was coming with him."

"Well, in roughly 1985, he called

Please see **KRUPSKY, B4**

## Sidelines

### Ignition trade

The Detroit Ignition has acquired defender Bill Sedgewick from the expansion Orlando Sharks for a player to be named later, the club announced Monday.

The transaction was effective March 7 pending a physical.

Sedgewick was part of the Ignition's inaugural campaign roster and was traded to the Orlando Sharks during the 2007 Major Indoor Soccer League Expansion Draft.

"We're glad to have Bill back with us," said Ignition director of soccer operations Mark Pulisic. "He's a veteran player that helped us through the playoffs last year. We are looking forward to his contributions as we make our playoff run again this season."

Sedgewick, who will wear No. 6 for the Ignition, recorded 26 blocks and notched 20 points for Orlando this season.

He posted 15 blocks and six points for Detroit during the 2006-07 season.

### Olech lauded

Plymouth graduate Kim Olech, a sophomore at Adrian College, was named to the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Second Team.

Olech, who is majoring in criminal justice with minors in biology and chemistry, is a Dean's List member at Adrian.

She is the daughter of Jim and Rose Olech of Canton.

### OLGC football

The Our Lady of Good Counsel football program will hold its parents' meeting for the 2008 season at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the OLGC Church Social Hall, which is located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

OLGC offers opportunities for boys in third through eighth grades to play football this fall. Students attending OLGC, All Saints and St. Mary's of Wayne Catholic schools are eligible.

Also, families that belong to the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a' Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, and St. John Neumann.

Parents of new and veteran players should plan to attend this meeting.

A new registration will be in place for this season.

For further information, contact Maria Conrado at mconrado@wowway.com or (734) 416-8935.



### Skaters in sync

The Evolution, a 22-member synchronized skating team that practices at Compuware Arena in Plymouth and the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills, recently captured a silver medal at the National Synchronized Skating Championships in Providence, R.I. Above is a team picture. At left are Natalie Puckett (left) of Plymouth and Bridget Hillman accepting the silver medal. The team is coached by Jenny DeSimone and Sarah Feldt.

## Ignition storms into first

The Detroit Ignition defeated the visiting Chicago Storm 15-7 Sunday in front of a sell-out crowd at Compuware Arena.

The victory improved the Ignition to 17-7, good for a share of first place in the Major Indoor Soccer League with the Milwaukee Wave. Chicago slipped to 14-11.

Reigning league MVP Jamar Beasley got the Ignition off to a roaring start, scoring his 300th MISL point with a two-point goal just 15 seconds into the match. Forward Hewerton Moreira netted a two-point tally for Detroit at 1:02 of the second quarter to put the club up 4-0 at the half. Midfielder Ryan Mack was credited with the assist on the goal.

Just under three minutes into the second half, Ignition captain Droo Callahan increased his team's lead to six with an unassisted two-point score. Chicago forward Benjamin Chavolla put the Storm on the board seven seconds

later with a two-point goal off an assist from Edgar Rivera.

Mack responded for the Ignition at 7:48 of the third, netting a two-pointer with an assist from Hewerton.

Twenty-seven seconds into the fourth quarter, Hewerton scored his second goal of the night with a three-point shot off an assist from Jonathan Greenfield. Midfielder John Ball added two more points for the visitors at 3:35 with an assist from Fabinho.

Less than a minute later, Mack scored his second goal of the night — a two-point tally to make it 13-4.

Worteh Sampson rounded out the scoring for the Ignition, burying a two-point shot at 7:37 with an assist from Mack. Andy Rosenband added one more goal for Chicago before time expired.

The Ignition will host the expansion Orlando Sharks (3-23) on Friday in the club's annual "Green Jersey" game.



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# Swimmers make big splash at D1 state meet

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2007-08 boys high school swimming and diving season ended on a high note for a trio of P-CEP athletes.

Plymouth senior Mike Conger made a splash at the Division 1 state meet at Oakland University as he narrowly missed All-State consideration by placing ninth in the 200-yard individual medley and 13th in the 100 backstroke. The top eight in each event earn All-State honors.

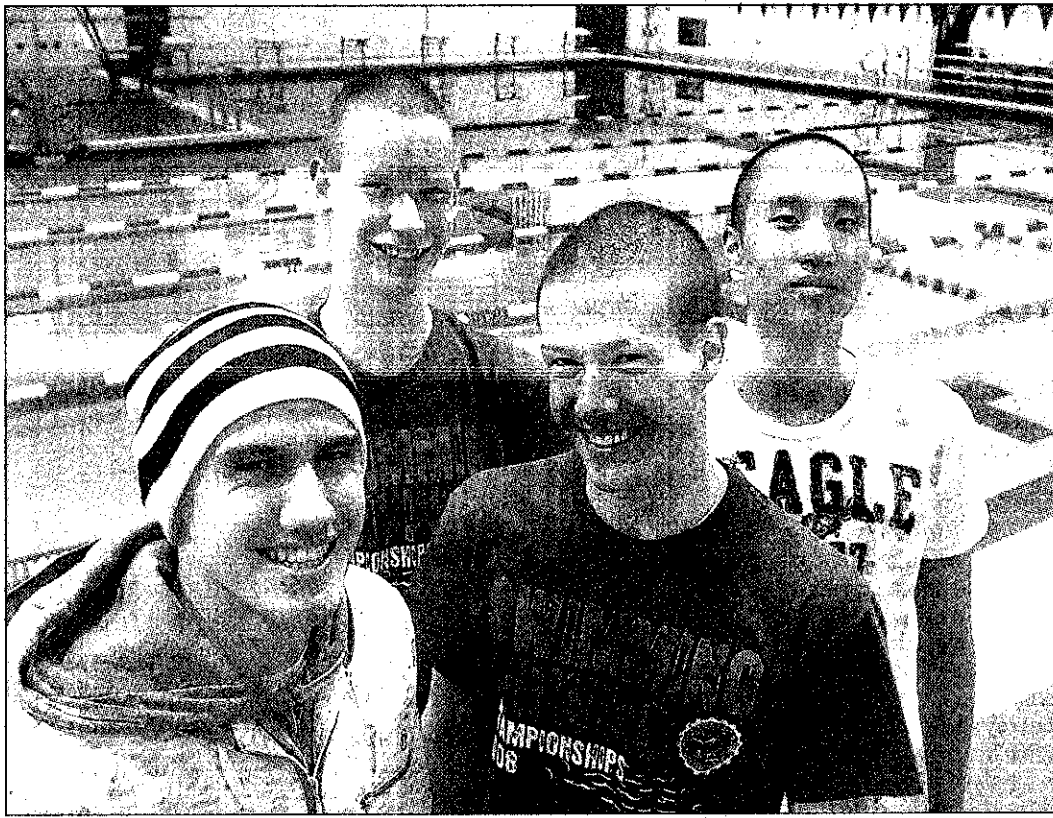
Conger missed placing eighth in the 200 IM by less than a second.

"Mike had a great meet," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade. "Our 200 medley relay team of Mike, Dan Stoscup, Paul Snyder and Chris Wilson also swam well, but did not qualify for the second day of competition."

Like Conger, Salem freshman Adam Seroka was a two-event standout. He touched ninth in the 500 freestyle in 4:50.97 and 10th in the 200 IM in 2:00.28.

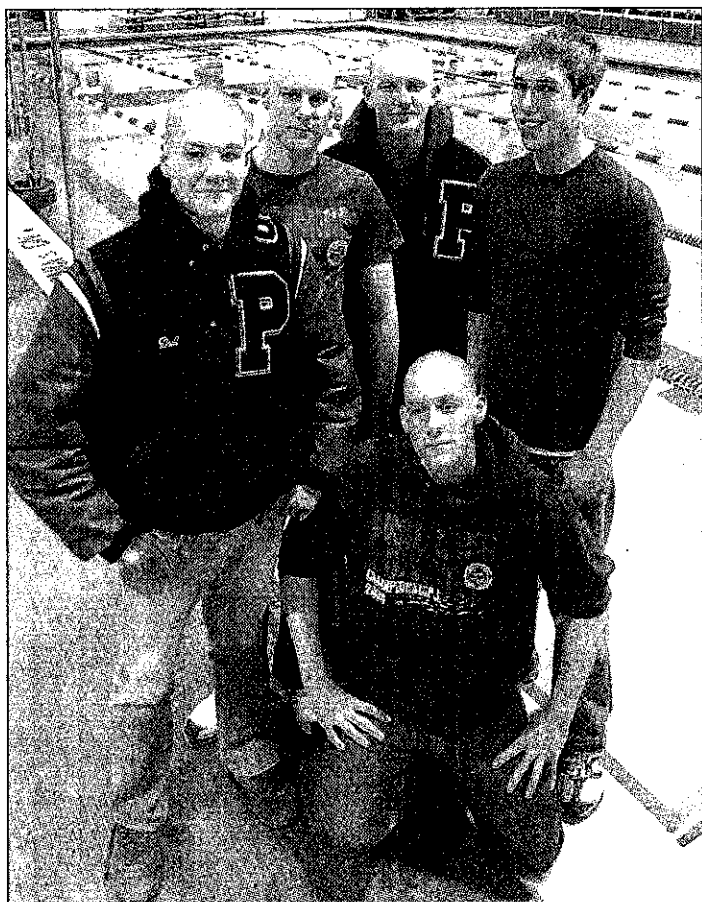
"Adam swam very well," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "He has a very bright future ahead of him."

Seroka's teammate, senior Stan Chen, placed 13th in the 100 breaststroke — one place higher than he ended up at last year's state meet. Chen's time was 1:02.08.

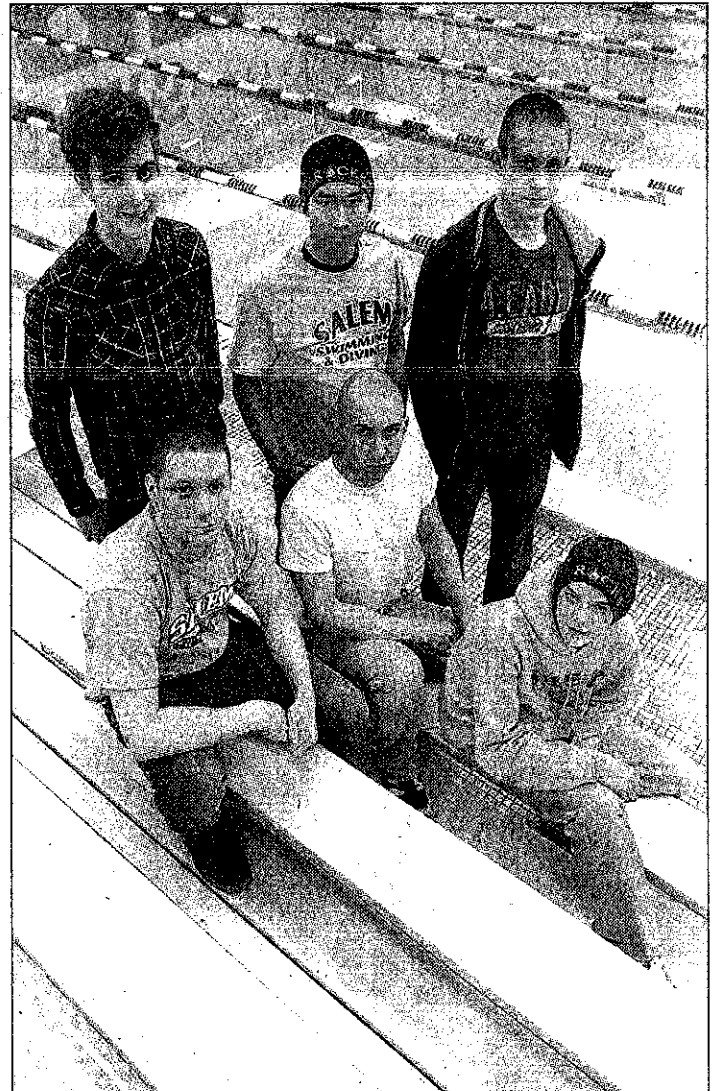


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Pictured (from left) are the members of the Canton 400-yard freestyle relay team that competed in last week's Division 1 state meet: Chris McGinnis, Kevin Karlinski, Brandon Tolinski and Richard Zhang.



Pictured are the five Plymouth swimmers who competed in last week's Division 1 state meet. Pictured are (standing from left) Kyle Dull, Dan Stoscup, Paul Snyder, Chris Wilson and (kneeling) Michael Conger.



Pictured are six of the seven members of the Salem swimming and diving squad that competed in last week's Division 1 state meet. Pictured are (standing from left) Casey Olson, Stan Chen, Adam Siroka, (seated from left) Kevin Smith, Nathan Spala and Matt Collingwood. Not pictured is Cameron Dunn.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Fellows Creek fund-raiser

The Friends of Fellows Creek and Canton Leisure Services are offering a unique opportunity to create a lasting tribute to friends or family members by purchasing a commemorative bench or brick paver at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

Personalized benches and brick pavers will be placed in a pathway around Fellows Creek Golf Club, which is located at 2936 S. Lotz Road in Canton.

Each paver is 4-by-8 inches in size and can include up to three lines of inscription with 14 characters per line, including spaces. Brick pavers can be purchased for \$100 and are 100 percent tax deductible.

The program was initiated by the Friends of Fellows Creek, a group of residents dedicated to the preservation and improvement of Fellows Creek Golf Club. Proceeds from the program will go toward improvements at Fellows Creek.

For more information, call (734) 728-1300.

### Softball Showcase

The Paramount Scouting Bureau and National Scouting Report will host the Motor City Showcase Friday, July 4, as part of the Paramount Softball Showcase Series.

The showcase, which begins at 10 a.m., will be held at Victory Park in Canton.

Professional scouts will rate all players with the top players receiving invitations to play in a national showcase.

A college recruiting session will follow the showcase.

Contact Steve LaMay at (248) 249-0129 or slamay@nsr-inc.com.

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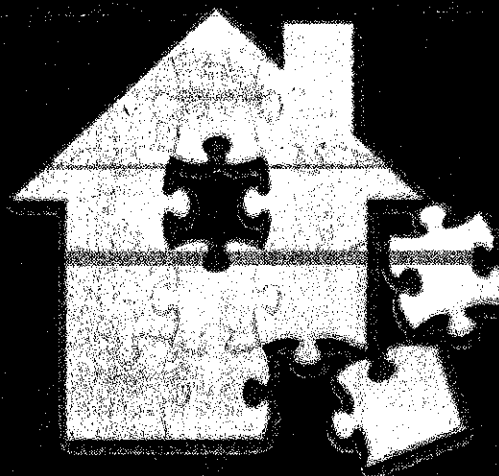


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# Local gymnasts are beaming after individual state meet

Three P-CEP gymnasts earned All-State status after finishing in the Division 1 top 10 all-around category at Saturday's state meet in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Canton senior Jessie Murray was the top finisher, placing ninth in Division 1 with a score of 36.700. Fellow Chief Robyn Piowar, a freshman, and Salem junior Katie Koetting tied for 10th with 36.650 points.

Murray's best event was the balance beam where she earned a tie for sixth (9.450).

Piowar sparkled on the vault, placing fifth with a 9.550. Koetting also excelled on the vault with a sixth-place tally of 9.525.

In Division 2, Plymouth senior Jordan Brodehl placed sixth on the uneven bars with a 8.900. Salem's Brittany Young tied for ninth on the bars with an 8.700.



