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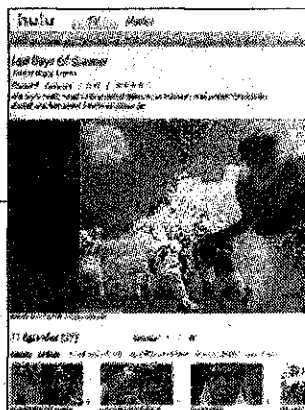
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## Township won't 'rubber stamp' plan

Academy wants swift approval on work to double size of school

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Supporters of the proposed expansion of Canton Charter Academy have implored the Canton Township Board of Trustees to move swiftly in approving the plan so that the facility's doors will be open in time for the next school year.

But township officials have said CCA got off to a slow start if they were planning to have the addition available to students in the fall.

"We just got your stuff," Trustee Melissa McLaughlin told Ted Lang, a CCA board member, at a recent board meeting. "(We won't) put the rubber stamp on it."

McLaughlin, who said any approval process needs time to pan out, questioned why CCA didn't submit its preliminary plans to the township last fall if

having the expansion open for the upcoming school year was crucial.

The Canton Planning Commission officially accepted paperwork for the plan, which would double the size of the school's 50,000-square-foot facility, on Jan. 14. Since that time, dozens of the academy's supporters have gone before the township board to express their desire to see the proposal approved.

The academy, which opened in 2000 and is chartered by Central Michigan University, is aiming to build onto its one-story building at Ford and Ridge roads. Enrollment would rise from 692 students to about 1,300.

According to school officials, CCA has a waiting list of 1,200 students for next year and only 80 openings.

"Don't let this year be lost,"

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Tell us what you think about Canton Charter Academy's plan to expand. Do you think it will negatively impact traffic at Ford and Ridge roads? Either e-mail your thoughts to editor Kurt Kuban at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com), or post a comment on our Web site at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

township won't rush the decision-making process.

"We are waiting for more information to come back," he said, pointing to a traffic study that has been reviewed by the township and sent back to the expansion's backers.

Until the traffic study is complete, McLaughlin said the issue can't go before the Planning Commission.

"The key issue is whether the state will permit a functioning light at Ridge and Ford," she said, noting that the traffic light just east of the intersection at the school's entrance may pose a problem in getting another light approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"MDOT has very strict standards."

Lang acknowledged that the township has concerns about the expansion's effect on traf-

said Lang, who has three children who attend the school. "(A) year is a lifetime for these students."

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said if CCA had submitted its plans to the township sooner, it "would have benefited everybody."

With traffic being the most important issue surrounding the expansion, Yack said the



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Canton Charter Academy, located at Ridge and Ford roads, has plans to expand.

fic but said the growth of the school would be worth hammering out the issue.

"This is a stellar academy and it is something worth getting behind," he said. "This is more than just a charter school. Whatever roadblocks exist, we can knock them down. We have been down this road before."

When plans for the acad-

emy first surfaced, the facility was tagged for a spot near the Ridge and Warren roads intersection. After a great amount of opposition, which was largely based on traffic issues, the proposal was revamped to place the school at its current location.

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Defendant Gary Steele talks with his attorney David Lee during a court hearing Monday.

## Court hearing postponed for cop accused of torture

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gary Allen Steele's preliminary examination has been postponed until April 11 at the request of his new attorney and the state.

Steele, 42, a Detroit police officer accused of torturing and assaulting his ex-girlfriend, was in 35th District Court Monday for the exam when his attorney,

David Lee, requested that the matter be adjourned. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Scott Ehlfeldt agreed.

When Steele, who had been called a model police officer by his previous attorney, entered the courtroom, his ex-girlfriend, Kimberly Ann Golematas, began crying and left with her

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## 'Eggtravagant' day

Two-year-old Anirudh Krishnan found lots of Easter eggs Saturday during Canton's annual Easter Eggtravaganza egg hunt at Heritage Park. The Easter Bunny Breakfast was held the same morning at Summit on the Park. For more photos and a story about the activities, please see page A3. You can also visit our Web site at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

## Prescribed burns to help survival of native plants

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Leisure Services, in connection with the Canton Fire Department and Municipal Services, is moving forward with plans for the first-ever prescribed burns in the township.

"This is an innovative practice," said Leisure Services director Ann Conklin, of the procedure which is expected to take place at the Sheldon

and Warren nature pond and the Flodin Park nature trail in the coming months.

In the works for more than a year, the prescribed burns would be used to encourage native plant regeneration in areas currently choked out by invasive species.

Leigh Thurston of Municipal Services said the burns would consist of a light, controlled fire that would barely penetrate the area's surface.

Burrowing animals, along with above-ground wildlife, would be safe from the flames.

"It would be very controlled and very safe," she said, adding that a prescribed burn couldn't go forth without proper weather conditions.

The township trustees, Todd LaJoy, Melissa McLaughlin, Karl Zarbo and Todd Caccamo, all supported the project.

"This is a part of a natural process

that brings the environment back to status quo," Caccamo said.

McLaughlin agreed.

"The corner of Sheldon and Warren would look so much better," she said.

Within a month of the burns, Thurston said native plants would begin to surface.

Park Supervisor Abe Vinitzki said preliminary estimates for burning the proposed 3.5 acres are about \$4,000. Conklin said the project isn't expected

to cost more than \$10,000. They are looking for a private company to do the burns and are receiving bids for the work.

The township is expected to mail flyers to homes near the burn sites explaining the process and procedure. A citizen's meeting is slated for the second of April.

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### Coming Sunday in Health



One woman's battle with lupus



## Canton Economic Club luncheon

The Canton Economic Club will meet on Wednesday, April 2, at 11:30 a.m., at the Summit on the Park, and feature guest speaker UAW President Ron Gettelfinger.

The Club, which is being reinstituted after an extended hiatus, will host semi-annual luncheons with special guest speakers. The luncheons were developed with the purpose of introducing Canton's business and professional sector to leaders in the areas of manufacturing, government, entertainment, health care and economics.

The cost is \$20. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (734) 394-5185.

## Corriveau coffee hour

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, invites residents to talk over a cup of coffee during an evening coffee hour at 6 p.m., March 31 at Parthenon Coney Island and Restaurant, 39910 Ford Road in Canton.

"Talking with residents about issues that are important to them and their families is a very important part of my job as a state representative," Corriveau said. "It's important for me to hear from residents so I can continue to do a good job of representing them in the Capitol."

Corriveau holds coffee hours, office hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns. If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, please contact his office at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737).

Corriveau also holds regular office hours three times a month: the first Monday of every month at the Wayne Public Library; the first Friday of every month at Northville City Hall; and the third Monday of every month at the Plymouth District Library. All office hours are from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

## 'Comedy Night' at Village Theater

If you are an inspiring comedians, you might be perfect for a Comedy Night at the Cherry Hill Village Theater on June 7. Some appreciation prizes will be awarded based on tickets sales. The event is being sponsored by the Plymouth High School Football Booster club and all proceeds will benefit

the Plymouth High School football program. If you are interested in participating as a comic, or in attending, contact Tiffany at (313) 300-7620 or e-mail ekj90@sbcglobal.net.

## 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.



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## Well-earned recognition

Canton High senior Allison Schmitt, who capped an extraordinary high school swimming career by placing first in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events at the Division 1 state meet at Eastern Michigan University, has been named one of the nominees for the Detroit Athletic Club's Michigan High School Athlete of the Year Award. This honor is awarded not only for athletic ability, but also for the academic and humanitarian efforts of high school student athletes. Each year six female and six male athletes are nominated to receive this honor. Winners of the 2008 Michigan High School Athlete of the Year Award will be announced during the annual Dodge National Athletic Awards, which will be held at the DAC on Monday, May 12. The program will be televised by WDIV Channel 4 and later broadcast by Comcast around the state.

## John Glenn reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20 year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Roma's of Garden City. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information please visit the Web site [jghs88reunion.com](http://jghs88reunion.com).

## St. Michael registration

Registrations are now being accepted at St. Michael Christian School in Canton. The school offers preschool (3 year old) through sixth grade, including the half day Young Fives and full or half day kindergarten. Their academic program is taught by qualified and credentialed teachers, and they support the development of the whole child in a small class size setting.

For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

## Fellows Creek fund-raiser

The Friends of Fellows Creek and Canton Leisure Services are offering an 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, located at 2936 S. Lotz Road.

By purchasing a permanent brick paver for yourself, your family, or a friend, you not only improve the appearance and functionality of Fellows Creek, but you also create a lasting legacy. Each paver is 4" x 8" 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 bench program offers a six-foot long bench with a 4" x 6" bronze plaque inscribed with up to four lines with 20

characters per line, including spaces. Bench plaques with your special message will be mounted directly onto your bench.

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

## 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.

## Rotary poker tournament

The Canton Rotary Club will host a poker tournament fund-raiser on March 29 at the Hickory Creek Golf Club, on Ridge Road north of Ford Road. Registration begins at 5 p.m., and the game starts at 6 p.m. The cost to play is \$50. Rebuys and add-ons are \$40 for the first hour. Prize money will be paid out to top eight players. After all payouts, all additional money will be used by the Rotary Club for service in the community.

For more information, contact Ken Beardsly at (734) 844-1901.

## Civitan's meeting

Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo will speak on the Canton quality of life and upcoming happenings at the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club's dinner meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at the

## Atlantis Restaurant.

The Civitans are looking for new members and invite the public to attend this meeting. The Atlantis is located at 39500 Ann Arbor Road just east of I-275 in Plymouth Township. Cost of dinner is \$17 per person (choice from three entrees) and the cost is \$17 per person. Trustee Zarbo will speak at 7:30.

Please RSVP to (734) 459-1896 or [kturnq01@comcast.net](mailto:kturnq01@comcast.net)

The Civitans are committed to community service, gaining knowledge through personal and professional development, and fellowship. Some of their service projects include Special Olympics, Paws with a Cause, Camp Civitan for the developmentally disabled, Adopt-a-Highway, and many more. For a complete list and more information about the club, visit <http://www.civitan.net/plymouthmich>.

## Mom 2 Mom sale

Children's clothes, toys, books, videos, maternity clothes, and more will be sold at 30-plus tables when the Canton Newcomers, a social, civic and charitable group host their public Mom 2 Mom sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 5 at Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway, Canton). A "large item" area and many great deals will be available.

This year's sale benefits the Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club. Strollers are welcome.

Admission is \$1. Plan to arrive early and bring a friend/neighbor. For more information about the sale or club, visit [www.cantonnewcomers.org](http://www.cantonnewcomers.org) or e-mail [amybrody@comcast.net](mailto:amybrody@comcast.net).

## Mom-to-Mom sale

St. Thomas a' Becket's "Mom-to-Mom Sale" will be on Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m.-noon in the church gym and classrooms. More than 70 tables and racks full of great finds for babies, toddlers and kids will be available, as well as 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 a.m.

St Thomas a' Becket Church is at 555 South Lilley Road, Canton. For more information contact the church at (734) 981-1333 or visit their Web site at <http://kirstemoline.com/mom-2mom.html>.

## Mom to mom sale

Connection Church (formerly Tri-City Christian) in Canton is having its Spring Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, April 5, at 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission. Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. For more info, please e-mail [mom2momsale@yahoo.com](mailto:mom2momsale@yahoo.com).

## Friends of Canton Farmers Market

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Applications are currently being accepted for the 2008 season. Stall rentals are available for the 15 market dates for \$100. The rental fee for each individual market date is only \$10. Vendor market applications and registration forms are available at [leisure.cantonmi.org](http://leisure.cantonmi.org) or by contacting the Market Master via e-mail at [kporchia@canton-mi.org](mailto:kporchia@canton-mi.org) or by calling (734) 394-5323.

For more information about Canton's growing Farmers Market, visit [leisure.cantonmi.org](http://leisure.cantonmi.org) or contact the Market Master at (734) 394-5323.

## Canton Newcomers meeting

The public is invited to learn the impact and rewards of "Giving the Gift of Life" at the Canton Newcomers Wednesday April 2 adult general meeting at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center, at 7:15 p.m.

In addition, sign up for more than 20-plus activities including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Scrapbooking, Couples Social, Ladies Night Out and more. Enjoy refreshments from the Shark Club and Back Home Bakery, and ask your banking questions of Citizen's Bank. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer.

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# An Easter warm-up

## Thousands show up for annual egg hunt and Easter Bunny visit

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Easter eggs and spring fever. Both were evident at Heritage Park Saturday for the township's annual Easter Eggtravaganza.

"It was just fun," said Jennifer Provenzano, township recreational specialist. "You could tell people were ready for spring, someone even had on shorts. We pride ourselves on creating traditions and people know they can count on us for some type of safe, family-friendly Easter activity."

The two-hour event featured visits from Mickey Mouse, Scooby Doo and Pablo the penguin from the Backyardigans.

"I didn't know about the song (and dance from the Backyardigans) but I heard it so many times, I'm totally in now," Provenzano joked about the popular tune from the Nick Jr. program. "Pablo was really popular."

Other attractions included a petting farm, craft area, build-an-Easter-Buddy sta-



Kevin Johnson, 3 years old, gathers eggs hidden on the play structure. He was at the event with his mom, Beth, and brother Alex.

tion and, of course, an egg hunt. Representatives from the Canton Fire Department and the police department's K-9 unit were also on hand interacting with residents.

Provenzano estimated that between 3,000-4,000 people attended the event.

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"We really lucked out with the weather," Provenzano said. "It was a little muddy but it was pleasantly warm. We had a great turnout despite Easter being early on the calendar."

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Above, Morgan and Brett Horning sit with the Easter Bunny as mom and dad Beth and Steve Horning take their picture. At left, the kids, and their parents, got a chance to mingle with the animals at the petting farm.



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supporters. Steele also cried and rested his head on his hand.

Steele was arrested March 4 after allegedly firing three shots from his revolver near Golematis at her Canton home. Ehlfeldt, who had pushed for Steele's \$5 million bond, said he struck the victim with a baseball bat and fired at least one of the shots near her head.

The couple, who had been dating for about six months, lived together briefly but were separating.

The charges against Steele include torture and assault with intent to murder, both felonies punishable up to life in prison; assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony; two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, four-year



Gary Steele reacts to seeing and hearing his ex-girlfriend in court on Monday.

felonies; weapon/firearm discharge in or at a building, a four-year felony; and weapons-felony firearm, punishable up to two years.

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## Have lunch or dinner with Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM

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 by midnight Saturday, March 22.

Daniels, the recipient of *Hour* magazine's Sexiest Voice Contest and the recent host of the WRIF Rock Girl Competition, describes herself as a wife and mom who enjoys inline skating and scuba diving. She's a certified 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* 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.



This month's winner will have lunch or dinner with Trudi Daniels, news host of WRIF-FM (101.1).

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.

In addition, Buddy's will make a \$500 donation to The Salvation Army in Daniels name.

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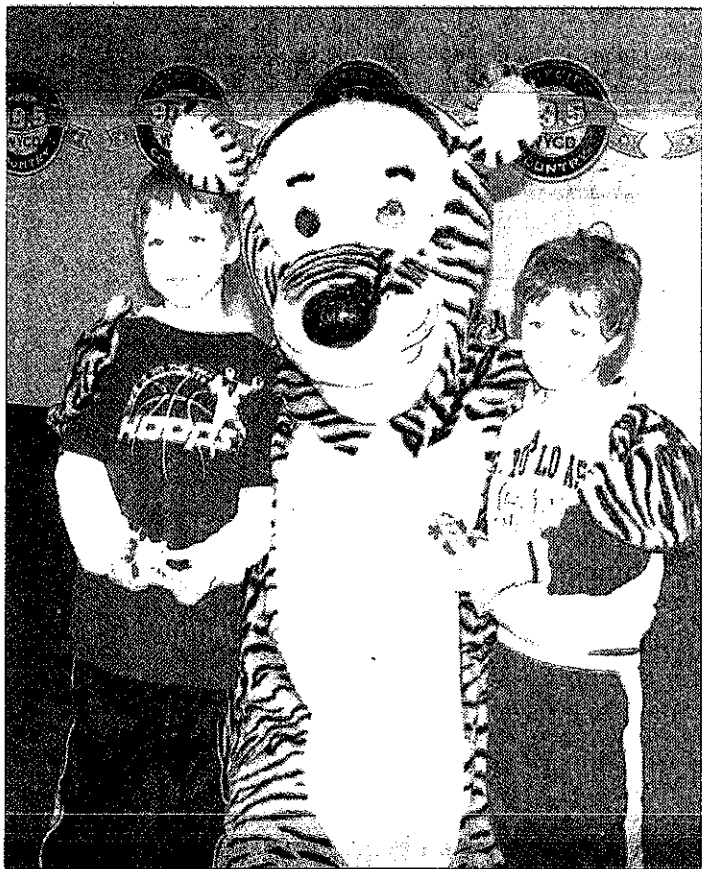
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### Celebrating the joy of reading

Reading Night at the Canton Public Library took place March 13 and was celebrated by people of all ages, including Dominic and Devin Gentry of Canton, who posed for a picture with Tigger. In all, about 70 people attended, listening to stories read by members of the community, including State Rep. Marc Corriveau, who read 'Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel' by Virginia Lee Burton. Radio personality Rachel Hunter from WYCD read 'Recess Queen' by Alexis O'Neill. Attendees also watched a video of Gov. Jennifer Granholm reading 'Buzzy the Bumblebee' by Denise Brennan-Nelson. Canton Public Library program specialist Kristen Tierney read 'Green Eggs and Ham' by Dr. Seuss, while Tigger lead the group in movement exercises to help get the wiggles out.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### Crop for a Cure

An all day scrapbooking event, Crop for a Cure, will be held 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in the gymnasium at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, Garden City. The cost is \$35 per person and includes lunch, dinner, beverages and snacks. Pay by March 20 and receive five free prize tickets for a raffle of scrapbooking and non-scrapbooking related merchandise. A Close to My Heart consultant will be on site with some cash-and-carry stock and limited supplies for purchase. Registration fee is non-refundable. First come, first serve. For more information, call Dawn Downer at (734) 502-4277 or contact her by e-mail at [downt@comcast.net](mailto:downt@comcast.net). All proceeds will benefit the 2008 Michigan 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk.

#### Mom2Mom sale

The Livonia YMCA will host a Mom2Mom Sale, 2-5 p.m., Sunday, March 30, at the YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, just north of

Schoolcraft. Tables are still available by calling Jean at (734) 261-2161 or (248) 615-1080. There will be a large item room, with furniture and baby equipment and a bake sale and hot dogs for sale to benefit the YMCA. Admission is \$1. Strollers are allowed after 3 p.m.

#### Call for choreographers

The Ann Arbor Civic Ballet is searching for choreographers from throughout Michigan to showcase their original pieces in the second annual Dance Michigan performance. AACB seeks all types of dance styles from classical ballet to modern dance set to music from Classical composers to Top Forty and everything in between. The performance will take place on Saturday, April 19, at the Saline High School Ellen Ewing Center for the Performing Arts. For more information on participating in the showcase or sponsoring Dance Michigan visit [www.annarborcivicalballet.com](http://www.annarborcivicalballet.com) or contact Mary Combi at (734) 668-8066 or [mcombi@comcast.net](mailto:mcombi@comcast.net)

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# Everyone should have a financial disaster plan

I saw the story last week about the crane disaster in New York and the tornado in Atlanta and other storms throughout the country. I have no doubt that over the next couple of months we will see some unpredictable weather here in Michigan. One story that gets lost in covering these tragedies is how people who survive and who have lost all financial records have to deal with issues that develop after a disaster.

It is never easy to deal with a natural disaster, but people who are organized have a better chance of dealing with the situation than those who are unprepared. It is important for everyone to have a plan in place to protect financial records. It is a good idea for everyone to have some sort of disaster plan in place.

A financial disaster plan



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institutions with your account number and any access information such as a PIN. Your disaster plan should also contain a list of your charge cards, account number and any other relevant account information.

To have an effective disaster file, it should also contain copies of your property insurance policies and any appraisals on property that you may have. In addition, it should have a video inventory of your home.

does not have to be complex or difficult. It has to be something that works for you.

What should be in a disaster file? A disaster file should contain a list of all your financial

After all, if your home was destroyed the video could be invaluable in dealing with your insurance company.

A disaster file should also contain a list of phone numbers, e-mail addresses and web sites for the professionals that you use such as insurance agents, attorneys and accountants. I also think it makes sense to have copies of your last three years worth of tax returns.

Like many things in life, we get motivated to do something and then we forget about it. Unfortunately, your disaster file is not something you can do once and forget about it. It just doesn't work that way. Every six months to a year you need to review your disaster file to make sure that it is current.

Having a disaster file is great, however, that may be immaterial unless it is kept

in the right place. My general rule is that a disaster file needs to be kept off location. Whether you use a safety deposit box at a bank or keep it at your office or even use one of the online services, don't keep your disaster file at home.

The majority of people will

never have to access their disaster file. However, think that if you were confronted by a natural disaster how much easier things will be if you do.

Before spring storms come to Michigan spend a few minutes to organize and prepare a disaster file. The time you spend now can will save you time, aggravation and a lot of money.

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## Conference focuses on mental health care

Two national leaders in mental health will be featured at Erasing Stigma, a regional conference that looks at the types of stigma and way to remove them as barriers to improving the health and quality of life for individuals with mental illness.

Terry Cline, administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services administrator of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and David Satcher, the 16th surgeon general, who oversaw a pioneering

report of the role of stigma in mental health, are among the speakers.

Other speakers include individuals who participate in mental health, employment, housing and other programs.

The conference will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Sponsors are the State of Michigan Department of Community Health, the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health

Agency, providers and consumers and the Statewide Anti-Stigma Committee.

Registration is required. The conference fee is \$60 and includes meals and conference training materials. To register or for more information, call the Virtual Center of Excellence at (734) 785-7793 or email [rsvp@vceonline.org](mailto:rsvp@vceonline.org).

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## Cooking up some help

Some 200 guests recently attended when the Keller Williams Realty Plymouth Market Center hosted a Chili Cook off fund-raiser which raised \$4,986 to donate toward medication and chemotherapy costs for Greg Borowiak, grandson of one of their agents, Marge Tack. "I couldn't be more proud of the hard work our KW Cares Committee and our agents did to help raise almost \$5,000 for Greg. I am blessed to lead such a fantastic team of caring agents," says Team Leader Mike Workman. As soon as the Plymouth Market Center heard Greg needed help the KW Cares Committee including Ray Velasco, Marge Tack, Jim Buettner, Melissa Sambrone and Ann Waight mobilized. Sponsors donated door prizes and 25 agents and staff donated batches of their best chili. An estimated 200 guests came through the office over the three-hour event.

# United Way's Jerry Trumpka remembered as a 'great friend'

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jerry Trumpka contracted polio at the age of 9 – three years before the Salk polio vaccine became available – enduring the pain of scalding hot towels on his legs and a cast from the waist down as part of his treatment.

It was fitting Trumpka was president of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary in 2003, an international organization whose effort since 1985 has been to eradicate polio worldwide. Trumpka, who suffered from post-polio syndrome, called it an emotional moment when he introduced a 15-year-old from Peru who wore a leg brace because of polio.

"I had to hold back the tears," said Trumpka at the early morning Rotary meeting. "I haven't seen a kid in a leg brace in years, and it brought back a lot of childhood memories. It was really tough."

Trumpka, 57, died Monday morning shortly after arriving for work at the Plymouth Community United Way office in downtown Plymouth, where he was operations associate. The organization serves both

the Plymouth and Canton communities. Trumpka, a presence around town riding his red scooter, collapsed and died from an apparent heart attack.

"He was a great employee and friend, he'll be missed by everyone," said Marie Morrow, PCUW president. "He was a very dedicated person and believed in the United Way. His goal was to help people, and no matter what you asked of Jerry he always did it."

Trumpka was instrumental in developing the Sandra Sagar Award, given by the Plymouth A.M. Rotary and named after a former Plymouth High School student who overcame the struggles of living with polio. A wall honoring all the recipients is visible inside the front entrance at the new Plymouth High School. Fellow Rotarian Deb Madonna said she first met Trumpka when his name surfaced as someone who could help initiate the award and \$500 scholarships in Sagar's name. "I called him up as a stranger and he said he'd help," said Madonna, who resides in Plymouth Township. "He identified with Sandy and took it personally. It was important to him that we get the wall done."



