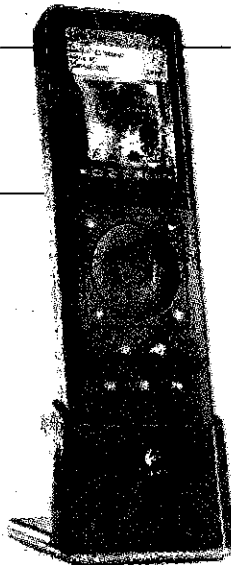


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Westland teen pleads guilty in beheading

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Alexander Letkemann, the 18-year-old from Westland accused of helping kill a River Rouge man at a Canton home back in November, has accepted a plea to a charge of second-degree murder in the case.

Letkemann, who was scheduled to go to trial on first-degree murder and mutilation of a corpse charges Monday, pleaded guilty to the lesser charge in Wayne County Circuit Court Tuesday.

The agreement includes sentences of 20-30 years on the second-degree murder charge and 10 years on the mutilation charge. The sentences would run concurrently. A felony murder charge, dismissed at a preliminary hearing in 35th District Court but reinstated by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry, will be dismissed when the plea becomes official at Letkemann's April 23 sentencing, court officials said.

Both Maria Miller, a spokeswoman for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and Letkemann's attorney, Raymond Cassar, declined to comment, citing a gag order imposed by Berry in the case.

Letkemann and Jean Pierre Orlewicz were arrested

two days after the Nov. 7 murder of Daniel Sorensen and charged with killing him in the garage of Orlewicz's grandfather's Canton Township home. Police say the pair then beheaded Sorensen and dumped his body in a Northville Township field, burning it to try to mask identification. The head was then thrown into the Rouge River, from where it was recovered a few days later.

Orlewicz is scheduled to go on trial on first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse charges Monday. But Berry this week dealt a blow to the self-defense strategy Orlewicz attorney James Thomas said he would use when she refused to admit evidence about Sorensen's past behavior.

In court documents, Thomas has portrayed Sorensen as a violent person, trying to admit into evidence personal protection orders taken out against Sorensen by individuals not involved in the murder case.

Orlewicz's attorneys were seeking to have those PPOs introduced into evidence, along with details of Sorensen's 2001 conviction for second-degree criminal sexual conduct and details of the victim's Myspace page, which included various pictures of weapons, illegal narcotics, images from the Al Pacino movie *Scarface*, and "profane descriptions" of Sorensen's occupation.

In a written ruling issued Monday, Berry said the defendants "had no prior knowledge" of the PPOs... none of the PPOs related to alleged conduct between the deceased and the defendants. Therefore the said PPOs are too remote to be relevant."

There is no indication whether part of Letkemann's plea agreement includes testifying against Orlewicz. However, Orlewicz's self-defense strategy could be an interesting tactic, considering written and taped statements Letkemann gave Canton police in the days following the murder.

In a taped statement, Letkemann said Orlewicz lured Sorensen into his grandfather's Canton Township garage and killed him there.

In the statement, Letkemann said he led the procession into the garage, followed by Sorensen, with Orlewicz in the rear. Orlewicz, Letkemann said in the statement, stabbed Sorensen from behind.

The statement can't be used against Orlewicz, but could provide some insight into what Letkemann might say if called to the stand.



Alexander Letkemann (left) of Westland, shown here at his preliminary hearing with attorney Raymond Cassar, accepted a plea to second-degree murder Monday.

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Going 'dark' at the Park

'Jekyll' a departure from lighter fare for Players

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem High School sophomore Clare Cavicchio just smiled when she was asked how her mother reacted to the role Clare will play in this weekend's Park Players Production of *Jekyll & Hyde*.

"My mom was not excited," Clare said with a chuckle.

That's because Cavicchio will play the prostitute Lucy when the Players take to the stage of the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School tonight (Thursday) for the opening night performance.

Cavicchio's mom is "cool with it now," which is good for the young actress, taking to the stage with a challenging role in her first production of any kind.

"It's fun to let go and play someone so completely different from who I am," said Cavicchio. "I get to be completely crazy."

An evocative tale of the epic battle between good and evil, *Jekyll & Hyde* is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story about a brilliant doctor whose experiments with human personality create a murderous counterpart. Convinced the cure for his father's mental illness lies in the separation of Man's evil nature from his good, Dr. Henry Jekyll unwittingly unleashes his own dark side, wreaking havoc in the streets



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Clare Cavicchio plays Lucy, a lady of the night threatened by Jekyll, played by Brandon Verdi.

ON STAGE

- What: Park Players production of *Jekyll & Hyde*
- When: 8 p.m. April 3-5, April 11-12
- Where: Gloria Logan Auditorium, Salem High School
- Who: Brandon Verdi as *Jekyll and Hyde*, Mia Topalian as *Emma*, Clare Cavicchio as *Lucy*
- How much: Tickets \$12 or two for \$20, on sale one hour before curtain



Emma, played by Mia Topalian, is betrothed to Jekyll, played by Brandon Verdi. Her father, Sir Danvers, played by Colin Lazorka, is worried about his daughter. John Utterson, played by Kendall Persons, is concerned about Jekyll, his best friend.

of late 19th century London as the savage, maniacal Edward Hyde.

It is, according to director Kristen Quesada, quite a departure from the lighter

fare usually served up by the Park Players.

"We haven't done a 'dark' show since I've been here, and the music is beautiful," Quesada said. "We usually

do happy shows with a lot of jazz squares (dances). There aren't any jazz squares in this one."

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Caccamo re-enlists, re-election plan likely

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the end of March began to set in, Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo was facing a couple difficult decisions about his future. On

March 19, the Iraq war veteran was officially discharged from the U.S. Marines Reserves. At the same time, the May 13 deadline to get his name on the ballot to seek re-election was weigh-

Please see **CACCAMO, A4**



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Opening Day a little sweeter

Despite losing its first game, Don Buciak made Opening Day a bit sweeter for the Detroit Tigers. Buciak of Holiday Market in Canton created a cake in honor of the baseball team and delivered it to Comerica Park Monday in time for the 2008 season's first pitch. "I've made cakes for (Tigers pitcher) Nate Robertson and his wife so I called the park and asked if I could do something for opening day," Buciak said. The cake was primarily blue and orange and featured the face of a tiger. The tiger's ears were made of cardboard and its whiskers were black licorice.

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■ Talk About Books: April 7, at 5 p.m. Talk about *The*

Shoeshine Girls with other first and second graders. Registration required.

■ Basic Computer Maintenance: April 8, at 9:30 a.m. Keep your computer healthy with regular maintenance. Registration required.

■ Teen Toilet Roll Bracelet: April 8, at 4 p.m. Make a unique bracelet from a toilet paper roll. Registration required.

■ Teen Animanga Club: April 9, at 6:45 p.m. Get together with other teens and discuss all things manga and anime.

■ Power Point II: April 10, at 9:30 a.m. Add motion and sound to your Power Point presentations. Registration required.

■ Lunch and a Book Discussion: April 10, at noon. Bring your lunch and discuss *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky with other book lovers. Drop in.

■ Knit Nights: April 10, at 7 p.m. Bring your handcraft and hang out with others. Beginners and teens are welcome. Drop in.

■ MS Word I: April 12, at 9:30 a.m. Create, save and modify word documents in this popular word processing program. Registration required.

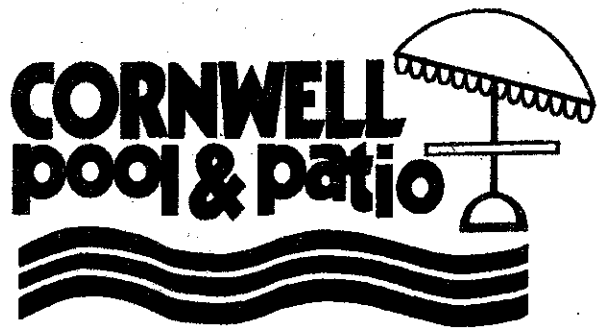
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The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its annual dinner auction fundraiser on Friday, April 11, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Burton Manor in Livonia.

This year's theme is "Margaritaville." Guests are invited to dress in costume. The evening gives those in attendance networking pos-

sibilities 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 recognition mechanisms.

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



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CORRECTION

A story about Wayne-Westland Schools Kindergarten Roundup in Sunday's *Observer* indicated children starting school in the fall would be part of the class of 2012. It should have said the class of 2022. Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, at the district's elementary schools.

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Community members are invited to be part of a special team. Chamber of Commerce members are encouraged to volunteer to become a member of the Canton Ambassadors Team, whose main purpose will be to create a warm welcome for tournament participants, their families and friends during their stay in Canton.

Each Ambassador will be asked to sign up for a short two-hour shift to host the ShopCanton booth located inside the Super Bowl, anytime between 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., during the month of April. Interested individuals can also sign up for more than one shift, or a certain shift each week.

These Ambassadors will provide a valuable "person-to-person" source of information to help our visitors find their way around our community and discover all that Canton has to offer. The only requirement to become a Canton Ambassador is to possess cheerful enthusiasm and to have pride in the Canton community.

Ambassadors who wish to promote their business will be allowed to wear shirts or pins with their company logos. Please note, due to limited space and other logistics, we will not be distributing handouts, coupons or other literature. The goal is to let the bowling community know they have come to a very friendly place and that we are glad to have them all in Canton.

To sign up, please contact Pat VanDusen, Volunteer Events Coordinator at (734) 394-5193 or the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040 to let us know when you would like to volunteer to be a member of the Canton Ambassadors Team.

Local airman graduates

Air Force Airman Cassandra L. Hamric, a 2007 graduate of Canton High School, has

graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, she studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Hamric is the daughter of Kandralyn Hamric of Westminister Way, in Canton, and granddaughter of Jerry Cleveland of Taylor.

Mom's night out

The Workman Elementary Girl Scouts are sponsoring an evening of fun for mom's, aunts, grandmas, and girlfriends from 6-10 p.m., on Friday, April 4 at Workman Elementary School in Canton (at Cherry Hill and Denton roads).

There will be lots of activities and treats available, including a free chair massage, sample decadent desserts and virgin margaritas, try on make-up and jewelry, free mini-manicure, games, and more. There will also be four hours of uninterrupted scrap-booking.

The event is open to the public and costs just \$5 at the door. There will be 18 items/baskets auctioned off.

Through this event and others, the Workman Girl Scouts are hoping to give back to the community by donating \$1,000 to the school's Habitat Committee to cover the cost of materials to build a 15-foot bridge over the creek behind the school in the habitat area. The Habitat will be used in the school science programs, by the community, and by area Girl Scout Troops for their Bridging Ceremonies.

Earth Day volunteers sought

All area residents are welcome to join in Canton's Earth Day Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 19. In recognition of Earth Day, volunteers will be picking up litter and

trash along the I-275 trail system from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All volunteers will meet at Fellows Creek Golf Club, located at 2936 S. Lotz Road, and be shuttled to the worksite. Volunteers can also drop in at Fellows Creek to help anytime during the program and will be shuttled to the project area. Helpers will not be required to work the entire time. Shuttles will be available throughout the morning.

This volunteer opportunity is recommended for ages 8 and older. Adult supervision is required for minors. Please dress according to the weather, since this event will take place rain or shine. Pre-registration is not required.

If you are interested in volunteering for this free event, please contact Pat VanDusen by April 16 at (734) 394-5193 or e-mail at pvandusen@canton-mi.org to register. For more information visit www.canton-mi.org.

Adopt-a-road cleanup

Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo has planned a Haggerty Road adopt-a-road clean-up at 10:30 a.m., Saturday April 5. Volunteers will be working in the area between Ford and Cherry Hill roads. Meet at the Roman Forum Parking lot (on Ford Road just west of Haggerty). Caccamo will bring the coffee, donuts, orange vests and bags. You should plan on bringing a set of work gloves. All are welcome.

Goebel to speak to youth

Accomplished speaker, musician and humorist Jerry Goebel will be sharing faith and values with young people from 7-9 p.m. April 8 at St. John Neumann Parish, on Warren Road between Sheldon and Canton Center roads in Canton. Goebel has worked around the world from Central America to Alaska, and from Australia to Europe. Cost is \$2 per person or \$5 for families of three or more, paid at door.

For more information about the event, which is being sponsored by All Saints Catholic School, call Kelli Yager at (313) 310-8880.

Slammin' Spaghetti Jam

PBJ Outreach Inc. (www.pbjoutreach.org) is sponsoring

a Super Slammin' Spaghetti Jam on Saturday April 5, from 5-8 p.m. (following 4 p.m. Mass) at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall (47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth). Enjoy a fun family night including spaghetti dinner, cash bar, activities for kids, and raffle/door prizes. All proceeds go toward the Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry, which provides food on a weekly basis to our brothers and sisters in Detroit's Cass Corridor. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for kids age 3-12, and free for kids under 3. For tickets or more information please contact Linda Barterian at (734) 459-0771.

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack have declared April 6-12, as Severe Weather Awareness Week. To help recognize the week, Canton's Emergency Management Office encourages residents to review severe thunderstorm, lightning and tornado safety procedures and to have a preparedness plan in place. There were 22 tornadoes that struck Michigan last year, causing three tornado fatalities and one lightning fatality, 11 injuries and more than \$150 million in damages.

The best time to prepare for severe weather is before it happens. Michigan weather can change quickly. It is important to monitor weather conditions and take seriously watches and warnings issued by the National Weather Service.

Make sure everyone in your household knows where to go and what to do in case of severe weather no matter whether they are at home, at work or at school. If you are outside and a thunderstorm approaches, if you hear thunder, go to the nearest shelter. If a tornado warning is issued for our area or if you feel threatened by the storm, go to the basement and get under something sturdy. If no basement is available, go to an interior part of the building on the lowest level. A good rule of thumb is to put as many walls between you and the tornado as possible.

Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio, television

and cable stations for the latest weather updates.

For more information contact Canton's Emergency Management Office at (734) 394-5357 or visit its Web site at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

Charity poker tournament

The Knights of Columbus will host a charity Texas Hold 'Em Tournament to benefit various charities Saturday April 19 at The Shark Club, 42070 Ford Road, Canton. Tournament registration begins at 11:30 a.m., dealing at 12:30 p.m.

Buy in of \$40 includes \$5 bounty chip. One \$20 add-on prior to start of tourney. Cash games will be running before and during the tournament. There will be a full menu and bar available.

For more information and to reserve a tournament seat, visit www.kofc8284.eventbrite.com, or call Tom at (734) 502-7016 or Fred at (734) 765-8739.

Women wanted

The Canton Business and Professional Women will meet from 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, April 14 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton. Dinner will be served.

Guest speaker will be Lisa Mininni, Canton author of "Me, Myself and Why? The Secrets of Navigating Change."

The goal of the group is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women. They hold monthly meetings. For More Information please contact: June Nicholas at (313) 610 2561 or via e-mail at juvenicholas@comcast.net. Please RSVP for this meeting.

Historical Society presentation

The Canton Historical Society will host its second

in a series of speakers at 7 p.m., April 9 at the Cherry Hill School on the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. The guest speaker will be society trustee Larry Arnold who will present "Lydia Pinkham and Patent Medicine Frauds," which is about a remarkable woman and offers a humorous look at the rampant patent medicine industry in the early 1900s before the Food and Drug Administration came into being.

For more information, contact the Canton Historical Society Museum at (734) 397-0088 or visit their Web site at www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

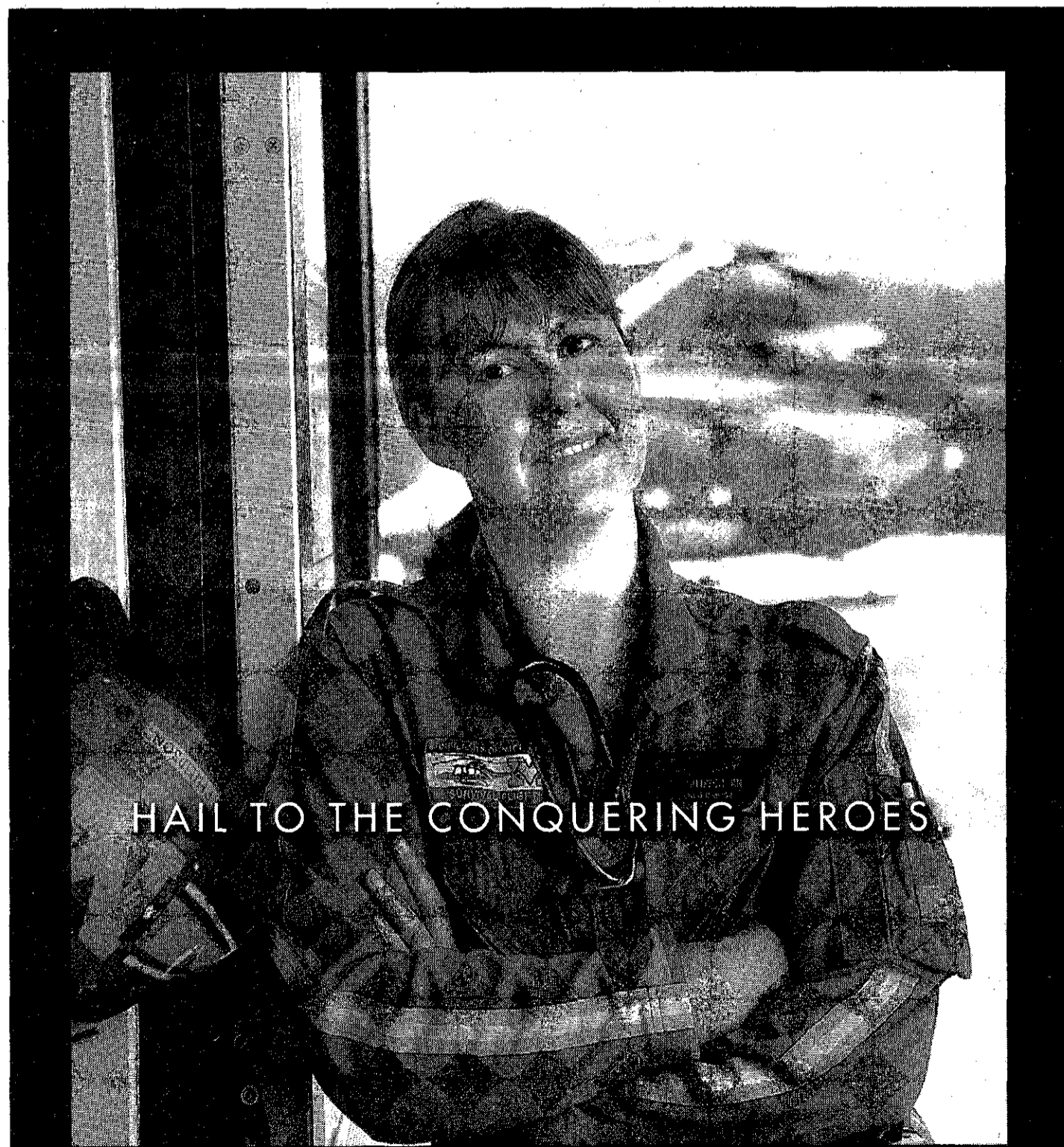
Mom-to-Mom sale

St. Thomas a' Becket's "Mom-to-Mom Sale" will be on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 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/mom2mom.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.

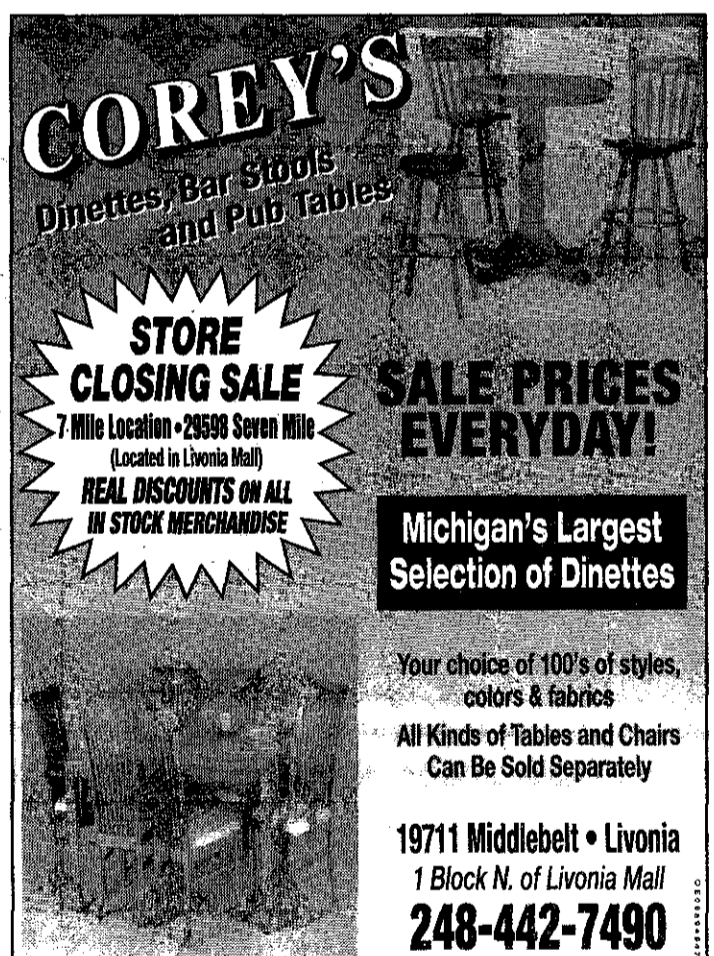


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BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

All the stories you hear about wicked stepmothers and evil stepdaughters didn't apply to Catherine Rowe and her husband's daughter, Jessica.

"I came into Jessica's life when she was 16 and we never went through any of that," Rowe says softly. "We had a great relationship."

To prove her point, Rowe of Canton says that in the 10 years she mothered Jessica they only had one major strain.

"When my youngest daughter, Chrissie, was getting married four years ago, a lot of attention went to her and Jessie said she was feeling left out," she said. "I let her know that when she got engaged, all the attention would be on her."

And it was. In December 2006, Jessica, 26, got engaged to Matt Jarmusevich.

The two, who had been a couple for four years, had set a date in September 2007.

"She didn't want to waste any time and we found her dress on New Years Eve," Rowe said, noting that Jessica's mother died when she was a young child. "She tried on a dozen gowns but when she put that one on, it was all over. It was perfect."

The dress, a tulle ball gown with a chapel train and a beaded, cuffed bodice, is still at the township home Rowe shares with her husband, Scott.

Jessie died of Crohn's disease in May 2007. "She got critical very, very fast," Rowe said. "No one thought she was going to die."

Jessie, a full-time student at Eastern Michigan University who dreamed of becoming a teacher and having her own children, had been diagnosed with the chronic disorder three years before her death.

According to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Crohn's causes inflammation of the digestive or

gastrointestinal tract. It most commonly affects the small intestine and the colon.

Three weeks after choosing her wedding gown, Jessica was hospitalized. Between Jan. 21, 2007 and the day she died, May 5, she only released for one day.

"(Jarmusevich) is still devastated," Rowe said as she wiped tears from her eyes. "We all are. I think about Jessie everyday. I miss her smile and I miss her laugh."

Until this week, Rowe hadn't unzipped the bag that protected Jessica's wedding gown.

"I was sewing crystals all over the skirt but I stopped a few days before she passed because I couldn't bear to look at it," she said. "And then last year, I was telling one of my husband's cousins that I didn't know what to do with it and they suggested I donate it so that's what I want to do."

Rowe said she would like to donate the gown to a woman that has overcome some obstacles in her life.

"I want to do something good for someone trying to do something good for herself," she said. "It doesn't necessarily have to be an illness, just someone that has overcome challenges. Jessie was working full time and going to school full time."

Any woman interested in the size 10 gown, will be asked to write an essay describing how she conquered an issue in her life.

"It's a delicate situation," Rowe said of donating the gown. "I don't know if someone would be uneasy wearing it."

Still, she's going to try her hand at gifting another bride with the dress.

"Jessie knew that (Jarmusevich) was the one for her," Rowe said. "There were days that I gave her the choice of me visiting her in the hospital or doing some work for the wedding and she would always tell me to work on her wedding. She was ready to get married."

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Jessie Rowe poses with her fiancé, Matt Jarmusevich, during a happier time. She died last year of Crohn's disease, a couple months before the couple was to marry.



Canton's Cathy Rowe adjusts her daughter Jessica's wedding dress.