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Plymouth senior Jordan Brodehl, pictured above in a meet earlier this year, placed sixth in Division 2 on the uneven bars at Saturday's Gymnastics Individual Finals at Plymouth High School.

## 2008 GIRLS GYMNASTICS INDIVIDUAL STATE MEET RESULTS

### DIVISION 1

**ALL-AROUND:** 1. Meaghan McWhorter (Grand Ledge), 38.600; 2. Alexis Byington (GL), 38.400; 3. Emily Quint (Livonia Blue) and Karen Verbrugge (Forest Hills), 37.650; 5. Kaitlin Abbs (Sturgis), 37.575; 6. Paula Guzik (Livonia Red), 36.900; 7. Elana Cocke (Farmington), 36.850; 8. Michelle Mather (Troy Athens), 36.750; 9. Jessie Murray (Canton), 36.700; 10. Robyn Piowar (C) and Katie Koetting (Salem), 36.650.

**VAULT:** 1. McWhorter (GL), 9.800; 2. Byington (GL), 9.700; 3. Quint (LB), 9.600; 4. Guzik (LR), 9.575; 5. Piowar (C), 9.550; 6. (tie) Koetting (SA), Carleigh Felstead (GL) and Kristin Nagle (F), 9.525; 9. Alexis Johnson (Howell), 9.500; 10. (tie) Chelsea Dukiper (Ludington) and Taylor Meredyk (Walled Lake Central), 9.450.

**UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS:** 1. McWhorter (GL), 9.650; 2. Kaitlin Abbs (ST), 9.525; 3. Nagle (F), 9.500; 4. Chelsea Dukiper (L), 9.400; 5. Byington (GL), 9.375; 6. Brittany Wilson (Mona Shores), 9.350; 7. (tie) Verbrugge (FH) and Johnson (H), 9.300; 9. Felstead (GL), 9.275; 10. Cocke (F), 9.057.

**BALANCE BEAM:** 1. McWhorter (GL), 9.625; 2. Byington (GL), 9.600; 3. Chelsea Dukiper (L), 9.525; 4. (tie) Verbrugge (FH), 9.475 and Quint (LB), 9.475; 6. (tie) Michelle Mather (TA) and Murray (C), 9.450; 8. Naomi Cherup (T), 9.425; 9. Danielle Bresso (F), 9.400; 10. Kallie Strazdas (Portage), 9.375.

**FLOOR EXERCISE:** 1. Byington (GL), 9.725; 2. Quint (LB), 9.550; 3. McWhorter (GL), 9.525; 4. (tie) Guzik (LR) and Elizabeth Sommer (Walled Lake Northern), 9.500; 6. Verbrugge (FH), 9.475; 7. Brooke Madzia (TA), 9.450; 8. (tie) Cocke (F) and Meghan Powers (LB), 9.350; 10. Abbs (ST), 9.325.

### DIVISION 2

**ALL-AROUND:** 1. Maddie Burman (GL), 36.475; 2. Brittany Romatowski (Dearborn Edsel Ford), 36.450; 3. Jill Haapaniemi (F), 36.300; 4. McKyleigh Geddert (GL), 36.050; 5. Neena Zvier (Kenowa Hills), 35.975; 6. Chelsea Umlauf (Freeland), 35.775; 7. Kelsey Pierce (GL), 35.750; 8. Mary Boyd (ST), 35.550; 9. Brianna Maroukis (Portage), 35.525; 10. Nichole Wood (Holt), 35.425.

**VAULT:** 1. Zvier (KH), 9.650; 2. Maroukis (P), 9.300; 3. Burman (GL), 9.250; 4. (tie) Laura Nomura (LB) and Allison Kemp (Northville), 9.150; 6. (tie) Lauren Tedhams (FH), Hannah Saarinen (WLN) and Lena Schneewind (F), 9.100; 9. Amy Ancona (F), 9.025; 10. (tie) Haapaniemi (F), Pierce (GL) and Wood (Holt), 9.000.

**UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS:** 1. Romatowski (EF), 9.650; 2. Haapaniemi (F), 9.450; 3. Gedert (GL), 9.050; 4. Jackie Stewart (TA), 9.000; 5. Umlauf (Freeland), 8.975; 6. Jordan Brodehl (Plymouth), 8.900; 7. Nicole Oweean (Portage), 8.825; 8. Kelly Tapella (LB), 8.775; 9. (tie) Mary Boyd (ST), Wood and Brittany Young (Salem), 8.700.

**BALANCE BEAM:** 1. Pierce (GL), 9.525; 2. Haapaniemi (F), 9.400; 3. Madzia (TA), 9.350; 4. Boyd (ST), 9.325; 5. Maroukis (Portage), 9.275; 6. Burman (GL), 9.150; 7. (tie) Gedert (GL) and Umlauf (Freeland), 9.125; 9. Haley Hoard (Portage), 9.100; 10. (tie) Ancona (F) and Karen Guo (TA), 9.000.

**FLOOR EXERCISE:** 1. Gedert (GL), 9.525; 2. Burman (GL), 9.500; 3. Nomura (LB), 9.325; 4. Paige Pennycook (T), 9.300; 5. Ali Vanbeikum (Rockford), 9.250; 6. Umlauf (Freeland), 9.225; 7. (tie) Tapella (LB) and Schneewind (Farm), 9.175; 9. Romatowski (EF), 9.150; 10. Erika Dwyer (FH), 9.125.



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## Nobody does it better

Canton graduate Katie Cezat (above) was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's women's basketball "Player of the Year" recently. Cezat enjoyed a record-breaking 2007-08 season as she helped the Chargers to their most successful season in history. The junior set single-season records for points (640), rebounds (338), blocked shots (37) and field goals made (254). She finished first in scoring and rebounding in the GLIAC and was named South Division "Player of the Week" six times. She led all of Division II players in scoring (23.7) and was third in rebounding (12.5).

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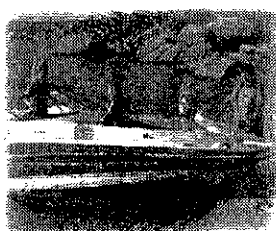
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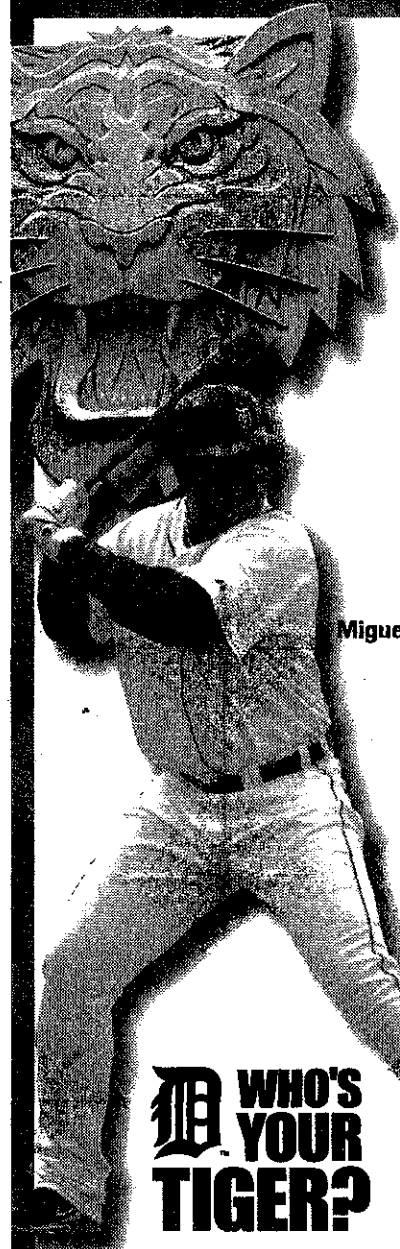


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Sunday, April 27, 8:05

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## KRUPSKY

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me and said, 'I got a TV gig on local access. Do you know anything about high school hockey?' Coincidentally, I had just started writing about high school hockey for 'Hockey Weekly.' He did the play-by-play and I agreed to do the color commentary."

### Rough start

In the early days, Krupsky's love of hockey couldn't overcome his woefully miniscule amount of broadcasting experience, he admitted.

"For the first three years, I was terrible — I mean terrible!" he emphasized. "I didn't know what I was doing. I was nervous on the air. I couldn't eat before games. I couldn't sleep the night before games."

"But they kept me around for one reason," he added, smiling. "Because I was free."

### Big break

Like a hockey team's No. 1 line that gels the more it plays together, Krupsky got better with age. And as his skills sharpened, his love for the profession swelled.

"When the Detroit Compuware Ambassadors (the Whalers' predecessors) joined the OHL in 1990, I kept calling their offices to let them know that I wanted to do their broadcasts," said Krupsky. "Well, finally, Jimmy Rutherford, who was the team's GM at the time, called me back and said, 'You don't have to call any more. We know you're interested and we're going to find something for you.'"

That "something" turned out to be a play-by-play role on AM 580 CKWW, based out of Windsor.

"Steve Bell did the Windsor Spitfire games and I was back in Detroit with the Ambassadors," he said. "During the intermissions of the Spits' game, Steve would say, '...and let's take it back to Detroit and Pete Krupsky for the story on the game between Detroit and the Soo Greyhounds.' We were doing cut-aways long before ESPN ever did."

The seed that was planted that year has grown into a sturdy 18-year-old relationship between Krupsky and the Whalers' organization, which hired him as its full-time director of communications in 2004.

"I do everything from write press releases, to take care of the media when they come in from out of town, to co-editing the team's Web site along with Natalie Shaver," he said.

While those duties are important, they pale in comparison to Krupsky's role of making sure 77-year-old grandmothers and proud family members and fans throughout the United States and Canada are kept abreast of their beloved Whalers' three-times-a-week battles in OHL rinks from Plymouth to the Soo.

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## SPORTS SHORT

### Northville Recreation

Following are leagues offered this spring and summer by the Northville Parks & Recreation Department:

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■ An adult open morning softball league will commence the week of June 16. The proposed game times are 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (game day has yet to be determined). The entry fee is \$445 per team for an 11-game schedule (based on an eight-team league).

■ A men's spring basketball league is set to tip off April 21 (approximate).

Games will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The per-team entry fee is \$375 for eight games.

For more information on all of the leagues, call (248) 449-9947.

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# All-Observer cagers net well-deserved honors

## FIRST-TEAM

**ALAYA MITCHELL, SR. G, SALEM:** The senior guard, headed to Marshall University with a full-ride scholarship, was honored by the Associated Press as one of the top 10 players in Michigan for the 2007-08 season. She was a multi-threat, averaging 14.9 points, 2.4 assists, 2.0 steals and 4.6 rebounds. Among her season highlights were two buzzer-beating game-winners: one in an early-season game against Farmington Mercy and one in the WLAA title game against Walled Lake Western.

"Alaya was the driving force of this year's team," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "As the only senior, she really did a great job of leading the young players. She figured out what she had to do to be successful and her experience made a ton of difference."

**ALEX SEROWOKY, SR. C, LIV. LADYWOOD:** The 6-1 senior center averaged 10 points, 6.5 rebounds, 2.6 assists and almost two blocks per game. "Alex was our main inside threat offensively and provided a big defensive presence in the paint," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "Her ability to score in multiple ways make her hard to defend. She's a great passer for a post player and can handle the ball as well."

Serowoky, who earned All-Catholic honors, is bound for Lafayette (Pa.) College.

**BRIAUNA TAYLOR, JR. G, LIV. FRANKLIN:** The 5-9 junior point-guard averaged 18 points and 13 rebounds per game, while shooting 46 percent from the floor (including 35 percent beyond the arc) and 68 percent from the foul line.

"She was our go-to girl," Franklin coach Dave McCall said. "Whenever we need to get momentum back, we got the ball in her hands. She can do everything, but she really got better defensively this season."

Taylor was an All-WLAA selection.

**CHELSEA CARRADINE, SO. F, RED. THURSTON:** The 5-8 sophomore forward played much bigger than her size, with team-leading averages of 16 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks as the Eagles finished 15-6 and made a strong push for the Mega Blue championship.

The All-Mega Blue first-teamer capped off her season in the district semifinals against Livonia Franklin,

## ALL-AREA GIRLS HOOPS

### 2007-08 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Alaya Mitchell, Sr. G, Salem  
Alex Serowoky, Sr. C, Liv. Ladywood  
Briauna Taylor, Jr. G, Liv. Franklin  
Chelsea Carradine, So. F, Red. Thurston

#### SECOND-TEAM

Jenna Anastos, Sr. F, Liv. Ladywood  
Chelsea Davis, Jr. C, Salem  
Brittany Taylor, Jr. F, Liv. Franklin  
Baylee Hollowell, Sr. C, Canton  
Trenia Barbee, Sr. G, Wayne  
Shaakira Haywood, Jr. C, Plymouth  
Becca Refenes, Jr. C, Luth. Westland  
Alison Szczypka, Sr. G, Liv. Ladywood

#### THIRD-TEAM

Allyson Yankee, Jr. G, Luth. Westland  
Rennica Lee Merida, Jr. C, Red. Thurston  
Sara Stone, So. F, Salem  
Brittany Holbrook, Jr. C, Westland  
Stacey Klonowski, Sr. C, Plymouth  
Stacey Gavin, Sr. G, Redford Union

#### FOURTH-TEAM

Victoria Brotz, Sr. F, Salem  
Kaylee McGrath, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson  
Ashley Wheeler, So. G, Red. Thurston  
Karen Greficz, Sr. G, Garden City  
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tallying 24 points and 24 boards as she nearly lifted Thurston to an upset victory.

"She's been playing fantastic ball," said Eagles head coach Bob Ostrowski late in the season. "She really understands the game and plays well."

**JENNA ANASTOS, SR. F, LIV. LADYWOOD:** The 5-10 senior played both guard and forward for the 20-4 Blazers averaging 9.2 points and five rebounds per game.

"Jenna was our do-everything player," Gorski said. "She could score from the inside-and-out, as well as defend from the perimeter and post. We counted on her to provide a little bit of everything for our team."

"She would often guard the other team's best offensive threat and provided leadership and energy on both sides of the court."

The All-Catholic selection signed with Northwood University.

**CHELSEA DAVIS, JR. F, SALEM:** The forward enjoyed a stellar junior season, averaging 10.8 points, 8.0 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.6 blocked shots. Davis's efforts earned a first-team All-WLAA nod.

"Chelsea was clearly our top inside scoring presence," said Thomann. "She was also second on our team in assists and her shot-blocking and rebounding ability triggered a lot of our fast breaks."

#### SECOND-TEAM

**BRITTANY TAYLOR, JR. F, LIV. FRANKLIN:** The 5-9 junior forward averaged 12 points and 11 rebounds per game for the Class A district champions.

The All-Western Division pick shot 42 percent from the floor and 55 percent from the foul line.

"Brittany really got better the last five games, the light bulb went on," McCall said. "She was our go-to girls inside. She likes to post-up and bang around. And like her sister (Briauna), she got better on defense."

**BAYLEE HOLLOWELL, SR. C, CANTON:** The senior center was the bright spot of the Chiefs' season as she averaged a double-double (14.2 points and 12.4 rebounds) despite drawing double and triple teams. The 6-footer's efforts earned her a scholarship at Siena Heights University.