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Those close to him remembered Jerry Trumpka, shown here at a Plymouth Whalers game, as a 'great friend' after his passing Monday morning.

"Jerry really did care about helping other people, he was a quiet giver," she said. "He liked helping people because he felt he had been helped by the service groups when he was a kid. He felt a kinship to giving back to people."

Beth Stewart of Plymouth Township, current president of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary, said Trumpka's name will be placed along Sagar's in future scholarship awards. "Jerry was one of the founding members of our A.M. Rotary Club," said Stewart. "He was made an honorary member when his health precluded greater participation. "He will surely be missed, his enthusiasm and his love for people," she added. "He will be greatly missed by all members in our club."

Despite fighting the effects of polio all his life, Trumpka rarely let it get him down.

"Through all the difficulties, I

have been able to lead a productive life," said Trumpka to fellow Rotarians in 2003. "I've been married 25 years (now 30), we have a child and I have a job. I never thought I would be a club president of a group that fights polio, hands out scholarships and helps young people with adversities they face. I'm really blessed."

Trumpka is survived by his wife, Becky, and one daughter, Toni. Visiting hours at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth are scheduled for today (Thursday) 2-8 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

The funeral will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton Township.

Observer staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

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## Radio station faces cash crunch

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it rains it pours. The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park radio station, WSDP FM, recently spent \$3,500 to install a new cable between the transmitter and antenna. The defective cable, believed to be the original from 1972, forced the high school radio station at Salem High School off the air for about a week before resuming programming.

However, the money problems didn't stop there.

"The two circular antenna near the top of the tower also need to be replaced," said Bill Keith, station manager. "Right now, it does get our signal out. But, there's some concern there may be some water damage, which may be causing our problem with power reflecting back to the transmitter. We've gotten a good 30 years out of

them, so that's pretty good."

However, the student-run station operates on a subsidy from the school district budget, radiothons and donations. Another \$3,000 is a financial hit that will be difficult to handle. "It's definitely taking a dent out of our savings, but hopefully we'll keep it as minimal as possible," said Keith. "Maybe it's a chance for alums and supporters of the station to step up and help us out."

"I had one alumnae member donate money after stopping in and talking about the expenses related to the cable," he said. "The next day, there was a check in the mail for a portion of the expense. Hopefully, some other folks will step up, too."

Donations to WSDP can be made by calling Keith at (734) 416-7732, or with a credit card on the station's Web site at 881TheEscape.com.

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## TSA accepts signups for holiday meal

The Senior Alliance Holiday Meals program is gearing up to provide hot, festive meals to homebound seniors in the 34 southern and western Wayne County communities on Easter Sunday. And it's still not too late for individuals to sign up.

Seniors interested in receiving the meal must be homebound, age 60 years and older, or disabled and be home alone and without a meal on the holiday. Current recipients of home delivered meals are eligible for the holiday meal.

TSA has a meal request form available at senior centers in its service area that can be mailed to The Senior Alliance, 3850 Second St., Suite 201, Wayne, MI 48184. Meal request forms can also be obtained by calling Lori Toolles-Carrington at (734) 727-2063.

On the forms, the individual or individuals must indicate if they will alone on Easter Sunday. They must include their names, address and telephone number and name of apartment complex where applicable, as well as their age

and if they receive home delivered meals. One meal will be given to each eligible person.

With Easter on the horizon, Pete the Fuzzy Peep is back again to help The Senior Alliance raise money to serve even more homebound seniors this Easter holiday. Peeps are sold for \$5, which covers the cost of the meal for a homebound senior.

The holiday meals program serves dinners on Easter, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, however, there are 12 holidays throughout the

year that holiday meals are not served due to lack of funding. There is no state or federal funding for holiday meals; its existence is entirely dependent upon the generosity of individual donors. Anyone interested in contributing toward the program can make a check, payable to The Senior Alliance Holiday Meals, or "SAHM" in the memo area.

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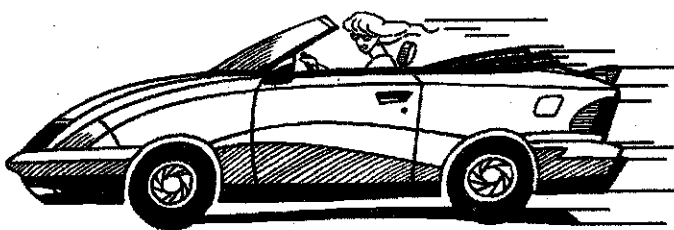
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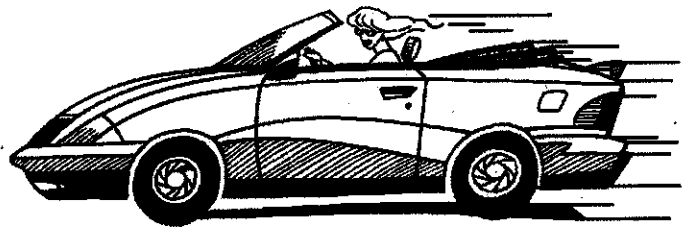
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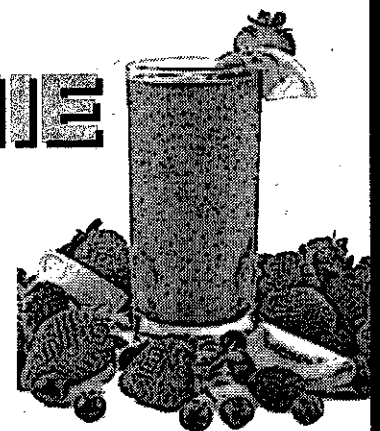
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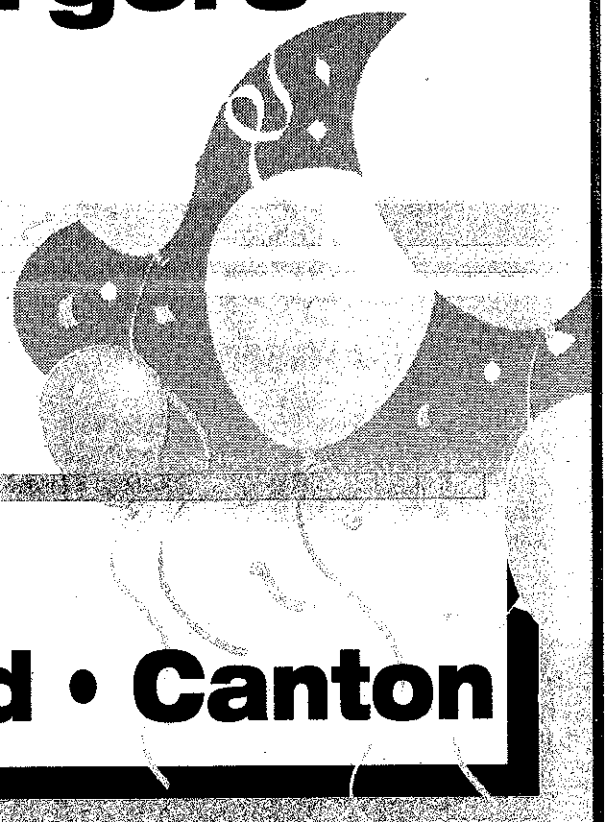
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## OUR VIEWS

# Issues to watch with schools chief

It didn't take long for the grumbling to start once the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education tapped Craig Fiegel as its new superintendent.

The primary gripes about Fiegel are his salary (\$195,000 per year, some \$34,000 more than the district was paying retired Superintendent Jim Ryan) and his experience (he's coming from an elementary school district of some 1,900 students).

Both are legitimate concerns, but frankly the bigger one for us is the experience. Fiegel is being paid \$180,000 under his current contract at Evergreen Park (Ill.) Elementary School District 124. He was already making more than Ryan, and he wasn't going to make this kind of move for the same money.

In fact, all of the finalists presented by the district's search firm were already out-earning Ryan. This hire was *always* going to cost the district more money. It's the price of doing business.

The larger issue will be Fiegel's ability to adapt to a huge district, where each of three high schools individually has more students than Fiegel's present district has collectively.

Even Fiegel himself admits there's going to be a "huge learning curve." But on a trip to his Illinois district last week, board members found nothing to dissuade them from the notion Fiegel could handle it. They voted 6-1 in favor of the hiring, and the lone dissent (from Trustee Dianne Gonzalez) was an issue of process rather than ability.

Gonzalez noted she'd rather have seen all the applications rather than just the ones presented the board by the search firm. While that's a "perfect world" scenario, it wasn't really feasible considering the number of applicants received. Besides, if the board was going to do that, it could have saved itself the \$25,000 it paid for the search firm (another bone of contention for some).

While the board will certainly have to keep an eye on Fiegel's adjustment, those wondering whether he can make the leap to such a large district need only remember this: Ryan oversaw districts in Reed City and Lansing Waverly, neither exactly zooming up the charts of the state's largest.

And Ryan's tenure turned out pretty well.

# Oh, thank heaven, spring has finally arrived

Considering most of us have been busy lamenting the lingering effects of a winter that has dumped more than 60 inches of snow on us, some of us might have missed the fact that the harbingers of spring have slowly started to creep back into our lives.

Flocks of robins have been returning to the area for weeks. The days are starting to get longer, and the temperatures are climbing out of the 30s. The Easter Bunny will be here this weekend. And the Detroit Tigers are nearly done with spring training, meaning Opening Day is just around the corner.

Today we can add to this list the calendar which, thankfully, tells us today is the first official day of spring. March 20 is the day most observers associate with the beginning of spring. It is the day of the vernal equinox — when the sun sits directly above the Earth's equator, and sunrise and sunset are about 12 hours apart. That means from here on out the days will grow longer than the nights until the summer solstice, when the tables will gradually be turned in night's favor once again.

But let's not think about that now.

Instead, let's think about the daffodils and tulips that will soon re-emerge from the soil. Let's think about the forests that will soon be bursting with wildflowers and the new leaves of the season. Let's think about barbecuing some burgers or dogs on the grill. Let's think about the warmth of the sun that will tan up some of our pale bodies. Let's think about heading out to the golf course, or fishing our favorite lake or stream. Let's think about the Tigers getting off to a great start on their way to hopefully winning their second pennant in three years.

So, let's just say so long to Old Man Winter. Please, please don't come back until after the Tigers win the World Series.

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## LETTERS

### Curiosity, not humiliation

It's a shame that Catherine Johnson has to give up her seat because of a remark that offended a few people in the township. I'm saddened that Supervisor Yack doesn't have more backbone and stand behind Ms. Johnson for her question. I'm sure Mr. Yack researched this and found it to be offensive, but to whom? I served in Vietnam and know that some religions urinate on land to mark it as their own, as probably many vets know about this ritual.

I think the Hindus of Canton should realize that this is the United States and our questions about them are out of curiosity and concern rather than humiliation. Being an understanding alien would make them more comfortable to live around also.

**Robert Denstedt**  
Canton

### Fine journalism

The March 13 edition of the *Canton Observer* includes an excellent column by Kurt Kuban ("Don't forget about our soldiers in debate on Iraq"). At the beginning, it concerns Todd Caccamo's efforts to assist troops in Iraq but then goes on to deal with the broader issue of the Iraq war. The portion on the war is insightful and particularly well done. It is a good read. A job well done, Mr. Kuban. This is fine journalism in my opinion, especially in a community newspaper.

**Raymond J. VanHoeck**  
Canton

### Salary is excessive

We live in Plymouth-Canton, not Chicago. For the \$195,000 that the school board is willing to pay new Superintendent Craig Fiegel, we could hire a teacher and an administrator. It goes without saying that the teachers that are constantly asked to take cuts, deserve more.

**Jan Vanderziel**  
Canton

### Issue with financials

Let's see here, we are threatening to cut busing to kindergarten, school trips, etc. We may lay off staff, teaching and otherwise. We continue to be in deficit spending, constantly scrambling to balance the budget.

So we hire a new superintendent who comes from a district one-10th the size of ours and we give him a raise from his current salary and \$30,000 higher than our current retiring superintendent, plus I will wager we are paying for his move here and are raising his expense account.

Now that sounds like good fiscal use of district money.

He may well be a highly qualified individual with plenty of accolades, but I don't feel he should be paid a higher salary than our retiring Jim Ryan until he has proven he can run this large of a district.

He comes from an elementary school district with a population of about 1,900. Therefore he has not dealt with middle school and high school academic and

athletic issues and their mindset, staff and students. It is a lot different than elementary. I do wish him the best and much success. I just have an issue with the financials.

**Robert Johns**  
Plymouth

### Why no polygraph?

I was deeply disturbed by the *Observer's* March 6, 2008, article about the results of a polygraph test, which may cast doubt on the identification of Alexander Letkemann. He and Jean Pierre Orlewicz are accused of killing Daniel Sorensen in November 2007, in a case referred to by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy as the "thrill kill" case.

Clearly, if Letkemann did not appear in the hardware store before the death of Sorensen, the element of premeditation could be negated and then Letkemann should not be charged with first-degree murder.

Your article stated that during the preliminary hearing, the store manager stated that she saw Letkemann in her hardware store looking at hatchets and torches just two days before Sorensen was brutally murdered. In the very next paragraph, the article cites police reports reading that the manager was not absolutely certain that she saw Letkemann and that she may have simply recognized him from media reports.

Eyewitness reports are often the most unreliable pieces of evidence, but the most compelling and believable to juries. Convicted felons who were actually innocent have been placed in jail by sincere but mistaken eyewitnesses, only to be released later on DNA evidence.

Your article states that Letkemann voluntarily submitted himself to a polygraph test regarding whether he had gone to the hardware store in question before the killing of Sorensen. Letkemann passed the test, and his attorneys are asking that prosecutors not simply use their private test, but that Letkemann would take a polygraph test with the Michigan State Police.

Why prosecutors would refuse to do this boggles me. If they are so certain that Letkemann was in the hardware store days before the murder and they want to use this to prove premeditation, this polygraph (although inadmissible in evidence) would make their case for first-degree murder a slam dunk victory.

Like it, love it, or hate it, all prosecutors represent the People of the State of Michigan, and Letkemann is one of those people. The prosecutors working on this case should have Letkemann take the polygraph test administered by the Michigan State Police. There may be other evidence that can prove premeditation, but the media accounts have not made me aware of any. Why seek charges for first-degree murder if evidence cannot prove that he committed that crime?

Letkemann should be punished and serve time in prison for whatever crimes he did commit. (I will not sugarcoat it — media reports of his statements to police say that he dismembered and tried to dispose of Sorensen's body after his brutal death). That is part of our penal

system: to punish for the offense, keep the community safe from the offender, and rehabilitate the offender so that he can contribute to society in a positive way once released.

There is no sense, however, in trying and convicting a man of a crime that he did not commit.

I maintain that the prosecutors on this case should continue to pursue justice in this case for all crimes committed — but only prosecute for those crimes committed and supported by evidence.

**Jennifer M. Harvey**  
Harvey Legal Group, PLLC  
Northville

### Which bag to choose?

Viewing the candidates like three people carrying their own individual brown paper bags.

One, a fresh, compelling, slow-speaking candidate suggesting something called hope and dancing hyperbole, carrying no concrete evidence of achievement. The second one, totting a bag holding claims to extraordinary experience and solutions but a bag large and heavy with air alone. Then comes the uncomplicated older guy carrying a bag with only simple facts, blunt but honest talk, personal characteristics of unique quality and a background of experience with problems actually solved. In such an important national lottery over which bag will the public choose to risk its future.

Real life is hard to maintain with a bombardment of the easy political promises toward the self-interest of Americans. Not wholly unlike the optimism about promised leadership in Michigan, the downside was invisible until the potholes showed up. A specific pothole of support of political aimlessness will be a forthcoming horror caused by the rush to corn-based ethanol with ignorance of the reality of its energy intense production requirement, as a fuel a terrible effect on the environment.

The worst will be the price paid by all in the cost of the American public's food supply. The food costs will expand public misery coupled with additional "investment" tax plan cards still remaining covered up by tin horn politicians. Then, the scramble for fault-finding will be again something to behold.

**James Nowka**  
Northville

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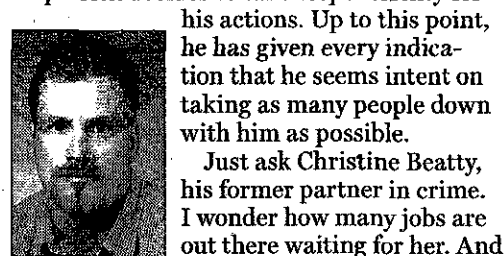
**"Many of our schools were built in the 1950s when air conditioning wasn't a priority. Air conditioning and parking are two issues we hear a lot about. Back then they didn't make parking lots for 400 cars."**

- Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland superintendent, on reasons why the district may seek a new bond next year



## Kwame's tirade only deepens region's racial quagmire

Well, the house of cards is starting to fall. What remains to be seen is just how many will actually come crashing down before Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick decides to take responsibility for his actions. Up to this point, he has given every indication that he seems intent on taking as many people down with him as possible.



Kurt Kuban

Just ask Christine Beatty, his former partner in crime. I wonder how many jobs are out there waiting for her. And then there's attorney and onetime City Councilwoman Sharon McPhail, who certainly hasn't looked very good in the days since the *Detroit Free Press* broke the text messaging scandal. Both women have had their reputations tarnished — maybe irreparably — and they are not alone. But it is obvious Kilpatrick isn't concerned about anyone's reputation save his own.

In fact, he has been particularly unforgiving on all those people who have had the audacity to question him on why he would lie under oath about his extramarital affair with Beatty and then ultimately cost the taxpayers \$8.4 million to cover it up.

He has come out and accused the *Free Press* and other media outlets as being an unethical lynch mob out to get him and his family. He has also been harsh on members of the Detroit City Council, especially President Kenneth Cockrel Jr., who the mayor called out in his recent State of the City address.

In fact, in that speech, the mayor made it quite clear he isn't all that concerned about the reputation of the city itself, nor the region as a whole. To protect his own skin and his political fiefdom, Kilpatrick decided to play the old reliable race card, which has always been a winner in these parts.

Let's face it, his use of the "n-word" was a political calculation. Hey, I have no doubt there have been scum that have sent him hate mail or shouted the "n-word" in his direction on the street. But their actions don't reflect my opinions or the majority of white people in the suburbs. Yet the mayor seemed to be telling his black constituents that "the white suburbs are trying to bring me down and tell us how to run things" — a common theme when he finds himself in political trouble.

Unfortunately, Kwame is just the latest to use metro Detroit's racial divide to his own political advantage. White suburban leaders have been using it pretty much since the Detroit riots of 1967. Just as Kwame preys on black Detroiters' bitterness toward years of white racism, suburban leaders, dating back to Dearborn Mayor Orville Hubbard, have mined the white fear of black crime as a way to get elected.

It seems only under such negative circumstances is the issue of race really discussed, creating an us vs. them atmosphere that

has made southeast Michigan one of the most segregated regions in the country. If we really want to solve the problem, what we need is a little honesty as well as some understanding.

I think the first step is to recognize that there are plenty of legitimate concerns to go around.

Detroit is a shell of the city it once was. Institutional racism played a role in this, as did "white flight." But blacks must accept some blame as well. Crime has helped destroy the city of Detroit. And that crime has begun to spill out into the inner-ring suburbs and has been a driving force behind suburban sprawl. As blacks move out of Detroit, and some of the crime comes with them, white families keep moving further and further away.

I don't think it's because they (at least the majority of them) are racist bigots at their core. Many good people I know have moved to Milford, South Lyon, or Brighton because they are concerned for the welfare of their families. They see heinous crimes committed by blacks, and they just want to get away.

I have lived in the Wayne-Westland area pretty much my entire life. When I was a kid, there were very few African-American residents. In recent years that has changed, as it has in other inner-ring suburbs. Let's just say integration hasn't necessarily been a smooth transition. Certainly crime has spiked.

For example, back in December, not two blocks from my home, a black man brutally assaulted a beloved female shop owner, stabbing her more than a dozen times, only to quit when she played dead. He did this to steal her purse.

A couple of years ago, I was riding my bicycle near my home and two black males, who were walking by, pulled a gun out and pointed it at my head. They threatened to kill me if I didn't give them my bike and my wallet.

These are not isolated incidents, nor are they relegated to Wayne or Westland.

Some of these things I just can't comprehend and scare the hell out of me, especially because I have three young children. But I also understand that these actions don't represent the actions of all African-Americans. And I also understand there are underlying reasons that lead many blacks to commit crimes — socio-economic, educational and even desperation. We as a region need to try to solve these issues, just as we need to stamp out white racism.

But I don't think Kwame or many of our other so-called leaders are interested in really getting to the roots of the problem. Instead of honest dialogue, they revert to inflammatory speech or pointing of fingers. It may work for them, but it only widens our region's racial gulf.

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## Lifelong learning message needs touting from all sectors

One of Michigan's major handicaps has been the profound ignorance most families have about the vital importance of higher education to their children's future.

Fortunately, a solution may finally be in sight.



Phil Power

But now as for decades, the prevailing culture scandalously disrespects learning. The single most depressing statistic I've seen was in a *Detroit News* statewide poll last year. That survey found that only 27 percent of Michigan families believed post-high school education and training was vital to the success of their children.

That means nearly three-quarters of adults in this state feel getting a high school diploma sets their kids up for life.

That might have been true 40 years ago, when they could hope to catch on with, as the workers put it, "Ford's" or "Generous Motors." But nobody who knows anything about today's financially interconnected flat world believes this anymore.

The sad fact that so many Michigan families still think that way shows the continuing power of our "assembly-line culture," that had endured for generation upon generation. In that world, a brawn-based job on the line is the fastest and swiftest route to financial security.

But that world is as gone as the tail fin. So what's going to change this deeply rooted, deeply dangerous habit of thought? It won't be speeches, sermons, even newspaper columns like this one.

It will take something that affects directly thousands and thousands of Michigan families. Fortunately, there's something on the horizon that can do that. It's shown in an important study prepared by the Center for Automotive Research and sponsored by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. The bottom line: After a decade of downsizing, the auto companies are going to start hiring again.

The big question: What kinds of skills will they require?

Let's peer into the future:

1) Over the next eight years, Detroit automakers plan to hire 77,000 new workers in the U.S., 46,000 of those in Michigan. Within the next four years, the automakers should hire around 36,000 workers in Michigan, 24,000 for hourly production jobs, the rest salaried.

2) This hiring will come on the heels of continued massive job losses in the auto industry. The auto industry, which already has downsized by hundreds of thousands, will cut more than 14,000 jobs over the next four years and around 20,000 jobs through 2016.

3) Then why are they hiring new workers? Simple. Their new contract with the United Auto Workers union makes it worthwhile. New non-assembly jobs will pay \$14 per hour, about half what they used to pay, and won't include retiree health care or pension benefits.

Result: It's plainly in the companies' interest to get rid of expensive older workers and hire less expensive new labor.

The Detroit car companies are expected to hire around 19,000 hourly workers in Michigan next year. That's enormous — a number equivalent to one-sixth of the expected total graduation class from Michigan high schools.

The crucial question is this: What kind of education level and work experience will the auto companies require? If they demand education credentials and skills well beyond just a high school diploma, they'll be making a direct attack on Michigan's long-established and backward cultural disrespect for learning.

A small precedent already has been established: Chrysler's successful engine plant in Dundee, which is a joint venture with Mitsubishi and Hyundai. Workers there must have at least an associate's degree from a community college to get a job. Unfortunately, the plant only employs around 500, not enough to affect attitudes in thousands of Michigan families.

However, if the automakers do collectively hire some 19,000 people in this state next year, that is a number big enough to achieve critical mass in changing public attitudes.

What Michigan needs to realize is that the auto industry has transformed its manufacturing basis from a brawn-based to a brain-based model. It's no longer enough for a new hire to get to work more or less on time and not get into fights with his or her foreman.

Today, auto workers need high levels of literacy, math, computer and communications skills. They'll need to be able to learn on the job, to change as the technology changes. And they'll have to have an open attitude toward learning to survive.

All this offers Michigan a terrific chance to attack our long-standing cultural bias against learning after high school.