Family on frontline of fighting disease that claimed daughter

As the first anniversary of the death of Jessica Rowe approaches, her family has taken some comfort in raising money to fight the disease she battled.

On May 17, Scott and Catherine Rowe of Canton and their family and friends, including Jessica's fiancée, Matt Jarmusevich, will participate in the Take Steps Walk 2008 at Camp Dearborn in Milford. The event benefits the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America.

"I think Jessie would have wanted us to do this," said Catherine Rowe, who is also looking to donate the bridal gown Jessica would have worn for her wedding in September. She died in May at age 26 from Crohn's disease. "Maybe because this happened to her, it was to get the rest of us out of ourselves."

The Rowes, along with their three adult children, participated in the event last year and raised \$7,500. This year, they have a goal of \$10,000.

To make a donation, log onto www.active.com/donate/takestepsdetroit07/crowe14

CACCAMO

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ing on his mind.

After calling a fellow Marine who he served with in Iraq, Caccamo made the difficult decision to re-enlist in the Marines Reserves on March 20.

"It was an emotional decision, no doubt," Caccamo said of re-enlisting. "You really feel like you would be leaving your buddies in a lurch. Plus, I enjoy being a Marine. I enjoy the lifestyle. And I enjoy the duty."

With that decision out of the way, Caccamo, 36, is now trying to figure out if he wants to run for re-election to the township board. He says he has enjoyed serving on the board during his first term, and has been talking to a lot of people about the issue lately. He will also hold one of his "Caccamo Coffee"

sessions Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Perk Coffee Shop in Cherry Hill Village, so he can meet with constituents. His main question: "Should I run again in 2008?" "There's a 98 percent chance I'm going to run," he said. "I just want to know what people have to say, and what they think the important issues are for Canton over the next four years."

Caccamo, a political unknown until he ran successfully in 2004, took a one-year leave of absence from the Board of Trustees when he went over to serve in Iraq. He returned in April of 2007. At this point, Caccamo has no idea if, when or where he might be deployed. He said Iraq is a possibility, but so is Afghanistan.

He said it is likely that he will have to take a similar leave if he is re-elected, but doesn't think voters should hold that against him.

Just the contrary.

"Civilian employers honor military service, so why should government be any different," he said. "This is a war where people are dying every day. I'm not going to abandon my post. All walks of life are being called upon to serve."

Caccamo, a sergeant in the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, said he is being up front with voters, making sure they know he might be gone again. Plus, he doesn't think his absence, for how ever long it might be, will make a huge difference.

"The fact of the matter is there are seven of us on the board. One person being gone for a while won't make much of an impact," he said.

All seats on the Canton Township Board of Trustees are up for grabs this year. The deadline to get on the ballot is May 13.



Todd Caccamo

CACCAMO COFFEE

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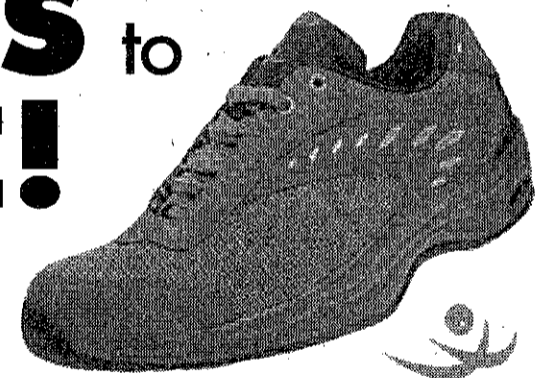
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Livonia attorney joins race for 11th Congressional District seat

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin helped the Livonia Knights Mites Hockey team find a way to win as an assistant coach.

"Last season we won the league championship and the Silver Stick regional," he said. "It was a great season, a lot of fun."

Larkin, a Democrat, is confident he can continue those winning ways in his bid to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, in the 11th Congressional District.

"I've been an attorney for 20 years now. I've learned what it means to represent people and I don't believe that Mr. McCotter is representing the people of the 11th District at this time. He is not hearing what their issues are," Larkin said.

Larkin is expected to face former Novi city manager Ed Kreiwall in the Democratic August primary. Tom Spencer, a Methodist lay minister and Air Force veteran, has withdrawn from the race and offered his support to Larkin.

"He's got connections, name and I didn't have either. I didn't have much of a chance," Spencer said Tuesday.

He called Larkin a "progressive" and a "people person."

Larkin is the nephew of Carol Larkin, chair of the 11th



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Joseph Larkin will run in the Democratic primary against Ed Kreiwall. The winner would face incumbent Thaddeus McCotter in the November election.

District Democrats, and Jim Larkin, a Garden City school board member. He said his aunt and uncle were unaware that he was entering the race.

Ted McAvoy of Highland has announced as an independent candidate.

WAR STAND AN ISSUE

Like Kreiwall and Spencer, Larkin is critical of McCotter's support for the war in Iraq.

"We have lost too many American fighting men and women there, now over 4,000 and that doesn't include the multitude of men and women coming back with physical

LARKIN FILE

Age: 43
Residence: Livonia
Marital status: Divorced, no children.
Education: bachelor's degree in political science, University of Michigan; juris doctorate, University of Michigan.
Profession: attorney, 19 years, Larkin Legal Services, Livonia.
Member: Michigan Association for Justice, Catholic Lawyers Society of Michigan, Livonia Bar Association, Knights of Columbus.
Volunteer: Groups feeding homeless and elderly at St. Patrick Senior-Center, St. Aloysius, St. Dominic, St. Maurice, St. Edith, Focus:HOPE.
Church: St. Edith, Livonia
Other: Assistant coach Livonia Knights Mites Hockey
Web site: larkinleadership.com

and mental injuries," Larkin said. "He is not looking at the fact that we are spending approximately \$100 billion a year in that war and his desire is to remain there indefinitely."

Larkin said he supports a "practical and prudent" removal of U.S. troops.

"Bottom line, I would rely upon military advice that as a lay person I am not privy to, military not political, Bush and McCotter make decisions based on politics," he said.

Larkin said the government has not been treating veterans with the respect and support they deserve.

"We should spare no expense when our veterans come home from war," he said.

On the domestic side, Larkin said the Bush administration has been too focused on bailing out banks and investment institutions rather than helping people facing foreclosure.

"What can be done to help those people?" he said. "Every person who goes into foreclosure results in your house and my house declining in value. That's what I'm looking at."

Larkin said he supports laws that would penalize lenders who do not follow good

business practices.

"Those people who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own should be given every opportunity to stay in their home. If they are not given those opportunities, foreclosures affect every one of us," he said.

Larkin said trade agreements can be a good thing for consumers, but that the North American Free Trade Agreement and others have hurt the economy and sent jobs overseas to countries that do not have the same worker and environmental protections that the U.S. has.

"If we invite products in from countries that do not provide the same protections, we are not playing on an even playing field. That's what I want with any trade agreement," he said. "The American economy has the best, the smartest, the most productive workers in the world, but when they are not allowed to compete on an even playing field, they are at a disadvantage."

Larkin said existing immigration laws need to be more vigorously enforced.

"My family came from immigrants, I have nothing against immigrants, but I am for legal immigration," he said. "That's the only way it should occur."

On the energy issue, Larkin is a strong supporter of hydrogen cell technology as one way to reduce dependence on foreign oil but not the only way.

"My desire is to rely upon scientists to tell us what are the best avenues to go, so it is not just the hydrogen fuel cell," he said. "I'm for biomass, I'm for solar, I'm for wind, I'm for hydro. I want to spend American investment in any of those areas."

He said more immediately using E85 ethanol would be a good way to cut down on oil importation.

PRO-LIFE CONCERNS

Tom Spencer said the only issue on which he parts company with Larkin is abortion. Larkin is anti-abortion. He said he doesn't see the abortion issue as a factor as it is the Senate that confirms Supreme Court appointments. But he said he thinks McCotter's pro-life position is inconsistent.

"It seems the only area he's concerned about pro-life is when you're in the womb and not when you come out of the womb," he said. "For example, he voted against extension of health care benefits for poor children. That is an area where I absolutely would have voted yes."

Larkin is collecting petition signatures before the May 13 filing deadline. He said he would be willing to debate Kreiwall in the primary campaign and McCotter in the general election campaign.

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Mom 2 Mom sale funds Kiwanis

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. Saturday, 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 or e-mail amybrody@comcast.net.

New Kohl's to open April 9

Kohl's Department Stores will officially open its second Canton store on April 9. Located at 47250 Michigan Avenue, the new store will provide roughly 150 jobs. The store is one of 29 that Kohl's will open nationwide this spring, and will celebrate the opening of its 1,000th store this fall.

The retail chain already has a store in Canton on Ford Road near Sheldon.

The new store, like all new Kohl's stores, feature glass showcase windows at each entrance, redesigned juniors' and intimates departments, enhanced fitting rooms with lounge areas and updated restrooms and checkout stations for more comfort and convenience. In addition, more than 30 existing stores will be updated this spring to reflect Kohl's newest look.

"We are excited to open the doors to the new Canton location. Like all Kohl's stores, we will offer exclusive and national brands at a value customers can appreciate," said KC Schrade, district manager for the new Kohl's location.

To celebrate the store's opening, Kohl's will offer grand opening sales on well known exclusive brands such as Simply Vera Vera Wang, ELLE™, Chaps and Food Network™ and national brands such as Levi's®, Carter's® and Cuisinart®.

All Kohl's stores offer Kohl's charge cards, gift cards, bridal and baby registries, shopping carts that double as strollers, centralized checkouts and convenient store hours. Kohl's commitment to customer service has been endorsed by the National Retail Federation* who has ranked Kohl's as one of the top department and retail stores for customer ser-

CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

vice for the past three years. For a complete list of store locations or for the added convenience of shopping online, visit www.kohls.com.

J.C. Penney opening

The new 104,000-square-foot J.C. Penney store at 43690 Ford Road in Canton will hold an official grand opening Friday, April 11, beginning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the store's main entrance at 8:45 a.m.

"This store, combined with the new store that recently opened in Chesterfield, adds to J.C. Penney's presence in the metro Detroit market and makes our outstanding assortment of trend-right fashion at smart prices even more accessible to customers," said Store Manager Erin Domeyer. "We thank the people of Canton for welcoming us into the community, and we invite everyone to come celebrate with us."

Throughout the grand opening week, customers can register to win prizes, including a \$1,000 J.C. Penney gift card, as well as one of 50 \$100 gift cards to be used toward any J.C. Penney purchase. The sweepstakes runs April 6 through April 19 and is open to those 18 years or older, and no purchase is necessary to enter. For complete rules, go to jcp.com/newstores.

Oakwood podiatrist comes to Canton

Hon Fong, DPM, has relocated his office to the Haggerty Professional Building located at 2050 Haggerty Road, Suite 120 in Canton. Fong specializes



Fong

in podiatry and has affiliations at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center (OHMC) in Dearborn, Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and

Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor. He completed his residency at OHMC in Podiatric Surgery and received his degree from Des Moines College of Osteopathic Medicine. His areas of interest include foot and ankle injury and trauma, including sprained and broken bones, orthotics, pediatric foot problems, diabetic foot care, arthritis and various other areas.

Fong is accepting new patients. For more information or to make an appointment, please call (800) 543-WELL or visit www.oakwood.org.

Local salon honored

Canton's Ashka Salon, owned by Lisa and Steven Curry, recently was named one of the 200 fastest-growing salons in North America by Salon Today magazine, a top business publication for salon and spa owners.

The magazine's eleventh annual Salon Today 200 profited the selected salons in its January 2008 issue. The 200 salons were selected from applications submitted by Salon Today readers, who represent the 25,000 top-producing salons and spas in the country. The magazine honored the applicants who posted the highest increases in gross sales between 2005 and 2006, and who were on track to increase sales significantly in 2007.

JEKYLL

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Salem High School senior Brandon Verdi, a veteran of every Park Players production through his high school career, takes on the dual lead role. After playing the town minister in last year's production of *Footloose*, playing Jekyll and Hyde will be a bit more of a character stretch for the 18-year-old actor.

"I like it because (Jekyll and Hyde) are so different, there's such a gap there," Verdi said. "On the one hand, I get to be really evil, which is so different from my personality, and I get to play the good, too. It's a marvelous duality."

Playing both characters was a huge challenge for the veteran, particularly in the confrontation scene, when both characters are on stage at the same time.

"It changes the entire character of the scene," Verdi said. "I'm singing while I'm changing, so it's a difficult challenge."

Canton High School sophomore Mia Topalian, 16, plays Emma, the fiancée/love interest of Dr. Jekyll. She said the character's belief in the good in people drew her to the role.

"I like Emma's faith in people, which is rare," Topalian said. "I don't think a lot of people have that."

The 49-member cast and some 50 other members, including the orchestra, have been rehearsing since January. They did three hours a day, four days a week until recently, when rehearsals intensified.

The final production is a tribute to the strength of the students, said Cathy Depentu, who will direct the orchestra.

"This is the strongest, most ego-less group of actors I've ever worked with," Depentu said. "It's a fabulously dark show."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde opens tonight (Thursday, April 3) in the Gloria Logan Theater at Salem High School.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- March 25, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo. Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomuro, Director Conklin, Director Faas. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion approved. **Approval of Minutes** Approved Board Study Minutes of March 4, 2008. Approved Board Minutes of March 11, 2008. Payment of Bills Approved. **RECOGNITION: 1. RECOGNITION OF JEANETTE THOMAS.** Approved. **PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1.** Opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Approved. Closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Approved. Adopt the resolution approving application of Summitech Engineering, Inc. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Approved. **Item 2.** Opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. Approved. Closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Approved. Adopt the resolution approving application of Takao American Corp. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Approved. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1.** Set the Public Hearing date for April 22, 2008 to consider JLM Restaurant, Inc. request to transfer ownership of escrowed 2007 Class C Licensed Business, with Sunday Sales Permit, Outdoor Service (1 area) and Official Permit (Food), from NAN, Inc. located at 6600 N. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan, 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County; Requesting a New Dance-Entertainment Permit. Approved. **Item 2.** Adopt the resolution No. 4 for the Copper Creek Special Assessment District for Road Repairs, sidewalk and sign installation SAD No. 2006-1. Approved. **Item 3.** Adopt the resolution for Severe Weather Awareness Week, April 6-12, 2008. Approved. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1.** Approve the replacement of the Continuing Part-Time Clerk assigned to the DDA with a Full-Time Clerk I/II. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Nays: Kirchgatter. Approved. **Item 2.** Award the construction of the High Velocity Sports Complex Parking Lot and the reconstruction of the Pheasant Run Golf Course Parking Lot plus miscellaneous parking lot repairs on other township owned parking lots to Best Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$174,990 plus a contingency of \$15,700 for a total amount not to exceed \$190,690, and further authorize that separate purchase orders to the Mannik & Smith Group for \$18,500 and to Michael L. Priest & Associates, Inc. for \$2,750 be created. Approved. Approve the budget amendment for this project: Community Improvement Fund Increase Revenues Approved. Approve the budget amendment for this project. Approved. **Item 3.** Award a contract for construction of the Denton Road sanitary relief sewer. Approved. **Item 4.** Award a contract to Suburban Oil Co. to provide Canton's 2008 dust control program. Approved. **Item 5.** Authorize the emergency repair of the 1995 Vector 2100 sewer cleaner. Approved. **Item 6.** Award a contract for the Fisheries Habitat Plan Study for the Detention Basin Enhancements Grant Project. Approved. **Item 7.** Adopt the resolution on maintenance with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the plantings around the "Welcome Signs" located along Michigan Avenue near Hannan and Denton Roads. Approved. **Item 8.** Award a contract to Heaney General Contractors for completion of the Lower Rouge Trail Amenities. Approved. **Item 9.** Approve the purchase of the Ready Buckle Seat Restraint System for patrol vehicles. Approve. **Item 10.** Approve the tuition expenditure for three captains to attend the School of Fire Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University. Approved. **Item 11.** Approve the purchase of (1) one vehicle for Building & Inspection Services Division at a cost of \$21,632.00 (Account # 101-371-977-0000) through the Macomb County Cooperative Purchasing Program from Signature Ford, Perry, MI. Amend the purchase of (1) one vehicle for Building & Inspection Services Division at a cost of \$17,203.50 (Account # 101-371-977-0000) for a Ford Escape. Approved. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Nays: LaJoy. **Item 12.** Purchase a 2008 GMC Sierra 1500, 4x2 Extended Cab, 6.5' Box. TC10553 from Red Holman Pontiac GMC. Approved. **Item 13.** Award the purchase of 2 full-size work trucks. Approved. **Item 14.** Authorize the purchase order for a 2008 GMC Savana 12 Passenger Van with Red Holman GMC. Approved. **Item 15.** Approve the increase of purchase order number 68935 for bulk salt from Wayne County, Divisions of Roads. Approved. **Item 16.** Authorize the contract for carnival attractions at the 2008 Liberty Fest and Fall Festival and approve the extension of the Liberty Fest contract to 2009 contingent on a successful 2008 Liberty Fest with an opt out clause for both parties to be executed prior to July 14, 2008, with Skerbeck Brothers Shows, Inc. Approved. **OTHER:** Study session on Recycle Pilot, Water Rates Study and Elected Compensation Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1st Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **ADJOURN:** Adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Approved. - 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 after Board Approval.

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Global ReLeaf schedules annual tree sale

Tree-lovers will again get a chance to help a good cause and buy a variety of trees through Global ReLeaf of Michigan. The sale is open to the public, with a variety of bare root trees selected for hardiness and ability to prosper.

"They're at a pretty low cost," said Gail McPherson of Global ReLeaf. Funds raised through the annual tree sale support community tree plantings

throughout Michigan. Trees must be purchased with pre-paid orders by April 10 and they can be picked up at Capitol Park in Redford (a new site this year) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26. The Redford site is one of 10 across Michigan with others offered in Troy, Grosse Pointe Park and elsewhere. Foresters will be there to share expert advice. To request an order form,

call (800) 642-7353 or e-mail GlobalReLeafMi@aol.com. Order forms can also be printed off the Web site at www.globalreleaf.org. Checks, money orders or credit cards may be used for payment.

The group, which relies on volunteers, sells single or multi-stemmed trees/shrubs that are 3 to 6 feet in height, depending on species. Unlike some store-bought

trees, McPherson notes that these are grown in a similar climate as Michigan. "These trees are hearty to this area," she said.

Trees are: Sugar Maple, Red Maple, Royal Red Norway Maple, Swamp White Oak, Littleleaf Linden, River Birch, American Plum, Aristocrat Pear, Nannyberry, Japanese Tree Lilac, Red Bud, White and Red flowering Crabapple and Honeycrisp Apple.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2008 for the following:

FELLOWS CREEK GOLF COURSE - GOLF CARS

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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EXTRA SPACE STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, April 21st, 2008 @ 12:00 PM (Noon), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under that judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N. CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:00 PM.

Ray Schultz D157 10x10 1 Bowflex, approx 20 Boxes of misc. household goods, approx 3 totes of misc. household goods, 2 bar stools, 1 CRT Television, 1 Vacuum, 1 Guitar Case, 1 Wood Chest of Drawers, 1 plastic Chest, Queen Size Bed/Box Springs/Frame, Steel Shelving Unit, Case of CD's, Misc. Household Goods. Circular Saw, 6ft Aluminum Ladder, Wooden Buffet Table, 15+ totes of misc. household goods/collectables, 100+ boxes of misc. household goods and collectables.

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction, April 8, 2008 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI. 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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2001	Saturn	L200	4 Dr	1G8JU52F01Y552036
1984	Ford	F-150	P/U	1FTDF15Y3ELA93767
1996	Ford	Escort	2 Dr	3FASP11J5TR155526
1986	Ford	Tempo	2 Dr	1FABP19X4GK129731
1992	Oldsmobile	Achieva	2 Dr	1G3NL14D0NM450683
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2001	Chrysler	Sebring	2 Dr	4C3AG52H61E079262
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF JLM RESTAURANT, INC. REQUESTING TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF ESCROWED 2007 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS, WITH SUNDAY SALES PERMIT, OUTDOOR SERVICE (1 AREA) AND OFFICIAL PERMIT (FOOD), FROM NAN, INC. LOCATED AT 6600 N. CANTON CENTER, CANTON, MICHIGAN, 48187, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY; REQUESTING A NEW DANCE-ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance, Chapter 6, Article II of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, in the Township Administration Building, Board Room, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear and for testimony to consider and recommend an action to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request of JLM Restaurant, Inc. requesting to transfer ownership escrowed 2007 Class C Licensed Business, with Sunday Sales Permit, Outdoor Service (1 area) and Official Permit (food), from NAN, Inc. located at 6600 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, Canton Township, Wayne County; requesting a new dance-entertainment permit.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

Terry G. Bennett,
Canton Clerk

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File your past federal tax returns now, you'll feel better

A recent Internal Revenue Service press release states there are \$1.2 billion worth of unclaimed tax refunds for more than 1 million people who failed to file their 2004 tax return. There are approximately 47,000 Michigan residents who would be entitled to nearly \$600 million in tax refunds if they filed their return. To receive the money, you must file your return by April 15, 2008. After April 15, your refund goes to the U.S. Treasury. You still have a few weeks to file your return and receive a refund from 2004.

Unfortunately, when it comes to taxes, there is always a caveat. If you file your 2004 tax return and are entitled to a refund, the IRS may not



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Rick Bloom

send it if you have not filed your 2005 or 2006 returns. Also, individuals who have not filed tax returns may not receive their economic stimulus tax rebate from the government until the past returns have been filed.

There is always a sense of anxiety for people who have not filed past tax returns. They are worried that the IRS or the state of Michigan will catch up with them.

The best way to remove the anxiety

is to file past tax returns. Even if you owe money, it is better for to file the return — even though it's late — than to have the state or the IRS contact you. Both are easier to deal with when you voluntarily come forth. The IRS, in particular, is much easier to deal with in waiving penalties or structuring a payment plan when you voluntarily file.

Over the years, I've dealt with individuals who have not filed returns for a number of years and then eventually come clean. They all said they felt a sense of relief, even though many of them owed taxes, interest and penalties.

One note regarding tax refunds. I recently met with someone who

had an extension for their 2006 tax return and filed in October 2007. They have not received their refund and their assumption was since they filed for an extension, the refund would be delayed. My advice is to be proactive. Go to the IRS Web site (www.irs.gov) and click on "Where's my refund?" By entering some basic information, you can check the status of your refund.

In this case, the IRS had a wrong address. The taxpayer corrected the address and received the refund.

Although many are currently filing tax returns, a lot of taxpayers receive an extension. It is important to remember that while extensions are automatic, the extension to pay

any tax owed is not. If you owe the IRS money, you pay now rather than later. If you do not, you can be forced to pay interest and penalties.

I am often asked whether extensions increase the risk of an audit. The answer is no. What increases the risk of audit is not filing an accurate return — not including certain information or mathematical errors, those mistakes increase your risk of audit.

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

IRISH FLUTE PLAYER ON TAP

Seamus Tansey, the King of the Concert Flute, performs at 8 p.m. Friday, April 4, at The Gaelic League, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

The cost is a \$15 donation. For more information, call (313) 537-3489.

Tansey has won the All-Ireland competition multiple times. He's made appearances on Irish national television since the 1950s. Tansey grew up in the west of Ireland in the 1940s and '50s when economic times were hard and food was rationed. Tansey realized early that he was one of the privileged inheritors of a mythical and magical legacy.

Tansey is an accomplished traditional ballad singer, poet, author, and verse speaker as well as story teller in the ancient Irish tradition.

Women to Work helps job hunters

The Women to Work program at JVS will hold an informational meeting 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, at its offices, 29699 Southfield Road, north of 12 Mile in Southfield.

Judy Richmond, Women to Work coordinator, said, "This is a program designed for women who are highly motivated to enter or re-enter the workforce." The women will be able to begin employment immediately, she said.

There are no geographical restrictions, she said of the program, which includes women who've been home caring for family members. The program following the informational meeting will consist of 10 sessions, starting May 6, 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Response has been good, with a lot of women from Livonia and Canton area signing up for past sessions, she's

found. Women to Work covers resumes, interviews, job search, stress management, "identifying interests and aptitudes."

Also covered are personal style, and opportunities to meet with employers directly. If you plan to participate, call Richmond at (248) 233-4232 in advance to register for the

informational meeting registration.

There is no cost, with Charter One covering costs for participants.