"Baylee had a great senior season, she worked extremely hard her four years at Canton High School and experienced a lot of success," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Her dedication and work ethic will help take her game to a new level at Siena Heights."

**TRENIA BARBEE, SR. G, WAYNE:** The 5-8 senior guard averaged an area-best 22.1 points per game, while shooting 44.7 percent from the field and 70 percent from the foul line.

Barbee, who missed four games because of minor knee surgery, made All-Western Division in the WLAA and has signed with NCAA Division II Henderson State (Ark.).

"Trenia's a scorer, a rebounder and aggressive on defense," Wayne coach Leslie Williams said. "She often put the team on her back. She did well and we expected a lot from her. She just needed some help."

**SHAAKIRA HAYWOOD, JR. C, PLYMOUTH:** The junior center was a force at both ends of the court for the Wildcats, averaging 14 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots. Haywood promises to be among the WLAA's top performers in 2008-09.

"Shaakira brought a lot to our team both offensively and defensively," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "On the defensive end, she blocked a lot of shots and altered a lot more. A lot of her scoring came as a result of offensive rebounds when we couldn't get her the ball. She stays after it and is focused."

**BECCA REFENES, JR. C, LUTH. WESTLAND:** The 6-2 junior center averaged 14.5 points, 10.8 rebounds and shot 48.7 percent from the floor en route to All-Metro Conference honors.

Refenes already ranks as the school's all-time leading rebounder for a season and career. She is one of only three players to score 300 points in a season.

"Becca is a tremendous athlete," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Her height and athleticism inside is very difficult to defend. She gave us a severe threat inside that forced people to double and sometimes triple-team her, but even with that, she was able to produce and get her teammates involved."

"She knew when to shoot and when to kick it out; she was very unselfish."

**ALISON SZCZYPKA, SR. G, LIV. LADYWOOD:** The 5-10 senior guard-forward averaged 9.6 points and 5.5 rebounds for the Central Division champions.

"Alison added the toughness factor to our team," Gorski said of the All-League selection. "She also improved greatly as an offensive threat this season. She was one of our top three-point shooters and often was vital in breaking the other team's press."

"Her ruggedness under the basket and passing ability made her extremely versatile. She played every position except center for us."

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

**DAVE MCCALL, LIV. FRANKLIN:** The first-year varsity coach guided the Patriots to an 18-5 record and their first Class A district championship since 1993.

"It's a great honor, but I did not do the conditioning or score the baskets, the girls just worked their tails off," said McCall, who previously served as Franklin's JV girls coach for four seasons. "And once they started to believe in themselves, things started clicking. They realized what their capabilities were and they realized what hard work can accomplish."

The 49-year-old McCall, a self-employed contractor, is a 1997 Garden City East High grad who played basketball, football, baseball and ran track.

McCall and his wife Lana have



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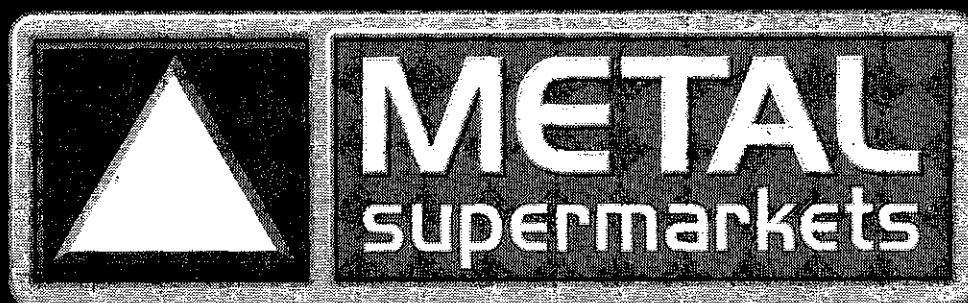
two daughters, Ashley and Andrea, both whom played basketball, volleyball and ran track at Franklin, while his son David played hockey, football and ran track for the Patriots.

The future, meanwhile, looks bright for the Patriots with the

return of the three starters, including Taylor twins, and some key reserves.

"We also have a couple of girls who did a great job on the JV and they'll be coming up," McCall said. "It looks good."

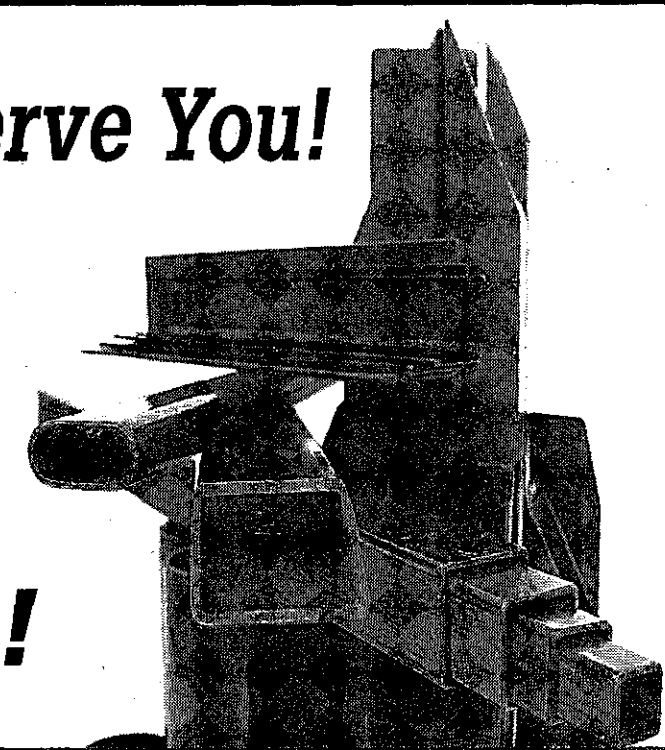
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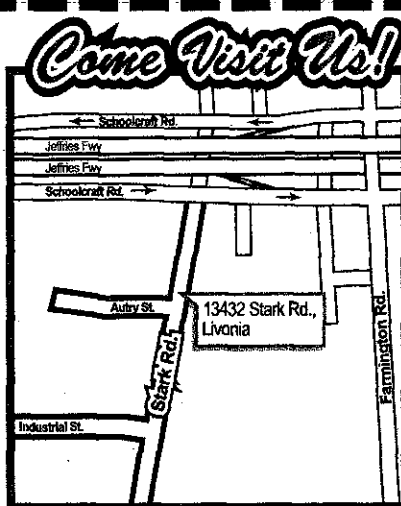
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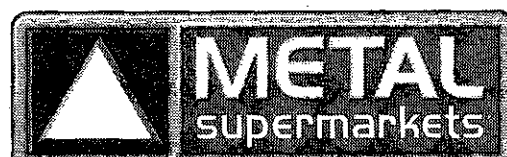
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## Parade of Homes a sure sign of spring

Spring Parade of Homes, the 19th annual spring exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, will open on March 14 and run through April 13, 2008. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and LaSalle Bank, a Bank of America Mortgage company, are the sponsors of this public event.

"Housing markets, like all markets, inevitably have their ups and downs, but as a long-term investment, homeownership remains one of the best investments for individual households with a track record that is virtually unmatched by any other purchase in terms of its real benefits," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. "Now is an exceptionally good time to shop for a new home. Buyers with good credit, a job and steady income, will find there is plenty of mortgage credit to be had at good rates. With quite a bit of inventory on the market, home shoppers will find a variety of choice in all price ranges."

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 62 model homes range in base price from \$113,000 to \$1,999,900. Prices of the Parade of Homes models including all the amenities for the show homes range in price from \$113,000 to \$2,400,000.

Architects and building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories prior to the event opening. In addition to the categories specified by price of the home, there will be a Green Building and Energy Efficiency category for the judging. This year's judges are: Erin Kopkowski, builder/designer of Residential Design Consulting in Northville; Dan Palmer of Bank of America; Ben Tiseo, AIA, of Tiseo Architects Inc. in Livonia and Lonny Zimmerman, AIA, of STA Architects in Southfield. The judges will make their decisions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price.

A Parade of Homes magazine containing renderings, features and location maps for all homes will be dis-



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tributed within select home delivery of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* on March 14, and available at all area LaSalle Bank branches, selected CVS/pharmacy locations throughout southeastern Michigan and at all participating model homes beginning March 14. Parade of Homes will also be featured at BIA's Spring Home & Garden Show, April 11-13, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

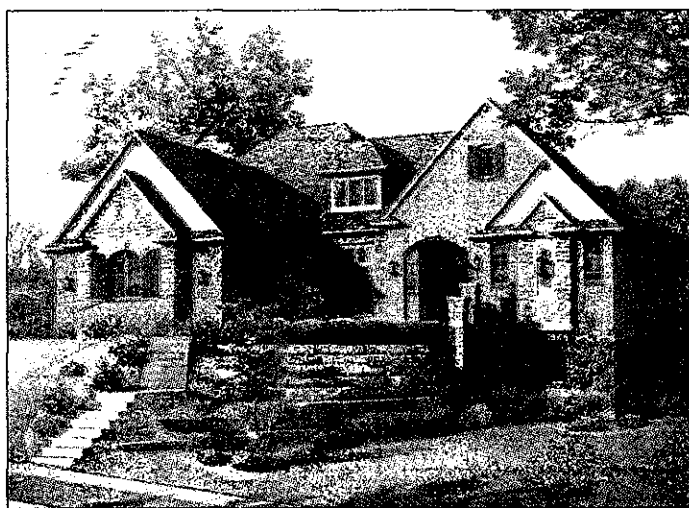
For additional information on the 2008 Spring Parade of Homes beginning March 14, please call (248) 862-1032 or visit [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org). The program Web site, [www.BIAparadeofhomes.com](http://www.BIAparadeofhomes.com), will go live on March 14, and will feature informative news stories on home ownership and economic issues as well as details on each home.

BIA and LaSalle Bank will also sponsor a Parade of Homes event in the fall.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing nearly 2,000 builders, remodelers, multifamily property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 235,000 individuals and companies.



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## Law aims to stem foreclosures

**Q. I understand that Congress passed some legislation to eliminate taxes on mortgage debt. Do you have any information on that?**

**A. On Dec. 18, 2007, Congress approved legislation to eliminate taxes on mortgage debt,**



Robert Meisner

presumably, to help struggling homeowners to avoid foreclosure. The legislation which was subsequently signed into law by President Bush on Dec. 20, 2007, provides

a temporary, three-year change to the tax code to eliminate any taxes homeowners might face when banks renegotiate the terms of a home loan and forgive a portion of the outstanding mortgage debt. The change in the tax law caps untaxable forgiven debt at \$2 million and applies only to principal residences. This change was necessitated because existing tax rules under Section 108 of the Internal Revenue Code impel many struggling homeowners to seek foreclosure over restructuring their loan with lenders because forgiven mortgage debt is taxed as ordinary income. The Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act removes this tax burden on mortgage indebtedness, encourages market-based restructuring between lenders and homeowners and discourages foreclosures. The legislation also includes a provision that extends the deductibility of mortgage insurance for three more years.

**Q. I have heard something called the "D" list put out by FannieMae and FreddieMac as it relates to mortgages. Do you know what that means?**

**A. I believe that "D" stands for the deciding value, but some people have suggested that it means "death spiral." It is my understanding that the USDA and FreddieMac are fighting as to whether or not they will continue to take zero down mortgages, or possibly any mortgages for Michigan properties. Apparently there is a battle as to whether the USDA will prevail or if FannieMac and/or FreddieMac will do so. In an even worse note, is something called the shark list which is a list for investors that buy depressed properties. The shark list has Michigan listed as interested only if the property values decrease by another 40 percent. Some say that Michigan is in a depression, but apparently the news media and government will not admit same, although collections are booming in this business.**

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## Bloomfield Hills builder tapped for national post

Members of the National Association of Home Builders elected four Senior Officers to top leadership positions within the federation during the association's International Builders' Show in Orlando. Bob Jones, a Bloomfield Hills-based builder, will serve as 2008 vice president and treasurer.

With more than 800 affiliated state and local home builders associations (HBAs) and 235,000 members across the country, NAHB is the "voice of the housing industry" representing the interests of the nation's housing professionals through advocacy, education and research efforts. Its members construct about 80 percent of the new homes built each year in the United States. All together, housing-related goods and services account for approximately 16 cents out of every dollar spent in the U.S. economy.

Taking the helm as NAHB president this year is Sandy Dunn, a second-generation West Virginia home builder who has provided affordable housing to Mountain State residents for more than three decades. Dunn is president of Point Pleasant, W. Va.-based B.J. Builders, Inc., a company founded by her father in 1953 that specializes in single-family, entry-level homes.

"Our primary objective in 2008 will be to work with the nation's lawmakers and administration to implement policies that will resolve the credit crunch in hous-

ing finance markets and revitalize home building as the engine of economic growth," said Dunn. "Concurrently, we will strive to ramp up the political involvement of our 235,000 members so that home builders and their affiliates have the strongest possible voice in Washington during this election year and beyond."

Also moving up on the association's leadership ladder during NAHB's Orlando board meeting was Tulsa, Okla.-based home builder Joe Robson, who was elected by unanimous consent to the position of NAHB first vice president. A leader in the Tulsa area home building and development industries for more than 25 years, he is the founder and president of The Robson Companies, Inc., developers of residential communities and commercial properties.

Meanwhile, Bloomfield Hills-based home builder Bob Jones was elected to the post of 2008 NAHB vice president and treasurer. As president of Robert R. Jones Homes, he specializes in land development and the design and construction of single-family luxury homes throughout metropolitan Detroit. During Jones's 35-year career, he has earned a reputation for excellence and established a continuing commitment to the home building industry across the local, state and national levels.

Reno, Nev.-based builder Bob Nielsen joined the NAHB leadership ladder with his election to the post of vice president and secretary. Nielsen has over 25 years of experience in the industry and has overseen the development of more than 45 new home communities housing 4,500-plus families. He is president of Shelter Properties, a building and development company headquartered in northern Nevada that has constructed communities across the state as well as in California.

2007 NAHB President Brian Catalde, from El Segundo, Calif., remains on the leadership ladder as immediate past president. A driving force in the Southern California home building industry for more than 30 years, Catalde is president and chief operating officer of Paragon Communities, which develops and builds single-family and multifamily communities as well as commercial properties.

Rounding out the association's leadership is NAHB Executive Vice President and CEO Jerry Howard, from Washington, D.C. Howard heads up a professional staff of more than 300 working out of the National Housing Center in Washington. After previously serving as the association's chief tax counsel, Howard was promoted to EVP/CEO in February of 2001.