The auto companies themselves would find it in their interest to launch an initiative with the high schools and community colleges to urge young people to keep learning. Mike Flanagan, Michigan's smart and sensible superintendent of schools, should convene a top-level meeting with human resource leaders to send the message to Michigan families. In turn, the Michigan Economic Development Corp., Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the leaders in the Legislature should reach out to the media and advertising industries to promote the necessity of lifelong learning.

We've got a terrific opportunity staring us in the face, right now, to start changing the generations-long, harmful attitudes that have helped to cripple our state. So let's grab it!

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## No. 1 seed Kitchener on deck for Whalers

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## OHL PLAYOFFS

In a perfect world, gas would cost \$2 a gallon (not \$3.35), this month's temperatures would be hovering around 70 degrees (not 40), and the Plymouth Whalers would be facing Kitchener in the Ontario Hockey League *finals* (not in this week's first round).

If the Whalers are going to defend their 2006-07 title, they're going to have to do it the hard way beginning Friday night when they travel to Kitchener to face the OHL's most-dominant team during the 07-08

campaign.

Led by goalie Steve Mason and explosive forward Justin Azevedo — the league's leading scorer — the Rangers earned the No. 1 seed after ripping through the regular season with a 53-11-3 record (110 points).

The Whalers, on the other hand, limped in with a 2-6-0-2 mark over their final 10 games, which dropped their record to 34-28-2-4 and their seed from No. 5 to No. 8.

Making matters worse is the questionable status of Plymouth's

All-Star goalie Jeremy Smith, who missed the last two weeks of the regular season with an injury.

Smith started skating again early this week, but his availability was up in the air as of Tuesday.

"It's going to be a great challenge for us, there's no doubt about that," said Plymouth coach Greg Stefan, referring to his team's first-round opponent. "Ideally, we'd be a No. 4 or 5 seed and we'd have an easier first-round opponent, but I think the guys are excited about playing Kitchener and they're ready to go."

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## FIRST-ROUND CHALLENGE

**What:** First round (best-of-seven) of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs;

**Who:** No. 8 seed Plymouth (34-28-2-4) vs. No. 1 seed Kitchener (53-11-3);

**When:** Game 1 - Friday at Kitchener; Game 2 - Saturday at Plymouth;

Game 3 - Monday at Kitchener; Game 4 - March 26 at Plymouth; Game

5 (if necessary) - March 28 at Kitchener; Game 6 (if necessary) - March

29 at Plymouth; Game 7 (if necessary) April 1 at Kitchener; all games in

Kitchener start at 7:30 p.m.; all games in Plymouth start at 7:05 p.m.

**Players to watch:** Plymouth is led by All-Star goalie Jeremy Smith and veteran forward Chris Terry, who finished sixth in the OHL scoring race with 101 points (44 goals and 57 assists); Kitchener is led by the OHL's top scorer, Justin Azevedo, who racked up 43 goals and 81 assists.

**Familiar face:** Kitchener is coached by former Whalers strategist Pete Deboer.

## Sidelines

## MU adds keeper

Madonna University women's soccer coach Paul Thomas announced the signing Wednesday of Woodhaven goalkeeper Macie Carevic.

Carevic was named to the All-Mega Conference squad and earned team MVP honors as a junior.

"She is a big, physical presence in the net with her ability to stop shots, her communication with the backline to direct and dictate what they do and how they play," Thomas said. "She has played with a top club team in the Michigan Rush and has played alongside another of our newcomers, Nicole Rodriguez at Woodhaven. Bringing in teammates is also a plus."

MU, 8-7-2 a year ago, also has recruited mid-fielder Taylor Adkins (Livonia Stevenson), forward Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin/Schoolcraft College), midfielder Diana Brda (Franklin/U-M-Dearborn) and goalie Brit Warner (Canton/Oakland University) in the fold.

Other recruits include defenders Chelsea Shrewsbury and Allie Zemaitis, both of Milford.

## MU gets spiker.

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced the signing Wednesday of 5-foot-9 outside hitter Megan Fricke, an All-Region and All-Mega Conference selection from Wyandotte.

Fricke, who plans to study psychology, was also a Mega Conference All-Academic selection and four-year honor roll member.

Fricke is Abraham's second recruit joining 6-1 middle hitter Marie Martin of Canton.

## Vickers honored

Canton resident Ryan Vickers will be inducted into the Oglethorpe University Athletic Hall of Fame during the school's annual Alumni Awards Banquet Friday, March 28. Vickers will be honored for his performance on the Stormy Petrel basketball team.

At McIntosh (Ga.) High School, Vickers starred on the varsity basketball team, serving as captain his junior and senior years. Before graduating, he helped lead his team to the regional championship his senior year. While attending Oglethorpe, Vickers started in every game during his four-year basketball career and helped lead Oglethorpe to its first SCAC conference championship, as well as two NCAA tournament appearances. Vickers served as team captain and was a three-time All-Conference selection. In Oglethorpe's record books, he sits as the school's sixth all-time leading scorer, third all-time in three-pointers made, third all-time in three-point shooting percentage and 12th all-time in assists.



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Former Major League pitcher Bill Zepp, a Plymouth Township resident, relates some of his Major League baseball experiences during a free lecture held March 13 at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The bunting on the podium is from the 1968 World Series.



Pictured (from left) are Abigail Mikaelian of Plymouth, Ron Hamernik of Canton, Bob White of Plymouth and Kurt Walser of Livonia looking over some of the baseball memorabilia on display as part of the Plymouth Historical Museum's 'Batter Up! Generations of Baseball' exhibit.

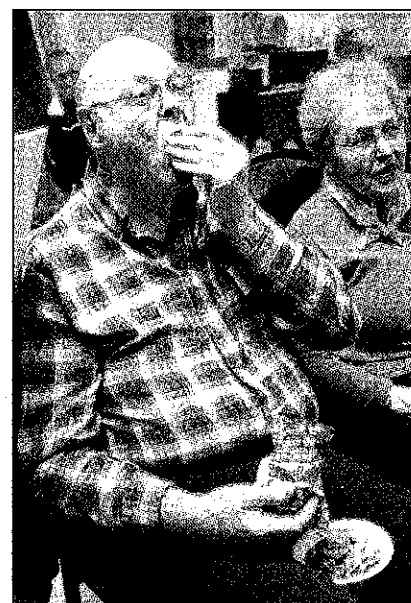
A trip down  
memorabilia lane

Plymouth Historical Museum exhibit stocked with fan-pleasing items

If you're a die-hard baseball fan in need of a fix before the Detroit Tigers 2008 Opening Day game against Kansas City on March 31, the Plymouth Historical Museum has an exhibit designed just for you.

The exhibit "Batter Up! Generations of Baseball" is a baseball fan's dream as it includes memorabilia from early Plymouth-area teams, the Tigers, the Negro Leagues and the All-American Girls Baseball League.

There are plenty of Tigers-related artifacts — both new and old — as well, including Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander's 2006 World Series jersey, the rubber from which Verlander threw his 2007 no-hitter; Magglio Ordonez's bat and batting helmet from the 2007 season; Al Kaline's batting helmet and

Please see **MEMORABILIA, B3**

Dale and Albina Miller of Plymouth Township were riveted by the free baseball-related lecture offered at the Plymouth Historical Museum March 13.

## PCEP skaters shine at state meet

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park figure skating team secured its status as one of the top squads in Michigan at Saturday's Michigan High School State Finals Figure Skating Championships at the Novi Ice Arena.

The PCEP skaters' "A" team tied for fourth with Lakeland-Milford in the 13-team competition as they accumulated 24 points. United Farmington captured the title with 38 points, five more than runner-up Christian Combined. Midland was third with 27 points.

PCEP compiled 12 points in spins, nine in moves and three in jumps.

"I thought the girls performed pretty well," said PCEP coach Barb Miller. "It wasn't a flawless performance, but they

Please see **SKATERS, B2**

Several members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park figure-skating team turned in top-10 performances at Saturday's individual state competition in Novi. Harmisha Hoggatt is pictured holding trophy. Others pictured (from left) are Breanna Schnur, Brooke Siepierska, Elyssa Rautiola, Marissa Ziegler and Amanda Allan. Not pictured are Melissa Buck and Danielle Desilets.



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Pictured (from left) are Plymouth-Canton Educational Park figure-skating team members Breanna Schnur, Elyssa Rautiola, Brooke Siepierska, Julia Beydoun, Torrie Vlcek, Allie Laurin, Olivia Ziegler, Alyssa Albers and Tara Stacey. Not pictured is Susannah Lyddon.



SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball showcase

Precision Baseball in Canton will host a ShowcaseU camp on Monday, March 24, for high school baseball players 14 years old and older. For a \$175 fee, ShowcaseU develops a profile for each player that includes video of the athlete in action, a person bio, photos, game stats, camp evaluation and more. College coaches can then search for players that fit their program's needs on www.showcaseu.com. A three-hour block of time has been set aside for pitchers and catchers from 1-4 p.m. Position players will go from 4-7 p.m.

Registration is limited to 25 players per session. To reserve a spot, visit www.showcaseu.com. Precision Baseball is located at 7835 Market St. in 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.

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.

Northville Recreation

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

■ Adult women's and co-ed softball leagues are set to begin Tuesday, May 6. The entry fee is \$445 per team for an 11-game schedule.

■ 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.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Whalers forward Chris Terry will lead a potent Plymouth Whalers offense into the first round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs. Terry registered a team-leading 101 points (44 goals and 57 assists) during the regular season.

WHALERS

FROM PAGE B1

"The last three weeks have been like playoff hockey for us, battling for positioning, so that will help us heading into the real playoffs."

If the Whalers' world-class net-minder can't go, the defensive anchor duties will fall on the shoulders of inexperienced Matt Hackett, who turned in some solid efforts in Smith's absence.

"Our back-up has done a nice job against some very good teams while Jeremy's been out," said Stefan. "But Jeremy is a big reason why the Whalers won the championship last year and his playoff experience would definitely be a plus for us against Kitchener."

A couple of veterans will be leading the Whalers' offensive attack. Chris Terry, who racked up 44 goals and 57 assists (sixth in

points in the OHL) and Andrew Fournier (35-40) should give Mason, who was acquired mid-season from the London Knights, on his toes.

Azevedo, who had one red-hot stretch when he piled up 51 points in just 21 games, will be complemented by high-scoring forwards Mikkel Boedker (29-44) and Nick Spaling (38-34).

The Rangers are coached by former Whalers mentor Pete Deboer, someone Stefan knows well.

"We coached together here for about four or five years, so we're good friends," said Stefan. "Pete always has his teams well-prepared, but we'll be ready, too."

Following Friday night's opener, the series will return to Compuware Arena for Game 2. The opening faceoff is set for 7:05 p.m.

Game 4 is also set for Compuware on Wednesday at 7:05 p.m.

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2017 - Bruce Hall - Misc Items  
2032 - Tydala Brown - Couch, Love Seat, Microwave  
3016 - Bruce Hall - 2 Bicycles, 10 Boxes, Refrigerator  
4019 - Stephanie Jackson - Entertainment Center, 2 totes, Mini-Refrigerator  
4044 - Christopher Barnett - 4044 - Couch, 2 End Tables, Mattress

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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INVITATION TO BID

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

ROUGE RIVER TRAIL PLANTS - RIVER DAY 2008

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Personal property described below in the matter of:  
3033 - George Chen - Washer, Dryer, 2 TVs  
3048 - Daniel Smith II - 50 Boxes, Sofa, Dresser  
4074 - Barry Gates - 20 Totes, Tool chest, Luggage  
4267 - Alina Latleche - 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 Totes, 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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Personal property described below in the matter of:  
2026 - Damon Ray Banks - 2 Mattresses, Loveseat, Vanity  
2037 - Shawn Booth - Dresser, Couch, 4 Chairs  
3026 - 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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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
Cherry Hill Orchards Subdivision  
Street Lighting Special Assessment

NOTICE is a hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, to all property owners in the proposed district described below and to all other interested persons:

1. That a petition for the formation of a special assessment district for the installation and maintenance of street lighting has been filed with the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, pursuant to Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1917, as amended.

2. That hearing on the said petition concerning the necessity of said improvement and the formation of this special assessment district will be held before said Board of Trustees at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, on the 22nd day of April, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

3. That any property owner or other person interested in said proceedings may appear at said hearing, file objections to the entire petition or any part thereof, and be heard on said objections.

4. That the proposed special assessment district is located in the Charter Township of Canton and is described as follows: Lot numbers 1 through 247, Cherry Hill Orchards Subdivision; NW 1/4 Section of 23T2S R8E L9S P74 TO 76; Register of Deeds, Wayne County Michigan.

5. That said petition and the estimated costs and expenses of said assessment are filed in the office of the undersigned at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, and may be examined at any time during the regular business hours of said office, prior to said hearing.

6. That any property owner or other interested person who fails to appear and object to said petition or to the formation of the proposed special assessment district at the time and place of said hearing may be deemed to have waived his right to object under Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1917.

7. That proposed layout of actual streetlight placement can be viewed in the Office of the Township Clerk between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. AFTER INSTALLATION, MINOR VARIATIONS MAY OCCUR IN THE LAYOUT BECAUSE THE ACTUAL PLOTTING OF LIGHTS HAS NOT BEEN FIELD TESTED BY DETROIT EDISON.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK  
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Personal property described below in the matter of:  
1045 - Earl Gibbons - Dryer, Refrigerator, Washer  
1058 - Jonathan Rose - Kitchen Chairs, 50 Boxes, Filing Cabinet  
2006 - Jerrell Steele - 8 Boxes, Microwave, Misc Items  
2064 - Carl Brandt - 50 Boxes, Radio, Misc Items  
3025 - Sean Truex - 20 Boxes, 3 Lamps, Couch

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-  
March 11, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended deleting Public Hearing, G-8 and G-5. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of February 26, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. **Motion carried unanimously. PUBLIC HEARING:** 1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REMOVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER. DELETED **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR CHERRY HILL ORCHARD SUBDIVISION REQUEST TO CREATE STREET LIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ON APRIL 22, 208. Approved Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING ST. THOMAS BECKET'S "MOM-TO-MOM" SALE. Approved Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CONNECTION CHURCH MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS) MOM TO MOM SALE. Approved **GENERAL CALENDAR:** Item 1. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR ST. JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH BUILDING EXPANSION (CANTON CENTER FOR ADVANCED MEDICINE AND SURGERY). Approved Item 2. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR MEDICAL OFFICE - KIRKO BUSINESS PARK. Approved Item 3. CONSIDER THE PAYMENT OF ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEES FOR EXISTING ESRI (ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC) SOFTWARE. Approved Item 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 40 PAKFLATT VOTING BOOTHS 4-IN-1 FOR ELECTION PRECINCTS. Approved Item 5. APPROVE PURCHASE OF TRUCKS, PARKS DIVISION. DELETED Item 6. APPROVE PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER AND PLANT PROTECTANTS. Approved Item 7. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF SOFTBALLS FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER. Approved Item 8. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR CARNIVAL ATTRACTIONS AT LIBERTY FEST AND FALL FESTIVAL. DELETED Item. 9. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR USSSA SANCTIONING FEES FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER. Approved Item 10. APPROVE PURCHASE OF TROPHIES FOR 2008 SOFTBALL SEASON AT CANTON SPORTS CENTER. Approved Item 11. AWARD BID FOR LEISURE SERVICES APPAREL AND AWARDS. Approved Item 12. SUMMIT CARPET REPLACEMENT Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 Approved OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will be a study session meeting on March 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) after Board Approval.  
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Baseball historian Raymond Rolak talks about the Hillerich Bradsby Black Bat Trophy as former Major Leaguer Bill Zepp (seated left) looks on.

## MEMORABILIA

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jersey; and Hal Newhouser's World War II uniform.

The Tigers items are on loan from Hlitch Holdings, Inc.

Other exhibit highlights include a mock Tiger Stadium, with auctioned seats; a Civil War print of a baseball game in a Confederate prison; and uniforms worn in the movie *A League of Their Own*.

On March 13, the museum hosted a free baseball-themed lecture that was sponsored by the Plymouth Historical Society.

Among the speakers were Raymond Rolak, who spoke about the "Mystery of the Black Bat Trophy", and Bill Zepp, a Plymouth Township resident who pitched for the Minnesota Twins and Tigers in the late '60s and early '70s. Zepp related stories about the history of town baseball.

Rolak, who played col-



Barbara Bushta of Livonia wore her Magglio Ordonez jersey to the free lecture at the Plymouth Historical Museum March 13.

lege baseball at Wayne State University, talked about players who were awarded the Hillerich and Bradsby Black Bat Trophy, a full-sized black ebony bat that was awarded to all national championship teams — from Little League to

World Series winners.

The exhibit opened Feb. 8 and will run through early June.

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# Hockey is a ‘girl thing’ in Farmington Hills league

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Remember those old photographs of the stereotypical hockey player, featuring gap-toothed grins?

The image is changing.

A gentle revolution is embarking at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills, where players wear hair scrunchies and pink skate laces — and spend far too much time in the locker room chatting about pajama parties than about one-timers.

Yep, those players are girls. And they happily come from all over metro Detroit to play in Suburban's "It's a Girl Thing" house program — geared toward helping those of all experience levels (including true beginners) play hockey in a fun atmosphere.

"My daughter (Sophie) is 8 years old and has been playing for two years," said Redford's Jean Kanar. "And in her words, she 'loves, loves, loves to play hockey.'"

By the way, Sophie loves it so much that she plays on two Under-12 teams there, the Shiver and Ice (which play in different divisions).

**PERSISTENCE PAYS**

Farmington Hills' Jeff Keyser said he really didn't take seriously how much his daughter, Katie, wanted to play hockey until last year. Of course, like any hockey player, it doesn't take much for the sport to grab hold of someone.

"She kept bugging me for several years to play hockey and I had no idea there was even a girls league in town," said Keyser, whose daughter, 12, is on the Under-14 Freeze.

But she first came home with a flier about a Hockey Day in Michigan youth clinic at Joe Louis Arena and soon found out about the Suburban Ice program.

"I probably dragged her to enough Red Wings games," said Keyser, laughing about Katie's hockey bug. "She just wanted to play. I don't know. She's wanted to play since she was 6 or 7 and kept asking."

"And I never played hockey, so I didn't really know how to get her started. I told her if she filled out the form I'd send it in. She did, she loved it and I asked how to get her going in hockey, and we came here."

Canton resident Sheryl Kosco said her 9-year-old daughter Sarah enrolled in "It's a Girl Thing" the same way, following introduction to hockey at the Joe Louis youth clinic.

The family had moved from Kentucky, where Sarah played at age 7 in a league including 10-year-old boys.

"From there (the clinic), Suburban got a hold of us, with e-mails," Sheryl Kosco said. "In the summer, we put her in a one-week summer camp, she really loved it and we signed her up for the (fall-winter) league."

"She loves it. She loves to skate, for one thing. It's not as scary as playing with boys."

For those and many other families, Suburban Ice had the answers. Staff members



The fun never stops in the 'It's a Girl Thing' house program, as demonstrated by members of the Under-14 Arctic Freeze before last week's opening playoff game. Pictured back row (from left) are Katelynn Pakkala, Elizabeth Smith, Anna Mondrusov, Karly Jenks, Katie Keyser, Taylor Pryde and Kelsey Jenks. In front are Bridget Walsh (left) and Meghan Shannon. The approach must have worked as the Freeze won the game, 3-1.

handled everything about getting started — other than buying equipment and annual league fees, of course.

The Kanars signed up Sophie into the program for the same reason other families did. To play anywhere else in metro Detroit, girls would have to join boys teams, play like boys and probably act like them, too.

**FUN'S TOP GOAL**

But thanks to the program, which began in 2004, the girls can be themselves and not have to worry about anything other than skating, checking ... and laughing.

"We preach fun," said Suburban assistant manager Cal McGowan, a former professional hockey player. "Obviously, with the girls camaraderie is a big thing. I've heard many people say that part of what they really like is being part of a girls team. They like the sport, too."

Enrollment into "It's a Girl Thing" has skyrocketed since the first year, 2004-05, when only 22 girls registered. The next year, there were enough girls of all ages and abilities to form four squads. This year, there are two four-team divisions (U12, U14) in that program alone.

"When we started, there were a lot of beginner girls just getting into the game," McGowan said. "So the skill range wasn't

quite as wide, even though the age (range) was very wide. We were providing the opportunity to learn how to play, not necessarily the draw of competitive leagues."

What Suburban Ice offers girls is a pretty big draw. Without what they offer there, how many girls would even consider ice hockey?

It's a question parents are happy they don't have to answer. They are thrilled about the house program, which also includes the "Incredibles" developmental division for younger girls.

"In my opinion, boys and girls are wired very differently for the most part and are more likely to enjoy the sport with the same gender," Jean Kanar noted. "The game is the same for boys and girls, but the way they learn and the style of play is different. Especially at the younger ages."

"I think the league provides girls with the opportunity to play girls hockey, instead of girls playing 'boys' hockey."

Doug Pakkala, a former Livonian who coaches the U14 Freeze (a team including his 14-year-old daughter, Katie), agreed that the house program provides girls with something very unique, special and most-welcome.

"It's not like boys, you know? Boys start skating real young and a lot of girls don't," he said. "They don't get interested in a sport like



The primary two-pronged goal of the 'It's a Girl Thing' program is for girls to learn the sport while having fun. But, they also focus on playing hard, as shown here by Farmington Hills' Katie Keyser (middle) of the U14 Arctic Freeze.

this immediately."

According to Pakkala, also coach of a boys team, the league shows him just how differently girls approach the sport and team experience.

"Go into the locker room, it's more of a social experience than it is a sporting event," Pakkala said. "The boys get in here, they're getting dressed. Girls go in there and half of them aren't even dressed. They're sitting in there talking. ... Boys and girls are wired differently."

**HELPING EACH OTHER**

Fun and camaraderie extends to practices, special events (such as annual games at Joe Louis Arena) and holiday skating parties.

When the puck is dropped, however, the girls are just as driven to do well and score goals. They are a bit more polite about it, though.

"If somebody scores everybody congratulates them," said Kosco, whose daughter plays for "Coach Laura" Slenzak on the U12 Chill. "It's a great league, the girls just have a great time."

Meanwhile, Pakkala, as well as the program's other coaches, are parent volunteers who get as much of a kick out of watching a novice player finally "get it" than how successful the team is in the standings.

When mistakes are made, they help the girls with constructive advice and do their best not to be confrontational or overly critical.

For example, after this season started, Pakkala welcomed a then-12-year-old Livonia girl who never played the sport in her life.

It didn't matter: He still gave her as many shifts as anybody else, and as the season is nearing its end, that player is improving and excited to go to the rink.

The approach they take means a lot to Kosco.

"There isn't a lot of pressure to win," she said. "There's good parents, nobody screaming at the refs."

But they're doing plenty of hollering to spread the word about "It's a Girl Thing."

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# All-Observer skaters light lamp at alarming rate

**FIRST-TEAM**  
**PAT MCHUGH, SR. G, LIV. STEVENSON:** The senior netminder went 19-1-2 with a 1.2 goals-against average and a save percentage 0.92 en route to Division 1 first-team All-State and All-Western Lakes Activities Association honors.

"Pat's numbers speak for themselves," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "He was outstanding. His best attribute is that he virtually makes every save look easy. He is one of the best technical goaltenders that I have ever coached. He had wins against Farmington, Catholic Central, Churchill (twice) and tied Trenton."

**MARK BEKKALA, SR. DEF, LIV. STEVENSON:** The senior defenseman finished with 22 points, while earning first-team All-State and All-WLAA laurels.

He finished with a plus-rating of 35.

"Mark was tremendous for us this year," Mitchell said. "He was a true leader for our defensive corps. He played in all situations and was a huge reason for our success this season. He is very tough to beat one-on-one and makes smart decisions."

**NATE MILAM, SR. F, LIV. CHURCHILL:** The senior led the area in goals with 46 and added 19 assists for 67 points while earning All-Western Lakes and first-team All-State honors.

Milam, a four-year player, also served as a defenseman when called upon.

"He's a very dynamic skater with unbelievable puck skills," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He plays with a edge, very competitive."

For his career, Milam had a total of 82 goals, including 11 game-winners, with 52 assists and a cumulative plus rating of 130.

**MIKE VORAN, SR. F, LIV. STEVENSON:** The senior forward finished with an eye-popping 33 goals and 36 assists for 69 points.