The program will cover "Success in the Workplace" on how to maintain employment as well, she said. "My groups are bigger than ever." She's had 16, compared to eight-10 in the past.

"Obviously, it's a sign of the times." There are also more professionals, with two attorneys in the last group.

"It's also a way for people to prepare themselves as fully as they can for a successful job search," she said.

- By Julie Brown

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Prescribed burns will benefit native plants

Canton officials have decided to take some innovative measures to deal with the invasive plants that have run amok at two of the township's natural areas.

The township board recently agreed to hire a contractor to perform prescribed burns at the Sheldon and Warren nature pond and along the Flodin Park nature trail. These prescribed or controlled burns (intentionally set fires) are an excellent management tool for dealing with nuisance plants.

With the blessing of Leisure Services, Municipal Services and the Fire Department, the burns, which will be a first in Canton, will probably take place sometime in the early summer. Give Canton officials credit for trying this technique, which kind of goes against old stereotypes — there will probably be people who question why anyone would intentionally set a fire.

But prescribed burns have proven to be very effective in fighting back invasive plants, such as phragmites and purple loosestrife, which can choke out more desirable native flora that provide more benefits to wildlife.

In one sense it seems like this is something cutting edge, but truth be told Native American peoples were practicing this before Europeans ever set foot in North America. Conservationists have long accepted the benefits of controlled burns, but it has been difficult to get government officials on board because of the fear of the unknown and liabilities.

Obviously, these controlled burns should only be performed by professionals under the right conditions (i.e., you should not try this in your back yard).

According to Leigh Thurston of Municipal Services the burns would consist of a light, controlled fire that would barely penetrate the area's surface. Burrowing animals, along with other wildlife, would be safe from the flames, and ultimately benefit from them as native plants make a comeback.

Fire is much more desirable than other options available to township officials, including picking the nuisance plants by hand (a daunting task to say the least) or using herbicides, which can have many negative impacts on a natural area.

So kudos to township officials for thinking outside the box. Hopefully this will become a standard practice in the future.

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Focus:HOPE marks 40 years of service

For 40 years, Focus:HOPE has proven the wisdom of that venerable Chinese saying, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

The Detroit organization grew from the ruins of the 1967 Detroit race riot. The Rev. William Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis co-founded Focus:HOPE with a dream of bringing the area's black and white residents together for a brighter future.

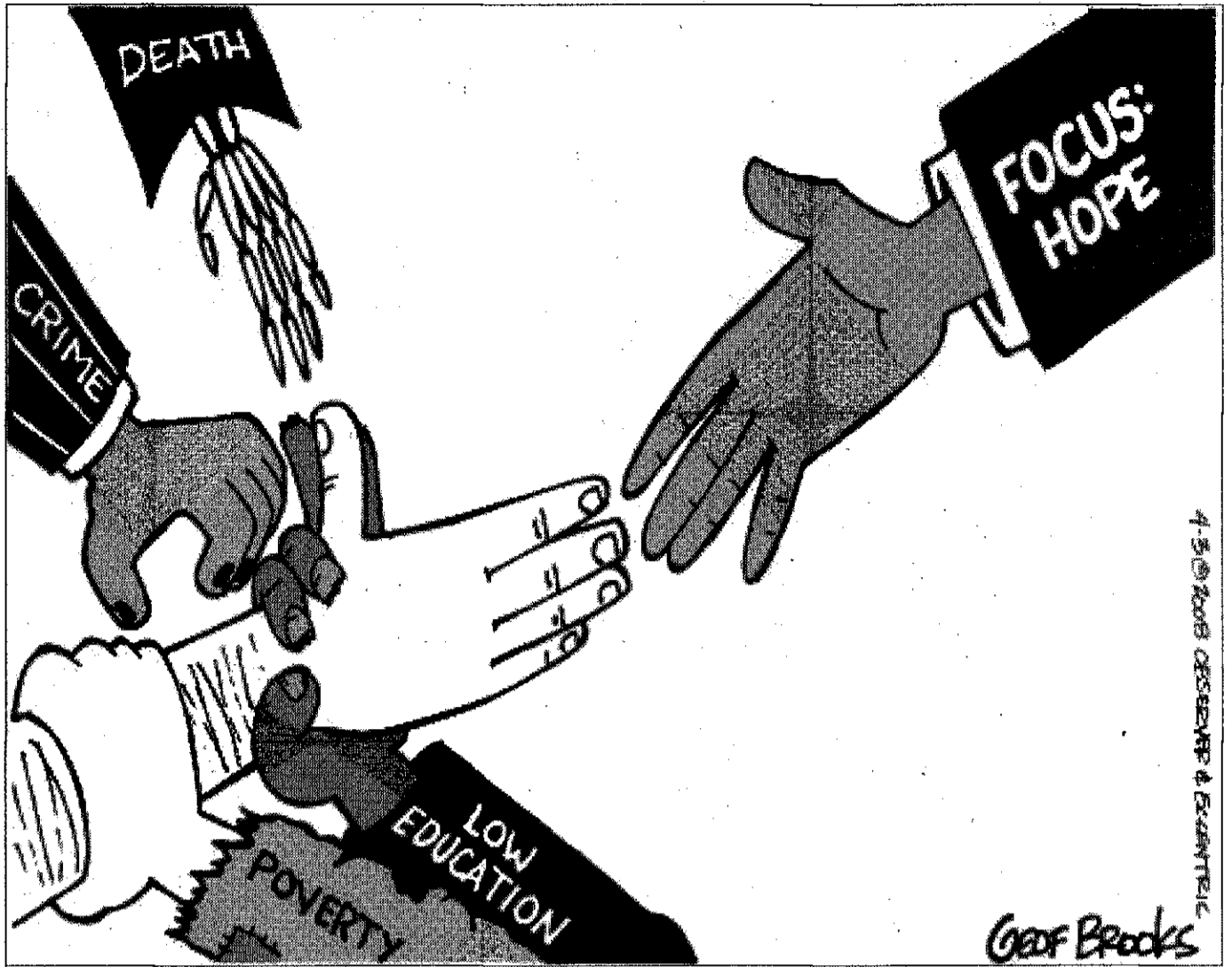
The organization's mission statement says it best: "Recognizing the dignity and beauty of every person, we pledge intelligent and practical action to overcome racism, poverty and injustice. And to build a metropolitan community where all people may live in freedom, harmony, trust and affection. Black and white, yellow, brown and red from Detroit and its suburbs of every economic status, national origin and religious persuasion we join in this covenant."

The key words are practical and intelligent — a hand up, not just a handout. In addition to providing food for the needy and a child care center, Focus:HOPE provides an educational opportunity through numerous programs that provide training, from helping high school graduates upgrade their skills to a state-of-the-art machinist training program to working with local universities to provide a degree program in engineering.

Father Cunningham died in 1997. Later that same year, a devastating tornado ripped through the organization's Oakman Boulevard campus, causing more than \$18 million in damage.

But with support from Detroit's business community, Josaitis and the Focus:HOPE board and staff persevered. They continue to offer help and hope to people from throughout metro Detroit.

We salute Josaitis and the organization she helped found and build. It is a bright beacon toward a better future for our community.



Temple argument is familiar

I read with interest the front page article about the new Hindu Temple. While the current one is a lovely building, I can understand residents' concerns over the unknown. As a 30-year Canton resident and a member of St. John Neumann and now St. Thomas a Becket, I remember similar concerns about parking issues, traffic jams, buildings that would not blend in with the existing houses, destruction of wetlands, etc. As we all know, Canton has benefited greatly from these two "different" buildings and very few of us remember the concerns when they were first built.

Ron Berglund
Canton

Don't rubber stamp expansion

Bravo to the Canton Board of Trustees, and the way they are handling Canton Charter Academy's (CCA) request to put a second school at Ford and Ridge roads.

I live in the area, and the traffic is absolutely a nightmare at the current enrollment level.

Our neighborhood is a major "cut-through" for the CCA parents. They drive through at high speeds and in a less-than-courteous fashion at the same time our children are waiting for the PCCS bus.

Once CCA doubles in size, the situation will become unlivable. Trying to force the township's hand into "rubber stamping" their proposal is deplorable. I am glad that our Board of Trustees is taking the time needed to investigate the issues for any new business coming to Canton and especially one that affects the Ford Road traffic situation.

I was able to watch the replay of the Canton Board of Trustees meeting where CCA had invited all of their current parents and wait-listed parents to speak in support of the new school. The CCA was not on the agenda so there was no opportunity for those who opposed the school to voice their opinion. It was difficult to watch. The comments made at this meeting were very emotional, and few were based in actual fact. Some speakers pleaded for the school, while several actually subtly threatened the board by reminding certain board members that they had cast their vote for them in the last election.

Many spoke very negatively about PCCS and other public school systems, claiming that CCA was more moral; more suited to those with special needs; and had more parent involvement than PCCS. Several speakers actually stated that one of Canton's private schools (All Saints) was at capacity (which it is not). After watching the meeting, one would have to wonder if CCA had provided "talking points" for those in attendance.

Let's support the schools that are in Canton. We have many private and public schools that are great places for learning. If this second school

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opens, for every student that would attend PCCS and does attend CCA our public schools lose about \$7,200. If truly 1,000-plus children are on the wait list and the majority of them are from Canton, this would mean a loss of school funding of over \$4.6 million each school year. I support education choice and community improvements, but not at the detriment to someone else.

The Canton Board of Trustees should continue on the path of waiting for information and for MDOT before they put this issue to vote. It is a poor reflection on CCA to try to strong-arm Canton into a decision.

Susan Shaw
Canton

Keep fighting for us, Sean

Canton High School freshman Sean Fitzpatrick knows more about politics and the state of this country than the majority of us adults, a significant number of who cannot even name their congressional representative. Just when I am beginning to feel more cynical and hopelessly pessimistic about this country's future, I read about a remarkable young man like Mr. Fitzpatrick who is doing what he can to shine a light on Thaddeus McCotter, the Congressman from his district, through his insightful blog, madatthad.blogspot.com.

What disturbs me most about lawmakers like McCotter, is that they are intelligent and often have children, and I wonder if they have ever asked themselves if they would be willing to sacrifice the lives of their own children for our dubious goals in Iraq. Why does Rep. McCotter and his like-minded legislators stubbornly ignore the potentially devastating threats to our planet, our home, from global warming? Do they not care what type of world the children of today will inherit from us?

Sean, keep shining your light on Rep. McCotter and fighting for change. Sadly, there are not enough adults out there paying the type of attention to national and international events as you are. Don't let our apathy discourage you from your efforts.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
Canton

Lessons of Bear Stearns

Re: Rick Bloom's article "Investors can learn from Mistakes made by Bear Stearns." I appreciate Bloom's spin to extract some wholesome lessons from this sordid episode, but the real lesson is quite different from what he portrays.

Bloom happily forgets to mention that although it's the Bear Stearns CEO who made the bad decisions, the deal he struck with JP Morgan and the Federal Reserve still lets him keep his cushy job, his golden parachute, plus about \$55 million. It's the employees who lost their jobs and all their retirement ben-

efits and the value of their stock.

We're supposed to have a capitalistic system. We have unlimited opportunity to succeed, and unlimited opportunity to fail. If we succeed we enjoy the fruits of our labor. If we fail, we take it on the chin like a man, and move on. That's how it is supposed to be.

But there's a big difference WHO fails. That's where the real lesson is. If you have to fail in America, be a big time CEO and go with a spectacular bang. Then the Federal Reserve will work overtime to rescue you from the capitalistic system and let you keep your job, your retirement benefits and the company expense account. You understand it's doing all this not to save you personally, but to avoid a credit crunch, a market meltdown and worldwide panic. But if you're a small-time homeowner who can't pay his mortgage, you're just plain out of luck. Take it on the chin like a man and move on!

Desi Namookaran
Canton

Digging for facts

I just read the letter to the editor from Bill Piner, complaining about the *Observer* story on Alex Letkemann passing a polygraph test, and I have to wonder; what is he so upset about?

I don't remember a letter from him complaining about the media being a "PR agent" for the prosecutor, when they were splashing "Thrill Kill" all over the place. The prosecutor's office then promptly sought a gag order keeping anyone responsible from responding. Where was the moral outrage then?

I, for one, am glad that the *Observer* is digging for facts that we would not otherwise hear about. Polygraph tests, while not admissible in court, are routinely used by investigators AND prosecutors to preclude suspects or point them in the right direction. Why not now? This is a valid question that will NOT be answered in court.

J. Brinemor
Plymouth

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"We have been told this tournament will have a \$40 million impact on the area. We could get 600 new people every day for nearly three months. These women will spend money on hotels, food and entertainment."

- Joyce Silagy, Leadership Canton member, discussing the upcoming women's championships of the United States Bowling Congress to be held at Canton's Super Bowl

It's time to embrace pluralism to make a stronger community

Let's face it. We've changed. In the last 30 years, we've seen America transform from a presumed "Christian country" to become the most religiously diverse nation in the world. And the experience here in Canton has been even more dramatic. We've grown from a small farming town with a population of only 5,300 in 1961 to become one of the largest communities in western Wayne County with a population estimated to be over 92,000. Today, 15 percent of our neighbors were born outside of the U.S. and 20 percent speak a language other than English in their homes. We truly are a multicultural community.

Nancy Richter

The recent public debate about the rebuilding of Canton's original Hindu Temple offers us the opportunity to pause for a moment and absorb what all of this change means to us — as individuals and as a community. We have a choice to make. How do we want to respond to our growing diversity? Our township leaders are doing their part — they've established committees and brought people together to foster an open exchange between cultures. We see results of these efforts at Liberty Fest, the new Fusion Festival and in many other public forums. But, are we, as individuals, doing our part? Are we keeping an open mind and offering an open heart? Or, is our fear of change causing us to shut down and to shut out those who are not like us?

As a white middle-aged woman I realize that my perspective is shaped by being a member of the current majority and that my viewpoint is unique to me and my experience. But it does seem to me, however, that the Hindu Temple was just fine as long as there was no hint of Indian architectural detail — as long as it looked like any other building in the area with no unique cultural identity. While I sure don't presume to know any other person's private motivations, I'm concerned that recent objections to the erection of a traditional Indian-inspired Hindu temple could be interpreted as thinly-masked prejudices expressed through challenges to zoning laws, concerns over potential increases in traffic, and outright rejection of the proposed architecture.

While I don't have an intimate knowledge of all facets of this project nor of every aspect of the public debate, it is my understanding that the proposed temple rebuild meets all township zoning ordinances and was approved by the Planning Commission at their February meeting. Final approval was expected at the March 25 Board of Trustees meeting, but the project was removed from the agenda due to a new threat of litigation from the nearby community. While it's generally held that the threatened lawsuit will have no grounds and would have no hope of winning, if filed, it could result in a significant delay to the project. Is it right to threaten a frivolous lawsuit and delay a new house of worship for more than 700 members of this temple?

I'm wondering if we couldn't, as individuals and as a community, approach our cultural divides in a less confrontational, more constructive manner. I sure don't profess to have all the answers, nor do I want to appear to be preaching to my neighbors, but I do think we need to consider a different approach. A few years ago I participated in a unique effort offered through the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for the Study of Religion & Society. It is known as the Worldviews Seminar and is an

outgrowth of the Pluralism Project originated by Diana Eck at Harvard University. The Pluralism Project is a decade-long research project aimed at studying the new religious diversity of the U.S. through research and outreach; it is particularly focused on studying the religious traditions of Asia and the Middle East.

As a participant in the Worldviews Seminar, I was warmly greeted into many places of worship that I had not known were in my own community — places of worship that I drove by every day without even noticing. Did you know that within a 15-minute drive from the Summit you can visit a Sikh gurdwara, a Buddhist Vihara, a Hindu temple, a Jain Temple, a Jewish synagogue, a Muslim mosque, an Antiochian Orthodox Church and a health and family services agency serving American indigenous peoples?

At each of these site visits, I was struck by the accepting openness of those who warmly welcomed me into their house of worship. They wanted to be understood and they wanted to understand me. Essentially, they want to engage the principles of pluralism. What is pluralism? Well, there are basically four key principles that define it.

First, pluralism is not synonymous with diversity. Diversity exists — it is. Pluralism promotes an energetic engagement with diversity. It encourages interaction among people of differing cultures. I think the first Fusion Festival that was funded by the Partnership for the Arts and recently presented by Orchestra Canton is an excellent example of true engagement.

Second, pluralism promotes active seeking of understanding across lines of difference. While some may say that tolerance is a key component of cultural understanding, pluralism considers the concept of tolerance to be fundamentally flawed as there is an inherent assumption of inequality — even a presumptive "putting up with" someone we may otherwise find irritating or unpleasant.

Third, pluralism is the genuine encounter of commitments. This is, perhaps, one of the most challenging aspects of pluralism as it respects that everyone has a right to their religious, or nonreligious, views and beliefs. This can be threatening because some may think that their acceptance of another's religion somehow weakens their own religious tradition. A community built upon pluralism is one that acknowledges the deep differences that exist between us, yet seeks to draw strength from our differences. Lastly, pluralism is based upon U.S. constitutional principles outlined in the First Amendment guaranteeing that there shall be no establishment of a national religion and that every one of us has the right to the free exercise of religion.

While this may sound like an academic exercise, I do believe each of us has the opportunity every day — at Meijer, at the library, at the Summit, or while we walk around our own blocks — to truly reach across our cultural divides and build bridges to strengthen our community. We have many opportunities to engage the principles of pluralism. I'm hopeful that the new Hindu Temple will be built on schedule and I look forward to a beautiful new building that forthrightly expresses the cultural heritage of those who will worship there.

We've changed. Let's embrace it.

Nancy Richter has lived in Canton for seven years and is active in the Women's Giving Circle, The Partnership for the Arts, and is a supporter of public art.

Replace regressive fuel fees with fairer graduated income tax rate

The fact that taxes are the price we pay for a civil society notwithstanding, most of us flinch when the taxman cometh. Good schools, a corrections system, adequate public infrastructure and many other good things done with public dollars do not mitigate the resentment engendered by an unfair tax code and by way or example, the gasoline tax.



Al Churchill

In Michigan the federal gasoline tax is 18 cents per gallon while the state levies an additional 19 cents per gallon. Add to that 16 cents of sales tax when the retail price of gasoline is \$3.08 a gallon and the total tax extracted is a whopping 53 cents per gallon or 21 percent of a \$2.50 wholesale price. According to the Tax Foundation, Michigan levies the fifth highest gasoline tax in the nation.

Gasoline is no longer a luxury. It is a costly necessity because people do not generally live close to where they want to go. They do not walk to work; they drive. School districts spend enormous amounts of money on buses and gasoline because children live far from schools. Children require transportation to sporting events, libraries and other after-school activities. Shopping and entertainment opportunities are often present only beyond walking distance.

We no longer live in small, self-sufficient communities where our friends and life's amenities are close by. Modern existence is dependent upon energy and gasoline, like food, is essential to survival. Like food, it should be free of all forms of taxation.

Beyond that, the gasoline tax is regressive in that low and middle income taxpayers pay a higher portion of their income for gasoline and sales taxes than high income taxpayers. At a time when gasoline seems headed for \$4 a gallon, a burdensome tax on gas and a tax system that is regressive to begin with is intolerable.

Let's provide some context. Today, fewer and fewer are pocketing a larger and larger share of the nation's income and wealth. Between 1974 and 2004, the most affluent 20 percent has seen its income grow by 64 percent. During the same period, middle America has seen its income modestly grow by 23 percent. The lowest 20 percent has grown only 3 percent. Since 1979 the richest 1 percent has seen its income grow by 184

percent. By way of contrast, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy finds the Michigan tax system to be a matter of "soak the poor and middle class, spare the wealthy." According to the ITEP, "the state and local tax rate on the wealthiest 1 percent of Michigan families, with average incomes of \$828,000, is 5 percent." The average tax rate on middle income families, those making between \$29,000 and \$48,000, is 10.8 percent and the poorest among us, those making less than \$16,000, pay over two and a half times the rate of the very wealthy, 13.3 percent. All in all, Michigan's tax system is among the 10 most regressive in the country.

Few would call a tax system fair if middle class and low-income citizens paid a higher portion of their income in taxes than the wealthiest among us. Yet, that is exactly what we do in Michigan and doing so reduces the standard of living of those taxed the most. Even an alleged fairness built into Michigan's flat rate income tax is illusory. Those who argue that an equal share across the board is reasonable ignore the fact that doing so has different consequences for different income groups.

Low-income families spend most of their income just to attain a minimum level of physical and mental comfort. Even middle-income families spend most of their earnings to achieve a reasonably comfortable standard of living with, perhaps, a couple of weeks of vacation thrown in. A tax on these groups can directly diminish their quality of life. By comparison, the same tax rate will scarcely affect the daily life of the wealthiest families. Unlike low- and middle-income families, the impact on the quality of life of wealthy families is minimal.

On the other hand, a fair tax system maintains that citizen contributions to government services be based on an ability to pay. Low-income people can be exempted entirely and rates can be graduated higher as income rises. The level of taxation that citizens experience would be related to what they can afford, not necessarily what they earn. Clearly, discretionary income has been shifting dramatically upward and away from America's middle class. That reality ought to be incorporated into the tax code. A graduated tax rate, like a consumption tax on luxuries, is not only fairer, it's immensely more logical.

Al Churchill is a Livonia resident.



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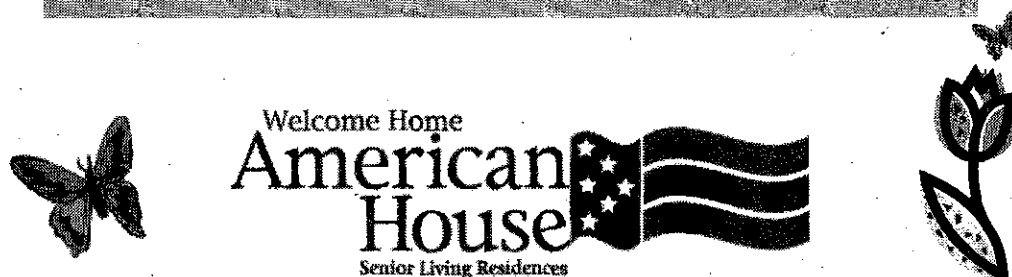
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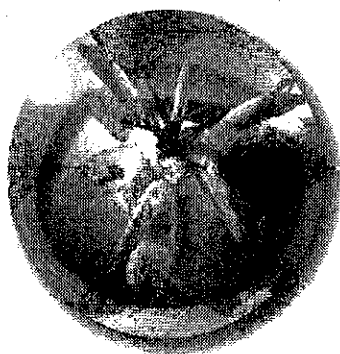
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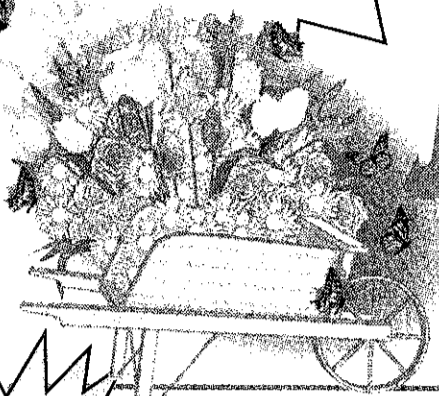
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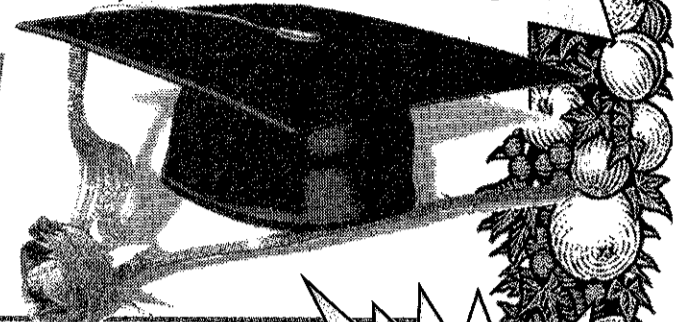


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Striking image: Lady bowlers headed to Canton

Canton will become a bowling mecca for tens of thousands of women when the United States Bowling Congress conducts three of its major championships — the USBC Women's Championships, USBC Queens and USBC Senior Queens — beginning this month at Super Bowl Lanes.

Beginning April 10, the first of 7,330 five-player teams (nearly 40,000 bowlers) will descend upon Super Bowl for the Women's Championships.