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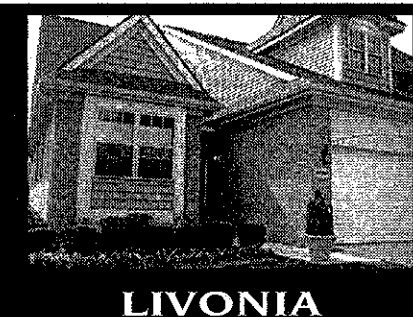
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### ACROSS

- 1 Switch position
- 4 Pizazz
- 9 Deli salmon
- 12 Have a cough
- 13 Cornered
- 14 Monsieur's yes
- 15 Mild beverage
- 16 Ages upon ages
- 17 Rani's wear
- 18 Buckles
- 20 Nile sun god
- 21 Love — first sight
- 23 Hula attire
- 24 Table tennis gear
- 28 Computer key
- 30 Fish exhibitions
- 32 Fracas
- 34 Rainbow, e.g.
- 35 Round containers
- 36 Inborn
- 39 Ta-tal
- 40 Minerva, in Greece

### DOWN

- 41 Enjoyable
- 43 — hoc committee
- 44 Juneau's st.
- 45 Tweeters
- 47 Power unit
- 50 Square footage
- 51 Atom fragment
- 54 Greek P
- 55 Separate
- 56 Rawls or Gehrig
- 57 Deviate, as a rocket
- 58 "The Body" Ventura
- 59 Choose
- 1 Feedbag morsel
- 2 Hamlet's oath
- 3 Imperfection
- 4 Family-room gear
- 5 Ricky's nightclub
- 6 Itches

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 19-23, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

|                         |                      |           |                        |           |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Farmington</b>       | 32924 Siocum St      | \$152,000 | 50735 Chesapeake Dr    | \$555,000 |
|                         | 33740 State St       | \$130,000 | 43089 Emerson Way      | \$245,000 |
|                         | 23510 Stonehouse Ct  | \$285,000 | 40148 Ladene Ln        | \$225,000 |
| <b>Farmington Hills</b> | 25229 Chapelglen Dr  | \$210,000 | 40681 Lenox Park Dr    | \$274,000 |
|                         | 36519 Greenspring St | \$350,000 | 24839 Portsmouth Ave   | \$278,000 |
|                         | 38661 Mystic Ct      | \$345,000 | 25050 Sullivan Ln      | \$273,000 |
|                         | 20956 Rensselaer St  | \$65,000  | 46890 Sunnybrook Ln    | \$465,000 |
|                         | 26666 Rose Hill Dr   | \$310,000 | 27243 Victoria Rd      | \$85,000  |
|                         |                      |           | 24731 White Plains Dr  | \$302,000 |
|                         |                      |           | <b>Plymouth</b>        |           |
|                         |                      |           | 306 N Holbrook St      | \$140,000 |
|                         |                      |           | <b>South Lyon</b>      |           |
|                         |                      |           | 26180 Daria Cir W      | \$100,000 |
|                         |                      |           | 57762 International Dr | \$86,000  |
|                         |                      |           | 23778 Point O Woods Ct | \$600,000 |
|                         |                      |           | 152 Princeton Dr       | \$87,000  |
|                         |                      |           | 333 Princeton Dr       | \$180,000 |
|                         |                      |           | 26268 Shumans Way      | \$371,000 |
|                         |                      |           | 467 W Lake St          | \$162,000 |
|                         |                      |           | <b>Redford</b>         |           |
|                         |                      |           | 16127 Lexington        | \$134,000 |

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## Oakland Builders

Get the help you need to start and maintain a successful business with an eight-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Oakland Builders Education Seminars. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, March 25 & 27, from 6-10 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

This seminar is designed to help make sense of and remove the unknowns of purchasing, starting and maintaining a successful business. It will teach you how to analyze a business from the financial development and marketing to implementing your plan. Included are the important formulas to start and maintain a successful business. The cost of the seminar is \$105 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook. Pre-registration with payment is preferred as classes may cancel. Please call Henry Ford Community College at (313) 317-1500 to register Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On site registration with payment is acceptable.

Oakland Builders Education Seminars will offer a 16-hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home on Saturday/Sunday, March 15 & 16, from 6-10 p.m. at the ConCorde Inn, 1919 Star-Batt Drive, Rochester Hills.

Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as your rights and responsibilities. The course covers home financing, the building process, builders terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements and much more. There will be many hand-outs and guidance from an instructor, who is also a builder. The seminar costs \$230 and textbooks are included.

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## BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers will present the ABCs of Remodeling for all interested homeowners. The event will take place at Doyle Center, 7275 Wing Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills on Tuesday, April 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and is free to everyone. The Center is located just west of Telegraph and north off 14 Mile.

Homeowners will have an opportunity to speak directly with remodelers and to providers of related services. A panel of experts will discuss what homeowners

need to know about major and minor remodeling for improvement projects such as kitchens and baths, home additions and insurance repairs. Also included will be information on energy efficiency, cost and financing and how to hire a professional contractor.

The panel of experts includes Mark Renn of H.J. Oldenkamp, John Maloney of BOA Construction, Don Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction, Patty Shea of Shea Company Construction, Tim Smith of Countrywide Bank, FSB, Mike Gordon, A.I.A., of Moiseev/Gordon Architects and Don Bourdeau of Al Bourdeau Insurance. Each expert is a member of BIA and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council.

Exhibitors will be on hand to show their remodeling products and services, including Advance Plumbing & Heating Supply, Affordable Spaces/Four Seasons, Andersen Windows, Carnovale Associates, Closets Plus, Inc., Hinkson Construction Co., Michigan Shelf Distributors, Newmyer Remodeling and Shea Company Construction.

The event is free to everyone. For further information, call the Association, (248) 862-1008.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Construction Association of Michigan (CAM) present The Southeast Michigan Residential & Commercial Construction Safety Training Workshop on Thursday, April 3, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Total Sports Complex, 30990 Wixom Road in Wixom.

The seminar will include how to deal with fall protection, trenching, rigging, masonry, aerial lift, fire protection, scaffolding, asbestos awareness and more.

Registration is \$75 per person. After March 25, registration is payable at the door only and is \$90 per person. To register, call Joe Forgue at (248) 972-1141 or Sheila Denstaedt at (248) 862-1033. To register online, visit www.cam-online.com or www.builders.org

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training on Wednesday, April 9, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 879 Benjamin, Troy. This house built by Wake-Pratt Construction is on the east side of Crooks Road, north of Square Lake Road.

In this first of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses the technical and sales aspects of Building Green using materials and methods that result in Green Built® certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

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

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Design Build" course on Tuesday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPSn of Builders Professional Services Group, will teach techniques that lead to a well managed, full service building or remodeling business with increased profits and maximized customer satisfaction. He will also discuss the benefits of implementing a design/build strategy and how to make it successful.

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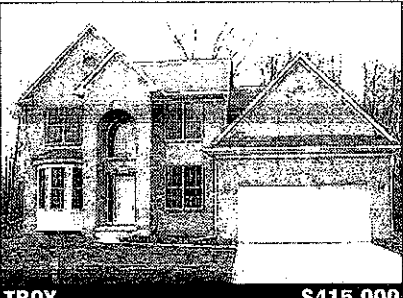
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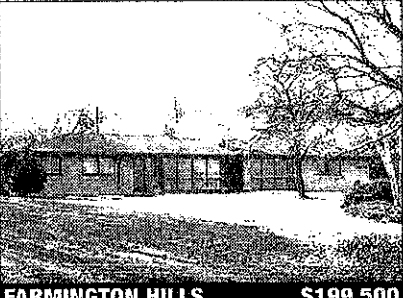
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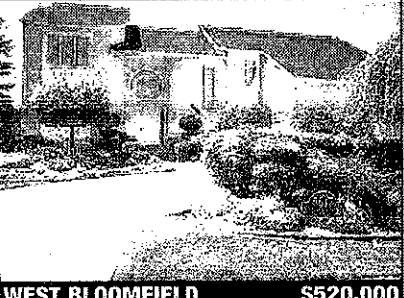
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD** \$520,000  
Custom home w/3 car gar. Glass stairway rails to bridge overlooking GR. Kit w/lrg island & cabs. Mstr bdrm w/2 walk-in-closets & master bath. MSL 27104174 248-855-2000



**INDEPENDENCE TWP.** \$239,900  
Vacation all year long in this wooded hilltop home w/ views. Deluxe bath w/Jacuzzi, private balcony w/hot tub & new carpet. Fin LL walkout. All appls. MSL 27152029 248-855-2000



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$249,900  
Sharp Updated Colonial. Lrg kit overlooking FR w/ trpic & bit-in shelves. Formal DR. Mstr Bdrmm Ste w/lrg wic & full bath. FF laund. Fin LL w/sound sys. MSL 27209258 248-855-2000



**TROY CONDO** \$335,000  
Huge kit w/hdwd flrs to dining area & LR w/hdwd flrs. Mstr bdrm w/ walk-in closet, open loft area to Bdrmm 2 & 3 w/WIC & shared full bath. Bsmt is fin. MSL 28032201 248-855-2000



**NOVI** \$329,900  
Move in colonial w/2-story foyer, vaulted ceilings in LR, updated island kit w/ granite cntns. Lib, lrg mstr bdrm w/WIC & private bath, w/o LL. FF laund. MSL 28026103 248-855-2000



**COMMERCE TWP.** \$439,000  
Maintained custom bilt home. Hdwd flrs in 2-sty foyer & granite island kit & nook w/maple cabs, & prem appls. Mstr bdrm w/private bath w/jetted tub. MSL 27197737 248-855-2000



**ORCHARD LAKE** \$1,999,999  
Spectacular Upper Straits Lake front! This custom home offers 4br, 3ba, & 3 lavs. Marble flrs. Exquisite mstr ste. Absolutely gorgeous! MSL 28002053 248-647-8888



**DEARBORN** \$99,900  
Old world charm & craftsmanship with modern conveniences! 2br condo has coved ceilings, hrdwd oak flrs, & plaster walls. Close to everything! MSL 28033550 248-647-8888



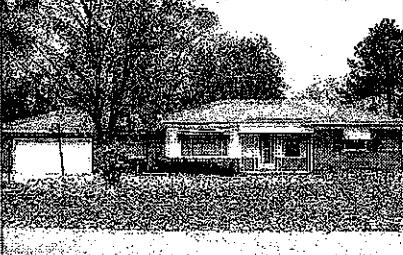
**WEST BLOOMFIELD TWP.** \$525,000  
Gorgeous stained glass entry doors & a travertine marble foyer welcome you to this spectacular 6br, 5.5ba contemporary. Deck overlooks pond. MSL 28033221 248-647-8888



**BLOOMFIELD TWP.** \$204,900  
Cozy 3br, 2ba ranch offers remodeled oak kit, hrdwd flrs, all appls stay, deck wraps around side & back of home. Att gar. Home warranty. MSL 27107927 248-647-8888



**OAK PARK** \$129,000  
Beautiful 3br, 1.5ba home. Great room. Family room. All appls included. Newer 2 car garage. Private fenced in backyard. Nice landscaping. MSL 28017632 248-647-8888



**SOUTHFIELD** \$119,900  
Spacious 3br, 2ba brick home on a large lot. Natural fireplace in living room. Hrdwd flrs. Newer windows. C/A. Large 2 car garage. MSL 27204955 248-647-8888



**WHITE LAKE TWP.** \$315,000  
Extraordinary 4br, 3ba ranch in nature preserve setting on cul-de-sac on 1.43 wooded acres. Overlooks pond. 2 car att garage. MSL 27098413 248-647-8888



**WATERFORD TWP.** \$600,000  
Watkins Lakefront w/sandy beach! 3br, 2.5ba, granite counters & floors, LR, FR, DR, bonus media rm, SS BBQ, hot tub, brick paver patio, lg lot! MSL 27154426 248-647-8888



**HUNTINGTON WOODS** \$435,000  
4br, 2ba bungalow offers white kitchen, all appls, 2 lavs, living room w/fireplace, sun room, dining room, deck with hot tub. Garage. MSL 28009782 248-647-8888



**WESTLAND** \$102,900  
Great buy, 3 br, 1.5 ba, brick ranch, newer furnace, c/a, hwh, hardwood floors, 2 car garage, Livonia Schools. MSL 27205558 734-462-9800



**PONTIAC** \$163,000  
Beautiful 4br, 2.5 ba, colonial, grt rm with gas fp, gourmet isle kit, deck overlooking protected wooded commons area. MSL 27207909 734-462-9800



**PLYMOUTH** \$294,900  
Beautiful 3 br, 2 ba, updated kit, oak flrs, nat fp, master br ste, fin lower level, private tiered brick paver patio, all on over 1 acre! MSL 28029782 734-462-9800



**SOUTHFIELD** \$84,900  
Wow! Room to roam, over 1800 sq ft, 5 br, 2 ba, large formal dr, newer roof & siding, large lot, 3 car garage. MSL 28029114 734-462-9800



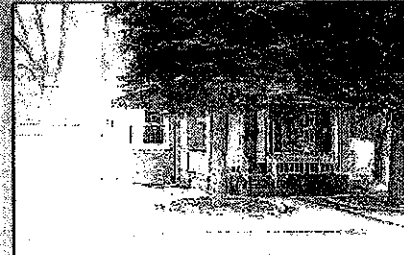
**LIVONIA** \$175,000  
Updated Brick ranch, kit w/roll out cabs & ceramic flr, Din area w/bt in buffet bar, cabs & drwl to private decked yard. Nicely fin LL w/full bath. MSL 27208469 734-462-9800



**WOODHAVEN** \$144,900  
Great price on this colonial, nice room sizes, finished basement, with glass block windows, fireplace in family room. MSL 28032164 734-462-9800



**COMMERCE** \$159,900  
Many updates on this 3 bedroom ranch, turnace, c/a, windows, vinyl siding. Totally remodeled kitchen & bath, Lower Straits Lake, beach, boat access. MSL 28021848 734-462-9800



**LIVONIA** \$149,990  
Nicely updated 1300 sq ft, 3 bedroom brick bungalow, hardwood floors throughout, huge master w/lots of storage, 2 car garage. MSL 28033704 734-462-9800



**WALLED LAKE** \$239,000  
1986 built 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick. 1st flr laundry, fin & carpeted basement, c/a, sprinklers, granite kit, vinyl windows, family room, fireplace. MSL 27200297 734-462-9800



**INDEPENDENCE TWP.** \$499,999  
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home located on 1 acre of private land. Formal dining room & living room, French drs to study. 2-sty GR w/frp. MSL 28032158 248-673-2211



**WATERFORD TWP.** \$427,000  
Charming 4 bdrm, 2 bath home in Waterford Schl District. Private all sports Watkins Lake. GR shares frpic w/master bedroom. 4 car garage. MSL 28038436 248-673-2211



**WHITE LAKE TWP.** \$335,000  
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home located in Huron Valley School District. Vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors t/o, skylights. FF master suite. MSL 28010213 248-673-2211



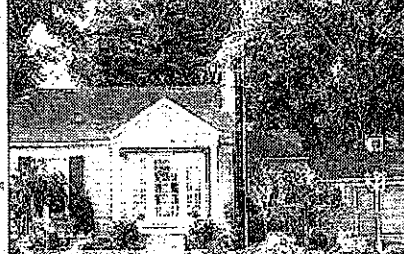
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Beautiful 4 bedroom home located in Oxford School District. Open great room w/fireplace, French doors to study, gourmet kitchen w/island & eating area. MSL 28037572 248-673-2211



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3 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch located in Lapeer School District. Freshly painted, hwd & ceramic floors. Spacious gourmet kit, custom cabs, formal DR. MSL 28034497 248-673-2211



**WOLVERINE LAKE VILLAGE** \$149,999  
Charming 3 bedroom ranch. Large living area with soaring ceilings. Double faced brick frpic in LR and DR. Beautiful new kitchen with ceramic flooring. MSL 28022299 248-673-2211