The first-team All-State and All-Western Lakes selection also finished with a team-best plus rating of 52.

"Mike was great for us all year," Mitchell said. "Not only was he consistent night-in and night-out, but he did what great players do, which is play great in big games as he demonstrated with hat tricks versus Farmington and Churchill; both in a 2-1 win over CC; and four points versus Trenton a 4-4 tie. Mike was a captain and leader both on-and-off the ice."

**GARRETT MIENCIER, SR. F, LIV. CHURCHILL:** The first-team All-Stater and All-Western Lakes selection wound up with 48 points on 19 goals and 29 assists during his senior year.

His four-year career numbers also stand out with 45 goals and 58 assists for an overall plus rating of 97. He also had 11 game-winning goals.

"Garrett is a great leader, a classic two-way power forward," Mazzoni said.

**KORY SOSNOWSKI, SR. F, CANTON:** The senior forward earned First Team All-Western Lakes recognition after carving out a spectacular season for the Chiefs. A first-year high school player, Sosnowski netted 21 goals and 24 assists in just 21 games. The co-captain tallied nine power-play goals while registering an impressive plus-23 goals scored-to-goals-allowed rating.

"Kory was a great addition to our team this season," said Canton coach Dan Abraham. "He brought tough-

ness and a lot of offensive skill to our team."

**SECOND-TEAM**  
**AUSTIN MESLER, SR. G, LIV. FRANKLIN:** The four-year goalie faced a lot of rubber this season and sparked with an .855 save percentage and a goals-against average of 2.1

"In his junior year, with a very young team in front of him, faced an average of 52 shots per game," Franklin coach Scott Wirgau said. "This year, with a little more maturity in front of him and the hope of change, he was asked: 'Is it better this year?' And he responded: 'Sure, but I still have to stop pucks or the other team wins.'"

"He hopes after leaving high school hockey that he will be able to play juniors. The coaches are hopeful he'll have time to come back and work with our up-and-coming sophomore goalies next year."

**JAKE HARBOWY, SR., DEF., LIV. STEVENSON:** The senior defenseman was both an honorable mention All-State and All-WLAA selection as he wound up with 14 points and plus rating of 33.

"Jake had a great year this year because he gained more confidence with the puck and was very good in his own end," Mitchell said. "He brought a great deal of passion and intensity to the rink every night."

**RYAN BARATONO, SR. F, LIV. STEVENSON:** The second-team All-State and All-Lakes Division pick wound up with 12 goals and 21 assists with a plus rating of 43 (only second to Voran).

"Ryan's first year of high school hockey was a successful one," Mitchell said.

"Ryan was a big part of our success this season. At times he was able to run over opponents. He's a big, power forward type player who is also a strong skater."

**JAKE JOSSEY, SR. F, PLYMOUTH:** The senior forward led the Wildcats to the school's best record ever as they advanced all the way to a Division 2 regional final. Jossey accumulated a team-high 40 points (15 goals and 25 assists) while spending time at both forward and as a defender.

"Jake was voted our 'Most Valuable Player,' which says it all," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender. "He's a very versatile player and a great skater who could play both forward and defense equally well. He was a standout on our special teams."

**TYLER COTTER, SR., FR., LIV. CHURCHILL:** The second-year player came up with six goals and 18 assists during his senior year while making All-WLAA honorable mention.

"Tyler had an excellent senior year, he really blossomed into a scoring role," Mazzoni said. "He's a solid, two-way player."

**R.J. KIERDORF, JR. F, LIV. STEVENSON:** The junior forward had a total of 40 points, including 30 assists to go along with 10 goals en route to All-Lakes Division and honorable mention All-State honors.

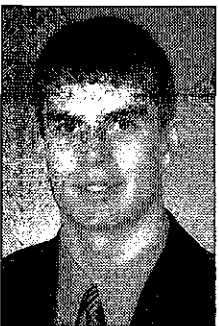
Kierdorf also posted a plus rating of 42.

"R.J. is a crafty player," Mitchell said. "He's one of our best defensive forwards, which was a nice complement to his very strong offensive skill set. He played in all situations and was a key component on our power play."

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
**DAVID MITCHELL, LIV. STEVENSON:** In his first season as the Spartans' coach, the 33-year-old Mitchell guided Stevenson to a No. 1-ranking and a 23-2-2 overall record.



Pat McHugh Stevenson



Mark Bekkala Stevenson



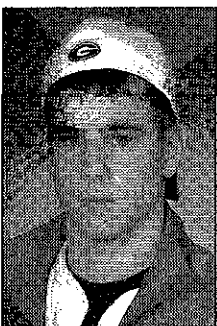
Nate Milam Churchill



Mike Voran Stevenson



Garrett Miencier Churchill



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Jake Jossey Plymouth



Tyler Cotter Churchill



R.J. Kierdorf Stevenson



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Churchill senior Nate Milam scored an area-best 46 goals this season.



Mitchell

University goaltender.

"It was truly a special season," said Mitchell, who teaches at Livonia's Holmes Middle School. "I had great players and a staff - Gerry Venton, Tim Pilut and Kyle Zagata, Chris Bolovan - that was second to none. We had solid leadership from our veterans both on and off the ice."

Prior to getting the Stevenson job, Mitchell served as an assistant at his alma mater, Livonia Churchill, and coached in Compuware's AAA program for eight seasons.



Mike Voran (16) earned first-team All-Observer honors for the 23-2-2 Livonia Stevenson.

## ALL-AREA BOYS HOCKEY

### 2007-08 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS HOCKEY

#### FIRST TEAM

Pat McHugh, Sr. G, Liv. Stevenson  
Mark Bekkala, Sr. Def, Liv. Stevenson  
Nate Milam, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill  
Mike Voran, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson  
Garrett Miencier, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill  
Kory Sosnowski, Sr. F, Canton

#### SECOND TEAM

Austin Mesler, Sr. G, Liv. Franklin  
Jake Harbowy, Sr. Def, Liv. Stevenson  
Ryan Baratono, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson  
Jake Jossey, Sr. F, Plymouth  
Tyler Cotter, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill  
R.J. Kierdorf, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson

#### THIRD TEAM

Ryan Wagner, Sr. G, Red. Unified  
Don Barlow, Jr. Def, Canton  
Nick Barakas, Sr. Def, Liv. Churchill  
Cain Rolfe, Sr. G, Plymouth  
Keith Yackley, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill  
Joel Chesman, Sr. F, Salem

#### FOURTH TEAM

Derrick Daigneau, Sr. G, Liv. Churchill  
Sam Ott, Jr. Def, Salem  
Sean Lerg, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson  
John Vella, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson  
Jordan Chisholm, Jr. F, Liv. Franklin  
Sean Philippart, Sr. F, Red. Unified

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

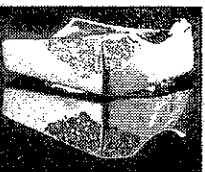
David Mitchell, Liv. Stevenson

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Kyle Burke, Mitch Carpenter  
Franklin: Tyler Barnes, David Muller  
Alex Wytych, Stevenson: Ian Curran  
Cole Rochowiak, Jake Wilson, Canton:  
Nick Korilenko, Clark Albers, Bryan  
Davison, Plymouth: Ryan Schultz  
Jerry Pitts, Connor Dresser, Salem:  
Jan Barnaby, Mike Haburne, Redford:  
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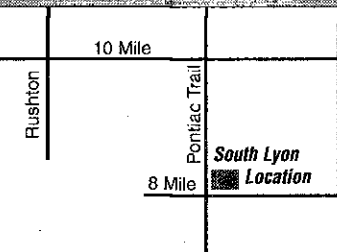
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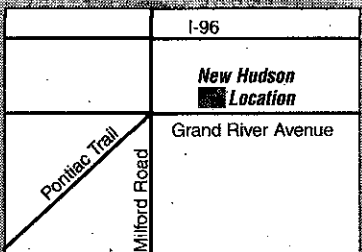
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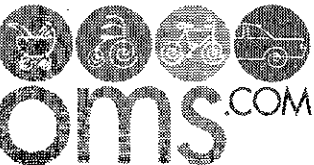


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### Crush win, raise funds

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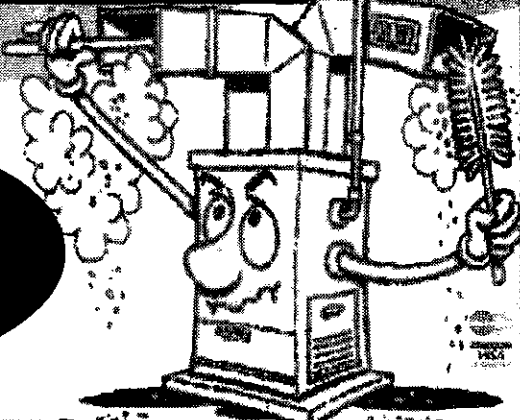
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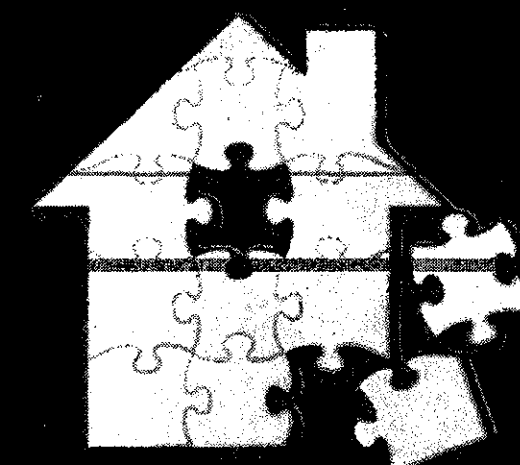
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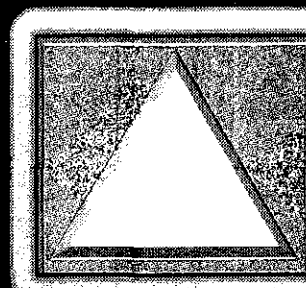


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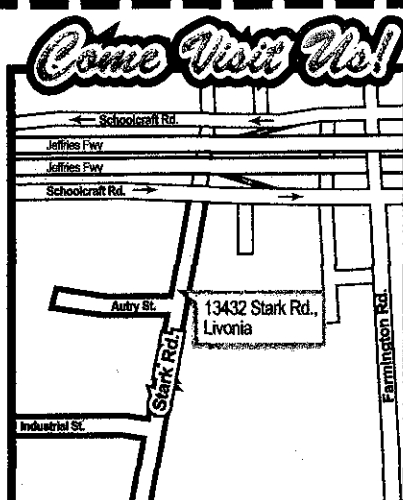
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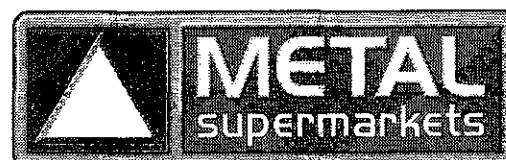
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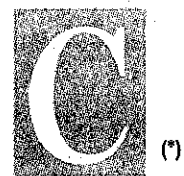
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## Conference will explore fair housing issues

Since 1990, fair housing "testing" has resulted in an excess of \$130 million in financial payments to plaintiffs in fair housing litigations. In an effort to explain why this legal technique is so significant, Wayne State University Law School and the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit are offering a daylong Fair Housing Testing Conference from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, at Wayne Law's Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium.

The conference will feature national experts who will provide answers to the following and many other fair housing questions:

How is "testing" accomplished?

In what circumstances can it be used most effectively?

What impact can it play in successful plaintiff recoveries in court actions?

How does one select and instruct testers?

What legal challenges regarding evidence can be anticipated and how should one respond to efforts to exclude such evidence?

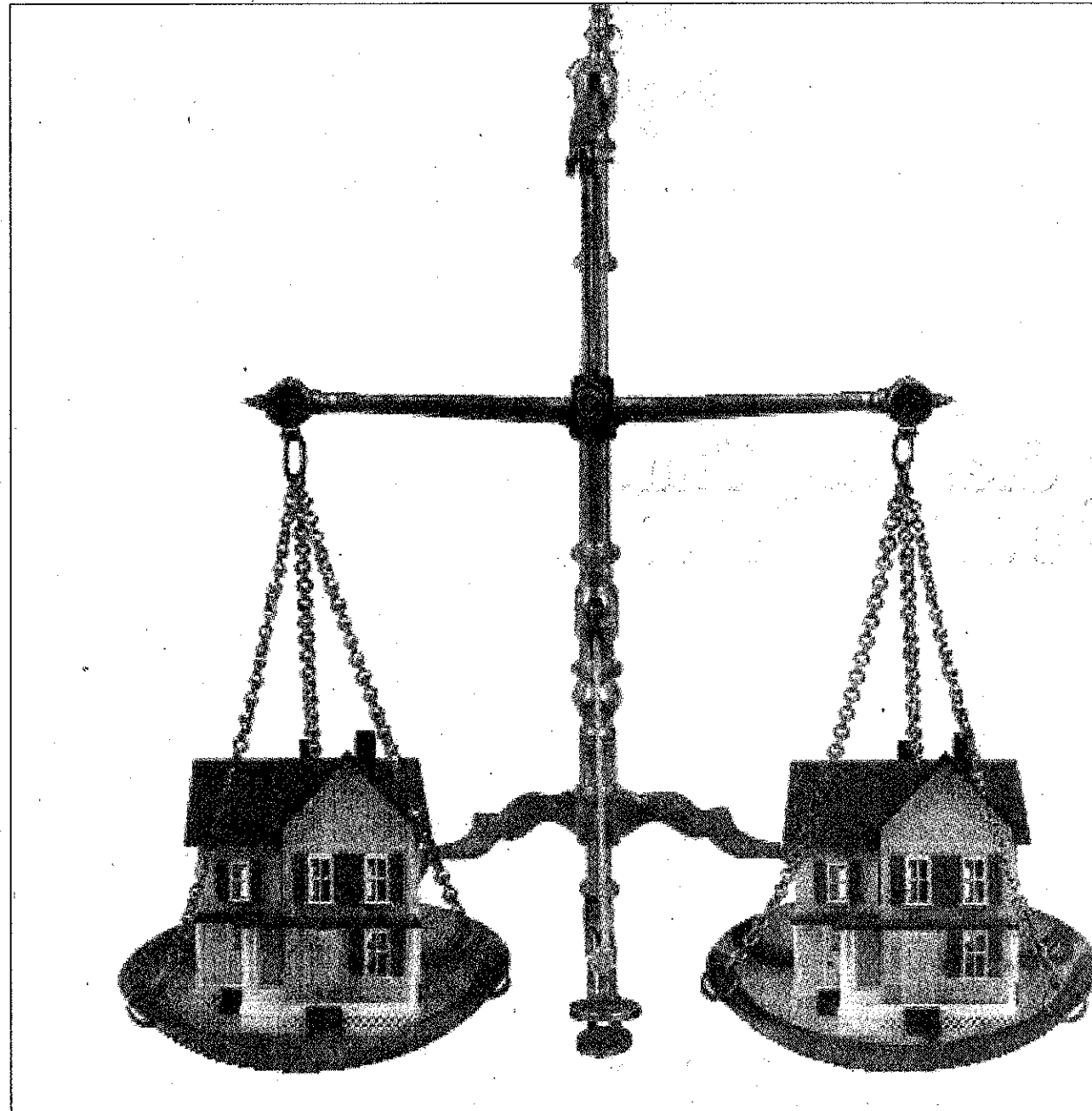
Wayne Law professor emeritus Otto J. Hetzel, co-director of the Law School's Fair Housing Education Program and a current practicing attorney in Washington, D.C., will serve as the conference moderator. Before coming to Wayne Law, Hetzel served as associate general counsel of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development where he was responsible for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. In that role, he was a principal drafter of Title VIII, the 1968 Fair Housing Act. As this April marks the 40th anniversary of the enactment of that landmark legislation, Hetzel will share some of his experiences in development of the legislation and achieving passage of that Act enacted only after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Wayne Law professor John Mogk, co-director of the Law School's Fair Housing Education Program, will welcome conference participants and also participate in the conference. Judge Avern Cohn, senior judge, Eastern District of Michigan, who has presided over a number of fair housing cases in which testing evidence was introduced, will be the luncheon speaker. Judge Victoria A. Roberts, Eastern District of Michigan, will provide a summation in the afternoon.

A group of national experts associated with private, local, nonprofit fair housing centers will share their thoughts about the "testing" practice and how to use testing. These experts include:

■ Fred Freiberg, field service director, Fair Housing Justice Center of HELP USA, New York

■ Ann Marquart, executive direc-



tor, Project Sentinel, Palo Alto, Calif.

■ Vince Larkins, president and CEO, Fair Housing Center of the Greater Palm Beaches, Fla.

■ Pamela Kisch, executive director of the Fair Housing Center of Southeast Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Experienced litigation attorneys will also share their experiences in utilizing testing evidence in housing discrimination lawsuits. They include:

■ P. Rivka Schochet and Michelle Crockett from the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC

■ Judith Levy, assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan

■ Liam J. Garland, director of Litigation, Housing Rights, Center, Los Angeles, Calif.

■ Stephen Tomkowiak, Southfield, and an instructor for the National Fair Housing Training Academy

■ John Obee, senior partner, Wood Kull Herschfus Obee and Kull

■ Angelique Strong, vice president and corporate counsel, The Handleman Company Inc.

■ Jeffrey Taren, partner, Kinoy, Taren and Geraghty, Chicago

The FHC-Detroit board chair and attorney Noel Saleh and FHC executive director Cliff Schrupp will also be participating, as will FHC Legal Services coordinator Michael Olshan.

There is no charge to attend the conference. However, the noon box lunches and the attendee packets for the conference will be limited to those who have pre-registered for the conference by March 20. Interested persons can pre-register by contacting Michael Olshan at the FHC office (313) 963-1274 or fhcdet@mail.com.

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## Collections: You get what you pay for

**Q.** I learned of a collection agency at a condo seminar that professed to collect assessments without charging our association before receipt of payment. We now have a situation where we don't know what they have done to collect the monies, and we can't get a straight answer from them. I think that we may need to hire an attorney to deal with the collection agency. What do you think?

**A.** I think that the association is learning a difficult lesson; you get basically what you pay for. Presumably, anyone handling



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your collection of assessments should, at your request, provide you with a monthly status report on the collection activities concerning delinquent co-owners. An

attorney should be aggressively pursuing the collection of the assessments in consultation with the Board of Directors as to the various remedies and alternatives available to the association. In your particular case, I would hire an attorney to contact the collection agency and demand a return of all of your records, which hopefully you can obtain. Unfortunately, there have been instances that I have observed where a collection agency has not done the work that it claimed it did, and the association was left holding the bag. A good and aggressive attorney should be able to resolve the problem.

**Q.** I have heard about a case in New Jersey that dealt with a resident's right to freedom of expression with respect to political signs and the use of the community room in their views as expressed in their monthly community newsletter. Do you have any information?

**A.** The case that you are referring to is Committee for a Better Twin Rivers vs. Twin Rivers Homeowners' Association wherein the New Jersey Supreme Court did not follow the rule adopted in a majority of states, which immunizes community associations from constitutional scrutiny on the basis that they are not state actors. Rather, the court concluded that the association's rules were constitutional because they were reasonable as to time, place, and manner and the association had not invited the public to use its property. Whether that decision will be followed in other states is, of course, uncertain.

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

### HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 26-30, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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43672 Appomattox Ct	\$155,000
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2789 Denton Rd	\$220,000
2126 Fairway Cir	\$189,000
6800 Fox Hills Rd	\$227,000
1540 Hendrie	\$350,000
45169 Horseshoe Cir	\$147,000
1311 Mistwood Ct	\$430,000
1947 Mistwood Ct	\$440,000
50520 Murray Hill Dr	\$308,000
1696 Scenic Dr	\$206,000
Farmington	
23578 Wesley St	\$168,000
Farmington Hills	
28740 Appleblossom Ln	\$296,000
21447 Archwood Cir	\$175,000
26320 Hidden Valley Ct	\$335,000

28024 Larson Ln	\$495,000
20819 Pearl St	\$100,000
25682 Pebble Ct	\$190,000
29559 Pond Ridge Rd	\$100,000
26270 Valhalla Dr	\$387,000
28418 W Eight Mile Rd	\$20,000
33566 W Eight Mile Rd	\$1,055,000
29400 Windmill Ct	\$395,000
Garden City	
5735 Arcola St	\$120,000
6951 Dover St	\$122,000
6324 Henry Ruff Rd	\$133,000
29844 James St	\$106,000
29195 Rosslyn Ave	\$79,000
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11770 Belden Ct	\$420,000
17550 Deering St	\$84,000
17193 Dolores St	\$146,000
18351 Floral St	\$110,000
17443 Louise St	\$341,000
9818 Mayfield St	\$169,000
9216 Newburgh Rd	\$266,000
33714 Norfolk St	\$231,000
29651 Nottingham Cir	\$139,000
29713 Nottingham Cir	\$147,000
34170 Orangelawn St	\$162,000

14410 Ramblewood St	\$168,000
29812 Robert Dr	\$124,000
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17486 Stamwich St	\$155,000
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44849 Broadmoor Cir S	\$294,000
16027 Morningside	\$175,000
16033 Morningside	\$135,000
17480 Mystic Valley Ct	\$839,000
16397 Sherwood Ln	\$375,000
18080 Winchester Dr	\$315,000
Novi	
45290 Bartlett Dr	\$252,000
39870 Crosswinds	\$133,000
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25704 Shoreline Dr	\$648,000
Plymouth	
10982 Harvest Ct	\$390,000
11817 Hunters Creek Ct	\$510,000
700 Junction St	\$150,000
40637 Newport Dr	\$104,000
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9527 Columbia	\$75,000

10032 Farley	\$118,000
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19130 Negaunee	\$40,000
18611 Olympia	\$75,000
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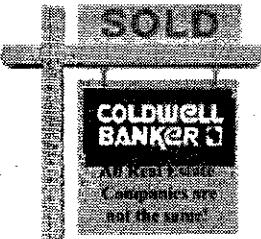


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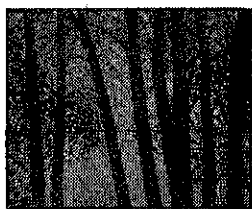
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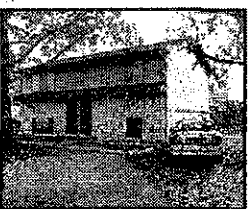
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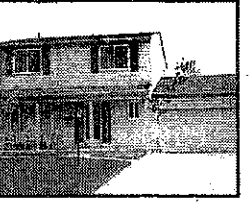
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Desirable Bristol Model townhouse style home. 2 spacious bds, 1.5 baths, bsmt, gas included in assoc dues, Liv & Din Rm, private entrance, Livonia Sch's, & immed occup.  
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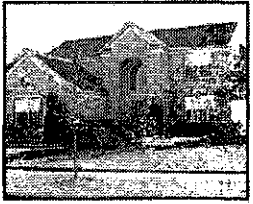
**BEAUTIFUL NORTHVILLE**  
Amazing colonial on quiet low traffic cul de sac. Walkout bsmt, over 3900 sq ft, acre lot, Trex Deck & paver Patio, maple Kit w/ granite, 3 car garage, pool, & fitness center.  
\$670,000 (P-497EA)



**EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD**  
Great home surrounded by larger, higher priced homes. Crestwood schools, very clean & neutral t/o, too many nice updates to list, fenced yard, & close to everything.  
\$85,500 (P-418FE)



**LARGE LOTS**  
Treed 132 ft lot in area of newer 1400-1700 sq ft homes. Also available as 3 separate lots for \$25,000 a piece. Great location, just a short walk to Lawson Field.  
\$75,000 (C-001GA)



**CANTON WELCOMES YOU**  
Lovely 4 bd colonial w/neutral decor, open floor plan, hwd fls, formal LR/DR, large Fam Rm w/ rpl, brick paver Patio, close to ways & Summit Park. A must see!  
\$269,900 (P-701SH)



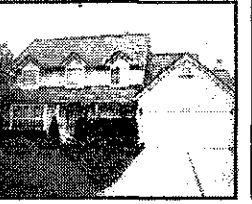
**READY TO ENJOY**  
Look no more, this exquisite Canton colonial has a 2 story Foyer, gourmet cherry Kit, formal LR/DR, Fam Rm w/rpl, Den, large Master w/bath, & prof finished bsmt.  
\$399,900 (P-605TO)