Bowlers from all 50 states and several foreign countries will compete in five-player team, doubles and singles competition in

five average divisions.

The official opening ceremonies for the Women's Championships will take place at Super Bowl on April 10 at 7 p.m.

The Women's Championships, which is the national championship for women's bowling, will run for 88 consecutive days and will conclude on July 6.

Making its first visit to metropolitan Detroit since 1953, the Women's Championships is the highlight of the bowling season for thousands of USBC women members.

It's a vacation as well as the opportunity to compete in one of the sport's most pres-

tigious tournaments.

From a convention and tourism perspective, the influx of approximately 600 bowlers plus family and friends each day is expected to provide an estimated economic boost of approximately \$40 million to the Detroit area over the course of the event.

"This marks our third trip to Detroit and we're looking forward to sharing our sport and this event with the Detroit community," USBC Vice President of Tournaments Jack Mordini said. "As one of the great bowling cities in the world, the participants will not only experience that tradition but also all the Detroit area has to offer."

Conducted for the first time in 1916 as the Women's International Bowling Congress Tournament, the Women's Championships is widely recognized as the largest participatory sporting event in the world for women.

The Women's Championships had previously been held in Detroit on two other occasions, 1928 and 1953.

The prize fund for the Women's Championships is expected to exceed \$2 million.

Regular USBC Women's Championships

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Two Whalers sign

The Albany River Rats announced Monday that they have signed Plymouth Whalers players and Carolina Hurricanes draft picks Chris Terry and Brett Bellemore to amateur tryout agreements.

Terry, 18, was drafted by Carolina in the fifth round (132nd overall) of the 2007 NHL Entry Draft. The Brampton, Ontario, native exploded for a career year in 2007-08, his third with the Whalers, leading his team in points (101), goals (44), assists (57), games played (68) and plus/minus (plus-12).

Bellemore, 19, was Carolina's next pick (sixth round, 162nd overall) in the same 2007 NHL Entry Draft. The Windsor, Ontario, native enjoyed the best offensive season of his three-year junior career, scoring a career-high 24 points (six goals, 18 assists), which ranked 10th best on Plymouth's scoring ledger, while recording 70 penalty minutes.

Bellemore — a 6-foot-4, 194-pound defenseman — had five assists in 20 playoff games during the Whalers' 2007 OHL Championship run and tallied on assist in the 2007 Memorial Cup tournament.

Volleyball camp

The annual Plymouth High School Volleyball Camp will be held Monday through Wednesday, July 28-30, in the school's gymnasium.

The camp will run daily from 1-4 p.m.

The camp is designed for girls in fifth through 10th grade (as of fall 2008).

The cost is \$65.

For more information, contact Kelly McCausland at mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us.

Special Olympics power lifting

The Plymouth/Canton Power Lifters would like to invite all Special Olympic power lifters to an invitational tournament on Saturday, April 19, at Northville High School, located at 45700 Six Mile in Northville.

Athletes may participate in bench press, dead lift, squat and the combination (bench and dead lift).

A meal will be provided for the athletes and coaches.

For more information about the tournament, contact Kathy Siarto at (313) 613-5801 or siarto@sbcglobal.net.

All teams need to arrive by 10:30 a.m. The tournament will begin at 11 a.m. with the weigh-in. Lifting will begin as soon as the separation of divisions is completed.

There will be no charge for this tournament.

SURF'S UP

Wave outlasts Ignition, 18-12, in hard-fought dual of MISL's elite

If there's a silver lining woven into Detroit 18-12 setback to Milwaukee Sunday afternoon in a clash that featured the Major Indoor Soccer League's two best teams, it's that the Ignition won't have to wait long to gain a dose of redemption.

The Ignition can redeem itself Friday night when it hosts the Wave in a regular season-closing contest set to kick off at 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

The two teams are jostling for the No. 1 seed in the MISL playoffs that are set to begin later this month.

Milwaukee seized sole possession of first place in the MISL with Sunday's triumph as both clubs entered the game with 20-7 records.

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The locals doubled their lead to 4-0 seven minutes later when Josh Rife followed suit and used his noggin to direct the ball past the Wave's netminder. Former Madonna University star Worth Sampson was credited with the assist.

The game had all the makings of an Ignition run-away when Detroit's Hewerton Moreira scored off a helper from Droo Callahan to extend the Ignition's lead to 6-0.

The hosts' rally commenced midway through the second period when Brett Wiesner slipped a shot past Detroit goalkeeper Danny Waltman.

The Ignition countered less than three minutes later when Kyt Selaidopoulos lit up the scoreboard with a two-pointer to make it 8-2 at the half.

The goal was Selaidopoulos' 50th of his storied MISL career.

Milwaukee came out with feet ablazin' in the third stanza as it went on an 11-0 run to seize a commanding 13-8 lead. Troy Dusosky (two), Michael King, Jonathan Santos and Greg Howes all scored during the onslaught that carried over to the early stages of the fourth quarter.

Hewerton trimmed the Ignition's deficit to 13-10 with a two-pointer at 3:18 of the fourth off an assist from Matt Johnson and Jonathan Greenfield brought the visitors to within 13-12 five minutes later.

However, Milwaukee closed the game with a 5-0 run to secure a hold on first place.



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Detroit Ignition mid-fielder Josh Rife, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored a goal in the team's 18-12 setback to Milwaukee Sunday afternoon. The Ignition has earned a bye in the first round of the Major Indoor Soccer League playoffs.

DETROIT TO HOST MISL PLAYOFF GAME

The Detroit Ignition will host Game 2 of the 2008 Major Indoor Soccer League Championship Series semifinal round on Sunday, April 20, at Compuware Arena, the club announced earlier this week.

The opening kick for the game against a

yet-to-be-determined opponent will be 4:35 p.m.

The 2008 MISL Championship Series will include six of the nine MISL teams and will consist of three rounds. The quarterfinal round is set for April 11-13, the semifinals will unfold April 18-20 and

the Championship Series Final will be played April 26 at U.S. Cellular Arena in Milwaukee.

The Ignition clinched a first-round bye with its victory over the New Jersey Ironmen on March 28 and will move directly to the semifinal round.

Plymouth lacrosse team wins opener

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Judging by its first official game Tuesday night, squaring off against the first-year Plymouth boys lacrosse team will not be a laughing matter this season — even on April Fool's Day.

The Wildcats proved that with gusto as they trounced visiting Ypsilanti, 15-3, before a chilled but enthusiastic crowd at the PCEP varsity stadium.

The wind-swept encounter was the season opener for both squads — and the ground-breaking match for the winners, who jumped to a 12-1 half-time advantage and never looked back.

"We played well on the offensive end," said coach Mike Costello. "Ball movement was good

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WALT DMUCH

Plymouth Whalers head coach Greg Stefan (right) congratulated Kaine Geldart on winning the "Labatt Blue Collar Player of the Year" award at Monday's team banquet at Ginopolis on the Ice restaurant. A fan favorite, Geldart notched 13 goals and 25 assists in 68 games.

Whalers honored at awards banquet

The Plymouth Whalers put the icing on a successful 2007-08 season Monday night with a banquet held at Ginopolis on the Ice restaurant in Plymouth Township.

Chris Terry was voted the team's most valuable player after leading the Whalers in scoring with 44 goals and 57 assists in 68 games. Terry, who is currently playing with Albany of the American Hockey League, was a plus-12 in the telling plus/minus category.

Other awards presented during Monday's banquet were:

■ **Defenseman of the Year:** Brett Bellemore, a veteran defenseman and Carolina Hurricanes draftee who was often paired against the top lines in the Ontario Hockey League. Bellemore, who netted six goals and 18 assists, is currently playing with Terry for Albany of the AHL.

■ **Humanitarian of the Year:** Wes Cunningham, a

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Forecast is sunny for deep, talented Wildcats this season

Weather or not, PCA and Agape ready for season

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the Plymouth baseball team ends up at the northernmost point in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division standings this season, it can point to last week's trek south as a catalyst for the ascension.

Early last week, the Wildcats and their coaching staff boarded a bus and traveled to Orlando, Fla., for a spring training-type trip that was void of actual games but stocked with practice and team-bonding activities.

"It was an awesome experience for our entire team," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams, whose squad registered a school-best record of 18-15-1 in 2007. "Along with being able to practice four days outside in 80-degree weather, we did a lot of fun things like go to a Tigers game, the beach and to a water park."

"The best thing about the trip was that everybody got to know each other away from the field, so it was a great bonding experience. It's something I'd like to do every year."

Speaking of 80-degree weather, the Wildcats finished on a hot note last year as they advanced to the Division I District title game at Livonia Stevenson before dropping a heart-breaking decision to Livonia Churchill.

Although Plymouth lost four key pieces of that squad to graduation — Matt Barrera, Ben Kosmalski, Ryan Valle and Tyler Locklear — it returns the nucleus of a potent line-up and hard-throwing pitching staff.

"The team has looked decent so far," Adams said. "We have quite a few key players returning and we're adding a few younger kids to the mix."

"Our main focus this spring



Harvey



Priebe

is for our pitchers to throw strikes consistently. I think we're going to hit the ball OK and we have good team speed, but the key — as it is for most teams — is going to be our pitching."

Seniors David Harvey and Garrett Rebin will serve as the Wildcats' captains this spring.

"David is the consummate student-athlete," Adams said. "He's not only a fantastic person, but a good, all-around player. He'll bat lead-off for us. He hit around .400 for us from the half-way point on last year, so he knows how to get on base."

"Garrett is a three-year starting catcher who was All-District last year. He has a great arm and he does a nice job with our pitchers. He's definitely a leader out on the field."

Sophomore first baseman/pitcher Matt Priebe earned All-District honors as a freshman in '07 after hitting .417 with a trio of fence-clearing taters. When Priebe pitches, which he'll do often as part of the Wildcats' rotation, Steve Ostrowski will play first.

There's a logjam at second base, where junior Luke Merandi has emerged as the front-runner for a starting berth.

"Luke's a tough, prototypical second baseman who will stand in there and make the tough plays," said Adams. "He'll play a little third and pitch, too."

Also vying for time at sec-

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ond are senior Kyle Sanders, who is doubling as a member of the Wildcats' golf team, and Cliff Buttermore, a junior who is expected to be one of the team's top hurlers.

Junior Brad Lineberry will serve the dual role of starting shortstop and ace of the pitching staff. When Lineberry's on the mound, Matt Skubik will handle the duties at short.

Skubik will also see time at third base along with juniors Travis Mewton and Ryan Spencer.

The Wildcats' outfield will be anchored by center fielder Ronnie Goble, a three-year varsity player who wields a powerful left-handed swing.

"He's really looked comfortable at the plate this spring," said Adams. "Ronnie provides us with a lot of leadership. I'm looking for him to have a break-out season."

Goble will be flanked in left field by either junior Michael Rose or Dan Nadratowski; and in right by Harvey. Senior Kyle Traver, a lefty, will spell Goble in center on occasion and pitch.

Providing the Wildcats with talented depth will be Jake Gilbert, Craig Czajkowski, Alex Minch and Kelly Waite.

Adams predicted the WLA's Western Division will be a dog fight from Day 1.

"I think every team in the division is strong enough to finish first," he said. "You have to come to play every day. I feel we'll be right in the mix if we get consistent pitching."

Weather permitting, the Wildcats open the 2008 campaign Saturday in a double-header at Ypsilanti. The opening pitch of the first game is set for 11 a.m.

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PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

With the 2008 season approaching faster than a Justin Verlander fastball, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" has been replaced by "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head" as far as the two local Division 4 baseball teams are concerned.

Due to one of the coldest and wettest Marchs in memory — Al Gore's global warming theory must be taking the year off — both Canton Agape Christian and Plymouth Christian Academy have been limited to preparing for the upcoming campaign in their respective gyms, which has been a particularly frustrating predicament for the Wolverines, whose facility is less than full-sized.

But the brutal weather hasn't put a damper on the teams' enthusiasm nor their optimism.

Following are previews of the PCA and Agape baseball teams, both of which enjoyed successful campaigns in 2007.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN

The Eagles will be guided this season by first-year head coach Joe Bottorff, who succeeds Kurt Johnston.

When faced with the dilemma of coaching baseball or golf — boys golf was switched from fall to spring this season due to the MHSA's court-mandated gender-equity ruling — Johnston chose the links over the diamonds.

Ironically, Johnston has a son, Josh, who is playing baseball and golfing for the Eagles this spring. Bottorff is no stranger to the Eagles' baseball program as he has served as an assistant coach at the school for the past three years.

"We're looking good so far," said Bottorff. "We have 12 players on the team: three seniors, four juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen."

"We have seven really strong hitters and two very good pitchers. I think our biggest strength is all the experienced players we have back."

The Eagles will be led by a pair

of senior captains: Trevor Zinn, the team's mound ace and a sure-handed shortstop; and Charles Cane, who can play third and short equally well.

"Trevor probably throws in the low-80s and he has a very good curveball," said Bottorff. Offensively, he's our lead-off hitter and he's an on-base machine. If I had to guess, I'd say he had about a .700 on-base percentage last year.

"Charles has a very lively arm, so we're going to see how he does pitching this year. He's a solid, all-around player."

Junior Reid Barber — the Eagles' starting center fielder — will serve as one of the team's chaplains this season along with junior Kevin Bottorff, Joe's son. The role requires leading prayer before and after games. "Reid is very good at getting to just about every ball that's hit out there," Bottorff said. "Just when you think it's by him, he tracks it down some how."

Kevin Bottorff and junior Brent Zinn, Trevor's brother, will share catching duties. Brent Zinn will also be the Eagles' closer and play some middle infield, while Bottorff is slated to play second base when he's not catching.

"Brent has a cannon for an arm," said Bottorff. "Kevin is our No. 2 hitter. He's good at getting his bat on the ball and moving runners along."

Splitting first-base duties will be senior Mitch Geracz, who, like Johnston is playing golf as well as baseball, and freshman Jonathan Slater, who has also been slotted as the team's No. 2 pitcher.

Adding depth to the Eagles' talented roster are junior Josh Lowman, a promising infielder, David Baum, the team's No. 3 starting pitcher and an outfielder; Josh Johnston, a left-fielder and the squad's best base-runner, in the estimation of Bottorff; and a pair of freshmen — A.J. Smith and Matt Hagelin.

AGAPE

The Wolverines are coming off

a season during which they finished second in the very competitive MIAC Red Division to Novi Franklin Road.

"The team is looking pretty good so far," noted second-year coach Dan DeWitt. "We don't have a lot of numbers, but we were very young last year, so another year of experience will help a lot."

DeWitt listed two tangibles when asked about the team's strengths.

"We have good depth pitching-wise and we have a fast team," he said.

Seniors Jared Miller and Brandon Pierson have been voted captains by their peers.

"Jared is one of the hardest-throwers in our league," said DeWitt. "He was dominant on the mound. Offensively, he's very fast and will be our No. 2 hitter."

When he's not pitching, Miller will handle the shortstop chores. Like Miller, Pierson will pitch and play short.

"Brandon is just a good, all-around baseball player," said DeWitt. "Baseball is his sport; he has great instincts for the game. He can do it all — hit, run the bases and catch the ball."

Senior Daniel Walker will be handling the catching duties for the Wolverines.

"Daniel is very solid behind the plate and he's our clean-up hitter," DeWitt said.

The starting infield consists of sophomore first baseman Cameron LeRoy, senior second baseman Ty Majeski, either Miller or Pierson at shortstop, and sophomore Ethan Walker at third base.

Among those in the outfield mix are senior Kevin Reith, junior Justin Benbow, senior Mark Mullett, sophomore Josiah Wyatt and eighth-grader Jacob Walker.

"Our top goal is to try to win the MIAC Red," said DeWitt. "After that, it's try to win the District."

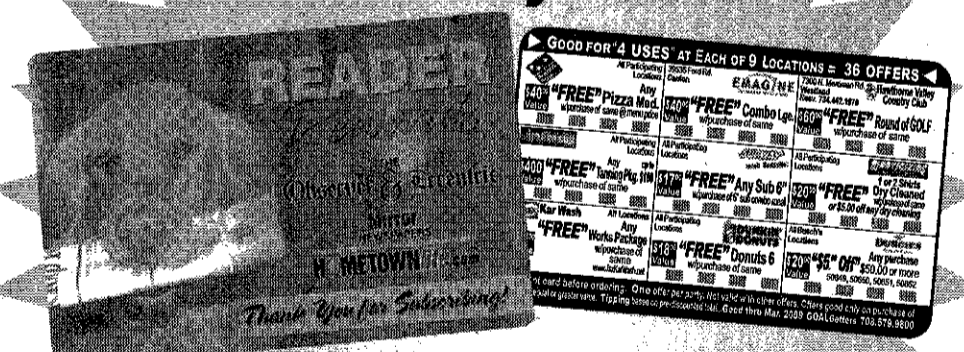
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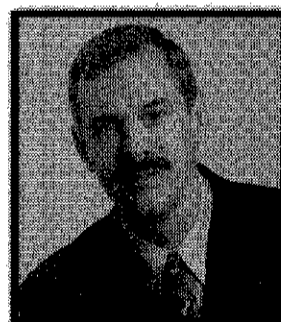
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Spectacular Stingrays

The Plymouth Stingrays 96 Peewee A travel hockey team won the Big Bear Spring Thaw Tournament in Chelsea on March 9. The Stingrays capped a successful season by upending the Cleveland Warriors in the title game, 3-1. Pictured are (back row from left) coach Troy Pick, Jared Ring, Conner Browne, Hunter Schlamp, head coach Matt Zink, Colin Pietron, coach Chris Ring, Kristi Zink, Kelsey Crow, coach Blair Thompson, (bottom row from left) Ryan Frazer, Corey Smith, Zach Shepherd, Lucas Winkler, Christian Flack, Jason Newel, John VanDenBourgeury, Spencer Thompson, Jeremy Onofrio, Bryce Verpoort and Kyle Hysong. The team's managers are Jason Smith and Rick Pietron.

Depth not an issue for Rock runners

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP TRACK & FIELD PREVIEW

The Salem boys track-and-field team will be coming at opponents in waves this season — literally.

Third-year coach Kyle Meteyer will be overseeing one of the largest contingents in Observerland — if not the state — as his roster is stocked with 116 athletes.

"The school district only allows us one bus, so we're going to have to shuttle the kids back and forth to our three away dual meets," said Meteyer, whose team came on strong last season after a rough start. "The nice thing about having this many kids on the team is that you're more likely to find a diamond in the rough. The only negative is that with only five coaches, it's hard to give everyone enough attention at practice."

The Rocks are hoping to pick up where they left off toward the latter part of 2007 when they placed first at the North Farmington Raider Relays.

Their JV squad also placed first at an event hosted by Farmington Hills Harrison.

"We improved a lot last year and met a lot of our goals," said Meteyer. "No. 1, we wanted a winning record and we did that."

"Most of our kids are back from last year's team, especially in the field events and distance events, so I'm optimistic."

Six Rocks will serve as leadership-providing captains as well point-producers this spring: Kevin deBear, Justin Kane and Craig Cowing — all proven distance runners; Courtney Frazier, the only junior captain, who is an accomplished thrower and sprinter; Stephan Telenko, a four-year letter-winner in the 200- and 400-meter runs; and Mike Giles, a stellar 110-meter hurdler.

"Kevin deBear is coming off a great cross country season and he really worked hard in

the off season to get better," said Meteyer. "All of the other captains are both outstanding leaders and athletes."

Other key competitors who are expected to take the Rocks to great heights this season are Scott O'Connor, who set a school freshman record in the 300-meter hurdles last year; Dana Baltazar and Ed Merhi, sophomore throwers who will combine with Frazier to give the Rocks depth in that department; and junior Jace Bearden, who is one of the Western Lakes Activities Association's best high and long jumpers.

"Jace was very good last year and he attended a camp at Michigan State last summer that helped him get even better," said Meteyer.

One of the team's top newcomers is junior sprinter Anthony Mullins, who was a standout on the Salem football and basketball teams.

The Rocks open the 2008 campaign Thursday at Livonia Franklin.

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PREP BASEBALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 3
Agape at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.
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PCA at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 5
Plymouth at Ypsilanti (DH), 11 a.m.
Agape at Urban Lutheran, 1 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 3
Agape at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.
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PCA at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Riverview Gabriel Richard at Agape, 4 p.m.
BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
THURSDAY, APRIL 3
Livonia Stevenson at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Plymouth at Plymouth JV Stadium, 3:30 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 5
Canton and Plymouth at A.A. Pioneer Invite at Eastern Michigan University, 10 a.m.
PCA at Lakeview Invite, 9 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER

FRIDAY, APRIL 4
PCA at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Canton, 5:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 5
Southfield Christian at PCA, 11 a.m.
PREP LACROSSE
THURSDAY, APRIL 3
Canton at Grosse Ile, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 4
A.A. Huron at Salem at JV Stadium, 6 p.m.
Rochester at PCS Lady Warriors at JV Stadium, 8 p.m.
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MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 3
Rochester at Madonna, 2 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 5
Madonna at St. Xavier, III, (2), 1 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 6
Madonna at St. Xavier (2), 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 3
Madonna at Siena Heights (2), 4 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 4
Cornerstone at Madonna (2), 4 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 5
Aquinas College at Madonna (2), 1 p.m.

BOWLERS

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competition will be suspended for five days when the world's best women bowlers compete in the USBC Queens April 26-30. As one of the most demanding events in professional bowling, an expected field of 300 bowlers will compete for a \$200,000 prize fund and \$30,000 first prize.

Competition consists of traditional qualifying and double-elimination match play at Super Bowl, which determines the five players who will compete in the stepladder finals April 30 at Skore Lanes in Taylor.

The finals will be telecast live by ESPN2 April 30 at 7 p.m.

The USBC Queens, along with the U.S. Women's Open, are the only major women's bowling events still remaining after the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) ceased operations in 2003.

Conducted concurrently with the Queens, the 9th annual USBC Senior Queens will be held at Skore Lanes. The Senior Queens features approximately 150 of the world's top women players 50 years and older.

Rocks, Chiefs make points at EMU Huron River Relays

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Salem and Canton boys track-and-field teams provided a sneak preview of their 2008 seasons Saturday at the 32-team Eastern Michigan University Huron River Relays.

While neither team turned in a top-10 performance in the talent-rich event, athletes from both local contingents did themselves proud in their respective competitions.

Salem placed 20th with 14 points — one-half point more than the 21st-place Chiefs.

The Rocks were paced by junior Jace Bearden, who placed second in the high

jump with a leap of 6 feet, 4 inches, and fifth in the long jump with a height of 20 feet, 5-and-a-quarter inches.

Sophomore Ed Merhi also medaled for coach Kyle Meteyer's squad, finishing fifth in the shot put with a heave of 46 feet even.

Canton had one individual and four relays turn in top-10 showings.

Senior pole vaulter Chris McGinnis tied for fifth in his event with a vault of 12 feet even.

Three Canton relay squads picked up eighth-place points: the distance relay quartet of Kyle Clinton, Tim Belcher, Josh Hurst and Duncan Spitz; the shuttle hurdles four-

some of Sherif Hassanien, McGinnis, Nick Turnbull and Tim Belcher; and the 1,600-meter relay unit of Hassanien, Keith Zech, Belcher and Scott Zech.

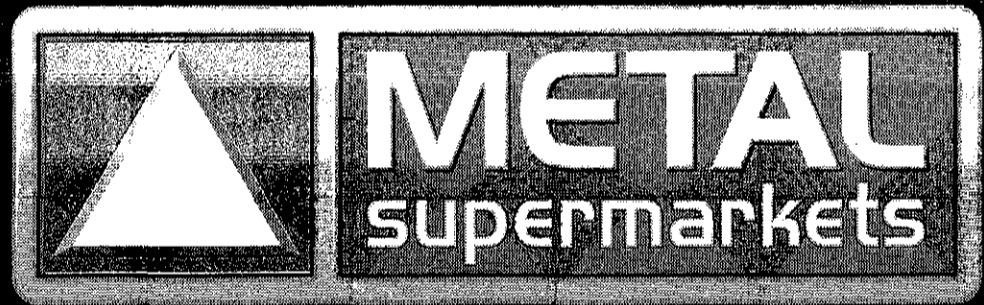
Rounding out the Chiefs' point-producers was the 10th-place sprint-medley contingent of Hassanien, Jordan Wisniewski, Belcher and Scott Zech.