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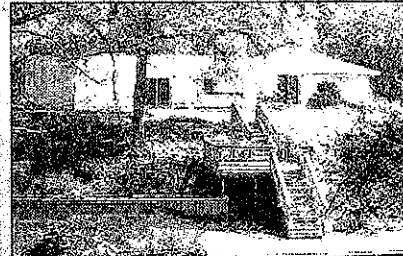
**REDFORD** \$89,500  
3 bd w/ newer roof, wndws, c/a, copper plumb, newer kit, flr, & crptg t/o. Glass blk. wndws in fin bsmt. w/ 4th bed/office. Nat FP. Screened in porch. MSL 28034999 313-538-2000



**REDFORD** \$144,900  
Just appraised at 175k! Brand new, quality built, on a quiet paved street. Lrg open flr plan, great kit, 3 lrg bdrms, 1.5 baths, att 2 car gar, full bsmt. MSL 27224313 313-538-2000



**HIGHLAND** \$324,900  
Brick Colonial, 4 BR, Lg Islnd Kitch w/Chry Cabs, Hrdwd Flrs & granite. 1st Flr office, Mstr w/monster closet, jetted tub. Stamped concrete patio. MSL 28017704 248-360-9100



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** \$269,900  
Four BR Ranch w/80 ft. Canal Frontage on All Sports Lk. 2 Full Updte Lux BAs + new wndws. Lg Frt Rm. Ste Deck + Hot Tub. 1.5 Car Att Gar. MSL 27155966 248-360-9100



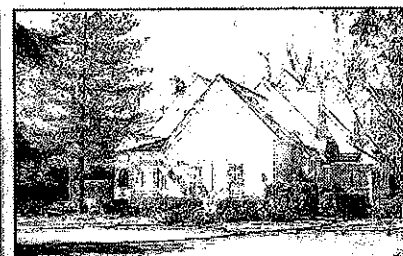
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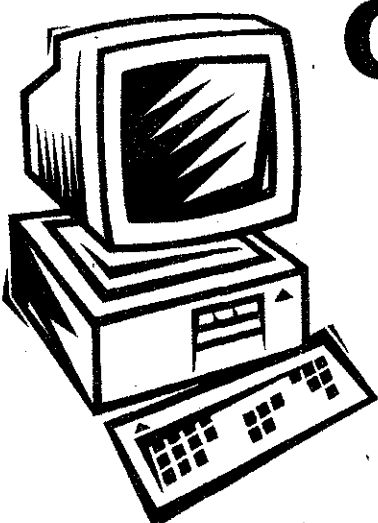
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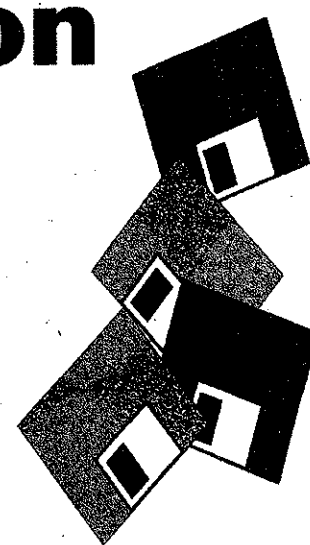
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**6200**

**BASKETBALL TRYOUT**  
Oakland County Nuggets  
156/16p girls, Sat., March  
15th, 4:00. LeBaron  
Elementary, 1033 Barkell,  
Pontiac-\$15 fee. Call 248-  
844-7123 for information.

Legal & Accepting  
Bids  
**6220**

**AUCTION**  
March 23, 2008  
10 AM

**1-800-Mini Storage of**  
**Redford**  
15440 Telegraph  
Redford, MI. 48239  
David Calhoun #1004  
Chevela Taylor - Vaughn  
#1005 & #1814

Tameca Williams #1020  
Beverly Gooden #1405  
Terence Hunter #1603  
Gerald Bailey Sr. #1704  
George Booker #2503  
Karen Dupree #2623  
Contents include but are  
not limited to furniture,  
appliances, household  
goods, sports equip-  
ment, clothing, boxes &  
more. Goods are to be  
sold to satisfy landlord  
lien. All goods will be  
sold to highest bidder  
for cash. 1-800-Mini  
Storage reserves the  
right to reject any bids.

**The Department of**  
**Natural Resources**  
Is seeking a qualified  
owner/operator for a Riding  
Stable Concession to be located  
in the Maybury State  
Park, beginning in the Fall of  
2008. If interested, contact:  
Thomas Bissett  
20145 Beck Road  
Northville, MI 48167  
or phone (248) 349-8390  
for more information.  
Bids will be due  
April 22, 2008 at 2:00 pm.

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**Adoption**  
**6230**

**ADOPT:** Young, stay-at-home  
mom & loving dad will give  
your baby security & strong  
family values. Expenses paid.  
Sarah & Rob 1-888-714-0380

**LOVING COUPLE**  
Living in the  
Detroit area are  
seeking to adopt a  
new born baby.  
Contact Emily: 248-520-7123

**7000-7700**  
Merchandise

**Antiques/Collectibles**  
**7020**

**FENTON - Dibleville-**  
**Hartland Stage Coach Inn**  
Questers Antique Show  
3/15, 9-5pm. 3/16, 11-4pm.  
Fenton High School, 3200  
Shiawassee. Admission, \$5

**Arts & Crafts**  
**7040**

**EASTER BOUTIQUE** Special  
baskets and decor. March 14  
& 15, 9-12. 47228 Curtis,  
East off Beck Btwn. 6 & 7  
Mile. 248-924-3131  
www.enchantingrabbits.com

**Auction Sales**  
**7060**

**AUCTION - ESTATE**  
Sat., March 15, 7pm  
**CULTURAL CENTER**  
525 FARMER  
PLYMOUTH, MI  
Furnishings &  
Accessories  
Collectibles/Antiques  
Glassware/Porcelain  
Household Items  
Cash/MC/Visa  
AmEx/Discover  
Bank Debit Cards  
No Checks  
Doors Open 6pm  
J.C. Auction Services  
734-451-7444  
jcauctions.com

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**Auction Sales**  
**7060**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
Pursuant to State Law  
A sale will be held at:

**JOHN'S STORAGE**  
12801 Inkster Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48150  
(734) 513-8773

Date: 3/25/08  
Time: 12:00 pm  
Tenant: Tyrone Andrews  
Unit #: 1010  
Paul Day  
Glen Harris  
Daniel Neal  
Eric Markowicz  
Melissa El  
Keith Bozigan  
Kathleen Dudley  
Deborah Obrien  
Arthur Coulter  
Robert Havens  
Mark Price  
Inventory: Household items  
12 locked units.

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**ANOTHER GREAT ESTATE**  
**SALE BY**  
**ANTIQUES ON MAIN**  
& **ADAM'S BLOOM**  
248-705-9655

**Friday-Saturday**  
**March 14-15, 10-4**  
**3847 RED ROOT ROAD**  
**LAKE ORION**  
East of Lapeer Rd.  
North of Silver Bell Road  
Complete contents of  
5,000 sq. ft. Colonial:  
Mahogany & cherry  
furnishings, antiques,  
marble/glass dining table,  
china, crystal, decorative  
accessories, art, Christmas  
tools & much more!  
For directions, photos,  
& a complete list of  
contents, visit  
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By: Everything Goes  
Fri-Sat, March 14-15, 10-4  
**1625 PETROLIA**  
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Commerce W. to Hiller, turn  
right to Cooley Lk. left.  
Interior Designer's Home!  
All new or nearly new  
designer furnishings &  
accessories: Bernhardt,  
Henredon, Baker, Mattin  
Smith, Ralph Lauren, Ethan  
Allen & more! Oil paintings,  
prints, china, crystal, mir-  
rors, lamps, antiques, elec-  
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Info: 248-988-1077  
Cash for scrap, unwanted  
gold, jewelry & watches.

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**ANOTHER**  
**QUALITY**  
**ESTATE SALE!**  
March 14-15  
**FRI.-SAT., 10AM-4PM**  
**1104 HILLPOINTE CIR.**  
**ADAMS WOODS BLOOM-**  
**FIELD TWP.**  
N. of Sq. Lake Rd. W. off  
Adams, take Timberview to  
S. Timberview to  
Hillpointe Circle  
Traditional Contents  
STEINWAY 2001 Model L  
ebony grand piano, Hen-  
redon, Ethan Allen &  
Drexel throughout, cus-  
tom upholstery, campaign  
style dining room set,  
beautiful pine cupboard,  
wingbacks, teak bookcase  
& desk, Henredon arti-  
facts, kings size bed-  
room, Frederick Cooper  
lamps, Denby china, sil-  
ver, crystal, Waterford,  
collectibles, electronics,  
cameras, golf clubs,  
books, records, plus  
much more. What a nice  
sale! See you there.  
**EDMUND FRANK**  
& **ASSOC.**  
**LIQUIDATORS &**  
**APPRAISERS**  
**313-854-6000**

**hometownlife.com**

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**ESTATE SALE**  
**CONDUCTED BY**  
**JAMIE'S ATTIC**  
Fri-Sat, 9-4, Sun, 10-2  
**21415 LATHROP BLVD.**  
**SOUTHFIELD**  
(8 Mile & Southfield area)  
Tons of vintage dolls,  
Nancy Ann, 1 Kestner,  
Linci, bisque dolls, Ranco-  
china set, depression glass,  
crystal, porcelain, vintage  
dining room set, antique  
settee chair, neoclassic  
curio, other antiques, jewelry,  
linen, grandfather clock,  
tea cups & more!  
www.jamiesattic.com  
734-771-4537

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## MOBILE MARKETING ATTRACTS MORE AUTOMAKERS

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By Dale Buss

Auto-marketing executives know they'll be advertising more on cell phones and other mobile devices in the coming months. But they still have a "prove-it" attitude toward the medium, as mobile-service providers work through issues such as image enhancement and platform standardization.

"The biggest issue with mobile is still that we have to do everything different for each different carrier," said Gregg Benkendorfer, Toyota's national manager of media and digital. "Until they really sort that out, I don't think you're going to see tremendous growth."

Christine MacKenzie said that mobile-advertising providers still can't "provide us enough data to justify a major move into mobile yet." Chrysler's executive director of multi-brand marketing and agency relations said that "it's still an area where we're learning, and we'll continue to learn."

But carmakers clearly are moving into mobile in a significant way nonetheless, encouraged in part by the booming popularity of Apple's iPhone and the richness of its interface.

From Ford's mobile ads for its Sync voice-activated feature to a Mercedes-Benz mobile campaign that drove consumers to test-drive events for its C-class sedans, at least the industry is aggressively experimenting with advertising even as the mobile medium is still constructing itself.

"We're upping the bar in terms of delivering richer and more mobile interaction with consumers, even while the landscape underneath us is still shifting very rapidly," said Stephen Cannon, vice president of marketing for Mercedes-Benz USA.

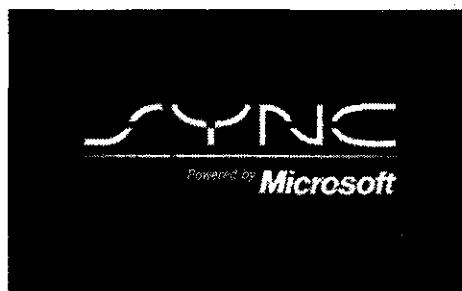
"But you'd better set some money aside to try stuff out in mobile - and if nothing else, you try to digest your learning, so next time you go at it, you're a little smarter."

"Even though I personally believe mobile isn't big for Mercedes-Benz yet, we've still got to get into that game - or we'll be left out."

Ford 'Syncs' with Early Adopters

Ford has been relying heavily on mobile to help establish its technology chops for Sync, the Microsoft-developed, voice-activated cockpit-electronics system that the company began rolling out on several higher-end models last fall. "Sync

Ford's TV ads are making Sync familiar, but mobile marketing is reaching likeliest customers.



Sync is a natural for mobile tie-ins.

lends itself to mobile advertising and that audience," said Ted Cannis, Ford's director of marketing communications.

So, Ford made what Cannis called "heavy investments" in a variety of mobile-specific digital initiatives for Sync, including creating special ring tones and "wallpapers" that mobile-phone users could download. Ford also placed codes in print advertisements that users could immediately enter into their cell phones to learn more about Sync. "It was connecting old media with new media," Cannis said.

Ford also "did a lot of different mobile ads with different content to see what kind of information really works well on that small screen," he said. And Ford tried to appeal to various types of Sync prospects in part depending on how they used their mobile phones. One question, Cannis said: "How do you talk with people who might be interested in the music elements of Sync versus someone else who might be more interested in the phone capabilities?"

Even more important, Ford's mobile efforts for Sync have coincided with new internet initiatives, such as "webisodes," and other marketing trial balloons. "We did a lot of experimentation in targeting the right piece of creative to the right audience in the right medium in an engaging way," Cannis said.

Luxury Brands Take the Lead

Mercedes-Benz was pleased with a mobile-advertising effort last fall in which it used mobile messaging with customers and prospects in its database in last-minute efforts to fill out the guest lists for driving events in the 11 top markets for a new clean-diesel version of C-class vehicles. "We had some nice results with that," Cannon said.

Land Rover is another luxury brand that is pushing the envelope in mobile marketing for the entire industry. It will be "a bigger part of our media mix in 2008," said Jonathan Renker, the brand's digital marketing manager. "Even though it's still hard to find the right targets, people with iPhones and Treos and so on fit with our basic demographic profile, so we've tried to give mobile a chance."

Renker pronounced Land Rover pleased with its two mobile-ad campaigns of 2007.

Last summer, it used the Nokia ad platform to target prospects for the LR3 SUV by providing them with vehicle and local-dealer information. Then, last fall, Land Rover upped the ante in a just-concluded campaign on iPhones for its Range Rover Sport, a few months after Apple introduced the new, paradigm-busting mobile device.

Despite such campaigns, however, automakers' interest in mobile advertising remains largely experimental. The technology and creative execution remain too raw, and the real audience too undefined, for the industry to treat the mobile milieu as much more than an important marketing laboratory at the moment.

And in the United States at the moment, automakers say, is that cell-phone usage by Americans still hasn't caught up with penetration in Asia and Europe, said Betsy Lazar, General Motors' executive director of advertising and media operations. GM, in fact, is still testing more mobile advertising outside the United States than in this country.

Nevertheless, Lazar said that GM will be "scaling up" mobile-marketing applications in the American market as the carriers' varying platforms "become more common over the next year or so."