**BEAUTIFUL LAKE VIEWS**  
Access to all sports Tioga Lake. 2500 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath ranch w/ wide open floor plan, huge rooms, large Kit, Master w/bath & drvl to Deck spanning the rear of the home.  
\$190,000 (C-600UN)



**COMPLETELY UPDATED RANCH**  
Great 3 bd offering gourmet Kit w/ pgrgo floors, Master w/drnl to Patio, glamour bath w/jetted tub, new paint, carpet, C/A, fenced yard, & newer 2.5 car mechanic's dream Garage!  
\$110,000 (C-460BE)



**FABULOUS FARMINGTON HILLS**  
Gorgeous home featuring 4 bd, 2.5 baths, gourmet Kit w/appl's, Nook w/drnl to 3 tiered Deck, Fam Rm w/rpl, Master w/vaulted ceiling, sitting area, & Walk in.  
\$275,000 (P-700BL)



**AWESOME RAISED RANCH**  
This beautiful raised ranch was built in 2003 & almost 1500 sq ft. 2 baths, master suite w/WIC, located by a golf course, & has an area pool & clubhouse.  
\$189,900 (C-980CE)



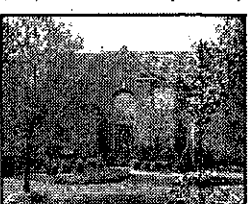
**HARD TO FIND**  
Relax on the paver Patio surrounded by mature trees. Spacious island Kit w/wic, formal LR/DR, separate Fam Rm w/bridge overlook, Master w/volume ceiling & ceramic bath.  
\$249,900 (C-422CH)



**GORGEIOUS YARD!**  
This home is in flawless condition w/ a yard to die for. Many updates t/o, hwd flrs, new concrete driveway, unique built-in storage, & appl's stay.  
\$134,000 (C-993DR)



**PERFECT STARTER HOME**  
3 bd, 1.5 bath Pinckney home w/ island Kit w/appl's & nook w/drnl leading to Patio & huge yard, lower level Fam Rm w/fresh paint, neutral decor, & too much more to list.  
\$150,000 (C-983HA)



**PRESTIGIOUS WOODSIDE VILLAGE**  
Tucked away on gorgeous wooded court, but close to everything. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, lots of windows & updates t/o. 1st fl Mast, open staircase w/bridge, formal LR/DR, Kit w/nook, & paver Patio.  
\$470,000 (P-275HI)



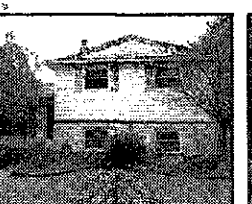
**BETTER THAN NEW!**  
Built in 2002, this beautiful colonial has everything you desire. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet, hwd floors, freshly painted, finished walkout bsmt, & more. Don't miss this one!  
\$199,000 (P-185HU)



**CUSTOM HOME ON WOODED LOT**  
Popular Huron Hills sub boasting custom features like circular round top windows, 2 decks, oversized garage, paver walkways, & more. Great Cape Cod floor plan w/3 bdrms, 2.5 baths.  
\$279,900 (P-630HU)



**YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS HOUSE**  
Great curb appeal & an amazing interior! Beautiful oak Kit w/all appl's, large bath, fresh paint, updated carpet, roof, furnace, C/A, & great yard.  
\$115,000 (P-217LI)



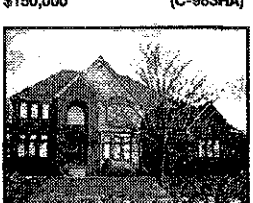
**PRICED JUST RIGHT**  
Remodeled 4 bd, almost 1700 sq ft home feat: a Florida Rm, 3 baths, 2 car Garage, a Kitchen to die for, awesome double lot, & too much more to list.  
\$159,900 (P-082MI)



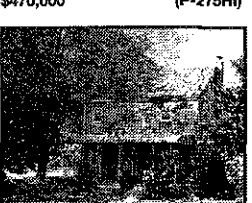
**CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY**  
Absolutely stunning home backing to the 16th hole on Honor's Course & access to Crooked Lake. Features inc a Sauna, cent vac, elegant Master, fin walkout, & inground pool.  
\$449,500 (P-369MU)



**PLYMOUTH CONDO**  
Cute ranch condo w/large brick paver Patio, updated appl's & windows, pets allowed, good location, & clubhouse activities w/ heated pool, & home warranty!  
\$99,500 (P-699NE)



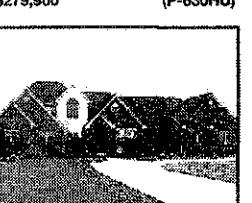
**A SIGHT TO BEHOLD**  
Stunning, elegant, & charming! 2 story marble entry, oak island Kit, drvl from nook to Deck, 1st fl laun, Fam Rm w/rpl & soaring ceiling, fin daylight bsmt w/bath, & great Northville location.  
\$475,000 (P-948OA)



**FANTASTIC PRICE**  
3 bd farmhouse w/updated windows, doors, hwh, covered ceilings, hwd floors, Pottery Barn colors, large fenced yard, & close to parks & library.  
\$119,900 (C-824PA)



**WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH**  
Great 2 bd condo w/fresh paint, vaulted ceilings & skylights, new carpet, snack bar in Kit, Fam Rm, Dining Area, small animals welcome, & unbeatable location.  
\$119,500 (C-331PI)



**SERENE SETTING**  
Stunning cape cod on 7+ acres in Salem Twp offering a 1st fl Mast w/ bath & WIC, Kit w/butler's pantry, 72x62 Pole Barn, 1st fl laun, walkout bsmt, & on a private lot.  
\$1,399,900 (P-610PR)



**ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS**  
Private wooded lot w/creek running through...open airy floor plan, vaulted ceilings, hwd floors, finished bsmt, Sauna, heated Sunroom, large Deck, paver Patio, & prof landscaped.  
\$2,400/month (P-295RE)



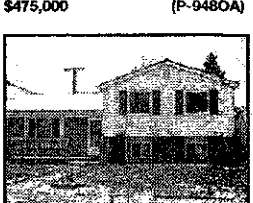
**LIVONIA BRICK RANCH**  
Lovely area w/park, shopping, & schools nearby. Solid home w/3 bd, 1.5 baths, hwd flrs under neutral carpet, finished bsmt w/1/2 bath & immed occup.  
\$134,500 (P-698RI)



**TRANSFER FORCES SALE**  
Sad seller has to part with this fabulous 3 bd West Dearborn home. Newer Pella wndws, huge Master w/walk in, 2 updated baths, updated furnace & C/A, fin bsmt, & Deck.  
\$109,999 (P-644RO)



**THIS HOME HAS IT ALL!**  
Awesome home features an open Foyer, large Kit, Fam Rm w/rpl, Flex Room, spacious Master w/ bath & large WIC, neutral t/o, & beautiful pond views. A must see!  
\$200,000 (P-183SH)



**MOVE IN READY**  
This tri-level home move in ready w/new paint, carpet, roof, & sprinklers. Remod bsmt, Master w/bath, 2.5 car Garage w/workshop.  
\$190,000 (C-945SI)



**GREAT LOCATION**  
Spacious open floor plan w/neutral decor, newer roof & windows, huge Fam Rm w/rpl, part finished bsmt, great Deck in treed fenced yard, appl's stay, & 1 yr warranty.  
\$157,400 (P-399SU)



**SPACIOUS NORTHVILLE CONDO**  
Clean & neutral t/o. 2 bd, 2 baths, fresh paint, updated r/, windows, bath, hwh, & more. Large Master w/WIC & bath, pool, & great location near back of complex.  
\$108,000 (P-345SU)



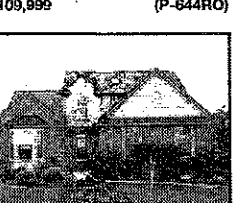
**STUNNING COLONIAL**  
3 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod in popular Plymouth sub. 2 story foyer, huge island Kit w/nook, 2 story Great Rm w/rpl, 1st fl Master w/WIC & bath, 1st fl laun, & prof landscaped.  
\$289,900 (P-964WE)



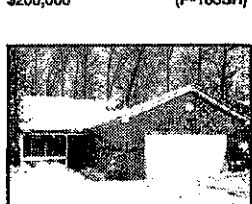
**LIKE NEW!**  
Impeccably clean & well maintained home. Family Rm w/ rpl, French doors lead to Deck, vinyl insulated windows, new furnace, hwh, C/A, & gutters. Walk to schools & park.  
\$179,900 (C-811WH)



**LOTS OF ROOM**  
3 bd ranch offering a wonderful Kit & dining area, huge Great Room, skylights, private lot, & Master w/ bath. A must see!  
\$184,900 (P-515WI)



**WHY BUILD?**  
Move right in to this home w/over 50k in upgrades! Formal DR, Butlers Pantry, Great Rm w/ skylights, gourmet Kit w/nook, 1st fl laundry, prof fin bsmt, & too much more to list.  
\$279,900 (P-244AN)



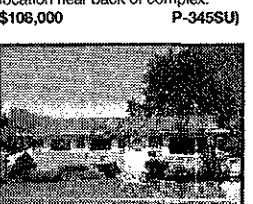
**RANCH CONDO**  
Beautiful brick detached condo in prime location w/wooded lot & quiet setting. Great Kit w/skylight, nice updates t/o, oversized Garage, 2 large bds, 2 full baths, & more.  
\$166,500 (C-280AR)



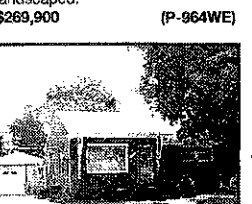
**DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**  
Completely updated 3 bd home w/ lake frontage. Gourmet Kit w/ rpl, fin walkout bsmt, paver walkway, & updated driveway & windows.  
\$209,000 (C-064BR)



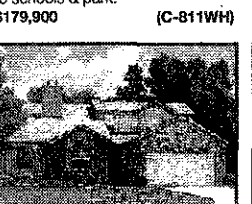
**LARGE WESTLAND RANCH**  
Move your family into this 3 bd home w/ large newer Garage, Fam Rm w/rpl, completely remodeled in 2006, & more.  
\$124,900 (C-900CA)



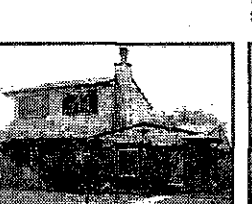
**GREAT HOME W/POOL!**  
1300 sq ft ranch offering a Fam Rm w/rpl, great Kit, privacy fence, new roof on garage, brand new furnace, updated C/A, & in-ground pool - just in time for summer!  
\$132,000 (C-046CA)



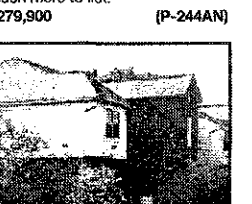
**ADORABLE!**  
Very cute & clean brick ranch located in great neighborhood! This home offers an updated Kit, remod bath, newer carpet, fresh paint, fin bsmt, newer windows, & large landscaped yard.  
\$94,900 (C-032CE)



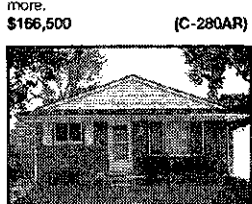
**GORGEIOUS CONDO**  
Updated galore in this 4 bd, 3 bath Cape Cod condo! Maple Kit, vaulted Great Rm w/rpl, 1st fl Master, formal Dining, Library, 1st fl laun, & too much more to list.  
\$255,000 (C-352CH)



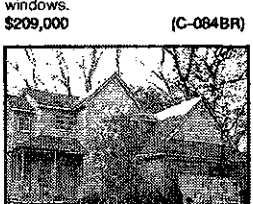
**WESTLAND BEAUTY**  
This colonial has it all! Large 1st fl Master, 2 baths, LR w/rpl, formal DR, oak Kit, updated roof, furnace, hwh, & C/A. Oversized lot, 2.5 car Garage & Home Warranty!  
\$159,900 (C-259FE)



**JUST REDUCED!!**  
Awesome Livonia condo w/all the features you want! New carpet & hwd flrs, & appl's inc. Priced to sell, nearly 20k under SEV. Motivated sellers say bring offers.  
\$119,900 (C-860FI)



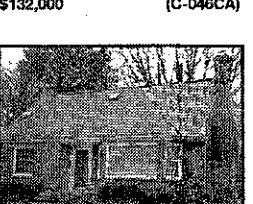
**RECENTLY RENOVATED!**  
Sparkles w/updates. New roof, Kitchen w/appl's, new bath w/ vanity, vinyl windows, new elec, plumbing, landscaping, refinished hwd flrs, carpet, & more.  
\$115,900 (C-471FR)



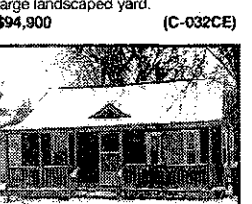
**EXCELLENT LOT SIZE!**  
Newly rebuilt in 2005. Loads of privacy & wooded views. Shows great, part finished bsmt, huge Kit & Din Rm, neutral decor, hwd floors, & great location.  
\$199,900 (C-843GO)



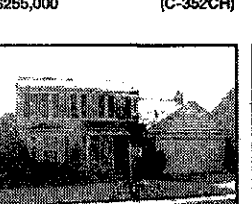
**COUNTRY RANCH**  
Move right into this 5 bd ranch situated on 5 acres w/creek winding thru it. Great Canton location, 2 natural fireplaces, game room, & too much more to list.  
\$449,900 (C-150HA)



**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH**  
Have it all, character, cutting edge style! Bright, updated 4 bd, 3 bath cape cod w/vaulted ceilings, skylights, chef's Kit w/granite, huge Master, 1.4 acre lot, & great location.  
\$375,000 (C-964HA)



**LAKE PRIVILEGES AND DOUBLE LOT!**  
Charming home on double lot features an updated Kit & Bath, newer windows & roof, access to Walked Lake, extensive docking, full front porch, & great double lot.  
\$147,500 (C-130HE)



**FANTASTIC HOME**  
This home offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Great Room w/soaring ceiling, skylights, & too many updates to list. Great location, an absolute must see!  
\$199,999 (C-260LA)



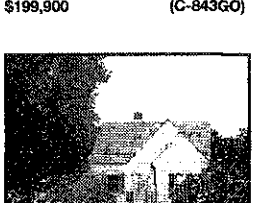
**MANY MANY UPDATES**  
Hurry over to this move-in ready home. 3 bds, Fam Rm, updated plumb, trim, roof, furnace, hwh, paver Patio, landscaping, carpet, appliances, & fresh paint.  
\$104,000 (C-585LE)



**6 BEDROOM MANSION**  
Well maintained home in historic Boston Edison District. Large LR w/rpl, 3rd fl in-law suite, newer roof, freshly painted, 2 car Garage, Patio, fenced yard, & so much more.  
\$175,000 (C-217LO)



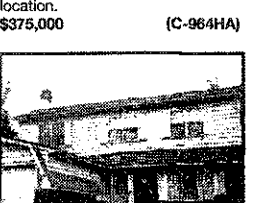
**MOVE RIGHT IN!**  
3 bd, 2.5 bath home w/maple Kit, large Liv Rm w/recessed lights, Fam Rm w/rpl & cath ceiling, finished bsmt w/bar & full bath. Great buy!  
\$175,000 (C-444LY)



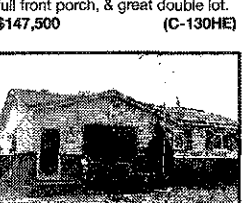
**GREAT PLACE**  
Nice 3 bd home in a great area. Hwd floors, updated Bath, newer furnace & C/A, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, large yard w/fruit trees, & home warranty.  
\$124,900 (C-207MA)



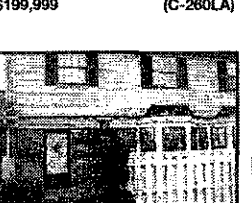
**LOCATED ON A PRIVATE LOT**  
Large Great Rm w/gas frpl, Dining Rm w/French doors, gourmet oak Kit w/nook & drvl leading to cedar Deck. Builder put lots of extras here, don't miss out!  
\$285,000 (C-600MC)



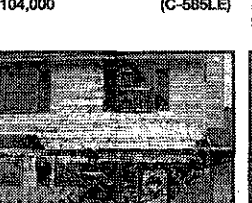
**READY TO MOVE IN TO!**  
Hurry on this 4 bd, 2.5 bath immaculate home. 3 season room, updated Kit, some new carpet, spacious Fam Rm w/rpl, part finished bsmt, & home warranty.  
\$204,000 (C-425OR)



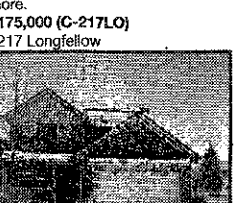
**UPDATED WESTLAND RANCH**  
3 bd, 2 bath home w/oak Kit, LR w/rpl hwd, patio door to nice sized yard w/2.5 car Garage, privacy fence, hot tub in enclosed Gazebo, finished bsmt w/bar, & more.  
\$125,000 (C-829FL)



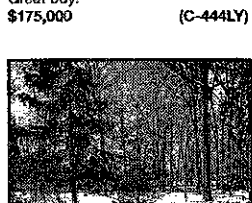
**PERFECT PRICE!**  
Great chance to own this 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo in Canton. Skylights, 1024 sq ft, finished bsmt, 2 carports, fireplace, private entry, & updated Kit.  
\$114,900 (P-568AR)



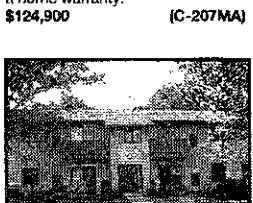
**IMMACULATE!**  
Turn key 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo w/ excellent Canton location. Huge Master w/WIC, open floor plan, neutral decor, updated carpet, full bsmt, new windows, hwh, Patio, & more.  
\$122,900 (C-598AR)



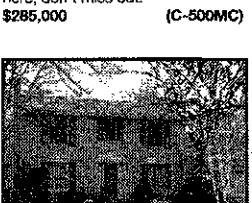
**CANTON CONDO**  
3 bd, 2.5 bath, 1870 sq ft detached condo built in 2002. Great island Kit, Master w/bath & WIC, Din Rm, Fam Rm w/rpl, Patio w/elec swing, & more.  
\$210,000 (C-932BR)



**LARGE LOT IN LIVONIA**  
Motivated seller's offer this large 70 x 120 lot. Easy access to schools, freeways, & shopping. Home next door is also avail, call for further details.  
\$30,000 (P-377CA)



**GREAT LOCATION**  
Fabulous 2 bd condo w/Livonia Schools. Hwd flrs, private laundry, appliances stay, immediate occupancy, carport, community pool, & more.  
\$85,000 (P-494MA)



**GREAT FIND**  
Fabulous location in Trailwood! Great curb appeal on this updated 4 bd colonial feat: new island Kit w/corlan, extensive crown mldg, finished bsmt w/rec room, & too many more updates to list.  
\$335,000 (P-209PI)





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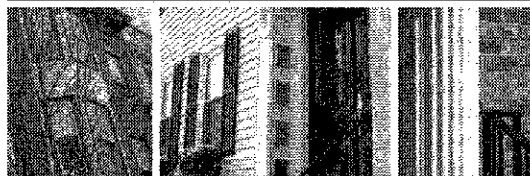
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# Parade of Homes winners showcase a variety of lifestyles

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners of its 19th annual Spring Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 62 new model homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place March 14 to April 13. BIA and LaSalle Bank, a Bank of America company, sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to homes in 11 categories, including Green Building and Energy Efficiency. In this category, homes were judged on most complete use of Green Building and Energy Efficient technology and design as well as innovation in the areas of Green Building and Energy Efficiency.

In the other categories, winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price,

best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into 10 categories by price.

"Smart homebuyers know that this is a good time to purchase a new home," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. "There's a great selection of homes on the market. Mortgage rates are low and loans are readily available for buyers with good credit. The Parade of Homes offers a selection of homes in every price range and size located throughout this area."

The blue ribbon homes are:

■ **Green Building and Energy Efficient Homes** — Cherrywood Group, LLC for Burlington II, a condominium base priced at \$201,900 and located in Cherrywood Parc Condos in Canton Township.

■ **Affordable Housing** — West Construction Services for St. James priced at \$115,000 plus fees and located in Unity

Park in Pontiac. This home is available to a qualifying family through Lighthouse Community Development. Entry of this home into the Parade of Homes was sponsored by BIA's Charitable & Educational Foundation.

■ **Attached Condominiums Base Priced Under \$225,000** — Robertson Brothers for Tribeca base priced at \$186,990 and located in The Brownstones at the Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

■ **Attached Condominiums Base Priced Over \$250,000** — George H. Pastor & Sons, Inc. for Biarritz base priced at \$390,000 and located at Frenchtown Harbor in Monroe.

■ **Homes Base Priced Under \$200,000** — Saylor Building Co. for Covington II base priced at \$194,900 and located in Sunset Terrace in Auburn Hills.

■ **Homes Base Priced \$200,000 to \$260,000** — Michigan Home Builders for

The Greenbriar base priced at \$259,900 and located in Celtic Farms in Flat Rock.

■ **Homes and Detached Condominiums Base Priced Over \$260,000 to \$315,000** — MJC Companies for Austin III base priced at \$299,900 and located in Partridge Creek in Clinton Township.

■ **Homes Base Priced Over \$315,000 to \$350,000** — Pinnacle Homes of Michigan, LLC for Kirkway Estates base priced at \$349,990 and located in Kirkway Estates in Northville.

■ **Homes and Detached Condominiums Base Priced Over \$350,000 to \$500,000** — Windmill Homes for Kirkway base priced at \$496,000 and located in Kirkway Place in Novi.

■ **Homes Base Priced \$600,000 to \$800,000** — James D. Compo Inc. for Dawson II base priced at \$800,000 and located in Pheasant Hills in Northville.

■ **Homes Priced Over \$1**

million — Lorimer Building Co. for Ivy Cottage base priced at \$1,500,000 and located in Towering Pines in Clarkston.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Dan Palmer, vice president, Bank of America Wealth Management; Ben Tiseo, A.I.A., Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Lonny Zimmerman, A.I.A., STA Architects; and Erin Kopkowski, design/builder, Residential Design Consulting. The 62 Spring Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at [www.biapara-deofhomes.com](http://www.biapara-deofhomes.com), March 14 to April 13.

Featured homes include condominiums and single-family homes ranging in base price from \$113,000 to \$1,999,900. They range in square footage from 1,150 to 8,256 square feet. There are 25 homes base priced under

\$250,000 and five homes base priced over \$1 million.

For additional information on the 2008 Spring Parade of Homes, call (248) 862-1032 or visit [www.biapara-deofhomes.com](http://www.biapara-deofhomes.com). Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at all area LaSalle Bank Branches and selected CVS/pharmacy locations. BIA and LaSalle Bank also sponsor a Parade of Homes event each Fall.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing nearly 2,000 builders, remodelers, multi-family 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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### 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,

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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. The cost of the seminar is \$105 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook. Pre-registration with payment is

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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](http://www.cam-online.com)

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■ **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. 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, CAPS 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.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC)** will present "Selling to the CAPS Generation, the New Gen X" (Certified Aging-In-Place) on Wednesday, April 16, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS of Builders Professional Services Group, will instruct attendees on how to communicate and interact with this exciting and evolving population and how to do business with one of the fastest growing market segments.

Registration fees are \$15 for SMC members, \$25 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$50 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Building Industry Association of**

Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course Friday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA)** will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, April 30, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law and Lien Procedures." Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

■ **Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC)** will sponsor a professional maintenance course on "Pool Chemistry and Maintenance" on Thursday, April 17, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

Wilmar staff will instruct attendees in aspects of pool chemistry, filtration, circulation, routine cleaning, daily testing and chemical maintenance. Fees are \$45 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC)** will sponsor a "Leasing 101: The 2008 Tour" seminar on Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Led by Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site, the seminar will cover competitive analysis of what is being sold, setting up the close, telephone techniques, Internet and e-mail and meet-greet information. The seminar is valuable for newly hired leasing personnel as well as seasoned ones. Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248)

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Real estate author, speaker and expert forecaster Stefan Swanepoel will present his visionary "Top 10 Trends" for 2008 as Realcomp II Ltd. hosts its annual "Tools of the Trade" Expo, Thursday April 10, from 9 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. at the Ford Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. Swanepoel will serve as the Expo's keynote speaker.