Salem and Canton open their 2008 dual-meet seasons this afternoon. The Rocks will travel to Franklin while the Chiefs will host powerful Livonia Stevenson.

Both competitions are slated to begin at 3:30 p.m.

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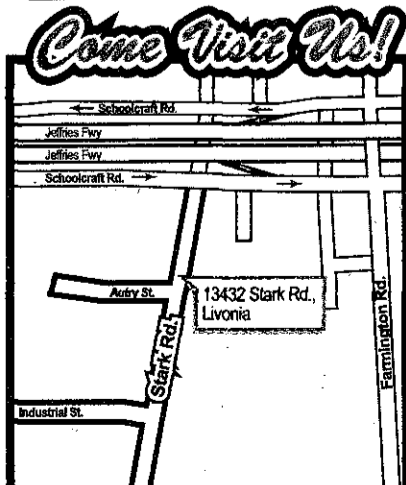
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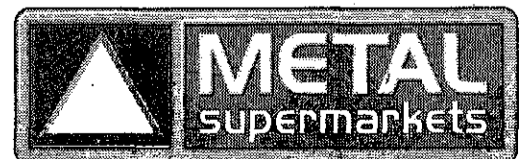
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Thundersharks prevail

The Plymouth Thundersharks Squirt hockey team captured the Little Caesar's Patrick Division championship at Joe Louis Arena March 15 by out-skating Port Huron, 5-2. Team members were born in 1997 and 1998. Pictured are (front row) goalie Michael Hampo, (second row from left) Jack Gifford, Brendan Kansier, Brendan Enszer, Stephen Doroba, Joseph Medonis, Max Kummer, Austin Currier, Megan Brace, (third row from left) Mitchell Gonzales, Andrew Posa, Brian Ward, Nicholas Mancini, David Cook, Billy Kansier, Amanda Hoehn, (back row from left) assistant coach Chris Hoehn, head coach Rick Ward, assistant coach Richard Hampo and assistant coach Lee Cook.

WHALERS

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veteran defenseman who has been active in the Whalers' community relations efforts for the past three seasons. Cunningham notched six goals and 43 assists in 55 games.

■ **Rookie of the Year:** Michal Jordan, who was acquired by the Whalers from Windsor in November. Jordan became an integral part of the Whalers' blue-line group, scoring six goals and dishing out 22 assists. Jordan is expected to be selected in the National Hockey League Entry Draft this summer in Ottawa.

■ **Labatt Blue Collar Player of the Year:** Kaine Geldart, who scored a career-high 13 goals to go along with 25 assists and 99 penalty minutes. Plymouth fans loved Geldart's grit, work ethic and never-say-die attitude.

■ **Unsung Player of the Year:** Andrew Fournier, the captain who enjoyed his best offensive season with 35 goals and 40 assists. Fournier is now playing with Norfolk of the American Hockey League.

■ **Most Improved Player of the Year:** Joe Gaynor, a solid defensive forward who received extended ice time for the first time in his career. Gaynor scored a career-high nine goals with 10 assists in 66 games.

■ **Academic Player of the Year:** A.J. Jenks, whose intelligent play on the ice carried over to the classroom. Jenks, who is ranked 20th by the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau, registered 26 goals and 29 assists in 68 games.

■ **Alice Iafra Award as Overage Player of the Year:** Andrew Fournier. The award was voted on by the Whalers' off-ice officials.

The Whalers' Booster Club awards were presented to Terry (Player of the Year), Patrick Lee (Player of the month of March), Wes Cunningham (Fan Favorite), Geldart (Grinder of the Year) and Josh Bemis (Scholastic Player of the Year).

LACROSSE

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and I was pleased at the jump we had early. Defensively, we communicated and scrapped after the ground balls."

While impressed with his team's effort, Costello said the showing was far from perfect.

"We had too many penalties — we need to be more disciplined," he said. "Fortunately, they weren't able to take advantage of our mistakes. The guys really competed; they were excited to play and it was great to be able to clear our bench and play everyone who was healthy."

The team's historical first goal was registered by junior Connor Martin, who found the back of the net 3:40 into the contest.

Pat Downey and Ryan Renault (two) also recorded first-period net-finders to give the 'Cats a 4-0 edge after one stanza.

Following an eight-goal second period, Plymouth scored twice in the third as Downey and his younger brother, Conor, scored.

Patrick Miller netted the victors' lone fourth-period goal.

Renault led Plymouth with five goals and one assist. Martin and John Olevnik added four points each while Norm Freda and Scott Darel each scored once.

Pat Smiatcz and Jack Distel were credited with assists.

Plymouth dominated in the faceoff category, winning 9-of-12.

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That championship season

The Canton Agape boys basketball team captured the school's first District championship in February as well as taking first place in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Pictured following the District title win over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist are (back row from left) Joel Ruffin, Kevin Reith, Temi Olojo, Justin Benbow, Jared Miller, Terrell Pierce, Brandon Pierson, Donald Mullett, Daniel Walker, Cameron LeRoy, coach Keith Anleitner, (front row from left) Ethan Walker, Ty Majeski and Mark Mullett.



Hurricanes pack strong 'wins'

The Michigan Hurricanes Midget AA hockey team was crowned champion of the Rock and Roll Cup held March 15-16 in Cleveland. The Hurricanes went undefeated in the tournament, beating teams from New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. The team consists of: Dan Barzart, Ryan Carusi, Nathan Evans, Zack Feher, Mike Haburne, Justin Hoomaian, Will Hunter, Rick Lorenz, Kyle Masiarczyk, Joel Mattana, John Maurer, Ian O'Malley, Kyle Pankow, Nick Pelon, Alex Piku, Ronnie Pluszczynski, Travis Satkowiak, Matt Souliere, and Kurt Zdanowski. The team is coached by Lee McCarty, Steve Yarber, Rick Lorenz and Joe Satkowiak.

SPORTS SHORTS

Plymouth Wildcat baseball camp

The Plymouth High School baseball team will be hosting its annual Spring Training Baseball Camp Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the school's baseball complex.

The camp is open to the first 100 kids in grades third through eighth that register. The fee is \$50, which includes a camp T-shirt and lunch.

The camp is designed for aspiring young players who are looking to improve their skills for the 2008 season and beyond. It will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun and learning environment.

Camp attendees will receive instruction from the Plymouth coaching staff and players.

Among the topics covered will be mental preparation and plate discipline; base running; and infield and outfield play.

There will also be controlled scrimmage games.

For more information, call John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.

'Y' soccer

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for Spring Soccer for children between the ages of 4 and 11.

Practices begin the week of April 7 and games start Saturday, April 19.

There will be eight practices and seven games. The fee is \$70 for program members or \$102 for community members.

All participants will need to purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15. The registration deadline is March 31.

If you are interested in participating or coaching your child's team, call (734) 453-2904 for more details or visit out www.ymcadetroit.org.

OLGC football

The Our Lady of Good Counsel football program will hold its parents' meeting for the 2008 season tonight at 7 p.m. 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 commemorative benches or brick pavers at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

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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.

Spartan kickers outlast T-storms and T-Birds

Thunder and lightning wasn't the only thing that scared off Dearborn Edsel Ford in its girls soccer opener Monday night at Livonia Stevenson.

The Thunderbirds found themselves down 5-0 after 20 minutes, waited through one weather delay and signaled to officials they were going home after a second delay giving the Spartans a forfeit victory. Each inclement weather delay is 30 minutes as mandated under MHSAA rules.

"It was little bit of a weird situation," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "Their coach evidently didn't want to wait around after the sec-

ond delay. He said they were going home. Even though it was still raining, there was no thunder or lightning."

Sophomore Molly McConnell notched a hat trick for the Spartans, scoring at the 3-minute mark, 14 minutes and 17 minutes (from Taleen Mergian).

Alex Harbowy also scored from Mergian at the 10-minute mark, while Brittany Hootz buried Rachel Stevens' free kick at the 20-minute mark to complete the scoring. Stevenson goalkeeper Rachel Simari did not face a shot during the opening half in posting the shutout.

Ply. Christian 5, Wayne 3: Senior captain Whitney Jacobs' hat trick was not enough Tuesday as host Wayne Memorial (0-2) dropped a non-league encounter to Plymouth Christian Academy.

Jacobs, who has four goals on the year, got an assist on the first goal from sophomore sister Alicia Jacobs. Her second goal was unassisted, while senior captain and defender Danielle Borg assisted on the third.

It was 3-2 in favor of PCA at halftime. **Ferndale 3, Wayne 1:** In the season opener Monday evening, the host Eagles prevailed against Wayne Memorial in a game stopped with 11 minutes remaining due to lightning. Ferndale led 2-1 at halftime scoring with only four seconds left after Wayne senior captain Whitney Jacobs tied it only 17 seconds earlier off an assist from junior Brittany DeJack.

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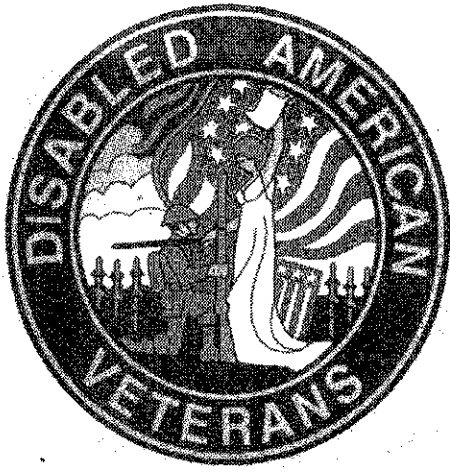


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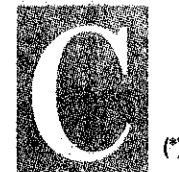
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Be true to your school

Quality matters when relocating, educators say

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Let's say you're relocating, and have kids who will be enrolled in school. Educators have common-sense tips for what to look for.

"My experience has been schools are the No. 1 factor" for those relocating, said Tim McAvoy, director of community relations for the Troy school district. "Parents do a lot of research even before they contact us. The quality of the schools is the No. 1 factor, we find."

McAvoy, who's been with the Troy district since 2000, said parents also seek a safe community with a good library and parks. "We're fortunate Troy is the whole package," he said, citing police and fire services as well.

His district's Web site, www.troy.k12.mi.us, has an "About Troy Schools" area aimed at those considering relocation. Parents can contact his office or individual building principals for school visits.

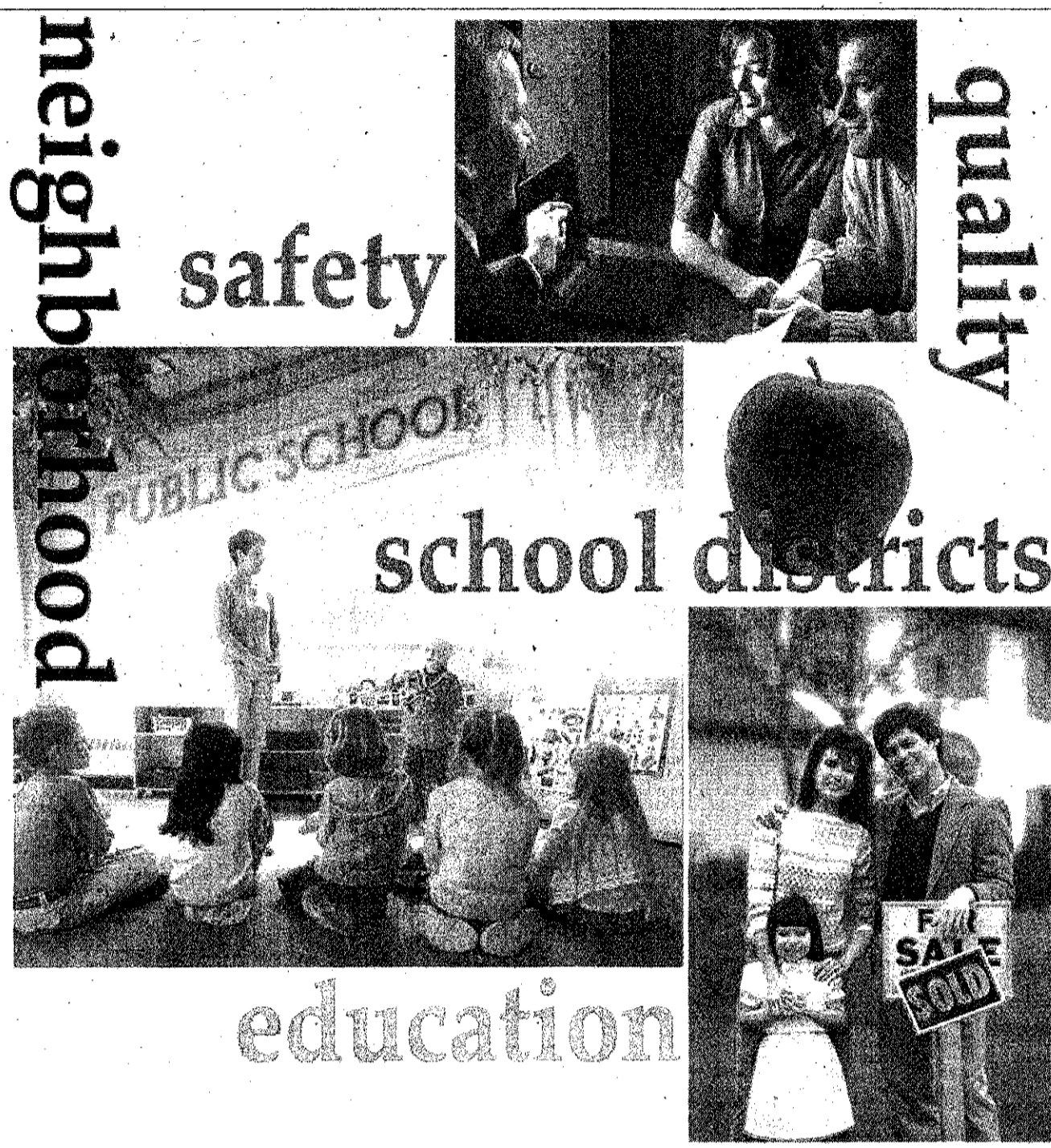
"They're proud of the work that happens in their schools," said McAvoy, adding it's best to call ahead for such a tour.

Troy has an annual Realtor Breakfast, this year's April 4 with about 100 Realtors from Troy and nearby. "We'll meet with them and talk about the state of our schools," he said.

There's also a Live and Learn in Troy open house done in conjunction with Realtors in the fall. In addition to being able to tour some 200 homes last fall, participants could meet with school and city leaders at the Community Center. Some 1,500-2,000 people went through last fall, the third time for the event and the first with home tours which McAvoy described as a natural progression of the event. (For more, see LiveandLearninTroy.com.) He noted there's much information online, but it's best to visit and tour a school. "Talk to co-workers, talk to people in the neighborhood," McAvoy said. "It's a huge decision."

Parents ask him and other Troy educators about test scores, school honors and class size. There are questions specific to the child or teen, about sports, fine arts, gifted programs or special education services.

Greg Baracy, superintendent of the



Wayne-Westland Community Schools, agreed parents are diligent in seeking information on school quality.

"Parents are looking far beyond test scores," said Baracy. He noted parents' involvement in their son's or daughter's education determines success to a great extent.

"They're very concerned and inquisitive," Baracy said of parents considering a move to Wayne-Westland.

His district also hosts an annual Realtors Luncheon, this year's April 3. "I think Realtors play a large role in helping communicate the quality of the school district," Baracy said. The

Realtors Luncheon moves to different school sites from year to year, allowing Realtors to see various sites.

"It gives us an opportunity to talk about the school district," he said of the event, which generally draws 80-100 Realtors.

Parents considering relocation look to see if facilities are current and conducive to learning, Baracy said. They look at extracurriculars, including sports and cultural arts.

"Like all of us, parents want the best for their children." Wayne-Westland's Web site, www.wvcsd.net, has a lot of links such as those to individual

schools, and is updated regularly.

Baracy agreed if you have a neighborhood in mind to buy a home, it's a good idea to contact the principal to see the school. Parents also attend school open houses to learn more, and the upcoming Kindergarten Roundup will give families a chance to learn more.

"We work very hard at it," Baracy said of getting the word out on school quality. "We have invested a lot of time and resources in marketing the district. Parents don't always hear the good things that are going on in the district."

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Investing

Terry Hale and Jason Gilbert will discuss investing in commercial real estate. They will share their experience and show examples of how investors are making money in commercial properties. The program is sponsored by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland 5:30/9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy.

Seminar free to members, \$20 guests. Call (800) 747 6742. Visit www.REIAofOakland.com for information.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of

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

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

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

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

Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, 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 on 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 covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and

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Animal feeding a property issue

Q. I heard about a homeowners association in Idaho that filed suit against the neighboring school district seeking to end a decade-long tradition of feeding the elks. Have you heard anything about it because we have a similar problem with respect to feeding animals on our property?

A. While there has

been no litigation, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has sided with the association against the school.



Robert Meisner

They indicated that putting out food attracts them to homes where they eat landscaping and the department's position is that they should not feed elk or deer unless an emergency situation exists. They also indicated that attracting them to areas inhabited by humans could expose them to diseases. In your situation, it may also be something that the association can assert authority over and deal with it inclusive for the above reasons.

Q. With everyone making reference to a "green environment," are there some ways in which community associations can conserve energy and help the environment?

A. The community associations can do a number of things to conserve energy. They can conduct an energy audit by contacting their local utility or energy management firm to determine whether a home or building wastes energy and to find where the energy is being lost. The association can conserve water, recycle trash, reduce chemicals and chemical pollution among other things and a consultant can assist the association in facilitating this undertaking.