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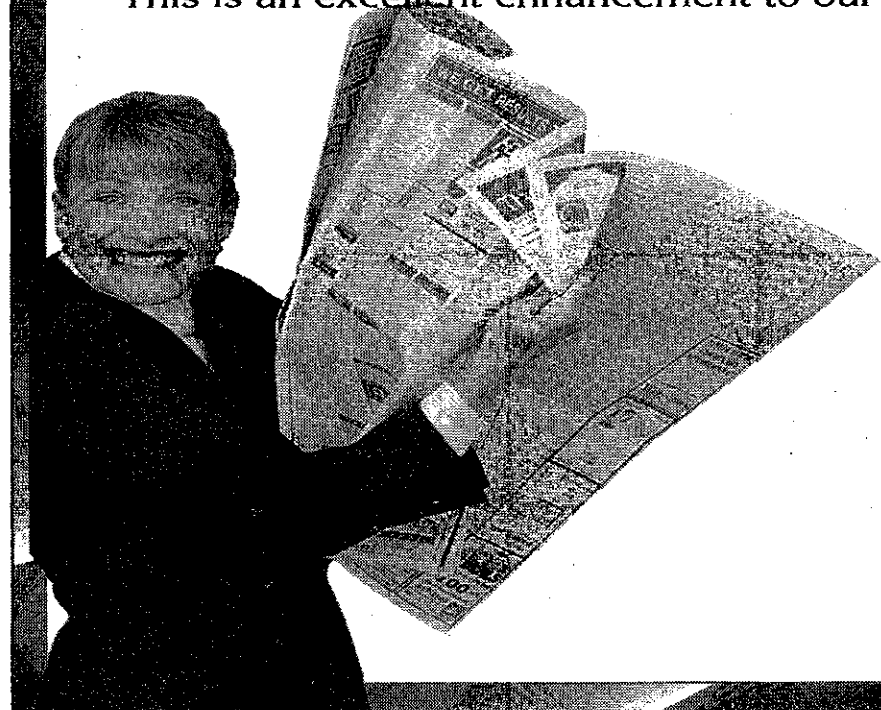
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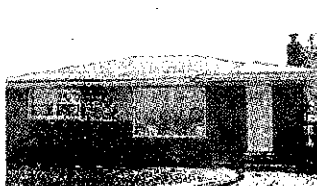
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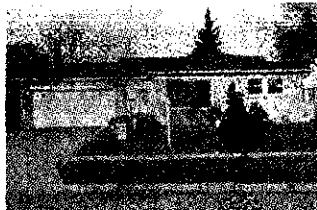
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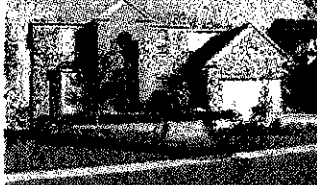
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(28006210) \$479,000



**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Detached Country Club Condo Sought after Northville 4 BR 2.1 BA, formal LR & DR, hdwd in KIT, nook & foyer. Mstr w/FP&BA. 2nd fl Indry RM. Fam w/FP full fin bsmt w/wet bar. Move-in ready!

(28003051) \$365,000



**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Updated ranch condo in Northville Located deep in complex. This 2 bd/2ba condo has been updated w/granite, tile & stainless appl. A great place to live. 2 car att. gar, full bsmt, trex deck.

(27191156) \$239,900



**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Lowest Priced Condo In The Complex! Move right into this ranch condo in popular country club village. Newer carpet throughout. 1st fl laundry. 2 car direct access garage. Lg bsmt, deck.

(27069839) \$214,900



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Great location in Novi! Mint cond home has kit w/maple, Pergo, security system and new stainless appl. Cozy gas Fp w/brick. Fin lot adds 200 SF liv space. Fin bsmt dds add'l liv space!

(28001970) \$275,000



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Gorgeous Home With Numerous Updates! Newer kitchen, baths, roof. Super floorplan, den, 3 full baths! Large sun room! Paver patio! Finished basement! Great location, near schools, Novi's amenities!

(2718695) \$279,900



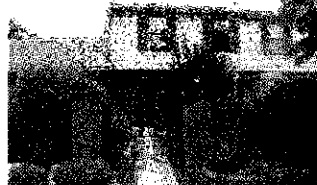
**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Charming & Perfect Ranch Home w/min upkeep! Hardwood flr in entry & KIT. KIT w/desk area & incl all appl. LR w/cathedral ceil, new carpet & DD to deck. Mstr w/walk-in closet. 2 car att gar.

(27173088) \$228,900



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
You Have Found The Gem Quiet location, awesome Kit, Granite, HDWD fl, appl, newer windows, roof 07, 2 BR, 1.5 BAs, att gar DW, fin bsmt, upgraded BAs.

(28006687) \$135,900



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Ready To Move Right In! Unpack and settle right in! Freshly painted throughout. Relax in lg LR w/gas FP. Kit has eating area w/bay window overlooking lovely private patio. Fnsht bsm.

(27162472) \$129,900



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
IMPRESSIVE CAPE COD... with its peaked roof, gentle lines & artfully elegant accents, nestled on one of the largest lots in the sub. Upgraded kit w/maple cabs/corran, w/FR, & more!

(28034776) \$350,000



**Romulus** 734-591-9200  
WOW! country living in the city, walk to dntwn Romulus, over one acre; oak cabs in updated kit and flr, porcelain flr in updrd BA; newer furnace & HWHT. \$5000 Credit for closing costs or new carpet.

(27181945) \$110,000



**Romulus** 734-284-5400  
THIS HOME IS TURN KEY READY! This property is located on an oversized lot & has a dream garage w/ opener & electricity. Better than New! Move right in. Newer furnace, C/A, windows, & doors.

(28015427) \$94,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Stunning Custom Home Backing To Woods! Home Is On 2.96 Acres In Salem Farms. Elegant Foyer, Gourmet Kitchen W/42" Cabinets & Corian Countertops Island And Hardwood Floors. First Floor Master Suite.

(28036933) \$459,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Experience Living In Country! Open Floor Plan, Newer Roof, Sprinklers, Fence, Furnace, Main Bath, Fieldstone Fp/gas Insert. Large Mbr W/ access To Deck. Large Kit W/center Island.

(28038114) \$269,900



**South Lyon** 248-851-1900  
EXCITING CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL! Backs to wetlands. MBR ste w/cathedral ceiling & attached bonus room w/french doors. Master BA w/2 sinks, WIC, tub, shower. HWF. Huge island kitchen w/doorwall.

(27176676) \$259,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Extensive Use Of Ceramic On First Floor! Family Room W/fp, Finished Basement. Fenced In Back Yard. Popular Sub In S. Lyon Close To Downtown Area. Former Owner Updated. Special Financing.

(28037230) \$199,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Cute smaller home on double lot! Lots of upgrades and natural charm. Great for first-time home buyer or investor. Newer roof and windows, front door, furnace, electric and plumbing. A Must See!

(28035957) \$109,900



**Southfield** 248-437-3800  
Enjoy up North Living Here In Southfield Ranch home with spectacular hardwood floors. Do you need a home office? Home features beautiful french doors that lead into a very large room. Large living room.

(28019625) \$190,000



**Southgate** 734-455-7000  
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(28004951) \$229,000



**Van Buren Twp** 734-284-5400  
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(28001202) \$94,500



**White Lake** 248-348-6430  
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(27178686) \$139,900



**Wayne** 734-455-7000  
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**Wayne** 734-284-5400  
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**Wayne** 734-284-5400  
CUTE, CUTE RANCH! Great for first time home buyer's. Updated windows & bath, oak cabinets in kitchen. Home comes with central air & a garage! This home is priced to sell!

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(28024651) \$185,000



**Westland** 248-348-6430  
Lovely Westland Ranch Immaculate Move-in Great yard with brick paver patio. Newer windows, roof, furnace, A/C, electric. A wonderful place to call home!

(27170958) \$144,900



**Westland** 734-455-7000  
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**Westland** 734-591-9200  
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(27218932) \$125,000



**Westland** 734-591-9200  
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(28023548) \$45,000



**White Lake** 248-684-1065  
Lg kit w/ vault ceil, recessed lights & oak cabs. DR w/ DW to deck, GR w/ vault cell & gas fp. Fin W/O LL w/ full ba, bar, FR & BR/office. Priv yard.

(27168751) \$198,995



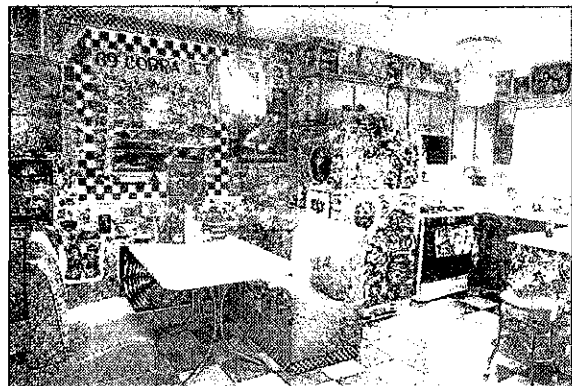
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## House of Fun



The kitchen and dining room were not left out of the design as they too are covered in '60s and '70s era pop culture colors and items.

### Artist enhances his house with pop collectibles

BY LANA MINI  
ORE STAFF WRITER

"It's all about color contrast," Livonia resident Daniel Moran said about the jaw-dropping, wild decor inside his home. "And it's about waking up in the morning and smiling at everything you see. You're home should make you happy."

From the outside of Moran's normal suburban house, it seems difficult to guess that inside is a pop-culture lover's fantasy. Trinkets, posters, lunchboxes, automobile and motorcycle art, retro furniture and surfboards from the '60s and '70s all make up Moran's decor.

Part of what turns Moran from a collector to an artist is the presentation of his valued items.

His collections aren't just lined up in rows on shelves. Rather, Moran has designed and painted the house, walls, doors and trimmings to keep with his retro theme.

Pink, purple, green and orange psychedelic shapes are painted as a wall backdrop to display the statue of a *Munsters* car, original lava lamp and Frankenstein miniatures of the same colors.

Pale turquoise walls, trimmed with violet accents and a black and white zebra-striped door provide a clean, yet fun contrast to the vinyl record 45s attached to the walls.

And why have a regular, brown wooden coffee table when you can use a magenta and hot pink vintage surfboard on a yellow base as a place for

your drinks? Surrounding that conversation piece is a red vinyl '70s sofa and a pale blue and orange Charger automobile advertisement.

"There's something about the '60s and '70s items that really turns me on," Moran said.

When asked about the painted animations on his walls and other artistic endeavors,

Please see **FUN, D2**



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Daniel Moran relaxes on the bean bags in the family room of his Livonia home which is decorated floor to ceiling in '60s and '70s era pop culture items.



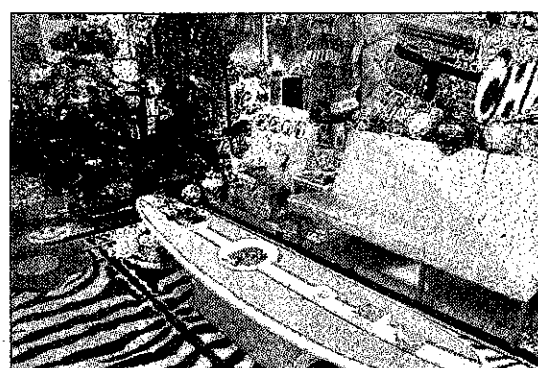
The living room of Daniel Moran's pop culture home.



Hanging on one of the posts in the basement is some of Daniel Moran's lunch box collection.



Daniel Moran of Livonia has tried to fill his house with the fun things he remembers and loves from growing up in the '60s and '70s.



Along with one of his old motorcycles, Daniel Moran uses an old surf board he found as a coffee table in the basement of Livonia home.

## Accents

### ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY HOSTS CHILI COOKOFF

Winter is the perfect season for chili.

And March is the perfect time for a chili cookoff.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's and 99.5 FM will host OLSM's first Chili Cookoff and Spring Show noon-6 p.m. March 15 on the school's campus at Commerce and Orchard Lake roads.

The event will be sanctioned by the International Chili Society. First prize wins \$300, second wins \$100 and third takes home \$50. Pete Skwiers, national runner-up at the 2007 World Championship, will be cooking.

Over 20 chili cooks will provide samples to the public.

The Spring Show features vendors, includes Triumph motorcycles, Smart cars, Victory motorcycles, bicycles, landscaping, health and fitness and others. A Kids Fun Zone will be sponsored by Inflatable Planet, which includes face painting and other kids activities. Food and beverages will be sold. Ice skating will be available 1-2:30 p.m. Raffles will include hundreds of dollars in prizes and other entertainment.

All proceeds will benefit Orchard Lake schools.

For information on the cookoff, call (248) 683-0520.

### GREATEST BABY SHOWER ON EARTH

Expectant families and families with young children are invited to the Greatest Baby Shower on Earth, noon-3 p.m. Sunday, March 16 at Congregation Beth Shalom, 14601 Lincoln Ave. in Oak Park. The event includes inflatables, crafts, characters, games, baby boutique and fashions, infant-toddler fashion show with MC Robin Schwartz, raffles, prizes, silent auction, food health professionals, Babies R Us registry, product specialists, plaster belly casting, family photo shoots and almost new baby items. Admission, \$5 in advance; \$10 or a pack of diapers at the door, benefit the Baby Pantry in Pontiac. Call (248) 547-7970.

### HANSON'S HOSTS SING A JING CONTEST

Brian Elias, owner of 1 800 Hansons is inviting elementary school children ages 5-11 to enter his "Sing A Jing" contest, by submitting video performances of their rendition of the famous 1 800 Hansons "Get it Done" jingle. The first prize winner will receive a U.S. savings bond, gift certificate to Toys R Us, and a cash gift to their elementary school, totaling \$14,000. Their performance will be included in TV, radio and Internet marketing efforts. To enter by May 10, visit [www.hansons.com](http://www.hansons.com). All entries will be posted on the Web site, and the community will be invited to vote for their favorites by logging on.

## Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with emerald foods

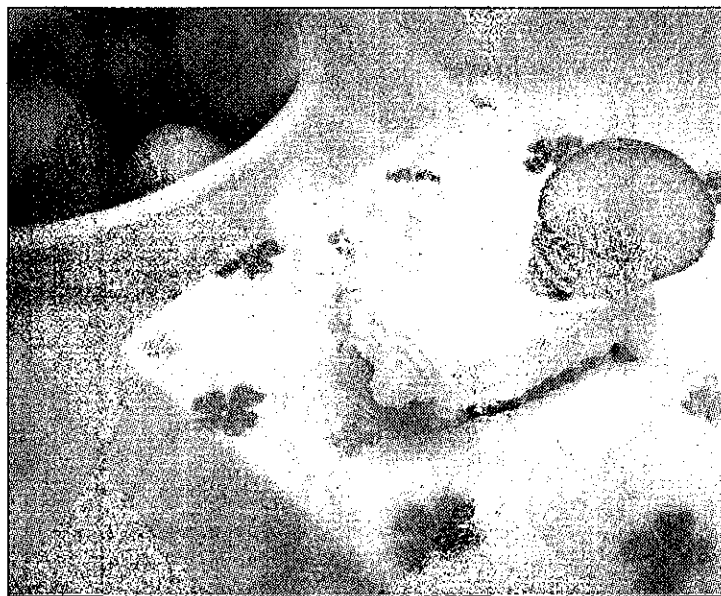


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Try a key lime pie for a green St. Patrick's Day.

We stumbled upon a fun web site to make St. Patrick's Day a little different this year.

When you think of green, think fruits and veggies. Just for fun make an emerald green buffet.

At the web site [fruitandveggieguru.com](http://fruitandveggieguru.com) we discovered suggestions like hummus guacamole — just mix guacamole with hummus and top with cilantro. Or, wasabi-pear-lettuce-wraps that blend pears, mushrooms, radishes and wasabi in green butter lettuce leaves.

And for dessert a key lime pie made with regular lime juice to brighten then green. Here are some recipes to try this holiday.

#### KEY LIME PIE

3 cans sweetened condensed milk  
1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs

6 tbsp. unsalted butter  
7 large eggs  
12 oz. key lime juice  
Key lime slices (to garnish)  
Whip cream on top, optional

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Melt butter. Mix together graham cracker crumbs and butter in bowl. Press mixture into bottom of 12-inch springform pan. Bake at 350 for six minutes. In large bowl, combine milk and eggs using mixer on low speed. Add lime juice and continue mixing. Place whipped mixture into pan. Bake for about 2 hours and 15 minutes. Cool before slicing. Garnish with fresh key lime slices.