Free and open to all Michigan Realtors and support personnel, the all-day, Big Top-themed event will also feature presentations, technological displays and more than 50 exhibitors sharing industry innovations. A catered lunch will be served by Opus to Go.

"Each year, the Expo provides Michigan Realtors with a comprehensive forum for networking as well as discovering new resources and information designed to enhance their business and ability to serve their customers," said Karen Kage, CEO of Realcomp II Ltd. "As attendance for our event continues to grow, we are looking forward to more than 1,000 Realtors joining us this year. 'Tools of the Trade,' we are quite happy to say, has truly become one of Michigan real estate's most anticipated events."

To register for the Expo or to obtain information, visit online at: [www.RealcompExpo.com](http://www.RealcompExpo.com).

### Broker Summit

The Michigan Association of Realtors will host its sixth annual Broker Summit Conference on April 15-16. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

The 2008 Broker Summit will feature industry speaker Dr. Lawrence Yun, chief economist and senior vice president of Research for the National Association of Realtors.

Also highlighting the event will be John Tuccillo, author of *The Eight New Rules of Real Estate*; Sherry Chris, president and CEO of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate; Steve Harney, industry leader in real estate agent training; Greg McClelland, counsel to the Michigan Association of Realtors; Kelly Myers, of McClelland & Anderson, LLP; Nancy Haynes, director of Fair Housing Center of West Michigan; and Brian Westrin, MAR manager of Legal Affairs. An expert legal panel and MAR update are also scheduled. For more information, visit the MAR web site at <http://www.mirealtors.com/brokersummit/2008.html> or contact Joe Kras at (800) 454-7842.

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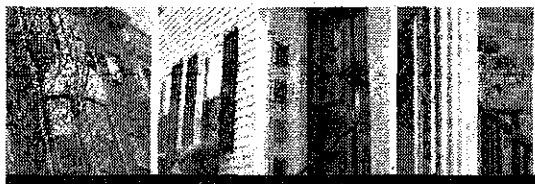
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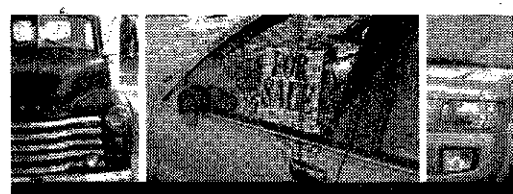
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## FORD IS IN 'SYNC' WITH YOUNG BUYERS

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### CAReport



By Dale Buss

One of the few highlights of the industry's dismal sales picture in February was this: Focus sales rose 36% compared with a year earlier -- in large part, Ford said, because younger consumers were flocking to buy Sync, the in-vehicle connectivity system that has been featured lately in marketing for the subcompact car.

Also available so far on 11 other Ford, Lincoln and Mercury models, the joint technology package with Microsoft apparently is giving Ford a much-needed boost not only in actual sales but also in consumer perceptions that it's on the cutting edge of something important. Voice-activated technology that allows users to dial phone numbers, text-message and play songs by speaking, Sync potentially represents the biggest development in passenger-compartment electronics since OnStar.

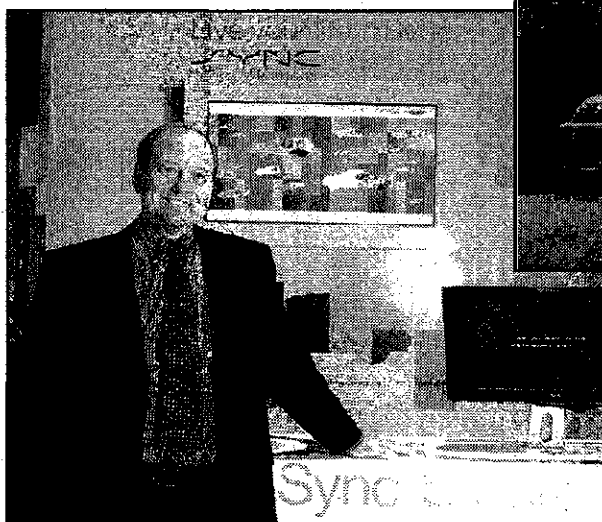
"It's a feature that has the power to put Ford on people's shopping lists, and we're starting to see that," says John Emmert, Sync marketing manager for Ford. Sync sales topped 30,000 in 2007 after the release of the device in the final quarter, and Ford says it's on track to reach one million sales by early 2009 as it expands Sync availability to include at least seven more products this year.

An automotive consultant and Sync user agrees about its allure. "It's probably the best value out there right now in terms of options on vehicles," says Erich Merkle, vice president of forecasting for IRN Inc., an automotive-market research concern in Grand Rapids, Mich.

As iPods and Bluetooth invade every pocket and earlobe, American consumers are looking for convenient, safe and fully functional ways to transfer operation of them from person to vehicle.

Beyond consumer preference, the auto industry has come to acknowledge the obvious: that consumer-electronics product cycles are lightning-fast compared with how long it takes to come out with new vehicles and even to make major changes

Focus seems to benefit more than any other Ford model from Sync's appeal



Kevin Keling, Ford Sync marketing strategy manager



standard on the highest-end SEL version, which has accounted for about 30% of all Focus sales since last fall.

"We understood early on that what we had with Sync was a game-changing feature, because some of our early research showed us that consumers had a high interest in the functionality," says Ford's Emmert. "It's something unique -- no one else has it."

Ford has cleverly conveyed the possibilities inherent in Sync through at least one humorous TV ad for Focus, in which a twenty-something passenger -- catching on to how the voice activation works -- reveals that crooner Michael Bolton is on the playlist, to the embarrassment of his friend the driver.

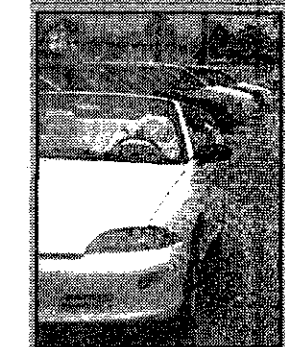
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For those reasons and others, Ford believes that Focus and Sync are helping it get "back in the game" with younger consumers, says Jim Farley, group vice president of marketing and communications. Buyers aged 16 to 35 accounted for 32% of retail sales for the 2008 Focus compared with 28% of the previous model, through February.

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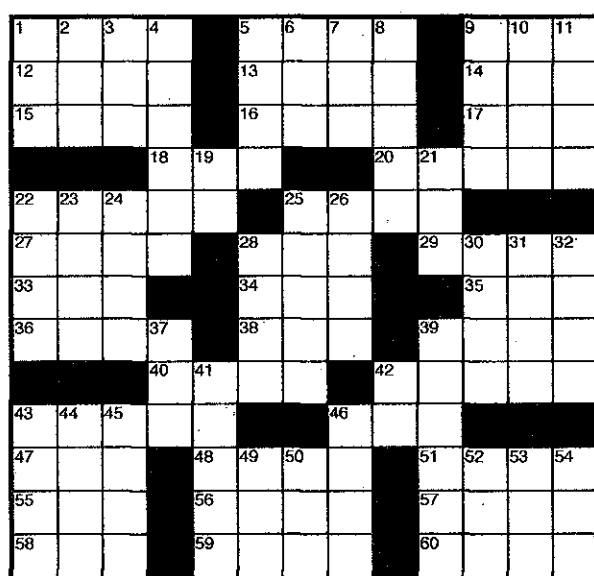
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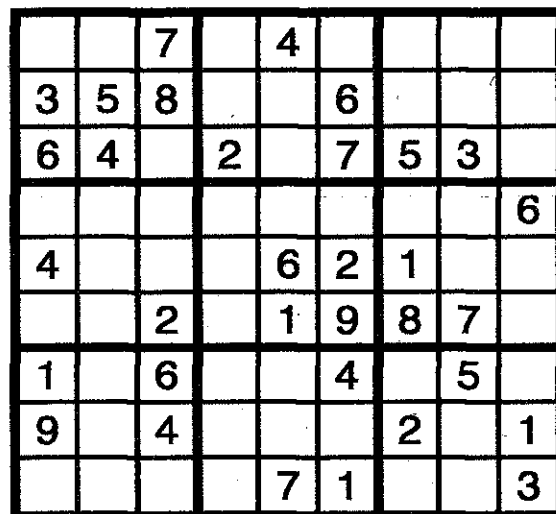
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you hooked from  
the moment you  
square off, so  
sharpen your  
pencil and put  
your sudoku  
savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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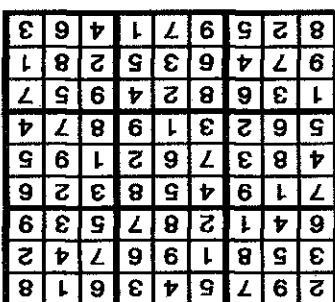
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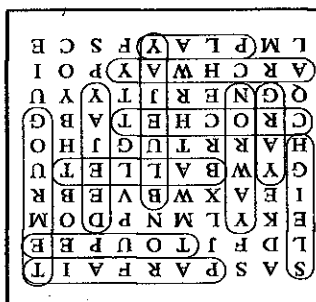
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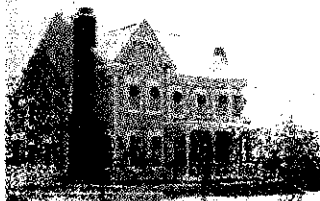
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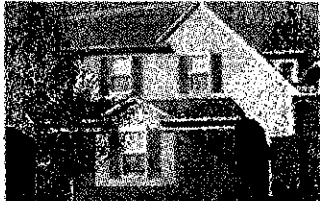
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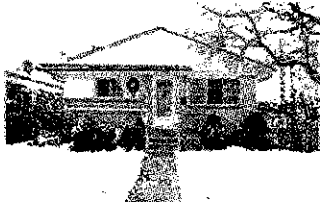
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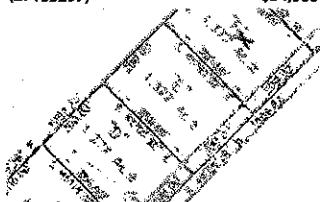
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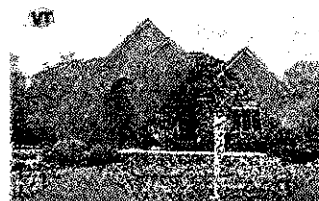
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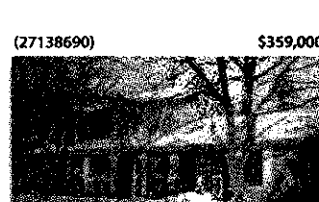
**Farmington** 248-851-1900  
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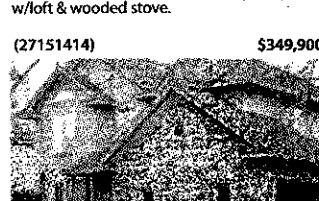
**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900  
GREAT UPDATED COLONIAL BACKING TO WOODS Beautiful landscape, backs to woods. 1st floor master, walk-in closet, jacuzzi, granite bath. Kitchen has stainless appls, upgraded cabinets, granite, wood floors.  
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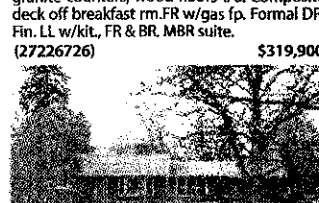
**Farmington Hills** 248-348-6430  
Beautiful Golf Course Community First fl mstr suite, frn'd walkout bsmt, 2,300 sq. ft. New Corian counter sink in kitchen.  
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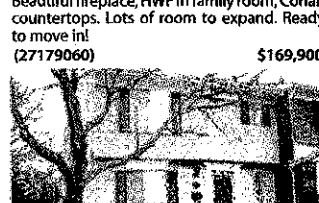
**Farmington Hills** 248-348-6430  
A rare find! Custom 4 bdrm. Cape cod. 1st flr master, gourmet kit w/ upgraded appliances. FR overlooks beautiful private backyard, garage w/lot & wooded stove.  
(27151414) \$349,900



**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900  
NEWER CONSTRUCTION W/S BR 3.1 BATHS 2900+ SF. Cooks kitchen w/stainless appl, granite counters, wood floors t/o. Composite deck off breakfast rm. FR w/gas fp. Formal DR. Fin. LL w/kit, FR & BR, MBR suite.  
(27226726) \$319,900



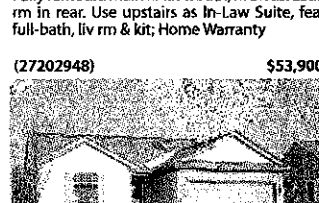
**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900  
BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME ON 1 ACRE Backs up to wooded area. Newer furnace and AC. Beautiful fireplace, HWF in family room, Corian countertops. Lots of room to expand. Ready to move in!  
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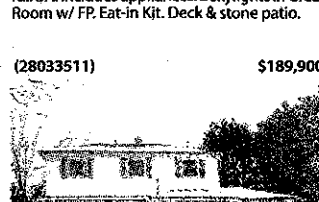
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**Hamtramck** 734-591-9200  
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**Hartland** 248-684-1065  
Immaculate ranch w/ frn. w/o and bar. 3-4 BR/3 full BA. Includes appliances. 2 skylights in Great Room w/ FP. Eat-in Kit. Deck & stone patio.  
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**Highland** 248-684-1065  
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**Livonia** 248-348-6430  
Wonderful Neighborhood! 4 BD colonial has updt galore including vinyl siding, roof, furn & AC, windows, carpeting, driveway, gar fr + remodeled kit. Swim club in sub (membership req)  
(28033231) \$229,900



**Livonia** 248-684-1065  
Ranch w/3-4 Bedrooms, Updated 2 full baths. Large FR w/ gas FP. Large Kitchen w/ snack bar. Fin. LL. Newer carpet, paint, roof, windows and more. Fenced yard.  
(28019619) \$169,900



**Livonia** 248-437-3800  
Immediate Occupancy Some rooms have been painted. Home offers plenty of space. Open floor plan. Truly is a nice home with many updates. Must see to appreciate.  
(28022884) \$154,900



**Livonia** 248-851-1900  
3 BR RANCH FEATURES UNIQUE FLOOR PLAN Large living rm w/cathedral ceilings. Beautiful addition at the rear of home w/4 doorwalks. Large master BR. Oversized 2.5 car garage. Full bsmt partially finished.  
(28037435) \$148,700



**Livonia** 248-684-1065  
Great fr plan! 2 story entry w/ oak flrs, foyer, den w/ french drs, granite kit, nook, LR w/ fp. LG mstr w/ WIC. Fin bonus rm over gar. \$25K in upgrades free.  
(27207304) \$369,900



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Country setting at end of cul de sac with 4 bd, 2.5 ba, and 3,000 Sq Ft of living space. Post and beam construction. 2.5 acres, 2-car gar, upscale kitchen.  
(27112734) \$334,999



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Close to the Village of Milford with Highland taxes! Bring the horses and enjoy the peacefulness of country living. Outbuildings allowed.  
(28033996) \$139,900



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Open fr plan. Cathedral cells in GR & mstr br. 3 WIC's. 2 doorwalks to deck. Kit has ceramic flrs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close to village.  
(27055667) \$139,900



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Walk to downtown Milford from this 1870 Sq Ft historic Village home that has 5 bds, 3 ba, with 1st flr master. Many updates, large fenced back yard.  
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**New Hudson** 248-437-3800  
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**Northville** 248-348-6430  
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(27198080) \$113,000



**Pleasant Ridge** 248-348-6430  
TOTALLY CHARMING TOTALLY UPDATED 2952 sq ft colonial. 4 Bedroom, 3.5 baths. Large private yard. Too many amenities to list. Must see. www.pleasantridgehome.com. Sandy Bartley  
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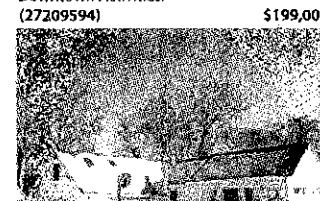
**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
TOTALLY REMODELED PLYMOUTH BUNGALOW! Newly remodeled 3BR/2 full baths. Ceramic eat-in kitchen. All new systems. Part fin. basement. 2 car garage.  
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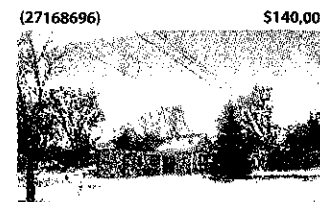
**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
TWO PLYMOUTH HOMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! Two separate houses on one lot in downtown Plymouth. Live in one - rent the other! Numerous updates in main house. Other home continually rented.  
(27097266) \$199,900



**Plymouth** 248-348-6430  
Historic Home W/a Great Walk To Town! Spacious Lr. Arched Walkway Leads 2 Dr/ built-in China. Knotty Pine Rm. 2 Brs/Full Ba. Detached Garage. Close To Kellogg Park & Downtown Activities.  
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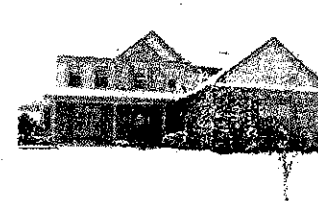
**Redford** 248-348-6430  
ABSOLUTELY STUNNING! Totally renovated top to bottom. Features: new kit, baths, windows, frn, furnace, skylights, Berber carpet, jacuzzi tub & more!  
(27168696) \$140,000



**Salem** 248-437-3800  
THIS IS IT! Cleanest house on market! Huge great rm w/bay window. Open to kit w/skylight. Lots of room to roam in lg yard. Large bdrms-quiet small town. Low township taxes.  
(28039420) \$134,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
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**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Updates Galore! Light and bright with 9 ft. ceilings on main floor. Beautiful master suite cathedral ceilings, bath with corner tub, dual sinks and huge walk-in closets!  
(28024338) \$259,000



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Well kept colonial!! This home offers 3 bedrooms 1 full bath, hardwood floor in the kitchen, finished basement with dry cedar sauna, tile, separate shower, decks, sprinklers, A/C.  
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**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Luxury Condos New Construction! 2 BR/2 BA ranches starting at \$174,900 & 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA cape cods starting at \$184,000. Std features include hickory cabs w/42" uppers, granite cnts, much more  
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**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Charming Home downtown! New windows, doors, refinished original hardwood floors, new drywall and remodeled master suite. Just add your finishing touches!  
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**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Well maintained ranch condo Freshly painted unit in quiet location close to pool. Beautifully decorated, most appliances stay. Large storage room in unit.  
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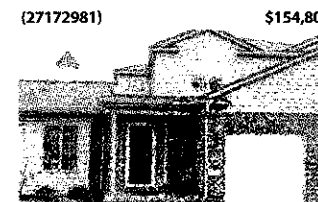
**Walled Lake** 248-684-1065  
Charming 3 BDRM/3BA Cape Cod on wooded, fenced lot w/ view of Wolverine Lake. LR w/ all-brick natural FP. 1st flr master. Fin. LL w/ FR, office, BA.  
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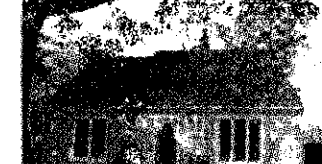
**Walled Lake** 248-684-1065  
Open fr plan, LR w/ elec fp, cath cells & recessed lighting. Dining area w/ D/W to deck. Kit w/ extension counter. 3 lighted cell fans. Mstr w/ WIC & cath cell  
(27192835) \$137,500



**West Bloomfield** 248-684-1065  
Ready to move in bungalow w/ contemporary art deco decor. Remodeled inside and out. HWD floors, paver patio, ceramic tile, appl, included, loft. Lake priv.  
(27172981) \$154,800



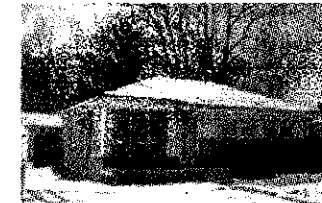
**Westland** 248-348-6430  
Largest 2 BR Floor Plan in Complex Decorated with designer colors. Upgrades include hwdw in entry, kit and breakfast area. Plumbing fixtures in baths, carpet, cabinets in kitchen.  
(27197155) \$144,900



**Westland** 734-455-7000  
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**Westland** 734-455-7000  
WESTLAND -- LIKE NEW! Totally redone throughout is this 3BR/2BA brick ranch. Full basement, detached 2.5 car garage, all situated on a fenced, corner lot. Much more!  
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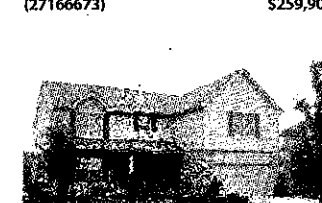
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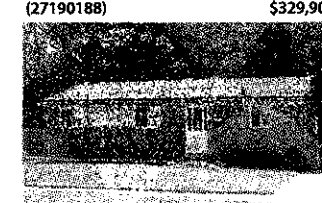
**White Lake** 248-684-1065  
Sharp 1994 3 BR w/pos. 4th BR or office in approx. 400 sq. ft. fin. bsmt. Open fr plan w/ beautiful wrap around deck. Heated 2-car garage. Lake Privileges.  
(28005447) \$174,900



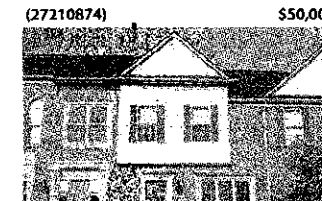
**Royal Oak** 248-348-6430  
Spotless and updated Colonial. 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Fin'd. lower level w/full bath, 2 car insulated/heated garage. Updated kitchen and bath, leaded glass windows, art deco FP.  
(27166673) \$259,900



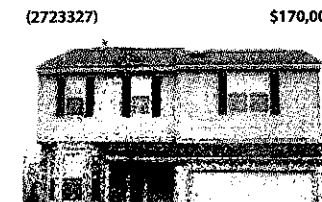
**Van Buren Twp.** 248-208-3990  
Just call it home. This roomy 3,488 sq. ft. 5 bedroom colonial is the dream home you've been looking for! Large great room with a natural fireplace, large upper rec.  
(27190188) \$329,900



**Romulus** 248-208-3990  
Brick front ranch with new vinyl siding. Quiet starter home for a first time home buyer or an investor. Bank owned being sold "as is".  
(27210874) \$50,000



**Canton** 248-208-3990  
Don't miss this opportunity to own a 3 bedroom condo at a great deal. Master bedroom has its own bath and fireplace. 2 car att. gar and basement.  
(27233327) \$170,000



**Ypsilanti Twp.** 248-208-3990  
Stunning home in newer subdivision, nice bank owned. Property offers lovely fireplace in family room, formal dining room.  
(27224159) \$175,000

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## 'The View' winner plans to update Bloomfield Township home

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Carla Johnson isn't the sort of person who regularly buys a lottery ticket. But The Bloomfield Township resident proved to be a winner recently - and even heard her name announced on national television.

She was among 16 winners of Kimberly-Clark and *The View's* \$25,000 Room-a-Day Giveaway. As a faithful watcher of *The View* on ABC weekdays, Johnson had entered the contest last year. "This is the second year I've done it," she said.

The news was announced on Valentine's Day - and despite the snowy, cold temperatures, she said, "it brightened my day." She was the 14th person chosen out of 16 total winners.

Johnson didn't have a specific strategy when it came to winning the sweepstakes. She entered the contest once a day, as permitted, which was made easier because once you enter you receive an e-mail reminder and a link each day afterward. She got the call and was faxed forms to sign a full week before her name was announced on *The View*.

"I wanted to tell everyone, but nobody was home," said Johnson, who heard the news in the middle of the day. "It was exciting."

Though the name of the contest is Room-A-Day Giveaway, Johnson doesn't have a specific room makeover in mind. But she has thought of plenty of ways to spend the \$25,000 windfall, as she called it.

The first order of business is her mailbox. It's in need of replacement. She also hopes to purchase a new sofa to replace her old one. Her kitchen still has plenty of appliances that date back to "the '60s," she said, and she may need to replace her furnace sometime soon. So the money will surely go to good use.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful feeling," said Johnson. She received calls from her family and a neighbor whom she said was "jumping up and down" when she saw the announcement on TV.