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



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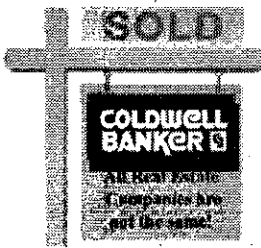
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 <p>POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE Insist on a tour of this bright & spacious Canton colonial. Great floor plan w/large entrance, 1st fl laun, Den, a must see Master Suite, fenced lot, & too much more to list. \$225,400 (C-790EL)</p>	 <p>CHARMING RANCH 3 bd, 1 bath ranch in great neighborhood. Remod Kit, freshly painted, new furnace & C/A, updated windows, new door & roof on Garage, newer roof on house, & more. \$115,900 (C-676GE)</p>	 <p>OUTSTANDING HOME Beautiful cape cod in popular golf community. 4 bd, 4.5 bss, island Kit w/paretry. Open floor plan, prof decor, custom window treatments, landscaping w/waterfall, Patio, Deck, & area pool. \$695,000 (C-304IN)</p>	 <p>NEW CONSTRUCTION Breathaking estate backing to protected nature preserve. Gourmet Kit w/granite, extra deep 3 car Garage, Master w/jetted tub & his/her WIC's. Still time to pick your ceramic, carpet, or hwd! \$699,900 (C-258MA)</p>	 <p>BEAUTIFUL BRICK BUNGALOW When only the best will do...spacious floor plan offers 3 bd, Master w/bath, coved ceilings, LR w/frpl, updated bath, new windows & carpet, freshly painted, updated elec, & much more. \$82,000 (C-421PI)</p>	 <p>SPACIOUS COLONIAL Bright & open floor plan w/4 bds, 2 full & 2 half baths, formal LR/DR, Kit w/nook, Fam Rm w/frpl, spacious Master w/bath, finished walkout bsmt, & Livonia Schools. \$274,900 (C-778RI)</p>	 <p>MOVE TO THE LAKE! Here's an opportunity you can't afford to miss! Over 2800 sq ft, newly built, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, formal DR, Great Rm w/frpl, Master w/bath, 1.3 acre lot w/privileges to all sports lake. \$300,000 (C-515SA)</p>	 <p>IMMACULATE! Immed occupancy on this 3 bd, 2.5 bath townhouse w/spacious LR w/frpl, drwl to private veranda, oak Kit w/appl's, direct access Garage, 90+ furnace, formal Dining, & tons more. \$164,900 (P-376VI)</p>
 <p>GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION Pretty tree lined street, just a short stroll to downtown. 3-4 bds, 2 baths, hwd flrs, updated Kit, baths, large Fam Rm, screened rear porch, Den, brick paver Patio, & so much more. \$255,000 (C-478AR)</p>	 <p>GORGEOUS RANCH Beautiful Livonia ranch - ready to move into! Open spacious rooms, neutral decor & carpet, oak cabs, baths, jetted tub, updated Kit, Bath, & awesome neighborhood. \$169,900 (C-668BA)</p>	 <p>PICTURE PERFECT On this fabulous 2116 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial w/frin bsmt, new roof, maple Kit, gutted ceramic baths, jetted tub, Fam Rm w/frpl, extra wide driveway, & tons more. \$279,900 (P-468BL)</p>	 <p>IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY 2 bd condo on beautiful Colonial Estates. Full bsmt, large Liv Rm, Dining Area, 2 car Garage w/opener, C/A, & ceiling fans. Appl's stay! \$114,900 (C-613CO)</p>	 <p>LOCATION! LOCATION! Large 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/pergo floors, vaulted ceilings, Master w/bath, prof finished bsmt w/wetbar & bath, new roof, huge Deck, & 2 car Garage. \$178,000 (C-309CO)</p>	 <p>LOVELY HOME Lovely 4 bd, 4 bath home that backs to farm setting. Generous room sizes, fin walkout bsmt w/theater & cedar room. Trex Deck w/lifetime guar, 3 car Garage, & great location. \$495,000 (C-864FA)</p>	 <p>GREAT LOCATION 3 bd, 1 bath brick ranch in convenient Garden City location. Kit w/hwd floors & eating area, drwl to Patio, newer furnace, roof, A/C, 2.5 car Garage, & an above ground pool. \$130,000 (C-542FL)</p>	 <p>COMPLETELY REMODELED Looks like a new home! 3 bd, 2.5 baths, 1st fl laun, maple Kit w/granite, Fam Rm w/drwl, fenced yard, Master w/jetted tub & WIC, & too many updates to list. \$228,000 (C-318AU)</p>
 <p>UPDATED HOME! Great home w/neutral paint & carpet, Kit w/pan-apppl's, Master w/cath ceiling w/WIC, new hwh, Patio, & great Farm Hills location. \$334,900 (P-191AU)</p>	 <p>BEST LOCATION IN SUB Awesome location backing to woods. Gourmet Kit w/ceramic, butlers pantry, & stain steel appl's. Bath w/Jacuzzi tub, Master w/cath ceiling, upgraded carpet, walkout bsmt, & more. \$429,900 (P-215BA)</p>	 <p>FABULOUS 3472 sq ft, 4 bd, 3.5 bas, upgraded brick colonial. Cherry Kit w/granite, Master w/skylights, bath, WIC, & sitting rm, 2 story Foyer, finished bsmt w/frpl & bar, & too much more to list. \$688,900 (P-3258I)</p>	 <p>WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY - 3 bd, 1 bath main free home. Neutral carpet & paint, updated windows, updated Kit w/white cabinets, updated bath, full bsmt, Nook w/drwl to large Deck, & convenient location. \$104,900 (C-205BI)</p>	 <p>GREAT HOME Amazing 3 bd ranch w/wide open floor plan. Updates inc: Kit, baths, roof, windows, siding, C/A, & all appl's. Full bsmt, huge 2.5 car WIC & Bath, great location. \$129,900 (P-631BR)</p>	 <p>SIMPLY STUNNING Detached condo in private treed location. Tons of special features, finished bsmt w/wetbar, cherry floors, tons of windows, new roof, Master w/walkout to Deck, & more. \$299,900 (C-542BU)</p>	 <p>TOWNHOUSE STYLE CONDO This freshly painted condo offers 2 spacious bedrooms, 1.5 baths, open Kit & nook, full bsmt, appl's stay, carport in front of unit, & located across from pool. \$91,000 (P-158CA)</p>	 <p>PEACEFUL & SERENE SETTING Priced below market for quick sale! 2 bd, 2 bath condo w/vaulted ceilings, updated carpet, oak Kit w/all appl's, triple drwl to 12x8 Deck, 1 car Garage, & 1 yr home warranty. \$99,500 (C-737CA)</p>
 <p>LAKE FRONT LIVING Cliffs Landing on Ford Lake offers this end unit ranch condo w/3bd, 2 bas, huge Master, LR w/frpl & drwl to balcony, updated windows, freshly painted, area pool, & more. \$134,900 (P-655CL)</p>	 <p>WELCOME HOME! Updates galore! Immaculate home w/stunning Kit w/all appl's, 2 story Great Rm w/gas frpl, 1st fl Master w/bath, prof finished bsmt, & nice Canton location. \$240,000 (P-773CR)</p>	 <p>BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL Pulte built w/Livonia schools. 4 bd, 2 baths, formal LR/DR, Fam Rm, 1st fl laun, 2 story ceilings, dual staircases, crown mldg, prof landscaped, paver Patio, & huge yard. \$289,900 (P-180CR)</p>	 <p>ROOM TO ROOM Plenty of room in this 1160 sq ft, 3 bd, 2 bath ranch condo w/oak Kit, ceramic baths, LR w/frpl, private screened porch/Deck, fantastic view of pond, area pool & clubhouse. \$105,000 (C-620CU)</p>	 <p>UPDATES GALORE 3 bd, 2.5 bath home w/completely updated Kit w/ceramic, new cab's, & bar stools. LR w/coive cell, new hwd flrs & carpet, 3 season room, finished bsmt w/storage & full bath. \$135,000 (P-551DE)</p>	 <p>FANTASTIC VALUE Newly built 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo feat' hwd flrs, large LR w/frpl, Kit w/stain steel appl's, finished bsmt w/wetbar, cherry floors, tons of windows, new roof, Master w/walkout to Deck, & more. \$147,900 (P-394DO)</p>	 <p>MOVE IN AND RELAX! Perfectly staged & updated 3 bd brick ranch w/finished bsmt, newer bath, updated Kit, newer floors, full, all appl's, fresh paint, newer roof & windows, 2.5 car Garage, & more. \$159,999 (P-598FR)</p>	 <p>PRICED RIGHT Beautiful 3 bd, 3 bath condo w/full bsmt, 2 car att Garage, built in 2005, 1st fl Master, 1st fl laun, & big open Kitchen. Don't miss out on this one! \$159,900 (P-384GA)</p>
 <p>TONS OF UPDATES Great bungalow w/updated Kit, bath, refin hwd flrs, appl's stay, new counters, lot sof natural light, partially fin bsmt, & very motivated seller! \$114,900 (C-168GI)</p>	 <p>GREAT VALUE Central Park at less than original purchase price! 2 story Foyer, large island Kit, spacious Great Rm, Master w/volume ceiling, WIC, & bath. Area pool & walking trails add to appeal. \$289,900 (P-840GR)</p>	 <p>LUXURY CONDO IN TROY 3 bd, 2300 sq ft like new condo w/open floor plan, marble counters, prof finished bsmt w/bath, & close to shopping & x-yaws. \$358,000 (P-215HA)</p>	 <p>NUMEROUS UPDATES 3 bd, 2 full & 2 half baths, gourmet Kit w/granite & large pantry. Formal DR, Fam Rm w/frpl, part finished bsmt w/bath, & Master w/vaulted ceilings. \$275,000 (P-930HE)</p>	 <p>LARGE COUNTRY LOT Not your ordinary sub of floor plan. Designer Kit w/granite & walnut flrs, 2 story Great Rm w/hat frpl & views of backyard, 1st fl Master w/bath & WIC, & great location. \$999,900 (P-927JA)</p>	 <p>PRICED TO SELL! Newly remodeled 1600 sq ft brick home w/3 bd, 1.5 baths, fenced yard, bonus room, hwd flrs, prof landscaping, appliances, & minutes from downtown. \$75,000 (C-228JU)</p>	 <p>LOCATION, LOCATION Great opportunity to own a lovely home backing to commons. Great floor plan w/maple Kit, Fam Rm w/frpl, LR/DR, sunroom, Master w/bath, newer furnace, A/C, windows, doors, paver Patio & more. \$234,500 (P-477TK)</p>	 <p>JUST MOVE IN Fantastic 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/new siding & trim, 1502 sq ft, maple Kit w/granite, remod baths w/ceramic, quality fixtures, full bsmt, & 2.5 car Garage. \$242,900 (P-629LA)</p>
 <p>CHARMING RANCH Immaculate 1168 sq ft, 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick feat a large Master w/10x7 bonus room, refin hwd, updated Kit, partially fin bsmt, 2 car Garage, appl's stay, & 1 yr warranty. \$134,900 (P-999LU)</p>	 <p>WELCOME HOME 3 bd, 2 bath home w/1141 sq ft, hwd flrs under carpet, huge Fam Rm w/frpl & cath cell, Master w/drwl to Deck, finished bsmt w/office & bath. And a fenced yard! \$135,000 (P-130LY)</p>	 <p>CHARMING PLYMOUTH CONDO Spacious 3 bd, 2.5 ba condo in beautiful area. Updated Kit & bath, formal DR, Great Rm w/frpl, part finished bsmt, Garage, & in walking distance to downtown. \$174,900 (P-854LY)</p>	 <p>PERFECT STARTER HOME 4 bd, 1 bath home w/newer bath, Kit, windows, roof, hwh, furnace, 6 panel doors, & Pergo Uo. Extra deep lot, freshly painted, & 1 yr warranty. Great place to call home! \$129,900 (P-230MC)</p>	 <p>FANTASTIC RANCH 3 bd, 1 bath home w/new furnace, driveway, private yard, windows, elec, roof, C/A, hwh, & more. Convenient location & priced to sell! \$129,900 (C-312MC)</p>	 <p>A MUST SEE! City living w/gorgeous setting on large lot. Hwd flrs, Fam Rm, updated oak Kit, finished bsmt, 1st fl laun, att Garage, & more. A lot of home for the price. \$289,900 (P-570NE)</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH'S BRADBURY Beautiful view & lots of windows! 1 bd condo w/oak Kit, Master w/wall of closets, bath w/new tile & surround, neutral t/o, Fam Rm in finished bsmt, & area pool & clubhouse. \$110,000 (P-421NE)</p>	 <p>JUST LISTED 2 bd, 2 bath condo in popular adult community. Move in ready - fresh paint, updated roof, windows, Kit, bath, part finished bsmt, premium court yard setting, & area pool & clubhouse. \$124,900 (P-447NE)</p>
 <p>PLYMOUTH RANCH CONDO Popular Bradbury offers this completely remod condo w/oak Kit & stain steel appl's, 1st fl laun, updated bath, new paint & carpet, bsmt, & area pool w/clubhouse. \$119,500 (P-815NE)</p>	 <p>GOOD PLACE TO START! Immed occup on this 3 bd brick home w/finished bsmt, 1224 sq ft. Central LR, oversized Master Bdrm, copper plumbing, newer roof, & 1 yr home warranty for buyer. Don't wait! \$106,900 (P-616ND)</p>	 <p>LOADS OF QUALITY UPDATES Fantastic 2200 sq ft, 4 bd colonial nestled deep in the sub. Maple Kit w/granite, new tear off roof, huge new Deck, Pella Windows, updated Master, & super landscaping. \$269,900 (P-398OA)</p>	 <p>ELEGANT CAPE COD 4 bd, 3.2 baths custom home w/premium brick elevation, finished walkout bsmt, 4 car Garage, cherry Kit w/granite, 2 story Great Rm, & too much more to list. Come see! \$675,000 (P-571OL)</p>	 <p>PEACE & QUIET! Low traffic, non-thru street offers this 1793 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial, w/updated wood frpl, oak Kit, newer roof & furnace, Fam Rm w/frpl, C/A & attic fan, formal LR/DR, & tons more. \$299,900 (P-340PA)</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH COLONIAL One of a kind in Ridgewood Hills Sub. Located on the commons on acre lot, 3 bd, 3.5 baths, finished daylight bsmt, 3 fireplaces, country Kit, large Fam Rm, & great floor plan. \$329,900 (P-790PI)</p>	 <p>GREAT INVESTMENT Multi family home w/3 bds in each unit. LR/DR, updated Kit, updated bath, separate bsmt for each unit, separate util, fenced yard, newer windows, & more. Call for details. \$30,000 (P-704PI)</p>	 <p>UPDATES ABOUND Move here & enjoy newer windows, remod Kit, newer roof, flooring, updated baths, formal Dining, finished bsmt, stamped Patio in fenced yard, & close to everything. \$187,500 (C-151PR)</p>
 <p>UPDATED TOP TO BOTTOM Canton colonial w/new roof, Pella windows, new furnace, C/A, hwh, new Kit w/hwd flrs & designer cab's, 2 master bdrms, formal LR, & spacious Fam Rm add to the charm. \$164,000 (P-438PR)</p>	 <p>UPGRADES GALORE Look no further for your dream home! Enjoy this spacious 4 bd, 2.5 bath brick colonial w/formal LR/DR, Kit w/corlan, Master w/bath, 3 car Garage, Patio, & many extras. \$362,000 (C-415RI)</p>	 <p>CHARMING Traditional floor plan w/formal LR/DR, large Kit w/all appl's, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/private bath, loft area could be playroom or Den, freshly painted, & good location. \$214,900 (C-519PI)</p>	 <p>PITTSFIELD TWP COLONIAL Well maintained home on acre lot. Open floor plan, spacious Kit, Fam Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, huge Deck, finished bsmt, Saine Schools, & more. \$205,000 (C-323RO)</p>	 <p>SELLER MUST SELL! Rare find on this custom ranch on almost an acre in Farm Hills. Beautiful landscaping, mature trees, Kit w/granite, Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt, newer roof, 1st fl laun, pool, & circular drive. \$240,000 (C-432RO)</p>	 <p>RELAXING LOCATION 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/3142 sq ft, island Kit w/ceramic, 2 story Great Rm w/frpl, vaulted Master w/Glamour bath, & great location backing to commons. \$350,000 (C-553TE)</p>	 <p>GREAT FIND Valuable piece of land zoned MX (mixed zoning/indus/ or comm). Currently being used as a residence by owners, if new owners want as residence, home needs to be brought up to code. \$75,000 (C-324VA)</p>	 <p>MOTIVATED SELLERS Great price on this 3 bd, 1365 sq ft Redford home. Brick bungalow w/inviting floor plan, coved ceilings, LR/DR, updated Kit, ceramic bath, updated windows, & 2.5 car Garage. \$124,900 (P-133WA)</p>
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Farmington Hills			
37800 Carson St 37273 Chesapeake Rd 30724 Club House Ln 28436 Lake Park Dr 38448 Lynwood Ct 32165 W 12 Mile Rd	\$150,000 \$417,000 \$245,000 \$257,000 \$170,000 \$152,000	Plymouth	
Livonia			
8936 Brentwood St 16911 Doris St 37701 Northland St 19365 Norwich Rd 29424 Oakley St 17429 Renwood St 59169 Ross St 14141 Woodside St	\$133,000 \$415,000 \$200,000 \$230,000 \$150,000 \$180,000 \$113,000 \$147,000	Redford	
Northville			
17001 Algonquin Dr 44677 Broadmoor Cir N 18644 Clairmont Cir W 22206 Lujon Dr	\$390,000 \$463,000 \$150,000 \$470,000	Westland	
Novi			
Canton			
2123 Arcadia Dr 43254 Barchester Rd 2288 Cleveland Way 50683 Colchester Ct 7043 Copper Creek Cir 45801 Henley Dr 50370 Jackson Ln 48870 Manhattan Cir 4170 Maplewood Dr 941 Princess Dr 43124 Providence Ln 4115 Sherwood Cir	\$164,000 \$164,000 \$180,000 \$166,000 \$136,000 \$318,000 \$110,000 \$289,000 \$193,000 \$205,000 \$157,000 \$228,000	South Lyon	
Farmington			

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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 several aspects of proper pool chemistry, filtration, circulation, routine cleaning, daily testing and chemical maintenance. Registration 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) 862-1033.

'Tools of the Trade'

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 more information, visit online at: 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.

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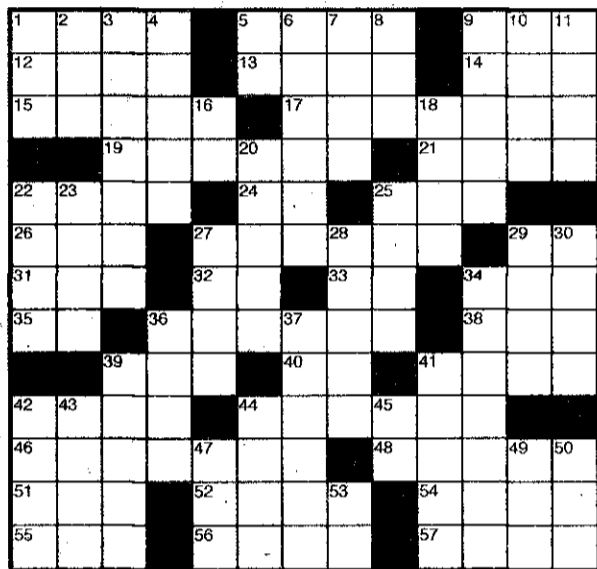
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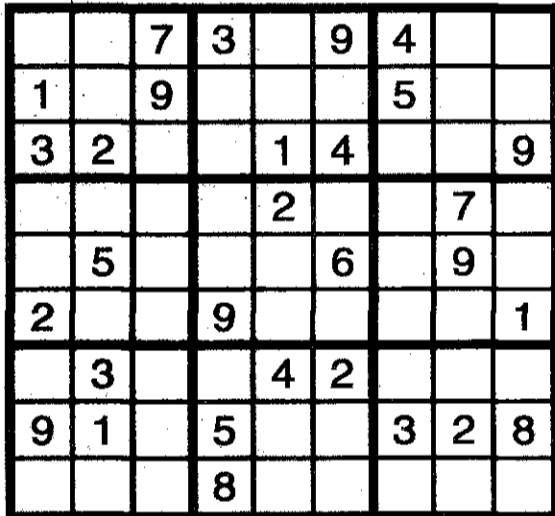
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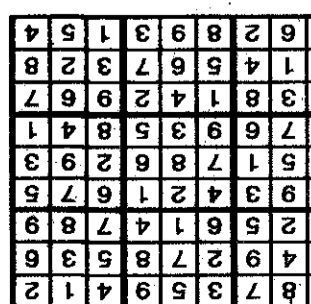
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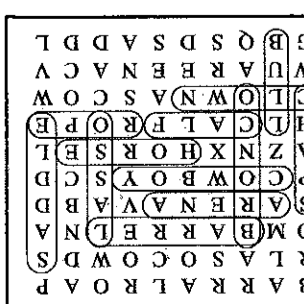
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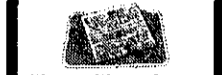
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DENTAL ASSISTANT
 Friendly, approachable, flexible, balanced exp/low maintenance personality, positive person w/chairstools assisting and front desk experience. Must possess strong listening skills, ability to carry out direction, be organized and detail-oriented. Great office! Part time. Farmington Hills. Fax work history or resume to: 248-788-0941

DENTAL ASSISTANT
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DENTAL ASSISTANT
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(27077877) \$675,000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
SHOWS LIKE A MODEL! 4 BR 2.5BA brick colonial. Remod maple kit. LR w/cathedral ceiling & FP. 1g cedar deck overlooks stream. Hdwd flrs, new carpet & paint. Walk to elem sch in sub. 2000 SF.
(28004866) \$199,900



Hamburg 734-591-9200
YOU WON'T BELIEVE ALL THATS BEEN REMODELED New Roof, Anderson Wndws, Bthrm Completely Redone, Water Htr, Well Pump, Dry Wall, Elect Outlets, And Carpet. 18x35 Deck. 2 Car Att Gar. Plus Home Is On A Canal.
(28032044) \$150,000



Milford 248-684-1065
Newer built w/ brick exterior. Private/quiet sub backing to preserve. 2-story foyer, office/library, 2-way FP, HDWD flrs., granite isl, 3-car garage.
(28024573) \$2,350



Plymouth 734-455-7000
PLYMOUTH "FIXER UPPER"! Great potential in this 3 bedroom colonial near downtown Plymouth. Needs work but has some updates. Large treed yard. Much more!
(28043341) \$137,500



South Lyon 734-591-9200
ENJOY THIS LARGE CAPE COD This Home Offers A Gas Fp In The LR, Huge Mstr Bath W Jetted Tub, A Dr Wall That Leads To Lrg Deck, A 25x19 Bonus Rm & A Crawl Space That Has 5 Ft Ceilings.
(28032154) \$220,000



Brighton 248-684-1065
Beautiful HDWD Floors in entry, master bdrm/bath/family room. Natural stone FP & BLT/IN bookcase. New carpeting. 2 car attached/heated garage. Lake priv.
(27118941) \$200,000



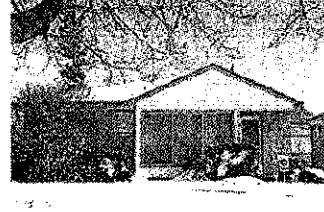
Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
HOME SWEET HOME New ceramic foyer, eat in kitchen w/Pergo, hickory cabs. Doorwall to deck overlooks large fenced yard. Family rm w/wet bar & FP. Newer windows, roof, furnace, HWH, AC.
(27205714) \$170,000



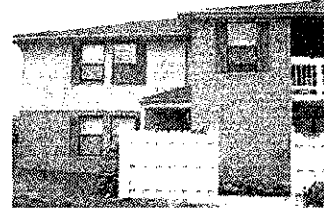
Hartland 248-684-1065
Beautifully decorated 4 BDRM, 2.5 BA on over 1/2 acre hilltop lot. FP opens to brkfst rm & kit w/ cherry cabs. Huge deck & yard. HDWD flrs. Ceramic BA.
(28036272) \$309,900



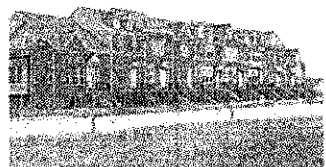
Northfield 248-437-3800
Want to live up North? Secluded five acres at the end of a private road has up north feel. Home has 3 BR on main level and 2 add'l on finished lower level. Vaulted ceilings much more!
(28022345) \$368,000



Redford 248-851-1900
NICE BRICK RANCH READY FOR A NEW OWNER Freshly painted, large front window for lots of light. Full bsmt. All appliances stay. HWF in BR & under carpet in LR. Close to x-yays, parks & shopping.
(27224232) \$99,900



South Lyon 734-591-9200
Upper End Unit Opn flr pln, Newer Hrdwd Flrs in Din Area & Kit, Newer Carpet & Paint t-o. Upgraded Appl Stay, Cath Cell in LR, 2 Full Baths, Upper Bcny Ovtrks Pool.
(28036313) \$128,900



Canton 734-455-7000
CANTON "GREEN BUILDING AWARD" WINNER! 46 upscale brownstone condos w/5 flr plans, 2-3 bedrooms, 2-car garage, fireplace, balcony, and GeoThermal heating & cooling. Model Open!
(27054660) \$193,900



Farmington Hills 248-684-1065
Sharp 2 BR/2 BA condo located in back of complex w/ scenic view of woods/nature. Open flr plan. Cathedral ceiling & gas FP. Ceramic bath w/ whirlpool tub.
(28011052) \$159,900



Highland 248-684-1065
Spotless, warm & charming 3 BR ranch in serene horse community area. Gorgeous treed private backyard. 41 acre lot. Open flr plan w/ large kit/great rm/gas FP.
(28007902) \$184,900



Farmington 248-348-6430
A Great Fixer Upper! Spacious 3 bedroom brick ranch with Florida room overlooking huge backyard, walk to downtown Farmington & elementary school, sold "as is".
(28033250) \$141,900



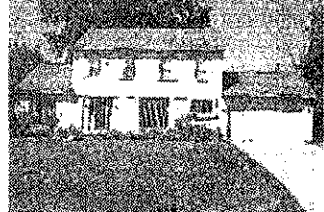
Redford 734-455-7000
DOLL HOUSE FOR SALE! Nicely updated w/ ** kitchen ** bath ** roof ** A/C ** furnace ** fresh paint ** landscape & carpet. Fully fenced, 1-1/2 car gar. Just move in! Priced to sell!
(28005983) \$81,000



South Lyon 734-591-9200
Stunning End unit is Flawless Throughout 2 Bdrm 1 1/2 baths, Kit w/ all appls, spacious deck, priv side yd, Newer crpt & paint, Lrg Mstr w/ w/ Closets. Brand new C/A, End Unit w/ priv ent. Att Gar.
(28038455) \$121,900



Canton 734-455-7000
A THREE BEDROOM CONDO WITH CLASS! Exceptional 3 bdrm end unit condo in Canton Forest. First floor master ste. Cathedral ceiling in living room. Sharp Kitchen, 1st floor laundry. A real winner!
(28049195) \$174,500



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
Fabulous Farmington Hills Awesome 4 BR, 2.1 BA, Cherrywood flrs, spacious LR & DR. Large KIT w/ nook. Park like setting. This home is a must see!! \$2,300 rent w/ option to buy in 1 yr.
(28021873) \$1,950



Livonia 248-851-1900
MAGNIFICENT 4 BR BRICK & STONE RANCH Gorgeous granite kitchen w/ decorative island. Granite, marble mosaic in baths. Master bath w/shower & jacuzzi. Unbelievable landscape w/waterfalls, fountains, bridges.
(28023155) \$374,900



Northville 248-348-6430
Lovely Update With Quality & Charm 4 bdrm, 2 bath colonial w/newer dimensional roof gutters w/covers, windows t/o, newly fenced yard, new kitchen top to bottom and more. Bonus Florida room!
(27191695) \$290,000



Romulus 248-208-2900
16422 Taft Brick Front Ranch With Newer Vinyl Siding. Quiet Starter Home For A First Time Home Buyer Or An Investor. Bank Owned Being Sold As Is.
(27210874) \$50,000



South Lyon 248-348-6430
Adult Co-op 55+ Community Ceramic tile in foyer and LR eat-in kit. Formal DR. 12x9 4-season un porch. Fin LL w/FR, office, BR, full ba and laundry. 1-car gar. Comm w/clubhouse and beach.
(27137385) \$110,000



Canton 734-455-7000
ONE OF A KIND! Great buy on this 2 BR, 1.5 BA, Canton Condo w/bsmt. Needs work but has great potential. Two-story townhouse style, end unit.
(27205334) \$99,500



Fenton 248-684-1065
Lovely 3 Bdrm/2 1/2 Bt Home on Lg 1/2 Acre Wooded Lot. Liv Rm w/Cath Cell; Family Rm w/FP; Master w/Whirlpool & More. Visit teamterova.com.
(28016751) \$219,900



Livonia 248-437-3800
POPULAR "WINDRIDGE" SUB Home features 4 bedrooms, updated kitchen w/granite, hardwood flooring, large great room and great room sizes.
(28039890) \$220,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Exquisite Custom Built Cape Cod! Exceptional home with attention to every detail. 3 BRs, loft, 3 FPs, study & den, 2 story foyer, GR & Family RM. Fabulous master suite. Custom design and decor!
(27217381) \$879,000



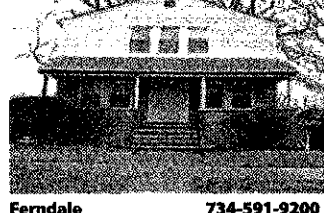
Salem 248-437-3800
Gorgeous Log Home on 5 Acres Custom built white cedar log home. Sunroom w/ stone ext, winding 3 story staircase. Fin WO lower level, custom landscaping, horse barn & more.
(27195630) \$445,000



Van Buren Twp 248-208-2900
13253 County Walk Just Call It Home. This Roomy 3488 Sq. Ft. 5 Bedroom Colonial is The Dream Home You've Been Dreaming Of. Lg Great Room With A Natural Fp, Large Upper Rec.
(27190188) \$329,900



Commerce 248-684-1065
All sports Lake Sherwood waterfront for under \$300,000! 5 BDRMS, 3 full baths, HDWD flrs. Kit open to large FR w/ FP & doorwall to patio. Unfin W/O.
(28026287) \$295,000



Ferndale 734-591-9200
PRICED TO SELL!! Awesome Starter Home, 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath Colonial With some Updates Incl Carpet, Water Heater, And Kitchen Floors And Counter Tops.
(28032070) \$100,000



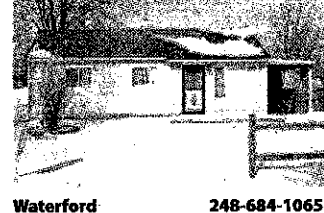
Livonia 248-348-6430
Remodeled From Top To Bottom! New everything! Kitchen, bath, roof, paint, door, window treatments, sprinkler system. Partial finished bsmt w/ half bath, work room & storage. Large corner lot.
(28047676) \$168,900