#### EASY SPICY WASABI PEAR LETTUCE WRAP

Makes 15

1/2 cup Mayonnaise  
3 tbsp. rice wine vinegar or white wine

vinegar  
1 1/2 tsp. Wasabi paste  
2 pears  
1 head butter lettuce leaves, washed, trimmed  
2 cups mushrooms, thinly sliced  
2 cups radish sprouts  
1 1/2 cups carrots, peeled and grated  
4 teaspoons sesame seeds, toasted

Whisk mayonnaise, vinegar and wasabi paste in medium bowl until blended. Slice pear stem side up into 12 vertical planks about one-quarter inch wide. Cut pieces into thin julienne slices. Place in bowl with wasabi dressing and toss until coated.

Place lettuce leaves on plate and top with mushrooms, sprouts, carrots and pears. Drizzle any remaining dressing in bowl over pears. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and serve.

Source: [fruitandveggieguru.com](http://fruitandveggieguru.com)



## GARDEN CALENDAR

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

## Designing with Plants

The St. Clair County Master Gardener Association will present Designing with Great Plants, 9 a.m. March 15 at Cornerstone Church, 4025 North Road, Clyde (just outside Port Huron). Noted author and lecturer Tracy DiSabato-Aust will sign copies of her books, and three instructors from the Michigan School of Gardening will also speak. Tickets, \$80, include lunch and Garden Bazaar. (810) 367-6667.

## Orchid Show

The Michigan Orchid Society will host its

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

## Color and Design

The Community House Garden Club will present "Gardening with Color and Design" 7 p.m. Monday, March 17 at The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, featuring Michael Saint from Good Earth Landscape and Design in Clarkston. Public is welcome. \$5 donation requested. Call (248) 594-6410.

## The fear of 'pitbulls' comes from bad press

I'm an animal rescuer, but never wanted a pitbull because he might snap and eat me alive.

I'm embarrassed to admit until recently that's how I felt.

Flash forward to last night: I fell asleep with my arm around a pitbull — her head resting on a pillow next to me. Her body warmly tucked under the same comforter as mine. Sometimes in the middle of the night she'll stretch, glance up at me, lick my nose to say hello and fall back to sleep nuzzled under my hands.

My pitbull's name is Macy, her former owner — a military man — couldn't keep her anymore. When first asked to foster her, I

One World, Many Beings

Lana Mini

said no, out of fear. Now I'm grateful to have opened my mind to research these amazing dogs. She loves kids, they climb all over her. She loves my other dogs too and lays all over them. She's lived with me almost a year now.

I'm discussing pitbulls because of the "vicious dog" issue in Plymouth. One question there is whether the animals should be allowed to live in the city.

City commission officials, I'm sure, are sophisticated enough to avoid a witch-hunt mentality against a whole breed. City-after-city nationwide, as people become more educated, are now welcoming the animals.

People are realizing it's time to punish the deed of dog-fighting,

rather than ban an entire breed of dog. Irresponsible media has helped create paranoia.

"First it was the Bloodhound, sensationalized in the dramatizations of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Then it was the Doberman Pinscher, symbol of the Nazi menace for a nation at war. Today, it is the pitbull that is vilified for the depravity of his master," author Karen Delise writes in her well-documented book, *The Media, Myths and Politics of Canine Aggression*.

Her studies reveal three factors play a role in canine aggression toward humans:

■ Owner responsibility: Was the dog trained to fight or be a junkyard guard dog?

■ Owner responsibility: Does the dog roam loose and therefore become confused? Is the dog left unsupervised with kids who don't understand boundaries (when I was a kid I knew not to take away our beagle's bone or I might get bit)? Is the dog encouraged to be protective?

■ Owner responsibility: Does the dog have puppies and is in protection mode? Is the male dog un-neutered?

Remember there are millions of pitbulls in the U.S.

Dog attacks are rare and that's why they make news.

From 1965 to 2001, there have been at least 36 different breeds of dog involved in fatal attacks in the United States. Delise says there's hysteria, without actual fact, placed upon pitbulls.

A pitbull isn't even a breed of dog. It's actually a term to describe the American Pit Bull terrier and American Staffordshire terrier. My dog is a Staffordshire.

Here's more on what I've

## Pet of the Week

Here's a plea for a gentle dog who needs a home immediately. Paco was found frightened and wandering the streets of Garden City — severely underweight and thirsty. He's extremely sensitive, friendly, gentle and affectionate. Rescuers say he's easy-going and wants to be a lap dog even though he's a 1-year-old St. Bernard/Great Dane mix. This smart boy adores women — and is still uncertain about men, but wants to trust them. He's neutered, healthy, well-behaved and likes to be hugged. He would do best in a home without cats and he will snuggle on the couch with you. For more information, call Metro Area Animal Adoption Association at (313) 571-2985; e-mail [metroaaaa@aol.com](mailto:metroaaaa@aol.com), or fill out an online application at [www.metroaaaa.petfinder.com](http://www.metroaaaa.petfinder.com). P.S. Stevie, the beige lab seen here two weeks ago was saved. He was adopted by an Observer & Eccentric reader. Let's hope the same for Paco. Time is ticking.

— by Lana Mini



## FUN

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ors in his home, Moran shrugs off the idea that he's an artist. Moran, who also collects cars and motorcycles, won't even say how many he owns — "a lot," he said.

"If I call myself an artist, there will be someone out there who says 'that's not art.' If I call myself a biker, someone out there will say I'm not, even though I'm on my bikes constantly. I'm not here to prove anything to anybody. I just do this because it makes me happy. And because I hope the people who see my home are also happy."

He's modest about certain questions, but does proudly talk about his 1966 427 Corvette, as well as his vintage and newer

Harleys, including a 1998 Softtail Springer.

"I'm a retired engineer and I have promised myself that I am going to give myself what I want in life — and also for my son," he said.

So how does he find his toys? "Ebay has really leveled the playing field for collectors."

Years ago he scoured flea markets and garage sales in search of random items or specific goods that he craved, then he would price compare. It was big work.

"Today, if I want a Beatles lunch box, I can go on ebay and compare. And it's leveled the costs too."

If your home or the home of someone you know would make a good "Artist in Residence" feature, contact Lana Mini at [imini@hometownlife.com](mailto:imini@hometownlife.com).

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The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C will have a public hearing on Thursday, March 27, 2008 @ 9:30 a.m. for input regarding proposed transfer of service dollars from Title III-C1 funding to Title III B. The meeting will be held at 3850 Second Street, Suite 201, Wayne, MI 48184.

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learned about these smart animals.

The American Pitbull Terrier is the most unfairly discriminated against dog in history — because of fools who choose to make a few of them violent.

Dog-to-human aggression isn't a natural characteristic of the pitbull. Loyalty and a desire to please are.

### PETEY FROM LITTLE RASCALS, A PITBULL

Helen Keller's dog was a pitbull. Fred Astaire, President Theodore Roosevelt General George Patton and Michael J. Fox had them too.

Last year in Alaska, a pitbull saved a 6-year old from a house fire. He literally grabbed her by the shirt with his teeth and moved her to safety. They serve as police/armed services dogs, search and rescuers and therapy animals.

They don't have powerful locking jaws.

"To the best of our knowledge, there are no published scientific studies that would allow any meaningful comparison to be made of the biting power of various breeds of dogs," said Dr. I Lehr Brisbin of the University of Georgia on [www.nyxnet.com](http://www.nyxnet.com). "All figures describing biting power in such terms can be traced to either

unfounded rumor or, in some cases, to newspaper articles with no foundation in factual data."

The dogs are very loyal and eager to please. They become aggressive if their owners encourage it.

Dogs don't just "snap" and kill. Just as normal humans don't just snap ... do we?

A pitbull may be aggressive toward another animal, just like any dog. We know that dogs may kill squirrels. Cats may kill mice, etc. Sometimes animals get into scraps. Dogs are aggressive when their irresponsible owners encourage it. Remember pitbulls want to be loyal.

In Plymouth, there's a family who has a pitbull and neighbors are afraid. It's become quite heated. The fence is too low, they say. That issue can be solved with a higher fence. But after that, to prevent bad blood between the humans who are now fighting, well, let's be more like dogs.

Forgive, forget, ignore ego, and be the first to show kindness.

Lana Mini is a staff writer for Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers. Look for her column, One World, Many Beings in Hometownlife and her entertainment stories each week in FILTER.

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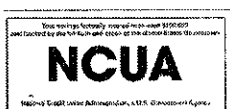


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## RELIGION CALENDAR

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

## MARCH

## Scriptural reflection

St. Michael the Archangel Parish holds Scriptural Reflection on Holy Week 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the school cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Rev. Jerry Pilus, associate pastor of St. Michael's, will lead an in-depth discussion of various Lenten scriptures. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200.

## Lenten fish dinner

5:30-7 p.m. Friday, March 14, in the activity center at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Choice of baked cod or salmon with your meal. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 children, under age 3 free. No dinner on Good Friday.

## Fish fry

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

## Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites everyone to it's All You Can Eat Lenten Fish Dinners, 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, March 14, in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 for children ages 3-11, free for age 3 and under. Carry-out orders available at \$7 each. For information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

## Bethany Suburban West

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. There will be prizes. Call Kathy for details and directions (734) 513-9479 or Michele (313) 996-8644.

## Prepare for Easter

St. Matthew Lutheran in Westland will be having an Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. Saturday, March 15 on Venoy, north or Ford. There will be light snacks and a craft for the children. Holy Week services are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday March 16; 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday March 20; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Good Friday March 21, and 6:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday March 23. Breakfast will be served between the two earlier services; cost will be a free will donation.

## MAMA's coffeeshouse

Singer/songwriter Michael Smith performs Saturday, March 15, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near Lone Pine Rd. Bloomfield Hills. Open mic at 7:15

p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. Call (248) 569-0965 for information. Call (248) 626-4650 to reserve a slot for open mic.

## Easter week services

Palm Sunday March 16, at 9 a.m. (Chapel) and 10:30 a.m. (traditional worship with Cantata); Maundy Thursday Candlelight Communion service 7:30 p.m. March 20, and Good Friday Tenebrae 7:30 p.m. March 21 (nursery care provided), and Easter Sunday, March 23 at 9 a.m. (Chapel) and 10:30 a.m. (traditional), at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0494 for information.

## Open house

4 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Hosanna-Tabor Church and School, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Hosanna-Tabor offers infant day care, preschool for 3- and 4-year olds, full day kindergarten, and 1-8th grades. Meet with principal and teachers. For information, call (313) 937-2233.

## Holy Week

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16, includes the traditional Processional of Palms. The Christ Our Savior Festival Choir, the Jubellation Handbell Choir, and the Sunday School Children's Choir along with a variety of instrumentalists will be featured at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Services continue 7:30 p.m. Maundy (Holy) Thursday, March 20 with the celebration of Holy Communion and traditional Stripping of the Altar (The Festival Choir and Jubellation Handbell Choir perform at the worship service). 12:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 21, meditative worship service centers on The Passion of our Lord, and 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae. Featured will be the Christ Our Savior Festival Choir and soloists. Children's Easter Fair 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22. A parent must accompany their children. Call (734) 522-6830 to register. Easter Sunday services 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. March 23, with various choirs of Christ Our Savior accompanied by brass and timpani and the celebration of Holy Communion.

## Lenten services

Maundy Thursday service 7:30 p.m. March 20, Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. March 23 in the sanctuary at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, (313) 534-7730.

## Hall grand opening

A grand opening and dedication of the church's new Fellowship Hall is 5-8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. The community is invited.

## 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, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

## Holy Week services

7 p.m. Wednesdays 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 11 a.m. Sundays, Bible study and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

## Lenten services

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.

## Vegetarian seminar

Nutrition and cooking seminar 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church Fellowship room, 4295 Napier, between Ann Arbor and Warren roads. Lectures by a physician and nutritionist will be followed by cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

## Holy Week activities

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville holds its annual Easter Concert, Hosanna featuring the Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Teen Choir, Children's Choir Ensembles, Soloists and Handbells 7 p.m. Palm Sunday, March 16 in the Sanctuary. No charge. Worship takes place 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, and noon to 3 p.m. Good Friday, March 21. Come when you can and leave when you must. Childcare provided through age 4 for concert and services. For information, call (248) 374-7400.

## Cantata

A Bouquet of Praise, a musical cantata, 10 a.m. Sunday, March 16, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Rd., Livonia. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. Call (734) 464-0990 for more information.

## Easter exhibit

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth will host an exhibit on The Shroud of Turin (replica) 8-10 a.m. and 4-8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, March 17-19; 9 a.m. to noon and 4-7 p.m.

and 9-11:30 p.m. Holy Thursday, March 20; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Good Friday, March 21; noon to 8 p.m. Holy Saturday, March 22, and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Easter Sunday, March 23 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial a Beck, one block south of Beck Road exit on M-14. For directions and map, visit www.olgparish.net. The exhibit will be held in the parish social hall on the lower level. For more information, call (734) 453-0326 or (734) 459-9893. Due to subject matter, children under age 15 must be accompanied by adult.

## Easter season worship

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

## Holy Week services

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

## Holy Week schedule

The Last Supper, Revelation Along the Way 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; Expiration Along the Way Good Friday service at noon and 7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship March 21; Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday, March 22, and Sunrise Service Celebration Along the Way at 7 a.m., and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Festival worship with Holy Communion and special music of Holy Trinity's various choirs and instrumentalists Easter Sunday, March 23, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

## Easter week services

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, and Good Friday, March 21, and 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 22, at Historic Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. For information, call (734) 495-0035.

## Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include Maundy Thursday worship service 7:30 p.m. March 20, at First Presbyterian Church. There will be no Single Place but Single Place Ministry continues to meet the following 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.

## Good Friday service

8 p.m. Friday, March 21, at 8:00 p.m., Old St. Mary's Church (Greek town) a service of music and readings featuring a performance of The Crucifixion by John Stainer. Performing, will be baritone Davis Gloff, tenor David Carle, Old St. Mary's Festival Choir and orchestra. Ample free guarded parking. Free will offering will be taken. For information, call (613) 961-8711.

## Clothing bank

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

## Bethany Suburban West

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

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

Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the St. Linus Activity Center at the school. Cost is \$5 or bring a snack or dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet), and we will supply the paper products and coffee. Play cards or board games for the evening. There will be prizes. Call Kathy for details and directions (734) 513-9479 or Michele (313) 996-8644.