Johnson said she isn't one to enter a lot of contests.

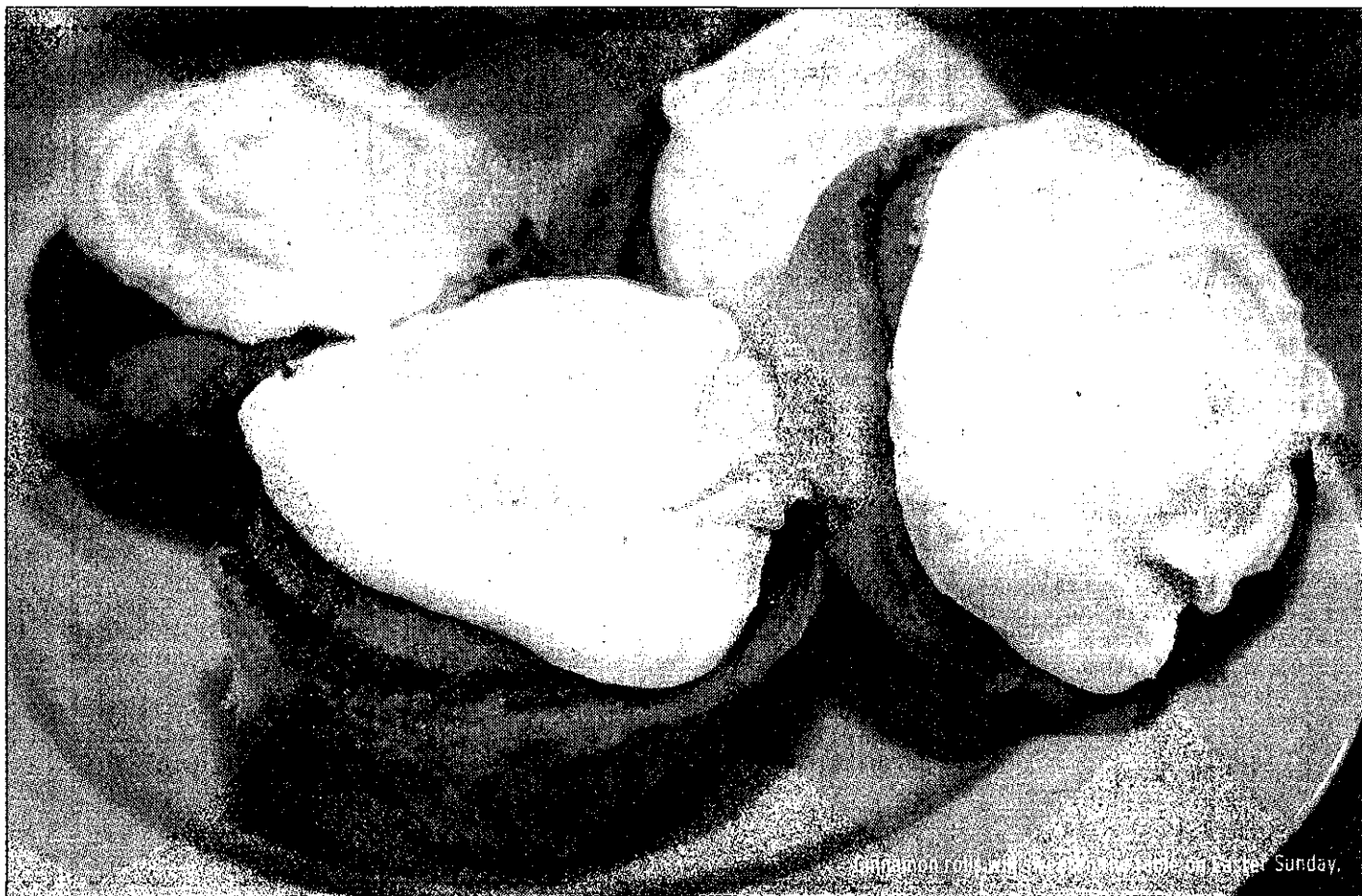
She's not a big traveler, so trips don't appeal to her. She has entered HGTV's Dream Home contest in years passed - but this is her first big win.

It will take 10 to 12 weeks for the money to come in, and Johnson said, "I'm trying not to spend it before I get it."

As a pet owner - she has two dogs and two cats - she's contemplating buying a robotic vacuum cleaner - a purchase she wouldn't have risked before. "Now I can afford to try it," she said.

All of the Room-A-Day Giveaway winners are listed on www.RoomADayGiveaway.com where, Kimberly-Clark and parenting guru Stacy DeBroff, have listed tips on tackling the daily routine and suggestions for ways to "relax, renew and restore" life at home.

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## Sunday special

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

This weekend marks Easter Sunday, the first holiday get-together this year for many families. The day's schedule may consist of a morning at church, followed later by a meal, which can consist of a brunch or a dinner.

Some families may visit restaurants, while others may decide to celebrate at home.

Easter brunch doesn't have to be a mad dash to the store or a harried flurry of activity, according to Stacy Sloan, director of Mirepoix, Holiday Market's cooking school, in Royal Oak.

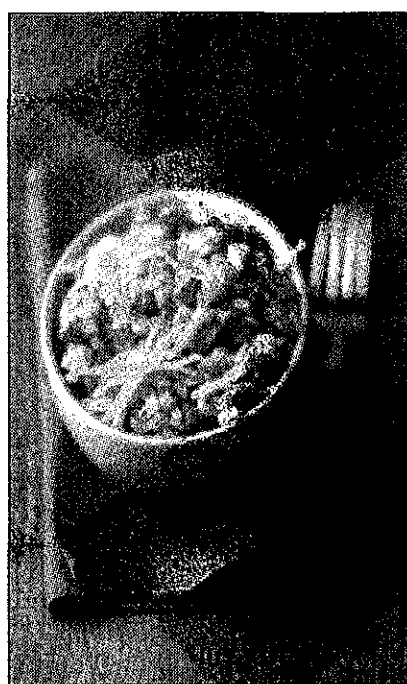
"We try to teach people to be organized and think ahead," Sloan said. "A lot of the things you can do ahead of time."

"With cinnamon rolls, you can make the dough ahead of time. You can sit down, think about the menu and organize your shopping list."

Before you head to the store or the market, check the pantry. You might save time and money, and brunch will be easier. "Keep things on hand you normally use," said Sloan.

Before you chop or mince, mix or mash, review your recipes. "Don't do anything you haven't done before," Sloan said. "If you have time to practice (that is, test a dish), we would prefer that people do that. A lot of recipes aren't written well." That means taking time

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WHOLE FOODS MARKET

Looking for a little variation on Easter ham or something to do with ham leftovers? This light salad entrée pairs smoked ham with crisp cabbage, savory green onions and sweet carrots in a salad base of whole grain barley. For the recipe, see page D2.

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

No matter how old you get, the thrill of getting an Easter basket never goes away.

Karen and John Wezner, of Northville Township, still create Easter baskets for their five children, never mind that they're grown.

"Easter baskets aren't just for little kids... They're for big ones too and they can be filled with items they need," Karen said. "There are those of us moms who still do baskets and, yes, my kids still eagerly await this on Easter Sunday."

The Weznars wed almost four years ago, blending their

families along with their holiday traditions.

Karen had always delighted in filling Easter baskets with candy, stickers and books when her children were young. As they got older, the baskets grew with them.

Gone are pennies and jelly beans hidden in plastic eggs that grandma and grandpa used to give, Karen said.

"Since all of our kids are in college and some work and do both, they are all on a limited budget with specific needs that always seem to be there," she said.

So, for Lisa Nycek, 25, a

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Karen and John Wezner, of Northville Township, believe their kids are never too old to enjoy an Easter basket.

## Icewine: Easter dessert in a glass

Our first experience with the delicious dessert wine made from frozen grapes was with German Eiswein. Ripe grapes, left hanging on the vine until



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they freeze, are harvested in the dead of winter, pressed, and the sweet elixir is made into wine.

The first record of German Eiswein is 1794, yet the story

began in the New World nearly 200 years later when Donald Ziraldo and Karl Kaiser founded Inniskillin at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. By the 1980s, Ontario was taking its place as one of the world's best cool-climate wine regions. By the 1990s, their icewines were widely recognized as some of the world's finest.

### HISTORY RECORDED

Short of making a trip to Inniskillin, we recommend *Icewine: Extreme Winemaking*, Key Porter Books, Canada \$40 hardcover, 192 pages, where Ziraldo and Kaiser skillfully describe the art, science and taste of icewine made on the Niagara Peninsula. Every step of the process is handsomely illustrated from seeing the frozen grapes on the vine covered with snow to pairing this luxury beverage with haute cuisine.

According to Ziraldo and Kaiser, icewines have two primary tastes: refreshing acidity and intense sweetness. At first, this may sound like sweet and sour, but consider that sweetness without acidity is cloying. Great dessert wines are deliciously sweet yet refreshing and that's what keeps you coming back for another sip.

The last 50 pages of *Icewine: Extreme Winemaking* present the handsomely illustrated recipes of the late Izabela Kalabis-Sacco, long-time Inniskillin resident chef who pairs icewine with food in the most creative and imaginative ways.

### ULTIMATE LUXURY

For the ultimate in icewine luxury, try the Inniskillin 2006 Cabernet Franc Icewine (\$95 per 375mL). Most icewine is white, but because cabernet franc is a red variety, this wine has a deep red color.

It highlights strawberry and raspberry aromas with a creamy smooth palate impression. It's sweet but with great acid balance and the unique distinction of pairing beautifully with chocolate. How great is that?

Because of cabernet franc's thin skin, it falls victim to damage from the frigid winter winds, but the unique 2006 vintage worked its magic on the grapes to give you a rare dessert in a glass to end your Easter Sunday meal.

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## BASKETS

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nursing student, the Weznors included jugs of car wash detergent and tire shine in her Easter basket — “items she complains are gone when she goes to wash her truck — most often due to her brothers using them up,” Karen said.

Jonathan Wezner, 25, serving in the Army in Seoul, Korea, will get an American Eagle shirt, novelty boxer shorts and flip-flops — a comfortable change from his uniforms and Army boots.

Since Brian Nycek’s 1996 Monte Carlo leaks oil regularly, the 23-year-old will find a 5-quart container of 10w30 oil in his Easter basket.

Matthew Wezner, 23, and Steven Nycek, 20, will get gift certificates for Subway, Coldstone Creamery and Speedway.

For all five, the Weznors threw in fun stuff kids never outgrow, like bubbles, Silly Putty, airplane kites and sidewalk chalk.

And of course, no basket would be complete without candy, so the Weznors tucked chocolate bunnies, jelly beans and foil eggs into the Easter grass as well.

“The cost of each basket was about \$28, but our kids work hard getting their careers together so we don’t mind splurging on them a little,” Karen said.

They’ll hide the cellophane-wrapped baskets the night before Easter. Karen said they

## IDEAS FOR EASTER BASKETS

■ Instead of stuffing the basket with sweets, send healthier options such as the dried fruit, trail mix, and other healthy snacks.

■ As an alternative to the usual plastic basket, try a small toy wagon or toy shopping cart for young children. A small laundry basket is a fun idea for kids of all ages, and you can decorate it with paint, markers or stickers.

■ Keep your “tweenager” excited about Easter with addition of a gift card or two, for music downloads, coffee or restaurants.

■ Know what your giftee likes in advance. If they don’t like white chocolate, raisins or mint, avoid them. Not sure? The safest bet is a mix of traditional items such as jelly beans, chocolate bunnies, etc.

Source: Birmingham-based deLaFlowers, www.deLaFlowers.com

enjoy looking for the baskets as much as tearing them open.

The family attends Mass at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church, where Karen works as choir director.

“Then, we’ll all meet at home for brunch and they’ll have to find the baskets. They’re in pretty tough spots because our home’s a pretty good size, so there’s plenty of places to hide them,” Karen said. “They can get pretty frustrated looking for the baskets, but that fun of finding them never goes away.”

## Garden center gives away daffodils

English Gardens ushers in the first day of spring on March 20 by giving away bunches of daffodils to the first 100 customers in each store.

The giveaway begins at 9 a.m. at all six English Gardens stores. This is the fourth year English Gardens has given away daffodils to celebrate the arrival of Spring.

English Gardens also hosts an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 22 at 1 p.m. at six English Gardens stores. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for photographs from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is free

and open to children ages 2 through 12.

Both events occur at the following locations: 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak (Troy) (248) 280-9500; 6370 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506. English Gardens also will open its seventh retail store this spring in Brighton at the site of the former Leppek’s Nursery on Grand River.

Call 1-800-335-GROW (4769), or check the web site at www.englishgardens.com for information.

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to tweak recipes that may not come out just right. “When people do follow the recipe, that doesn’t always mean they will be successful,” Sloan said.

Think about seasonal produce. (OK, so you can’t grow and harvest asparagus in Michigan until late May, but that product from California is cheaper at the stores right now than it was

three weeks ago.)

“Buy the highest quality ingredients,” said Sloan. “The best butter makes the best pastries. Whatever your budget is, spend within the budget, but realize the quality of the ingredients affect the quality of the final product.”

“Set the table a couple nights before the event,” Sloan said.

What should hosts serve? “Cinnamon rolls are fantastic,” Sloan said. “I’ll do a fresh ham. I don’t like the taste of

nitrate (or cured) ham. Fresh ham tastes like a roast.”

Serve the fresh ham with a mango chutney or a prune chutney, she suggests.

When creating the menu, start with a main course and work “backward” to the appetizer, then the fresh seasonal vegetables, she suggests. Mix green beans with garlic and olive oil, then season lightly, and add freshly squeezed lemon juice or flavored vinegars, she recommends.

Always buy “what looks good,” Sloan said.

“Think about what you can do so there’s not so much scrambling around,” Sloan said. “Of course, if you know of a place to go where to get something ‘scratch made,’ you can save yourself time and energy.” Holiday Market features Dujour Island for such items.

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## RECIPES

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with plastic wrap; allow to rise for 1½ hours at room temperature.

Before dough is done rising combine ½ cup each granulated sugar and brown sugar, 3 tablespoons cinnamon, softened butter, kosher salt, and nuts. Stir to combine well and keep butter soft.

Push the air out of dough and dump out onto floured work surface. Dust lightly with flour, and divide dough into two equal portions.

Roll one piece of dough out to ½ inch thick rectangle and spread half of the butter/sugar/nut mixture over the surface.

Gently roll into a log, wrap in plastic and chill for 15–20 minutes. Repeat with remaining dough and butter mixture.

Remove plastic and use a serrated knife to slice dough into 1-inch pieces. Place together snugly in greased casserole dish and allow to double in size, about 30 minutes.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, or until golden brown.

To prepare cream cheese frosting, stir cream cheese, powdered sugar and vanilla together and spread onto the warm sticky buns.

### CUBAN-STYLE FRENCH TOAST

4 large eggs  
1 cup sweetened condensed milk  
½ cup cream or half and half  
½ cup dark rum  
½ teaspoon cinnamon  
½ teaspoon cardamom  
½ teaspoon cayenne  
Pinch cloves  
Pinch nutmeg  
1 teaspoon sea salt  
1 baguette sliced into 1-inch thick slices

1–2 tablespoons oil for cooking French toast

Mix together all ingredients except bread and oil. Toss all the bread slices with the custard mixture and let sit for about 5 minutes.

Pre-heat a non-stick pan over medium heat. Pour a small amount of oil on the pan and add 1 or 2 slices of soaked bread. Cook until golden brown on the first side; turn over and cook the second side for about 2–3 minutes.

Place cooked French toast in a 300 degree oven to keep warm, then repeat until all slices are cooked.

Serve warm with powdered sugar, fruit salsa or maple syrup.

### TROPICAL FRUIT SALSA FOR FRENCH TOAST

1 cup fresh pineapple, diced very small

## Mix ham with whole grain for lighter salad entree

### HAM AND BARLEY SALAD

This light salad entrée pairs smoked ham with crisp cabbage, savory green onions and sweet carrots in a salad base of whole grain barley. Mustard and shallots add depth and spice to the fresh vinaigrette dressing. Serves 4–6.

2 tablespoons whole grain mustard  
2 tablespoons finely chopped shallots  
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
6 tablespoons canola oil  
Pinch of brown sugar (or a bit of honey)  
Pinch of salt and pepper  
3 cups water  
1½ cups quick-cooking barley  
3 cups green cabbage, thinly sliced  
4 green onions, sliced  
2 carrots, shredded  
12 to 16 ounces ham, julienned (about 2½ cups)

To prepare the vinaigrette, place the mustard,

shallots, vinegar, oil, brown sugar, salt and pepper in bowl and whisk together until blended. Set aside.

Bring water to boil in medium saucepan. Stir in quick-cooking barley, reduce heat and cover. Simmer for 10–12 minutes or until water is absorbed, then remove from heat and let rest for a few minutes.

While barley is cooking, assemble the cabbage, onions, carrots and ham in large bowl and toss lightly together. Once barley is cooked, spoon over salad and toss. Add the vinaigrette and toss again. Serve immediately while warm or chill to enjoy later.

Nutrition information per serving (315 grams): 410 calories (160 from fat), 18 grams total fat, 2g saturated fat, 17g protein, 47g total carbohydrate (8g dietary fiber, 3g sugar), 25 milligrams cholesterol, 960mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of Whole Foods Market.

½ cup papaya, peeled, seeded and diced small

1 kiwi fruit, peeled and diced small  
1 mango, peeled, flesh removed from pit and diced small

½ teaspoon red chili flakes  
½ teaspoon cinnamon  
¼ cup lime juice (or to taste)

1 teaspoon minced fresh cilantro (optional)

½ teaspoon sea salt or kosher salt

2 tablespoons sugar

2 tablespoons dark rum (optional)

Mix all ingredients together and taste. Add more sugar (or rum) if desired.

Store in refrigerator for up to three days.

### CINNAMON RUM CHANTILLY CREAM

2 cups heavy or whipping cream  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2–3 tablespoons dark rum  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
4–6 tablespoons powdered sugar (or to taste)

½ teaspoon sea salt

Place cream in a the chilled bowl of a mixer (or in any large chilled bowl if whipping by hand) and whip for about 1 minute until thickened and “soupy” looking.

Add all ingredients (start with half the sugar, then add more to taste) and continue whipping until cream forms firm peaks.

Taste and add more sugar or rum to taste. Stir to combine.

Serve with Cuban-style French toast.

### EGGS BAKED IN PIPERADE (SPICY TOMATO SAUCE)

1 large onion, small dice  
2 roasted bell peppers, peeled, seeded, small dice  
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
¼ cup basil leaves, chiffonade (cut in very thin ribbons)  
1 teaspoon chile flakes (or more to taste)

2 (14–15 ounce) cans petite diced tomatoes, with juice (see note)

6 large eggs  
1 cup crumbled French feta cheese

Heat a heavy-bottomed, oven-proof sauté pan over medium high heat. Add olive oil and onions, and sauté until onions are golden brown, about 8 minutes. Add peppers, chili flakes, and tomatoes and cook until flavors combine and sauce thickens, about 20 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste and stir in basil.

Crack eggs into the bowl of a ladle. Use the ladle to press each egg into the sauce so that it is about halfway submerged in the sauce. Repeat with all six eggs.

Sprinkle feta over the top of the sauce. Pour a small amount of olive oil on top of eggs and sprinkle them lightly with salt and pepper.

Bake in a 350 degree oven until yolks are just set but still slightly runny, Cook 14–16 minutes. Serve hot with crusty bread and a salad for brunch.

Note: As an alternative, use 2 quarts of your favorite marinara sauce instead of the tomatoes.

### EGGS BAKED IN FILO PASTRY CUPS

12 eggs  
2 boxes filo pastry, thawed overnight in the refrigerator  
4–6 thin slices ham, Boar’s Head preferred brand  
2 tablespoons minced sundried or marinated tomatoes  
4 ounces fontina cheese, shredded  
2 ounces parmesan cheese, grated  
2 cups heavy cream, reduced by half (until about 1 cup left)  
3 cups baby spinach  
1 teaspoon freshly minced garlic  
10 basil leaves, sliced into tiny strips (chiffonade)  
1 cup melted butter mixed with 2 egg whites and ¼ teaspoon salt  
Salt, pepper, cayenne, lemon juice, and nutmeg

Reduce cream (while it reduces,

es, prepare the rest of the recipe).

Prepare filo by laying out one layer at a time, brushing it lightly with butter/egg white mixture, then repeating with two more sheets for a total of three layers with butter between each sheet.

Cut the filo into three equal pieces. Place one section in one cup of a muffin tin, then top it with another section, turned slightly so as to create an overlapped cup with eight points. Repeat with final section, then repeat entire process with more filo dough to create 12 filo cups.

Bake cups in a 425 degree oven for three to five minutes, or just until slightly crisp and set. Set aside to cool.

Pre-heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add a tablespoon of butter and the spinach; and wilt until just bright green and tender, about 30 seconds. Add garlic and cook briefly, season with salt and pepper, then remove from pan into a strainer and press out as much excess moisture as possible.

Combine spinach and reduced cream in a bowl. Add basil, parmesan, lemon juice to taste (about ½ teaspoon), salt, pepper, and a pinch each of nutmeg and cayenne.

Cut ham into 12 small circles, just slightly larger than the bottom of the muffin cup and place one into each filo cup.

Top the ham with some of the fontina (repeat in each cup).

Carefully break an egg into a cup, then pour it on top of the cheese; sprinkle it very lightly with salt and pepper, then top it with about a tablespoon of the spinach/cream. Repeat with all 12 eggs.

Bake in a 400 degree oven for about 15–20 minutes, or until eggs are just set (yolk should be slightly liquid in the center; if filo gets too brown, cover with foil while eggs continue cooking). Remove and cool 10 minutes before serving.

## FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (248) 644-1314.

### Artisan Cheesemaking

Demonstration of the creation of delicious homemade cheese with Dr. Larry Fallace, how four simple ingredients can be used to create high value cheeses for home use or commercially, 7:30 p.m. March 20; also a book signing at 5:30 p.m. with Linda Fallace, author of “Mad Sheep,” an account of one family’s struggle against a government agency that supports corporate agriculture: Whole Foods Market, 7350 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, cheese demonstration is free, but reserve a spot by calling (248) 538-4600.

### Gluten-free Substitutes

Learn about gluten free products, check out available recipes (or bring your own for others) and discuss with others on a gluten-free diet ways to deal with the allergy, 7 p.m. March 26, Whole Foods Market, 1404 Walton, Rochester Hills, call Aimee at (248) 652-2100 or aimee.soltis@wholefoods.com, for more information or to register.

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# Tune into the Web for your favorite TV shows

**Question:** I missed my favorite TV show last night. Now what?

**Answer:** Head to Fancast, Hulu, Joost, or any number of new video-streaming services that offer free viewing of TV shows (and, in some cases, movies).



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Take Hulu (hulu.com), a joint venture between NBC and News Corp. After signing up for a free account, you can watch full-length episodes of shows like *The Simpsons*, *The Office*, and *Firefly* (one of my personal favorites).

There are caveats, of course: You have to sit at your PC to watch, and you have to sit through the occasional commercial (though nowhere near as many as broadcast TV—yet).

But Hulu's selection is quite good, and it even includes movies like *The Usual Suspects* and *Sideways*. All you need is a Web browser, a high-speed Internet connection, and a comfy chair.

Want even more choices? In addition to Fancast and Joost, check out AOL TV, Prime Time Rewind, and Veoh.

And don't forget the individual networks' sites (ABC.com, Fox.com, etc.), some of which offer streaming in high-def. ABC even lets you download some shows for offline viewing, a nice option for travelers who want to watch on the run.

On numerous occasions I've recommended adding a TV tuner to your PC so you can watch and record shows. It's rapidly getting to the point where that's no longer necessary. Thanks to these new services, you have on-demand access to shows past and present.

Try not to turn into a mouse potato.

But it also has its own internal speaker in case there's no open FM frequency on the dial. Plus, it can auto-dial locations in its points-of-interest database, a very cool capability.

The Nuvi 660 has a staggering list price of \$749.99, but you can find it online for as low as \$350.