Novi 248-851-1900
POPULAR NEIGHBORHOOD, WONDERFUL AMENITIES Neighborhood elem, parks, playgrounds, convenience! Updates: window treatments, paint, double oven, landscaping, furnace, dishwasher, more! 4 BR, 2 BA.
(27208461) \$239,000



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) \$129,900



Waterford 248-684-1065
Open & airy ranch w/ carport. Huge fenced yard. Pergo flr in LR & hallway. Full ba w/ ceramic flr & tub. Eat-in kit w/ recessed light & brkfst bar. 1st flr laun.
(28007921) \$79,900



Commerce 248-684-1065
Great home on double lot. Walk to Union Lake. Updates galore. LR, FR, lib/sun rm. Plenty of cab/counerspace. 2 decks w/ fully fenced yard.
(27223524) \$134,900



Garden City 734-455-7000
SO MUCH TO OFFER! Very attractive in and out - attractive price to boot! Updated eat-in kitchen w/ceramic flr. Fin. bsmt. 2nd bath. Large rec rm and office.
(28039725) \$139,900



Livonia 248-348-6430
Accent on Value Don't pay rent - Own this 1 1/2 story priv entry cono. Move-in ready. Nice kit, dr, lg mstr w/loft. Freshly painted, new carpet & vinyl windows. Livonia Schools.
(27157267) \$54,900



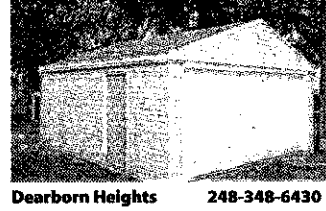
Novi 248-348-6430
LOVELY CONDO, WELL MAINTAINED Condo living at its best! Delightful kit, lovely LR, cozy FR, 2 nice size bds, 1.5 baths, both updated. Full fin bsmt, pool, clubhouse & tennis court in complex.
(28011428) \$134,500



South Lyon 734-591-9200
CUSTOM HOME 2 stry foyer, 5 bdrms loft area, 3.5 baths, grmt kit hdwd, fr w/ fp, hot tub, mstr ste w/ bath jet tub, lvr lvr had fr w/ full bath & bdrm, 3 car gar.
(28039953) \$332,900



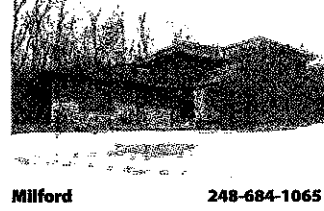
Westland 248-348-6430
Located On Dead End Street! Super clean and priced to move! Cathedral ceilings, Eat in kitchen, walk to schools.
(27214634) \$119,900



Dearborn Heights 248-348-6430
Attention Builders! Lot w/ 2 Car Garage! Great price on this premium lot with a brand new car garage. Crestwood schools, fenced yard & a large shed! New construction will be built unless lot is sold.
(27193396) \$38,000



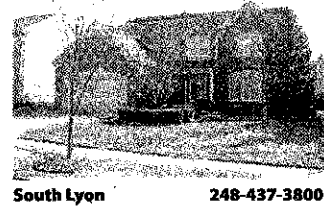
Garden City 734-455-7000
BEAUTIFUL BUNGALOW JUST FOR U! with 3BR, 1.5BA, full finished basement and family room. Appliances stay. Updated electrical & copper plumbing, newer windows and remodeled kitchen and bath.
(28043399) \$109,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Post & Beam house with 5265 Sq Ft plus 1300 Sq Fin. Bsmt, 5 bds, 5.1ba, 5.76 acres on Kensington Park, 3-car gar. One bd & ba in separate apartment.
(28004548) \$1,390,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Great Home for Lease Novi Schools & close to everything! KIT w/brkfst area, Formal LR & FR w/FPS. 4 nice size BR, 3.5 BA, FF Indry, Fin'd bsmt w/5th BR. Very spacious. Ready for you.
(27199149) \$2,300



South Lyon 248-437-3800
SPACIOUS & COMFORTABLE COLONIAL! Giant kitchen offers a LRG center island & family dining area. Dining rm is perfect for entertaining. Spacious mstr suite must be seen!! Neutral decor thru out.
(28049216) \$289,900



Westland 248-348-6430
GREAT TR-LEVEL CONDO w/ Spacious Lr Newer Windows, Roof & Central Air, Galley KR w/ Dr, Wood Flrs in Brs. Fnsd LJ W/ Storage, Work Room, & Laundry. Fin Area & Community Center, Pets Welcome.
(27198844) \$68,000



Farmington 248-348-6430
2 BD Condo Steps Away From Farmington Offering 1 car grg w/opener, HDW Flrs, vaulted ceilings, all appliances stay, great view & is conveniently located near shopping, schools & access to freeways.
(28021729) \$60,000



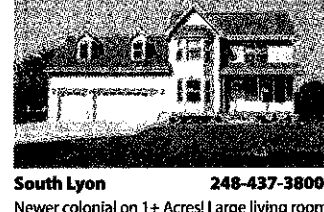
Genoa Twp 248-437-3800
SHOWS LIKE A MODEL! Sharp curb appeal & beautiful inside. Soaring ceilings in Glt. 1st floor master, huge garden tub. 2 bdrms up, scenic yard, backs to commons. Tiered deck w/arb. or.
(28049853) \$314,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Impressive Custom-Blt 4 Bd/3.3 Bath Home on .3+ Acres w/ 3 Car Garage Plus Additional 4-6 Car Garage w/Water & Elec. 2-way staircase; 1st Flr Master Ste. Fin LL.
(28011519) \$499,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000
OUTSTANDING CUSTOM-BUILT COLONIAL! Hi-end features: maple cabs, granite counters, Brazilian cherry-entire 1st flr, detail, detail FPs, wherever, 9' ceilings, daylite wndws in bsmt, etc. Quality t/o!
(28048153) \$440,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Newer colonial on 1+ Acres! Large living room w/gas fireplace. Formal dining room w/bay window, country kitchen. Bonus room, master suite, first floor laundry and full basement.
(27155807) \$284,900



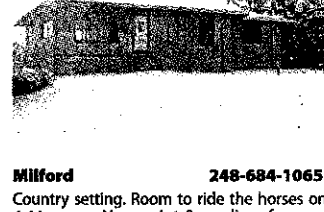
White Lake 248-437-3800
Large Country Sized Lot Two story home with side entry garage. 1775 SF, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. On 1.65 acres.
(28046995) \$169,000



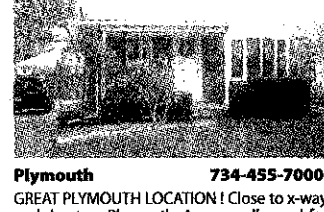
Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
Fully Renovated Gem! Panoramic views of 1.29 acres w/pond & gardens, 4 bdrm, 2.2 baths, Kit w/cherry & granite, 3 fplc's, new Andersen windows, year round FL room.
(28022055) \$599,000



Hamburg 248-437-3800
Great Family Home! Newly remodeled main floor. New kitchen and bath. Finished walkout basement with full bath. Beautifully landscaped including 3 ponds.
(28027840) \$199,999



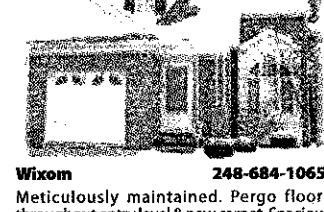
Milford 248-684-1065
Country setting. Room to ride the horses on 4.44 acres. New paint & grading, furnace, roof. Side entry W/O bsmt w/ new ba, carpet, thermostat, fp.
(27121042) \$259,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION! Close to x-way and dwtwn Plymouth. A very well-cared-for ranch. Fin bsmt w/full bath, room for pool table and family rm, 2-1/2 car gar. \$3,080 closing credit!
(26198913) \$169,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
NEW CONSTRUCTION - TO BE BUILT Sycamore Model to be built...nice subdivision with large lots.
(28043112) \$234,900



Wixom 248-684-1065
Meticulously maintained. Pergo floors throughout entry level & new carpet. Spacious kitchen & dining area. Open floor plan. Master suite/2 showers.
(28009382) \$210,000

April is Michigan wine month

Did you know that of 14,500 vineyard acres, Michigan has 1,800 acres devoted to wine grapes, making it the eighth state in wine grape production? In the


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last 10 years, Michigan vineyard area has increased more than 60 percent. Annually, Michigan's more than 50 commercial wineries produce over 375,000 cases of wine, ranking it 13th in the nation for wine production and attracting a million visitors who generate an estimated \$8.6 million in wine-related tourism. The wine and grape industry contributes about \$800 million annually to Michigan's economy.

Of the classic European varieties, a.k.a. *vitis vinifera*, Riesling is the most widely planted white variety and Pinot Noir, the most widely planted red in the state. In 2007, Michigan wines were awarded 800 medals at national and international competitions.

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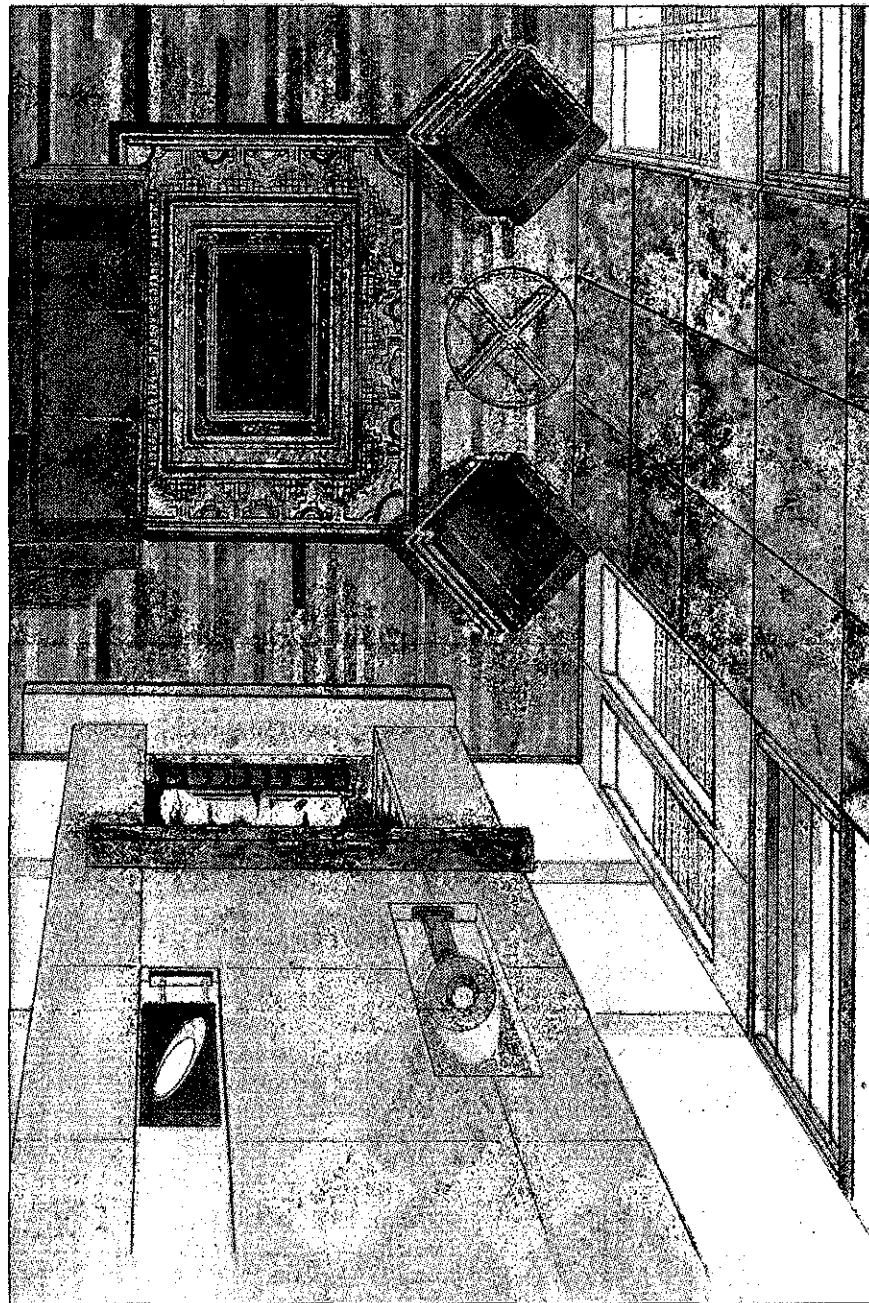
Michigan is already heralded for its Riesling wines - dry, semi-dry and late harvest dessert styles. However, Michigan's producers could not be happier with the early assessment of its red wines from last year's harvest. "Some 2007 reds," says Black Star Farms winemaker Lee Lutes, "are better than 2005."

The 2007 white wines will begin to see release this month, but the reds are at least a year away. From the 2005 vintage, though, try cabernet franc, merlot and pinot noir. If you're bored with chardonnay, try one from Michigan, they're crisp and not nearly as pumped with oak.

MORE WINERIES TO OPEN

This year, six new wineries are slated to open. They include Krolczyk Cellars in Freesoil, Clay Avenue Cellars in Muskegon, Rose Valley Winery in Rose City, Two Lads Winery on Old Mission Peninsula, and in Lake Leelanau Forty-Five North and Circa Winery. These bring the state's winery total to 56.

"Sales of Michigan wines grew more than 14 percent in 2007," reports Michigan Grape & Wine Industry Council's Linda Jones. "Overall state wine sales from all global points of origin were up 3.4 percent." Jones also noted that to kick off Michigan Wine Month,

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Diane Murphy Krupa won the 19th Annual Ghiordes Knot Creative Space Competition at the Michigan Design Center in Troy with her "Temple Carvings." Krupa, of Flat Rock, is a student at Eastern Michigan University's School of Engineering Technology.

Top designs

Students design rooms around rugs

 BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

A rug is like a palette, says Rhoda Goldman.

"Rugs are like a piece of art on the floor," said the showroom manager of Ghiordes Knot at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. From that, designers can choose wall colors, draperies and furniture for clients seeking a new look for their homes.

Design students received a practice session for the working world with rugs in the 19th Annual Ghiordes Knot Creative Space Competition. Goldman said 57 students from seven Michigan schools, colleges and universities participated.

The students illustrate the rug as a focal point in the room, and interpret the rugs provided by Ghiordes Knot. This year's rugs were Timor by Asmara, a needle-point carpet, and Temple Carvings by Inner Asia, a Tibetan trellis. The entries were judged March 20 by a panel of professional



Casey Hooley of Grand Rapids, a student at Kendall College Art & Design, won an honorable mention in the competition with her Timor rug design.

designers, who are American Society of Interior Designers members.

"A lot of the instructors, who are also ASID members, use it as a classroom project," Goldman said. "Two of the judges said how good it is that in this computer day and age, that (these students) could use the graph paper for a client, instead of the CAD program."

The winner was Diane Murphy Krupa, a student of Eastern Michigan University's School of Engineering and Technology, for her use of Temple Carvings. In her entry's Inspiration Statement, Krupa wrote: "Temple Carvings is an intricately woven jewel. The

rug's rich hues, floral motif and rhythmic geometry all help lend a sense of timelessness to the space."

She also wrote: "An intriguing harmony between the fluid motion of the rug's rich colors is reflected by the natural beauty of the state accent wall. This sets the stage for a savvy, sophisticated setting."

Runners-up received honorable mention awards. They were Casey Hooley of Grand Rapids, a student at Kendall College of Art and Design; and Lara Carlson, of Howell and a student at EMU, for their Timor rug interpretations.

The winner will receive \$400;

 Please see **DESIGN, D2**

New wireless gadget streams music from your PC to any room in the house

Question: I have a large music library on my PC. My stereo is located in a different room. How can I stream music from one to the other?


Tech Savvy
Rick Broida

Answer: If you've got \$1,000 to spare, get yourself a Sonos Digital Music System (sonos.com), one of my all-time favorite gadgets.

Too rich for your blood?

For about \$400 you can get the next best thing: Logitech's new Squeezebox Duet (logitech.com). Like the Sonos, this nifty kit combines a wireless receiver

that connects to your stereo (or a set of powered speakers) and an iPod-like remote that controls playback.

Logitech's software can stream just about any kind of audio files on your PC, including songs in your iTunes library. The exception is DRM-protected tracks, such as those you've purchased from the iTunes Store or Zune Marketplace.

The Squeezebox can also connect to a wide variety of Internet music services, including Rhapsody, Pandora, and Shoutcast. Some of them require subscriptions, but others are free. I particularly like RadioTime, which lets you stream live radio from stations around the world.

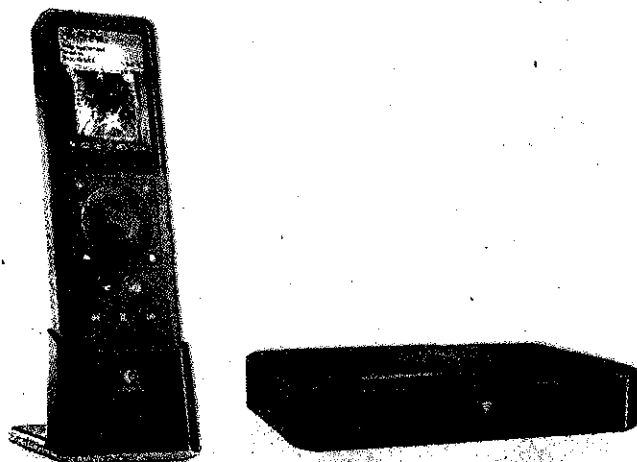
It's a pretty cool product,

though I did encounter a few setup hassles. What's more, the Squeezebox requires your PC to remain on at all times if you want to play your music collection. You'll also need to have a Wi-Fi router in the house.

If you don't mind being tethered to your TV, the Apple TV (apple.com/appletv) accomplishes the same music-streaming magic (though only with iTunes libraries) and costs even less (\$229). It does video, too.

Question: What are RSS feeds, and why should I bother with them?

Answer: RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication, but you can think of it as a way

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Logitech's Squeezebox Duet streams your music library and Internet music to nearly any room in the house.

Accents

Garden party

English Gardens will host its Annual Garden Party Weekend on Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6. The weekend kicks off the annual gardening season and features free gardening presentations, refreshments and a look at what's new for 2008.

The event is free, open to the public and held at all seven English Gardens stores in Ann Arbor, Clinton Twp., Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Royal Oak/Troy, West Bloomfield, and its newest location in Brighton.

More than 25 topics ranging from perennials to container gardening to earth-friendly gardening, will be presented, including a presentation by Janet Macunovich, co-founder and senior instructor of the Michigan School of Gardening with Color Schemes in the Garden, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5 in Royal Oak and Season-Long Color with Perennials, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6 in West Bloomfield.

English Gardens is located at 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak. Call (248) 280-9500 and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield (248) 851-7506.

CHARITY ASSISTED

Variety, the children's charity, has created a new "Learning Lunch" series, a new program designed to provide women in the community with speakers on topics important to them, while raising funds to support children of the region.

The premiere event is a Table Tops Luncheon at 11 a.m. April 16 at the Pine Lake Country Club, 3300 Pine Lake Road in Orchard Lake. The event highlights beautifully designed and decorated tables and will also feature a presentation by Karen Carroll, editor of *Southern Accents* magazine.

Carroll is a frequent lecturer on entertaining and home design and, in addition to her role as editor of *Southern Accents*, wrote *Entertaining with Southern Style*, as well as contributed to the books *Accents on Accessories* and *Southern Style*.

Event co-chairs Karen DeKoker and Lisa Petrella have also planned a special preview for benefactors the night before. Carroll will be featured at "Supper with Southern Accents" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 at the home of Lisa and Ennio Petrella.

Ticket prices for Variety's Table Tops Luncheon are: Friend, \$75, or a table of eight, \$600; Patron, \$125, or a table of eight, \$1,000; or Benefactor, \$175, or a table of eight \$1,400. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Variety at (248) 258-5511.

DAHLIA DAY

The Michigan Dahlia Association sponsors Dahlia Day to assist dahlia growers and would-be growers to prepare for the 2008 growing season. Learn about taking dahlias from storage; dividing clumps; starting tubers indoors; preparing your garden soil; planting, feeding and spraying, and more.

The event is free and scheduled 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, in the upstairs meeting rooms at the Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph (between Eureka and Northline roads in Taylor).

FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB

Learn about growing geraniums with John Wendland, retired groundskeeper of Oakland University and head of the Meadowbrook Estate Greenhouse at the monthly meeting of the Farmington Garden Club, at noon April 7. Wendland discusses the geranium's history, culture and varieties at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Guests are welcome.

Call (248) 626-6322 or visit www.farmingtongardenclub.com for information.

Vibrations are a problem with new washers

Consumers probably complain the most about vibrations in today's new washers.

With all the laundry rooms moved to the first and second floors you can bet your bottom dollar that "walking" washing machines are a huge problem. Clothes washers were designed to operate on a solid floor, like cement. Today's washers have a spin speed that is much faster than

machines of old. The positive of this high speed is a laundry load that comes out with very little water in the clothes and a much quicker drying time in the clothes dryer, which in effect saves energy. But, if the laundry room floor is not as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar, you may end up with a washer that moves several inches or even feet during its operation. The following e-mail really threw me a curve but in the end, the consumer gave me the answer to his problem.

Jim wrote: "Our washer likes to take walks during the spin cycle. It shakes and the machine has actually walked 3 to 4 inches at times. I have tried everything from re-adjusting the load to making

sure the machine was level. I have checked the feet to make sure they are set. Do you have any suggestions for me?"

Jim enclosed his phone number in his e-mail, which made it easy to have a lengthy discussion, and allowed me to ask several questions. I made sure to point out that the legs should be brought up as close to the washer frame as possible as this helps to give the washer more stability. I asked all the pertinent questions to make sure I covered all the bases before I started asking about the floor in his first floor laundry room.

He told me that the laundry room and kitchen area floors were constructed with 2 inches of cement. He had Italian Marble imported from Italy to lie over the cement and his floors were as solid a foundation as can be created. I agreed and ran out of questions and solutions.

Then Jim mentioned the washer sits on a pedestal and the light bulb came on in my head. I remembered the appliance dealer who started selling these pedestals to homeowners who didn't like bending down when using their front load washers and how many of these customers were complaining about their washer moving all over the place.

In many cases all he did was remove the pedestal and the problem was solved. I am awaiting a new e-mail from

Jim and I'll bet money his problem is taken care of.

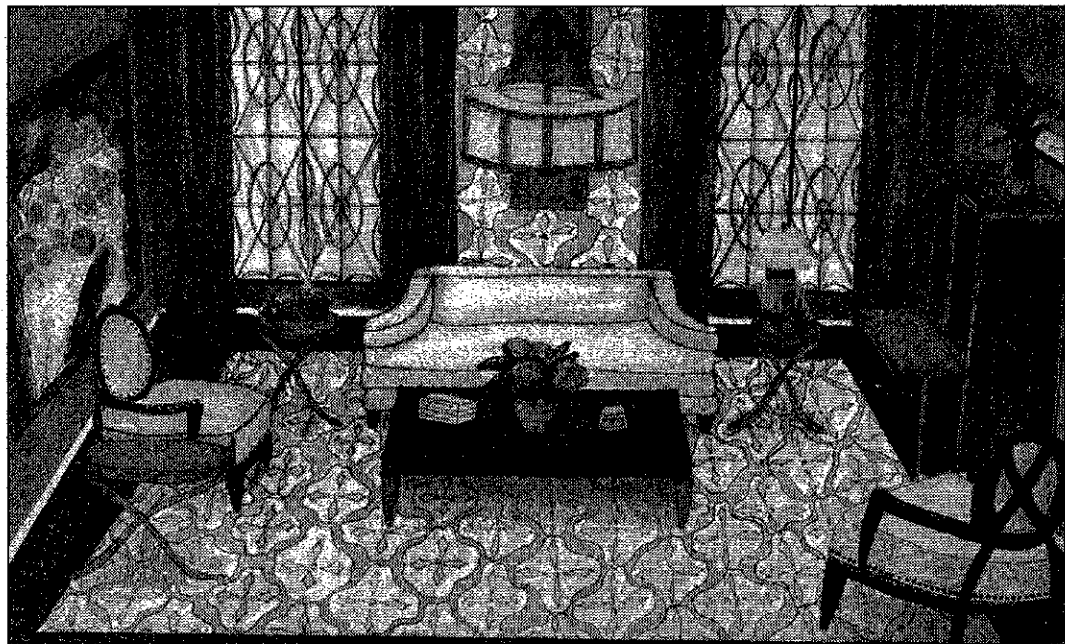
The pedestal was created when the new front loader hit the market 10 years ago.