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

## Polish church pilgrimage/Easter dinner

Deadline for ticket reservations is March 27 for the West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society's Historic Polish Church Pilgrimage and traditional Polish Easter Dinner (Swienconka) Saturday, April 5. The pilgrimage starts at 10 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Angels, 4200 Martin,

south of Michigan Ave., and includes St. Hedwig, St. Francis d'Assisi (5400 Wesson at Buchanan), St. Andrew (7060 McGraw), and St. Cunegunda (5866 St. Lawrence), with stops at the former Baptist church on Martin north of Michigan Ave. and the former Our Savior Polish National Catholic Church, 5272 Chopin. Parking will be secure in Queen of Angels' church lot. At Queen of Angels beginning at 10 a.m., special tributes will be given to St. John Cantius Catholic Church which closed permanently in October 2007 after 105 years, and Irene Pilch of St. John Cantius. Coaches are 25-seat, easily accessible, heated (no wheelchair lifts). Traditional Polish Easter hymns will be provided by vocalist/keyboardist Steven Frayer. Special presentation during dessert will be a demonstration of traditional butter lamb making as done in the Polish villages by WSDPAHS member Mary LaDrigue. Optional 4 p.m. confession and 5 p.m. Mass at Queen of Angels. Cost for Pilgrimage and meal is \$33 adults, \$28 children age 12 and under. Pilgrimage is \$25 adults and children. Meal only is \$13 adults, \$7 children age 12 and under. Checks/money orders should be made payable to WSDPAHS and sent to Laurie A. Gomuika Palazzolo, 32101 Shiawassee Road, Farmington, MI 48336. For information, contact Palazzolo at (248) 477-8518 or lpalazzolo@detroitpolonia.org, Don Samull at (313) 792-0297 or dsamull@detroitpolonia.org, or visit www.detroitpolonia.org.

## Mother and unborn baby

7:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, in the Social Hall at St. Aidan's, Michelle Yax shares her personal story. Yax has been active in the pro-life movement for more than 20 years, and now is Executive Director of Mother and Unborn Baby Care. Find out more about what abortion really means. Those who attend receive a free copy of Life Institute's interactive computer CD-ROM, Truth Unmasked-Abortion Information for Today's Youth. To RSVP, call Julie at (734) 464-7677.

## Spiritual healing

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

## UPCOMING

## Blended family workshop

7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays through April 2, at Ward Church, 40000 6 Mile Rd., Northville. Call (248) 374-5912. The Step-Family Doctor, Pastor Paul Clough, facilitates the group focusing on the issues pertaining to the blended family. Registration best but last minute walk-ins welcome.

## Spaghetti dinner

PBJ Outreach Inc. (www.pbjoutreach.org) is sponsoring a Super Slammin' Spaghetti Jam 5-8 p.m. Saturday April 5, following 4 p.m. mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Fun family night includes spaghetti dinner, cash bar, activities for kids, and raffle/door prizes. All proceeds go to the Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry which provides food on a weekly basis to our brothers and sisters in Detroit's Cass Corridor. Tickets \$7 adults, \$3 ages 3-12, under age 3 eat free. For tickets, call Linda Barterian at (734) 459-0771.

## Mom to Mom sale

Connection Church (formerly Tri-City Christian) is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at 3855 Sheldon, north of Michigan Ave., Canton. For details, send e-mail to mom2mom-sale@yahoo.com. Table rentals are sold to capacity with over 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. Admission is \$1.

## Men's conference

Put Out into the Deep: Brothers in Christ Standing Together Saturday, April 12, at University of Detroit Mercy's Cilhan Hall, Detroit. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, the conference doors open at 7 a.m. followed by a day of speakers and Eucharistic celebration, concludes at 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.christschosen.com.

## Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 12, in the church gym and classrooms at St. Thomas a Becket, 555 South Lilley, Canton, phone (734) 981-1333. Check web site for details, kirstemoline.com/mom2mom.html. Over 70 tables and racks full of great finds for babies, toddlers and kids. Several Large Item Rooms full of strollers, cribs, car seats, exersaucers, large toys, etc. Admission is \$1. Those shopping with strollers will be admitted after 10:00 a.m.

## Pancake breakfast

8:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 13, in the activity center at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$4 adults, \$4 children age 10 and under.

## Sisters in Christ

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

Josee who's been active in Christian publishing 25 years, and Nancy Moser who's published 17 inspirational novels.

## Day of Reflection

Bethany Central Board is offering a Day of Reflection hosted by the Rochester Bethany 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. This Mini Conference will have two topics: Social Security Benefits for Divorced People and the Catholic Annulment Process. There is no cost for conference and lunch will be served. For details, call Audrey (248) 613-5461.

## ONGOING

## Reformed Protestant services

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge Road, Canton. For more information, call Richard Waldecker at (734) 664-1815, visit www.westminsterconfession.org, or e-mail Humby at sean.humby@att.net.

## Prince of Peace Church

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Church offerings

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

## Church services

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

## Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

## Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

## Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills) is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

## Living Water series

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

## Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

## ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m.

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## BETTY ANNE WHITE

Age 88, March 9, 2008 of Plymouth. Betty was a volunteer at the V.A. Medical Center in Allen Park and with Angela Hospice for many years. She worked for various pharmacies in the Detroit area and was a former member of St. Gemma Parish in Detroit before moving to Plymouth. She was the wife of William Sr. for 48 years. Mother of William (Joy) Jr., Richard, Karen (Robert) Lewis, Gayle Badowsky, Cheryl (Ted) Wasik and the late Lawrence. Also leaves twelve grandchildren, many great grandchildren, one brother and two sisters. A Mass of the Resurrection was held today at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with interment following at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Contributions are suggested to Angela Hospice. Share memories at schradler-howell.com



## GENEVIEVE M. HOLM

Age 86, March 9, 2008. Registered nurse for 34 years at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital, Pontiac. Predeceased by husband, Robert. Dear mother of Robert, Jr., James E. (Marsha), and Cynthia L. Grandmother of Heather, Holly, Katherine and Robert James. Funeral Service Thursday 10:30 AM at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver). Family will receive friends Tuesday 2-5, 6-9 PM, Intermment Grand Lawn Cemetery. Memorial Tributes American Heart Association. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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## JOHN HORNYAK

Age 60, March 8, 2008. Beloved husband of Mariene. Loving father of Eric, Sheri (John) Leleniewski. Grandfather of Cassie, Alex, Devin, and Brooke. Funeral service on Friday 11am at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Road, Garden City. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm. Please sign John's online guestbook at: www.rgharris.com

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Find  
Comfort in  
Family &  
Friends

TERRY JEANNE  
SALCICCIOLI

Suddenly, February 28, 2008. Age 67. Longtime resident of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved wife of Dr. Gino for 45 years. Loving mother of Gino (Meg), Amy Ostieck (Eric) & Cara Penzoza (Andy). Dear grandmother of Michael, Julia, Owen, Parker, Zachary and Leo. Sister of Maureen Guerrero and Renee Harris. Aunt of Anthony, Brian, Tricia & Lori. Funeral services and burial have taken place. Memorial tributes to American Heart Association, Karmans Cancer Institute or Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 362-2500 View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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# St. Matthew's holds grand opening for Fellowship Hall

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road (between Merriman and Middlebelt) will hold a grand opening 5-8 p.m. Saturday for the renovation of the church's Fellowship Hall.

The public is invited. Food and entertainment will be provided.

The renovation provides improved space for sports (volleyball and basketball) as well as a dining space. Bedzyk Brothers, a Livonia-based construction company, managed the building project, which began in July 2007.

The church expects to use the new Fellowship Hall for expanded ministries with children, youth and adults. The hall is also used by Scouts and the Little Guys and Dolls Nursery School and will be available for rent to the public.



A renovated fellowship hall at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will allow room for volleyball and basketball. In the new hall are, back row left to right, Don Squires, Drew Doty, Teresa Brodie, Frank Neal, Joe Black, Bill Marken and Greg Harrison; front row, Jennifer Knight and Bill Wagner.

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Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at [www.endowonline.com](http://www.endowonline.com). St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

### ENDOW

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's *Mulieris Dignitatem* - On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session is 7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish

office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to [mtschi@sbccglobal.net](mailto:mtschi@sbccglobal.net).

### Day of service

Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail

to [ccrane@thecapuchins.org](mailto:ccrane@thecapuchins.org). To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit [www.cskdetroit.org](http://www.cskdetroit.org).

### New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org).

### Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

### Worship

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org). Visitors welcome.

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

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# pink

## Celtic shops set to paint the town green

With St. Patrick's Day upon us, it starts to feel like — no matter your actual heritage — everyone is at least a little bit Irish March 17. Or at least that's the scene at area shops with a Celtic twist.

Whether you're getting together some green gear to wear while you run the Corktown Races in Detroit, or you're just looking forward to the parade in your own community, places like Ferndale's Twisted Shamrock and Livonia-based Colleen's Gaelic Gifts have got you covered. "I opened The Twisted Shamrock in June of 2005," said Jim Monahan. "I wanted the store to be somewhere in southeast Oakland County and I found great space in downtown Ferndale."

He sells everything from the expected to the unexpected at his shop at 276 W. Nine Mile Road. Even men's and women's wool sweaters and capes carry the traditional appeal with a modern twist.

"Of course this time of year I'm stocked and ready to paint Detroit green," Monahan said. "We have all of your fun St. Paddy's Day wear including green boas, elf shoes, sequin hats and vests just to name a few." Every year around this time he sells a slew of themed tee shirts, hats, and Irish trinkets — but one of the most meaningful gifts for a family member or friend has to be the Claddagh icon. A symbol of friendship, loyalty and love, it's replicated in jewelry and home decor.

The Twisted Shamrock also offers high-end goods, including Nicholas Mosse Pottery, Jerpoint hand-blown glass and Belleek Parian China. "I am always on the hunt for new Irish artists and unique things from or about Ireland," said Monahan.

The same might be said of Colleen Haggerty, owner of Colleen's Gaelic Gifts in Livonia. For the past four years her shop has been located at 15373 Farmington Road, just north of Five Mile.

"There is a wonderful mix of customers that come in here," said Haggerty. From her "huge following of Irish-born" to plenty of curious passersby, she welcomes them all to browse and enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits.

"St. Patrick's Day is my second largest season, with Christmas outranking it," she said. And simply everything sells this time of year, she added, "from food and music to crazy hats to sweaters and so on — you name it."

If online shopping is more convenient, visit Ann Arbor-based Out of Ireland at [www.realirish.com](http://www.realirish.com). Owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Meredith McGehee and Stuart Marley, the site sells



This Barbarian Ireland rugby shirt is \$69.95 at [www.thetwistedshamrock.com](http://www.thetwistedshamrock.com).

everything from wool caps to Celtic pendants, music to hand-crafted home goods.

"We've been in business for about 10 years, selling mainly at the larger Irish music festivals across the U.S. as well as our Web-based store," said McGehee. She said this time of year the best-selling items include handwoven tweed caps, Irish cologne and Irish team jerseys.

Whatever your preference, wherever you shop, Irish heritage isn't required to browse or buy. For a comprehensive list of St. Patrick's Day events and Irish organizations, visit [www.detroitirish.com](http://www.detroitirish.com).

Stephanie Angelyn Casola is a self-confessed shopaholic. She writes about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Shop Around the Corner? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or [scasola@hometownlife.com](mailto:scasola@hometownlife.com).



This tall vase from the Belleek Daisy Collection is \$70 at [www.thetwistedshamrock.com](http://www.thetwistedshamrock.com).

## pink picks

By Wendy

### Wear It!

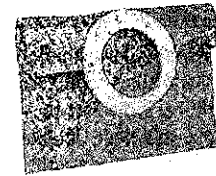
Lululemon workout wear — coming to Somerset this spring!

### DON'T Wear It!

Fake Chinatown handbags

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### Kick It!

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### Do It!

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### Face It!

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### Use It!

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bacteria and freshen breath  
(available at health food stores  
like Zerbo's in Livonia)

### Drink It!

Voga Italia Pinot  
Grigio at Kroger

### Tivo It!

Top Chef Chicago

### See It!

Penelope

### DVD It!

Into the Wild

### Eat It!

A traditional Irish Meal  
for St. Paddy's Day

### Experience It!

Baby Loves Disco



## 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 Wendy Von Buskirk at [wvnb@hometownlife.com](mailto:wvnb@hometownlife.com).

**Billups Holds Court at Parisian LIVONIA** — Perry Ellis and Parisian invite you to meet Detroit basketball celebrity Chauncey Billups, 6:30-8 p.m. tonight at Parisian Laurel Park Place's Men's Perry Ellis Department. Purchase \$50 or more of Perry Ellis merchandise and receive a basketball for Billups to sign. Call (734) 953-7500.

**Bella Mia Fashion Show PLYMOUTH** — Bella Mia, a trendy boutique in downtown Plymouth, will host its annual Spring Fashion Show at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15 at E.G. Nicks, 500 Forest Ave., Plymouth. The show will feature the latest in fashions, from Bella Mia, along with hair and makeup by Vanity Salon. Tickets, \$24, include a full lunch, 20 percent off your total bill at Bella Mia after the show and lots of fun surprises. Call (734) 656-0057 or visit Bella Mia at 535 Forest Ave. Group seating is available.

**Macy's Monograms Frango Cheggs TROY** — Customers who purchase 8 oz. Frango Cheggs at Macy's Somerset can get them personalized for free March 15, 18, 19 and 22. Cheggs — signature chocolates in the shape of Easter eggs — are available in Mint, Double Chocolate, Caramel and Peanut Butter. Macy's Somerset is located at 2752 West Big Beaver Road. Visit [www.macys.com/events](http://www.macys.com/events) for more information.



**Scarf Madness at the BBAC BIRMINGHAM** — During the month of March, all handmade fiber scarves will be 20 percent off at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Gallery Shop. Other one-of-a-kind fiber art is also on sale during March, including handmade concertinas (photo portfolios) and jewelry boxes by Ruth Heginbottom of Bellaboxes in Troy (starting at \$14). Proceeds from each sale go the artist who created the piece. The Gallery Shop is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook between 14 and 15 Mile Roads. Hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Call (248) 644-0866 or visit [www.BBACenter.org](http://www.BBACenter.org).

**Glitz Salon Donates Funds ROCHESTER** — Glitz of Rochester continues to raise money for Shelby Johnson, the sister of Glitz stylist Shari Sibb, who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. The salon raised \$5,000 last month during a party that featured a silent auction, "Bring Your Old Gold" event, and hair styling, eye-brow waxing and makeup applications donated by the Glitz professionals. Glitz Salons in Rochester, Lake Orion, Clarkston and Orion Township are still collecting money to help with Johnson's medical expenses. Call (248) 299-9110 or visit [www.glitzsalons.com](http://www.glitzsalons.com).

## Fashion Unleashed

WEST BLOOMFIELD — B'nai B'rith Youth Organization's 2008 Fashion Unleashed benefit will be held Saturday, March 15, at The Orchard Mall. BBOY members (like Geoff Horowitz of West Bloomfield, in 2007, at right) will model the newest outdoor clothes, casual attire and dressy fashions for spring, all provided by local stores. The fashion show and tribute to BBOY Senior Executive Director Arnold Weiner will begin at 9 p.m., followed by a dessert reception at 10:30 p.m. Tickets, \$10, students; \$20, adults, benefit BBOY programs for Jewish teens from all backgrounds. Call (248) 788-0700.



## pinklist

The Pink List focuses on events especially for women. Submit items at least two weeks in advance to Wendy Von Buskirk, [wvnb@hometownlife.com](mailto:wvnb@hometownlife.com).

### Laughter Lifts you Up

**LIVONIA** — Angela Hospice will host Laughter Lifts You Up 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The evening includes appetizers, a barbershop quartet, a plated dinner, a fruit and dessert bar, and keynote speaker Maureen Burns, who will discuss how laughter and humor can improve your life. Tickets, \$40 per person, benefit ALS patients at Angela Hospice. Call (734) 953-6014 or visit [www.angelahospice.org](http://www.angelahospice.org).



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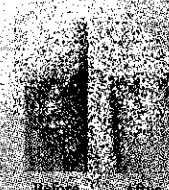
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