The Garmin Nuvi 660 navigation system not only gets you where you're going, it offers hands-free calling and even music via your car's FM radio.

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**A:** I have two, actually. The first is the Venturi Mini (myventuri.com), which Verizon was kind enough to loan me for review (they're the exclusive reseller, but the device works with phones on any network).

The \$129.99 Venturi links to your phone via Bluetooth and to your car stereo via FM; all audio gets routed wirelessly to your car's speakers.

In other words, when you place or take a call, you hear the caller on your stereo. And if your phone supports Bluetooth A2DP and you've stocked it with music, you can stream your tunes through the speaker system. (You can also connect an iPod or similar player to the gizmo's line-in jack.)

As an added plus, the Venturi features a USB port that can power devices like phones, headsets, and iPods—anything that can recharge via USB.

It's a pretty cool little gadget, with a crisp little OLED display and an easy-to-master menu system.

However, because it plugs into—and juts out several inches from—your car's cigarette lighter, you may have trouble positioning it for easy accessibility. And if your lighter is positioned near the floor instead of up on the dashboard, the microphone will be too far from your mouth for callers to hear you well.

The bigger issue: Most FM transmitters don't work too well, and this one is no different. I frequently heard bits of static while listening to music, especially as I drove around town and encountered "competing" FM signals.

Furthermore, although I could hear callers pretty well, they routinely informed me that I was hard to hear and sounded "like I was on a speakerphone."

I had better hands-free luck with the Garmin Nuvi 660 GPS, which, in addition to being a terrific navigation system, connects with your phone and car stereo in much the same way as the Venturi.

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## MARCH

## The Lord's Supper

A Musical Celebration of Worship 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, at

Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. Written and composed by John Michael Talbot, a rock musician turned Franciscan monk, featuring Trinity Church musicians and singers and guest soloist tenor David Reilly. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

## Prepare for Easter

At St. Matthew Lutheran in Westland on Venoy, north or Ford. Holy Week services 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.

## Easter week services

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.

## Holy Week

At Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Services 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.

## Holy Week

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; noon and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, March

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Age 87, of Farmington Hills, passed away March 16, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

## FRANCES I. FORTIN

Age 89. March 16, 2008 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Theodore Alfred. Loving mother of Carol and Dean (Sue). Dear grandmother of Jennifer (Dan) Callen and Great-grandmother of Andrew and Evan. Predeceased by sister Helen, granddaughter Shannon and Daughter-in-law Carol. Visitation Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 2pm until time of Memorial service at 3:30 PM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association or Odyssey Hospice appreciated. Leave condolences at www.schrader-howell.com

## GENEVIEVE R. "GEN." MASSEY

March 13, 2008. Age 88. Beloved wife of the late Mertice "Mert." Loving mother of Ken (Katherine) Massey and Linda (Vince) Cordero. Devoted grandmother of Graham, Nathan, Ryan and Robin. Preceded in death by her sisters Edna and Vera. Survived by brother Roy and sister Evelyn. Visitation was held Monday at McCabe Funeral Home 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. The funeral service was held Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

## GEORGE A. KARKER

March 16, 2008, age 70. Survived by Gale Karker and their children Georgina (Dennis) Furton, James (Sharon) Karker, Casey Karker and Charles Karker. Grandfather of Taylor, Shelby, Dylan, Brady, Maddie and Shawna. Brother of Joyce Stevenson, June Karker and the late Frances E. Karker. Visitation Thursday 1-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral service Friday 11 am at the funeral home.

## HELEN M. SMITH

Age 91, formerly of Dearborn, MI, passed away March 16, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

## JOYCE RUTH LEMASTER

Age 68, March 18, 2008 of Livonia. Loving mother of Kenneth and Douglas (Toni). Dear sister of Don (Carol) Larson. Funeral Service Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 10 AM (instate at 9AM) at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. 6 Mile Road, Northville. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia. Her family suggests contributions to the Michigan Humane Society. Please sign Joyce's online guestbook at www.rgrharris.com.

## MARY KATHERINE ROBINSON

Age 82 a longtime resident of Dearborn, died Friday, March 14, 2008 at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Michigan. Mrs. Robinson was born August 24, 1925 in Magee Mississippi the daughter of the late Mr. A.H. Collier and the late Mollie (nee: Thompson) Collier. She was raised in Mississippi and moved to Michigan in 1947. Mary was the beloved wife of the late Thomas Robinson. She is the dear mother of Charles (Judy) Robinson and the loving grandmother of Michael Robinson. Also surviving are her siblings, Louise "Minnie" Royal and Wiley Leroy Lucas; sisters-in-law, Dora McDonald and Mildred Czek. Mrs. Robinson cherished her grandson and enjoyed sewing her own clothing, gardening, and cooking. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church in Redford and worked for many years at J.L. Hudson Company as a cashier in the cafeteria at the Northland Shopping Center. A memorial interment service will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to D.S. Temrowski & Sons Funeral Home, Warren, Michigan. Please share memories at: www.temrowski.com

## ROBERT G. BROWN

Age 89 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Dorothy. Loving father of Thomas (Ceceile) Brown of Brighton and Robert T. (Barb) Brown of Livonia. Dearest grandfather of five, great-grandfather of 14. Dear brother of Vivian Cameron of Royal Oak. Visitation Tuesday 5-9PM at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 6 Mile, Livonia. A Healing Farewell Wednesday 10:30AM Mass of Christian Burial St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd. Livonia, Instate at Church. 10AM Burial Grandlawn Cemetery. Please leave a verbal message of comfort to Robert's family at 877-231-7900 or sign his guest book at: www.borek-jennings.com. Arrangements by Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel.

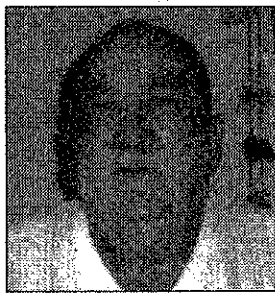
## SERGE JOHN SEGUIN

July 19, 1957-March 8, 2008. Age 50. Beloved father of Jamie. Son of Therese and the late John F. Seguin. Brother to Suzanne (Michael) Hudson, John F. Seguin, III, Mary (Matthew) Danko and uncle to six nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia.



**Sister Marie Georgette Poulin, RSM**  
Sister of Mercy,  
Teacher, Artist

(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Marie Georgette Poulin, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 61 years, died at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills on March 17, 2008. She was 80. She was born to Alexander and Zenaide (Bisailon) Poulin on April 26, 1927 and named Georgette at her baptism. The family moved from her birthplace of St. Philomene, Quebec, Canada to Vergennes, Vermont where she, her three brothers and four sisters attended local schools. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1947. She received the name Sister Mary Wilfrid and made perpetual vows on August 16, 1952. Sister Mary Wilfrid began her ministry as a student nurse but after two years changed to elementary school teaching. She earned her bachelor's degree at Mercy College of Detroit and studied art at Eastern Michigan University. She returned to her baptismal name and became known as Sister Marie Georgette. For 37 years she taught in Mercy staffed schools in Berkley, Cheboygan, Holland, Muskegon, Cadillac, Auburn, Hemlock, Midland, Bay City, Posen, Traverse City and Rogers City, Michigan. Following a year of personal renewal, she served as director of clothing for the sisters at McAuley Center. She cared for her mother in Burlington, Vermont for three years, and upon her return to McAuley Center became involved in a number of volunteer activities. Sister Marie Georgette is remembered as a gentle and artistic woman who shared herself without reserve. As a teacher she was attentive to the needs of each child and her classroom bulletin boards were works of art. She was devoted to prayer and to helping others whenever she could, and used her artistic gifts to design greeting cards and create lovely, small gifts. Shortly before her death, Sister Marie Georgette designed and prepared the background scenery for Holy Week and Easter services. She enjoyed a good game of cards or dominoes and was an active member of a monthly card playing group. Her warm smile and positive attitude marked her presence. Sister Marie Georgette is survived by her sisters, Sister Marie Therese, RSM of Farmington Hills; Lucille of Burlington, Vermont; and Frances Ryan of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; her brothers, Philip of Essex Junction, Vermont; and Jean-Paul of Barefoot Bay, Florida; nieces, nephew, friends and the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service will take place on March 18, 2008 at 3 pm at McAuley Center, 28750 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, followed by a remembrance service at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on March 19, 2008 at 11 am, with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336.



**JIMMY DON ARNOLD**

Age 70, March 5, 2008, of Livonia. Loving father of Lee, Brad, and Todd (Teresa) Arnold, and Becky (Kevin) Krupa, and their mother, Kay Arnold. Dear brother of Jayna Eckler and Betty Lampher. Also survived by five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Loving friend and companion of Lois Mize. A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 21, 2008, at 10:30am at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 N. Sheldon Rd. His family suggests donations to the American Lung Association. Please sign Jimmy's online guestbook www.cremationmichigan.com



## HOWARD HECTOR REGAL

The Villages, FL - Heaven welcomed Howard H. Regal, 78 of The Villages, FL on March 13, 2008, following a prolonged illness at Lady Lakes Specialty Care Center, surrounded by his family. He was a native of Michigan and lived in Hendersonville, North Carolina for 18 years prior to moving to The Villages, FL in 2005. He was born on March 19th, 1929 in Detroit, MI and was the son of the late Hector and Leda Regal. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and employed as a sales engineer in the industrial diamond tool industry. He was a lifetime member of the BPOE (Elks Club). He volunteered for Hospice and Habitat for Humanity and was a member of the Episcopal Church. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Patricia, who passed away in 2004, as well as five brothers. He is survived by five children: Dennis Regal and his wife, Lori, of Hamburg, MI, Cindy Halse and her husband, Gary of Commerce, MI, Tom Regal and his wife, Diana of Mahomet, IL., Mary Regal of Asheville, N.C. and John Regal and his wife, Amy of Fowlerville, MI; sister, Carol Simms and her husband, Lowell of The Villages, FL; 11 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 29th, 2008 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 10585 Hamburg Rd., Hamburg, MI, ph # 810-231-3220 \*Luncheon to follow. (A private burial will take place in the Memorial Gardens of St. James Episcopal Church in Hendersonville, NC at a later date) Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lake and Sumter, 12300 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778

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Matt Cezat, as Jesus, offers a cup of grape juice to the students at the Last Supper.

## Children learn the meaning of Holy Week events

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Matt Cezat ripped the pita into small pieces as a symbol of the bread Jesus used to feed the apostles during the Last Supper. The 13-year-old Livonia boy was playing the lead role as part of a Holy Week walk through at the Catholic church of Divine Savior in Westland on Monday night. Three rooms were set up so religious education students from first to eighth grade could experience the three days of events leading up to Christ's resurrection on Easter.

Sister Gemma Legel organized the program to bring to life the story of Jesus's crucifixion and rebirth. Years ago stores closed during the traditional noon to 3 p.m. observance of Jesus dying on the cross. Today Legel says for many people it's business as usual. Jesus's suffering is all but forgotten.

"The walk through is to give kids an experience, to whet their appetite to want to come to church to experience these High Holy days, to make it concrete," said Legel, director of Faith Formation at Divine Savior.

Eighth grade students took the children through the three days leading up to Easter which will be celebrated during the regular religious education class on March 31. In the Good Friday room students examined their conscience, wrote their sins down on a piece of paper which was burned, and received a nail as a remembrance of Jesus's crucifixion. For Holy Saturday the children stepped up to watch the candles being lit to teach them Christ is the light of the world.

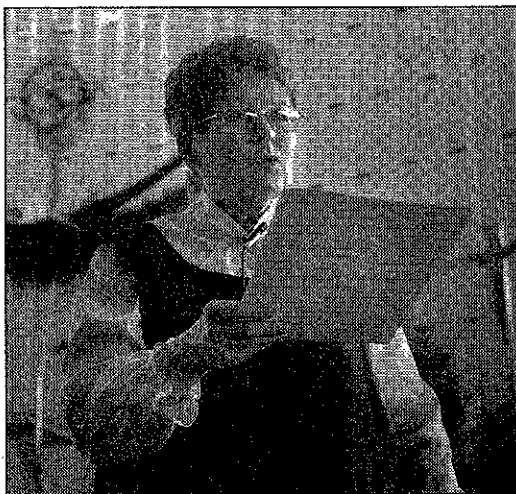
Legel estimates there are about 100 students in the Faith Formation program taught by about a dozen catechists on Monday nights at Divine Savior.

"We're forming them in faith, not just to have their faith but practice it," said Legel. "It's also worship. It all comes together and flows together: worship and service."

Throughout Lent students were encouraged to place paper flowers on a living tree which is beginning to bud inside the lobby of the church.



Eric LaBerge of Livonia washes his hands. Matt Cezat of Livonia, as Jesus, dries the hands of Tyler Demarec of Garden City.



Sister Gemma Legel explains the Holy Week experience to the children.

"The flowers represent the good deeds they've done in and outside of their homes using their hands," said Legel. "Easter lasts 50 days and it's not over in a day. Everything we do is counter cultural. Our place is in church but if we can't get there to observe we can be home - quiet, reflective, in prayer or doing good works for someone else."

For the walk through of Holy Thursday children sat on the floor just as Jesus's followers did when they shared bread and wine. Instead of washing their feet, Cezat and religion teacher Judy Keissel symbolically wiped the hands of the children after they dipped them in a bowl of water.

Keissel coached Cezat and the eighth grade students shortly before the younger

children were to arrive. Two of the students practiced serving the grape juice being used in place of wine. Later, Keissel talked about Jesus knowing that one of the apostles would betray him.

"I hope they will experience what Jesus experienced in these very important days," said Keissel of Plymouth.

"We're going to be doing it three times. By the third time it will be awesome."

One by one the eighth grade students entered

the Holy Thursday room and picked up their scripts. Allison Leonhard, 13 of Westland reads that it was customary for servants to wash feet of the guests. Jesus wanted to show he was their servant as a sign that we need to take care of each other.

Brea Richard, 13, of Westland continued, whenever you wash your hands remember they are meant to help others.

Richard said she was excited to be reenacting the Last Supper "because it's helpful for kids to know what it looked like."

"It will be fun to teach everyone else what I know," said Jordan Tubaro, 13, of Canton.

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# CALENDAR

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21 and Easter Sunday, March 23, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. **Holy Week services** At Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Levee, Redford. Call (313) 937-2424. Services continue 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** 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. 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.

## Holy Week worship

At Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville, 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.

## Holy Week/Easter devotions

7 p.m. Holy Thursday, March 20, Mass of the Last Supper at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Good Friday services begin at 12:15 p.m. March 21, with Stations of the Cross followed by The Last Seven Words of Christ choir presentation, concluding with Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 1:30 p.m. Holy Saturday, March 22, Easter Egg Hunt for the youngsters at 10 a.m., Blessing of Food at noon,

Easter Vigil Mass will begin at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon. For details, (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or www.livonia-stmichael.org.

## Easter exhibit

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth will host an exhibit on The Shroud of Turin (replica) 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, in the parish social hall on the lower level 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.olgcparrish.net. For 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

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

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.

## Holy week services

Noon and 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, noon to 3 p.m. (concludes with symbolic sealing of tomb of Christ), and 7 p.m. Good Friday, March 21, and 7:25 a.m. (symbolic unsealing of tomb), 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. communion services (breakfast

8-11 a.m., free will offering) Easter Sunday, March 23, at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit. For information, call (313) 567-3100 or visit www.historictrinity.org.

## 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

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## Baby Loves Disco brings parents back to the club — with toddlers in tow

When I was single, I used to go clubbing at places like The Shelter, Motor Lounge and Envy. It was fun to dress up, have a few drinks, and dance with abandon.

Those days are so over. As the married mom of a toddler, I'm lucky if I can stay awake past nine. The few times I've made it out to local hotspots, I've ended up feeling old, underdressed and hopelessly out of date. And if I thought going to clubs was expensive when I was single, add the price of a baby sitter onto admission and drinks times two. It's just not worth it anymore.

But now, Baby Loves Disco has revived the club scene for aging hipsters like me. The nationwide phenomenon was ushered into metro Detroit in February by two West Bloomfield moms, Robyn Dwoskin and Julie Hirsch. The concept opens a trendy bar, in our case Eden Nightclub and Ultralounge in Ferndale, on Saturday afternoons for family-friendly fun.

Considering every local Baby Loves Disco has sold out well in advance, I must not be the only parent jonesing for the good old days.

I took my 2-year-old to Baby Loves Disco last Saturday and soon realized the club experience isn't quite so glamorous with a toddler in tow.

After changing Verick's stinky diaper in the backseat, I stuffed supplies into my huge handbag (no stylish evening clutch for this club mama) and we made our way to the door. Despite my mom jeans and practical ponytail, the bouncer let us right past the velvet rope. Yep, this was my crowd.

Inside, we got wristbands (not for the VIP room, but to prevent Verick from wandering off with the wrong mom), collected goody bags and let our

eyes and ears adjust to the light show and loud music.

Unfortunately, my son, like most guys, refused to dance, so we staked a spot at the edge of the dance floor to scope out the scene.

It was much more wholesome than I remember from those nights at Tonic and Taboo. As DJ Ryan Richards spun disco, Moms twirled children in their arms, while dads helped sons to hula hoops and daughters to dance scarves. A machine pumped bubbles into the air.

Despite my coaxing, Verick never caught the disco fever, but it turned out there was plenty else to do.

Eden's bar was stocked with kid-friendly food, like goldfish, animal crackers and pretzels. The cash bar was open for parents, while kids got complimentary Capri Suns. The beds that constitute the Ultralounge part of Eden (normally offering refuge for romance) were filled with helium balloons and hyper kids.

En route to the bathroom, we discovered the entire downstairs was converted to a "chill out area" where parents relaxed on couches or indulged in professional chair massage, while children romped through a playground of stuffed animals, pup tents and toys.

Ten years ago I would have been surveying Eden for hot guys. This time, I picked up a mom.

"Come here often?" I asked a cute blonde with her daughter on her lap.

Turns out it was the first time at Baby Loves Disco for Mary Beth Stacy, a stay-at-home mom of three from Pleasant Ridge. She, too, used to go to clubs like Bookie's, Todd's and Nunzio's back in the day.



Sophie Dwoskin of West Bloomfield hula hoops on the dance floor at Baby Loves Disco.



Mary Beth Stacy of Pleasant Ridge with her son, Gabe, and daughter, Harper in the Chill Out Area at Baby Loves Disco.

"I grew up in punk and disco bars in the 80s," said Mary Beth, as her 3-year-old, Gabe, bounced off the walls and one-year-old Harper wriggled away on the floor. "I'm an old bar fly so this is right up my alley. I think it's great."

Mary Beth and I closed the place down as we chatted about music, family and how hard it is to get out of the house these days.

"Everything changes when you have kids," she said.

Then, Donna Summer's "Last Dance" began blaring upstairs.

It was time to pack the diaper bags and call it a day. At 4 o'clock (p.m., not a.m.), I straggled out of the club covered in sweat (not from dancing, but from wrangling my son) and realized how different my life has become.

Baby Loves Disco proves late nights, last calls and sleeping in are things of the past.

Now, it's all about Verick, but I wouldn't go back to the singles scene for anything — even my old abs and size 6 wardrobe. As I drove home with my

son safely strapped in his car seat, I realized I forgot to ask for Mary Beth's number. We had a lot in common. I would have liked to ask her on a playdate.

I'll be looking for her at the next Baby Loves Disco.

Baby Loves Disco, for children 6 months-7 years and their caregivers, returns to Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge, 22061 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, 1-4 p.m. April 26 and May 31. Tickets (\$12 per walking human; non-walkers free) sell out fast so get them now at [www.babylivesdisco.com](http://www.babylivesdisco.com).

## pink picks

### Wear It!

Abbey Dawn by Avril Lavigne at Kohl's in July

### Eat It!

Dark chocolate — rich with antioxidants!

### Drink It!

Vernors (heals all ills)

### See It!

Lost

### Download It!

Sheryl Crow Detours

### Don't Wear It!

Pleated pants

### Read It!

Playing with the Grown-Ups by Sophie Dahl

### Take It!

Coach Patent Francine in teal

### Anticipate It!

Sex and the City movie — coming May 30!

### DVD It!

Across the Universe

### Face It!

Avon Anew Clinical Advanced Microdermabrasion System

### Kick It!

Stuart Weitzman Pipesashay pumps

### Experience It!

Detroit Fashion Week, March 23-29 at Asian Village

## Sorenen fashion show fund-raiser

Be in the fashion company of Sarah Jessica Parker, Reese Witherspoon, Hilary Swank, Christina Aguilera and J-Lo by bidding on dresses by Farmington Hills native Peter Soronen at the Celebration of Creativity fashion show, auction and luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. New York-based designer Soronen will donate seven dresses for auction, with proceeds to benefit the Farmington Area Arts Commission. Soronen will be on hand to pay tribute to his mother, Jody Soronen, a former Farmington Hills mayor who lost her battle with cancer in 2005. His designs have been featured in Vogue, Cosmopolitan, Modern Bride, and more. Bids will start at \$200 for the gowns, which are valued at up to \$5,000. His creations may be seen at [www.petersoronen.com](http://www.petersoronen.com). Tickets are \$45 and may be purchased at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, or by calling (248) 473-1848.



## 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 [wvonb@hometownlife.com](mailto:wvonb@hometownlife.com).

### Cathy Horyn Fashion Talk

**DETROIT** — Cathy Horyn, New York Times fashion critic and former Detroit News fashion journalist (1986-1990), returns to Detroit 7 p.m. March 20 for a free lecture at MOCAD in conjunction with REFUSING FASHION: REI KAWAKUBO. Horyn, who wrote "Bare Blass" (Harper Collins, 2002), and blogs at [runway.blogs.nytimes.com](http://runway.blogs.nytimes.com), will discuss Kawakubo's history, work process and vision. REFUSING FASHION runs through April 20. Call (313) 832-6622 or visit [www.mocaddetroit.org](http://www.mocaddetroit.org).

### Craft Uprising Showcase

**WYANDOTTE** — Biddle Gallery will host Craft Uprising: Creating a Design Revolution, 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 21. The event features the wares of indie crafters. The theme, Green Bunny,

celebrates recycling, reusing, and, of course, Easter. Biddle Gallery is located at 2840 Biddle Avenue. Call (734) 281-4779 or visit [www.biddlegallery.com](http://www.biddlegallery.com).

### Detroit Fashion Week Returns

**DETROIT** — Detroit Fashion Week will present Fall/Winter '08, Urban, Ready to Wear, Couture and Wedding lines over the course of seven days of events, runway shows, presentations and after parties March 23-28 at Asian Village, 521 Atwater, Detroit. An Accessories Marketplace will feature designer lines of jewelry, handbags, scarves, shoes and more. Call (313) 244-3066 or visit [www.detroitfashionweek.com](http://www.detroitfashionweek.com).

### Custom Easter Hats

**DETROIT** — Forever Sweeney Millinery & Designs invites ladies to purchase custom hats for Easter Sunday. Choose from high fashion to casual styles made of various fabrics including straws, fibers and leather. Create a customer profile on the company's

Web site through the end of April for members-only benefits, and be entered to win a free hat. Call (313) 268-2245 or visit [www.foreversweeney.com](http://www.foreversweeney.com).

### Easter Bunny at GLC

**AUBURN HILLS** — The Easter Bunny will hold court at Great Lakes Crossing through March 22 within steps of the children's play area, in a natural flowering Easter set courtesy of Backer Landscaping. Children will receive a free gift. Custom photo packages available at a cost. Visit [www.shop-greatlakescrossing.com](http://www.shop-greatlakescrossing.com).

### Solstice Mother's Day Event

**DEARBORN** — Solstice Designs self-expression jewelry invites the public to its Third Annual Project Mother's Day, 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 26 at Pizza Papalis, Dearborn. Preview the spring/summer line and help provide necklaces for First Step children to give to mom on Mother's Day. Visit [www.jcidesign.com/solstice/](http://www.jcidesign.com/solstice/) or call (313) 724-9400.



This embroidered Martini Tie by Taryn Boyd of TalkingSquid is among offerings available at CRAFT UPRISING: Creating a Design Revolution, 6-9 p.m. March 21 at Wyandotte's Biddle Gallery.



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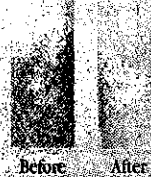
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