People were concerned that it might be a pain in the back to bend over when using the washer. (The pedestal) also proved to be extra profit for appliance dealers across the country. There is no doubt that it makes laundry easier but it would be wise for a shopper who buys one to have the dealer agree to a refund on the pedestal if the washer should rock and roll.

You might even think about purchasing a new top loader, which have spin speeds as quick as the front loaders.

In the old days when I had a complaint on a vibrating clothes washer that was in a first or second floor laundry room I visited the home and move the washer to the garage floor. I would tell the customer that if it shakes in the garage "I will give you a brand new washer." It never happened, folks! The washing machine belongs in the basement. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or have a problem with one? E-mail it to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.



Lara Carlson of Howell, a student at Eastern Michigan University, also won an honorable mention.

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

DESIGN

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the two honorable mentions get \$200 each.

The winning designs will be displayed on April 4, which is

also Michigan Design Center's Student Careers Day.

Students also learned about the rugs at Ghiordes. Some even came to the showroom, others used a catalog with photos to study the rugs.

"Those students are so interested in being at the Michigan

Design Center," Goldman said. "It gives them a nice sense of what's going on in the world of design. From the showroom, they can see what is available, from contemporary to antiques."

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WINE

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the Council is launching a redesigned website at www.michiganwines.com.

This month, the new 48-page 2008 Michigan Wine Country magazine will be released. It contains maps and touring information. You can request a complimentary copy on the website above or contact the Council at (517)241-1207.

CELEBRATORY EVENTS

A number of wine events are being held this month around the state:

■ April 5 Sandhill Crane Vineyards kicks off Michigan Wine Month with new wine releases and hors d'oeuvres. Log on to www.sandhillcranevineyards.com.

■ April 12 Cooking with Wine Seminar at Cherry Creek Cellars www.cherry-creekwine.com.

■ April 19-20 Celebrate Michigan Wines on the Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsulas www.lpwinemiss- sion.com.

MICHIGAN WINE PICKS

BUBBLES, BUBBLES, BUBBLES and in this category, the following L. MAWBY sparkling wines from Leelanau Peninsula are hard to beat: Blanc de Blanc \$18, Blanc de Noir \$18 and our very favorite Talisman \$30.

Table Wines:

- 2005 St. Julian St. J Merlot, Lake Michigan Shore \$10
- 2006 Black Star Farms Arcturos Pinot Gris, Old Mission Peninsula \$13.50
- 2006 St. Julian St. J Riesling, Lake Michigan Shore \$15
- 2006 Black Star Farms Arcturos Dry Riesling, Old Mission Peninsula \$15.50
- 2006 Black Star Farms Arcturos "three block lot" Merlot, Leelanau Peninsula \$25
- 2006 Brys Estate Artisan Series Pinot Noir, Old Mission Peninsula \$40

Note: Due to the surge in popularity of Michigan wines, some of the suggested wines may be sold out. Get your bid in at the winery via their wine club for 2007. You won't be sorry.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, order it direct from the winery.

sion.com.

■ April 19-20 Michigan Wine Celebration sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Pioneer Wine Trail www.pioneerwinetrail.com.

■ April 25-27 Chef's Challenge at Shanty Creek Resort www.shantycreek.com.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are contributing editors for the internationally-respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

TECH

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to digest lots of information quickly and easily.

Most Web sites that regularly publish new content (think news outlets, blogs, and so on) make their content available via RSS "feeds."

By using a "feed reader," you can peruse the latest content from your favorite sites under one roof, instead of jumping from one site to another.

A feed reader can be a stand-alone program or a Web site. I'm partial to Google Reader (google.com/reader), which makes it a snap to "subscribe" to any site that has an RSS feed.

Just look for the little orange RSS icon, which for Firefox users appears on the right side of the Web address bar. Internet Explorer 7 users will find it on the toolbar near the right side of the screen.

Within Google Reader you can browse new content from each site, organize subscriptions into folders, "star" interesting items for later reference, e-mail items to friends, and, of course (this being a Google product), search your subscription content.

Like most Google goodies, Reader costs nothing to use, so you should definitely give it a try. Using a feed reader may seem a little awkward at first, but I guarantee it'll save you time over the long run.

Question: Is there a program that can save me from having to type the same phrases over and over?

Answer: There are several. One of my favorites is PhraseExpress for Windows (phraseexpress.com), an auto-complete utility that automatically inserts text when you type an abbreviation or hit a hotkey.

For example, suppose you

often end your e-mails with, "Thanks for your time. I look forward to hearing from you." With PhraseExpress, you could simply type "tft," and the program would automatically insert the full text in its place.

The software works in any application. It includes a global spell-check feature and a clipboard history tool (which stores all recent clipboard entries, not just the most recent one). It can even import existing AutoCorrect entries from Word, then use them across all applications.

It's hard to believe such a robust utility is a freebie, but it's true: PhraseExpress doesn't cost a penny.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the Cheapstake blog for CNET (blogs.cnet.com/cheapstake). He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk at kabramcz@hometownlife.com.

Vendors Sought

Vendors who sell fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants, herbs, organic produce, honey, maple syrup, candles, soaps and other natural products are being sought for this year's Southfield Farmers' Market, open 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays June 5-late October outside the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive. Call (248) 796-5196 to apply.

Learn botanical plant names

Demystify those confusing plant names and learn to pronounce those Greek and Latin names of plants, instructed by Elynn Meyers, horticulturist and instructor at Lansing Community College, 10-11:30 a.m. April 5, Hidden Lake Gardens, 6280 W. Munger (M50), Tipton (517) 431-2060.

Michigan Wildflower Presentation

Susan Charette, perennial department manager at Goldner Walsh Nursery, explores the wild side of spring and

beauty of Michigan wildflowers, 11 a.m. April 12, free, Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Rd., Pontiac, call (248) 332-6430 to reserve a place.

The Community House

A series of classes dedicated to the greening of America, issues and solutions for improving the environment; Going Green, (native plants, water saving principles, lower pesticide use), 7:30-9 p.m. April 15 or 10-11:30 a.m. April 17; Landscaping for a Healthy River, 7-8 p.m. April 17; Nature Near You, 1-2:30 p.m. April 21; Spending Lean on Building Green, 7-9 p.m. April 23; Residential Rain Gardens, 7-8:30 p.m. May 1; 380 S. Bates, Birmingham call (248) 644-5832 to register, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.

The Community House Garden Club

"New Plants That Thrive in Our Climate" with George Papadellis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse, who will conduct a presentation that will help you prepare your spring and summer gardens by using new plants that thrive in our climate, 7 p.m. April 21, The Community House, 380 South

Bates Street, Birmingham. The public is invited. Reservations are not necessary. A \$5 donation is requested at the door or \$20 for garden club membership. Call (248) 594-6410.

More Garden, Less Lawn

David Michener, associate curator, University of Michigan Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, on redoing the garden, presented by The Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village, 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 21, Community Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, 3 blocks north of I-696, visit http://lvgardeneers.home.comcast.net or call Susan Arneson (248-443-1703) or Nancy Bacinski (248-569-6548).

British Floral Artist

Friends of Art & Flowers at the Detroit Institute of Arts present Jane Packer: Colour lecture and demonstration 10:30 a.m. May 7, DIA Lecture Hall, lecture and luncheon \$50, lecture only \$25, book signing to follow, for reservations, call (313) 833-4005, www.dia.org, for information, call (313) 833-1717.

HOME CALENDAR

Cranbrook Seeks Docents

Historic Cranbrook House seeks docents to conduct tours of the 1908 home. Choose eight-week training sessions Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings beginning March 4. Separate sessions will be held for Garden docents

only. The tour season runs from May through October. Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary also welcomes volunteers for estate gardening, greenhouse management, the Wildflower Rescue Program and Gatehouse admissions center. Call (248) 645-3149.

The Birmingham Showhouse

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Vino Mania
Wine tasting, wine games, food and live jazz band, proceeds benefit Children's Health and Wellness in Oakland County, 7:30-10 p.m. April 3,

\$60, The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Healthy Eating Made Easy
Learn how to cook gourmet yet healthy meals with Michigan Health coach Cheryl Heppard and chef Matt Schellig, the first and third Thursdays of every month. Learn about Greek foods April 3 and 17; May 1 add 15 is vegan, located at Aunt Olives, 525 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham, classes

are 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$50 per person, for more info and to pre-register call (248) 592-0869 or visit www.MichiganHealthCoach.com

Great American Meatout
Events encourage people to go meatless for the day and explore a plant-based diet, noon-5 p.m. April 13, Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest (south of Nine Mile Road, west of Woodward), \$10 adults, \$5

students, free to children under 6 and VegMichigan members, call www.VegMichigan.org, 877-778-3464.

Learn at Lunch
Create meals from the pantry with spring soup, pan-seared salmon and a trio of sauces, quick corn pudding and free-form fruit pies, \$8 materials fee payable in class, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 14, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

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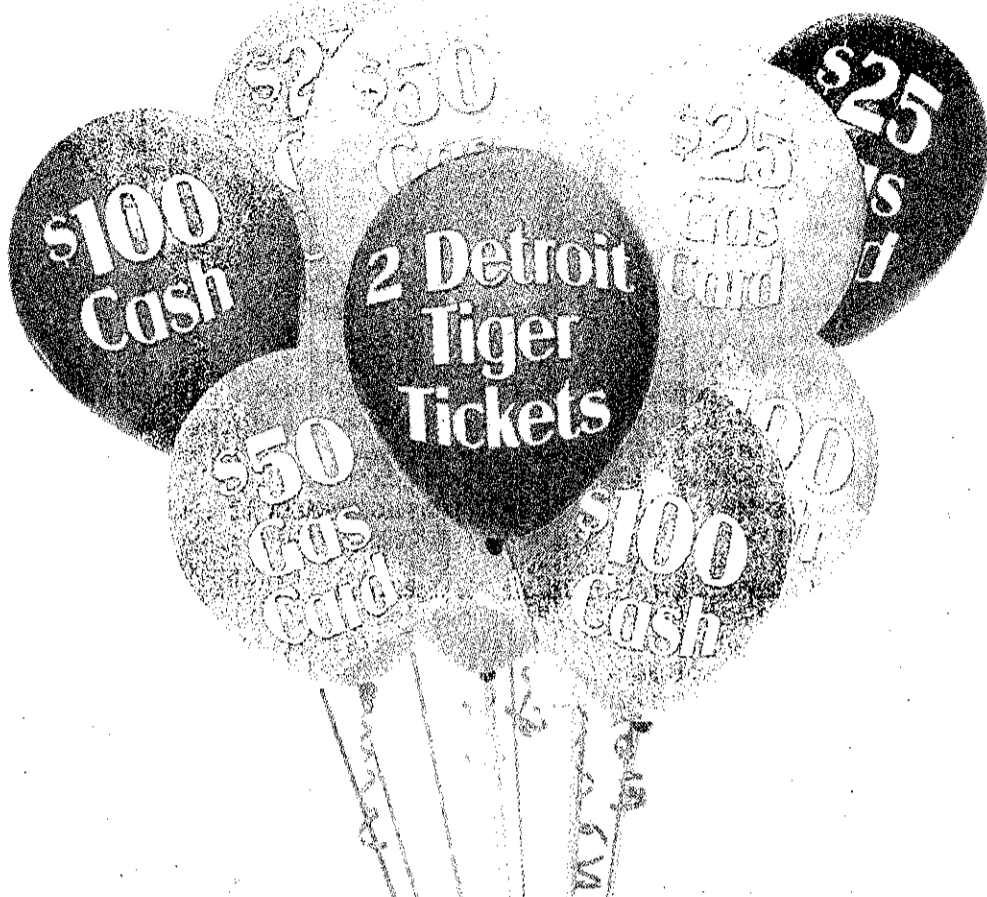
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2008-09 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

APRIL

Spaghetti dinner

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

Mom to Mom sale

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

Bethany Suburban West

All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy (734) 513-9479. Monthly dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane for information (734) 261-5716.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of every month at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone who is in need of new or like-new clothing.

Donations accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the multi-faceted theme of spiritual intelligence during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in April at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area). For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconnhllccdoc@aol.com.

Reformed Protestant services

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

Vacation Bible School

Registration begins April 7 for Vacation Bible School to run July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Vespers

Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit services continue Sundays April 6, at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, and April 13, at St. Petka Serbian Orthodox Church, Troy. General public as well as Orthodox Christians invited. Proceeds used for COCC charities and projects. Bring nonperishable packaged food for donation to Orthodox parish food pantries, for needy in metro area. For information, call Richard Shebib (734) 422-0278 or send e-mail to pascha-books@sbcglobal.net.

Family snaps

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church host the musical drama presented by the Jeremiah People 7 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. The dramatic comedy

is about family relationships and friends with a focus that touches the many facets of being a family in the 21st century. No charge, child care provided through age 4. For details, call (248) 374-7400.

The Petticoat Ladies

Meet Sarah Poik, Mary Todd Lincoln, Julia Grant and Ida McKinley at a presentation 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. No charge but reservations requested. Call (734) 421-7249 by April 11.

Open house

4-7 p.m. Friday, April 12, open house with silent auction to celebrate completion of the conversion of St. John's Episcopal Church Rectory into a new multi-purpose, handicap accessible youth house, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 453-0190 or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Bethany Suburban West

All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Sequence Tournament (board games) 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the St. Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479, or Michele (313) 996-8644. Monthly breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday April 19, at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. For details, call Kathy, (734) 513-9479.

Men's conference

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

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 12, in the church gym and classrooms at St. Thomas a' Becket, 555 S. Lilley, Canton, phone (734) 981-1333. Check Web site for details, Kirstemoline.com/mom-2mom.html. Over 70 tables and racks of great finds for babies, toddlers and

kids. Several Large Item Rooms full of strollers, cribs, car seats, exercasuers, large toys, etc. Admission \$1. Those shopping with strollers will be admitted after 10 a.m.

Celebrating families

After 5 p.m. Mass Saturday, April 12, and after 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses Sunday, April 13, in the Monsignor Alex Brunett Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. View large LEGO displays, watch short movies on joys and struggle of Catholic family living, browse Catholic bookstore's display, supervised LEGO play area for the kids. No charge.

Pancake breakfast

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

Rummage sale

Donations accepted 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 14-16; Congregational Pre-Sale 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 17; Public Rummage Sale 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 18, and 9:30 a.m. to noon (S2 bag sale) Saturday, April 19, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Holy Cow rummage sale

Pre-sale noon to 4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 17 (cost is \$3); 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 18, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 19, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0190 or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Evening of evangelization

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office for Evangelization invites all area Catholics to join Rev. Alex Kratz of the Archdiocesan Mobile Evangelization Team 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 18, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. The evening will begin with a Holy Hour, followed by small-group discussions, teaching, and fellowship. The series continues on May 9, and then resumes Sept. 19, and runs through December. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Mom2Mom

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 19, at Garden City First United Methodist Church. Admission \$1. Tables still available for \$20. Call Rhonda at (734) 795-6921 for more information.

Sisters in Christ

Women's conference 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford. Cost is \$40 pre-conference registration, \$50 at door. Call (313) 534-7730.

Day of Reflection

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

Pax Christi conference

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Christo Rey Church, Lansing. Theme focuses on bringing an end to racism. Registration fee \$40 until April 12, \$45 after, visit www.paxchristi.org, send e-mail to TirakPax@aol.com or call (517) 482-2558.

UPCOMING

Spring fund-raiser

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Rd., south of Cherry Hill, Canton. A variety of vendors will be displaying and selling products. No admission fee. Refreshments and Bake Sale available. For information, call (734) 495-0035.

Clothing bank

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

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday May 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost \$10. Doors open 7:30 PM. Call (734) 261-5716. Cinco d'Mayo/Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday May 9, at the St. Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 996-8644. Cost will be either a snack, dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet) or \$5 and we will supply the paper products and the coffee. Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday May 17, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call (734) 513-9479. Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31, Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service area), east of Inkster Rd., Redford. Admission \$15. For infor-

mation, call (586) 264-0284.

Father Kern award dinner

In honor of the Rev. Clement Kern Thursday, May 8 (6 p.m. reception and silent auction, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. award ceremony). Tickets \$100. For information and reservations, call (248) 666-1194.

ONGOING

Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet 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 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.single-place.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church

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

Sunday services

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

Tai chi and strength classes

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

Church offerings

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

Church services

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

Thursday fellowship dinner

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

Thrift store

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

Tai Chi class

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

Living Water series

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

Couple prayer series

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

ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441

Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulieris Dignitatem - On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session is 7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Day of service

Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.csksdetroit.org.

New kitchen

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

Worship Service

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

Worship

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

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Worship service

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 423-6360.

New worship schedule

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www.holycross-livonia.org.

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Passages Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances 1-800-579-7355 fax: 734-953-2232 e-mail: oeobits@hometownlife.com

ARLENE RICE FREDRICK Born May 28, 1936, died March 26, 2008. Daughter of the late Dr. & Mrs. Carol H. Rice of Bloomfield Hills. Survived by husband Ronald, daughter Nancy Sue Harrison, son Louis Vaccaro, grandsons Anthony and Nicholas Vaccaro and step-sons, Craig, Stefan and Scott Fredrick. Memorial service at 1pm on Saturday, April 26, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, MI.

DAVID DEMPSEY Age 70, March 30, 2008. He is survived by his beloved wife Leona "Lee" and loving step-children Laurie (Andy), Karen (Mark), David, Jeff and Sean (Tara); grandchildren Christie (Steve), Dan, Corey, Jordan and Jenna; four great-grandchildren and brother John (Sally). Services were held. Memorials to St. Mary Magdalen Church. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son.

DONNA MARIE HARRINGTON March 28, 2008, age 53, of Royal Oak. Beloved daughter of Donald and the late Monica. Dear sister of Robert, Rosemary Bloomer (Thomas) and the late Gloriana Bailey. Dear aunt of Olivia, Adam and Kathryn Bloomer. Funeral Mass was held at National Shrine of the Little Flower. Memorial tributes to Mercy High School, 29300 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336. A.I. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ELAINE E. HUNTLEY March 19, 2008, age 73. Beloved wife of Charles R. for 52 1/2 years. Loving mother of Ronald, Jane (Gary) Cracknell, Janet (Darryl) Stewart. Grandmother of Heather, Ashley, Chelsea and Mallory. Sister of Henry (Mary) Kolehmainen, Theodore (Jo Anne) Kolehmainen and Ellen (Gary) Wood. Services were March 22, 2008, Uht Funeral Home with interment at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

PATRICK A. KALAFUT Age 55, March 29, 2008. Beloved brother of Ann, Bob and Theodore (Sharon). Uncle of Angela, Theodore and Kevin. Preceded in death by his parents Theodore and Marie, and his brother James. He will be dearly missed by all. Services were held. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son. Memorials suggested to American Cancer Society.

GENEVIEVE A. GROSS Age 89, of Westland, passed away March 30, 2008. Dear mother of Maxine Lofgren, Sharon (Ken) Cotter, Marjorie (Bob) Ritter, Frank Gross and Gene (Phyllis) Gross. 21 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, sister Aleatha Meyer and brother Algje Nutt also survive. Preceded in death by five children, Stuart Gross, Robert Gross, James Jr. Gross, Bonnie Gross and Rosella Gross. Funeral 12 noon on Saturday at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburg Road (between Ford and Cherry Hill), Westland. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park. Visitation Friday from 2-9pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Michigan. To view obituary or share memories log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

LEOFA FISHBACK (FLODQUIST) Age 92, March 31, 2008. Beloved wife of Fred. Dear mother of David (Grace) Flodquist, Barbara (Bruno) Ettore and the late Jeanette Foley. Also leaves six grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren. Sister of Mona Darby, Gerri Tyler, Maxine Muoio, James Sutherland and the late Mary Dillon, Glenn Sutherland and Dan Sutherland. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Contributions suggested to Plymouth Baptist Church. Share your special thoughts and memories at schrader-howell.com.

LUCILLE ALLEN Born March 29, 1918 in Strandquist, MN. Passed into eternal life on March 19, 2008. She leaves to mourn one sister, Mildred Drake, one step son Jerry Allen and nieces and nephews. A committal and burial service will be held at Riverside Cemetery, Main Street, S. of Haggerty in Plymouth on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 1 p.m. A memorial mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 10 am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 North Territorial Road at Beck, Plymouth. Share your thoughts and special memories at www.schrader-howell.com

RAYMOND E. GROENING Age 93, of Holland, died Thursday, March 27, 2008. He was a veteran of the Navy serving during WWII. Surviving are children; Judith Ann and Ronald Meyer of San Dimas, CA. Douglas and Barbara Groening of Holland 6 Grandchildren. 11 Great grandchildren. Sister, Mrs. Burns (Doris) Mc Kinley of Holland; Sister-in-law, Mrs. Herb (Dorothy) Smith of Lansing. Several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be given to Haven Park Christian Nursing Home. Arrangements by Notier Ver Lee Langeland Funeral Chapel. An online registry is available at: www.notieverleelangeland.com

RANDA LEE KIRK Age 65, of Kill Devil Hills, NC, passed away March 29, 2008 at her residence. She was born in Heron Lake, MN and was the daughter of Merrile Jepsen the late Walter H. Randolph. Mrs. Kirk is survived by her husband of 44 years, Craig Kirk, of the residence. Mrs. Kirk will be remembered as a beautiful, loving mother and wife. She was active in volunteer work, including probation work and key involvement with a women's resource center. She is survived by two sons, Darren V. Kirk and wife, Valerie of Wixom, MI and Glen R. Kirk of Grandy, NC. She is also survived by her two sisters, Bonita Randolph and Lonita Randolph as well as one brother, Ricky Randolph of Colorado, and six grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for a later date at Warren Road Light and Life Church in Westland, MI. Twiford Colony Chapel, Manteo is assisting the family with arrangements.

To sign online register visit: www.twifordfh.com

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Women to gather as sisters in Christ April 19

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sandy Bousquette and Lois Cifaldi are on a mission to not only put on a conference to inspire Christian women, but draw on the power of numbers.

They believe if local churches unite, more good works could be accomplished.

On Saturday, April 19, they're inviting all Sisters in Christ to hear speakers Brenda Josee and Nancy Moser at St. James Presbyterian Church in Redford, where Bousquette's husband is pastor.

Josee and Moser celebrate sisterhood and talk about how a woman can discover God's plan for her life.

Bousquette and Cifaldi foresee a future built on helping others. The two originally met at Redford Union High School, where both work. Over time they developed a friendship and

Brenda Josee (left) and Nancy Moser speak at the Sisters in Christ conference April 19, at St. James Presbyterian Church in Redford. The two open the conference wearing lacy dresses and bouffant petticoats as they take an entertaining look at what it means to be a Sister in Christ.

SISTERS IN CHRIST

What: A nondenominational conference of women featuring Brenda Josee and Nancy Moser (www.sistercircles.com or www.nancymoser.com)

When: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19

Where: St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, between Beech Daly and Five Points, Redford

Cost: \$40 pre-register, \$50 at the door; call (313) 537-7649 (Sandy) or (313) 410-8134 (Lois) after 3 p.m.

began sharing books. Cifaldi likes to read Christian books by Moser. The God-filled fictional stories ring true to life for her.

Cifaldi began reading Christian novels quite awhile ago and has read nearly every one of Moser's books. She finds them so inspirational that

she began sharing them with members of St. Robert Bellarmine, where she attends church. So many people were interested in sharing their messages that the Heart to Heart book club was founded.

"Sandy and I hope the goal of the conference is to have all the churches who come to have a contact person to do projects in our community, to help a mission in Haiti, every church who wanted to be part of it," said Cifaldi of Redford. "One group could buy books for a classroom. A community of churches could buy books for a whole school. We're hoping to get more people involved in doing God's work."

The team of Moser and Josee encourage women to band together and form Sister Circles to find their strengths. When Bousquette and Cifaldi decided to present the nondenominational conference, they split up the work. Bousquette made con-

nections with all of the Presbyterian churches. Together they sent flyers to Redford churches who showed interest. To date they've probably invited women from 100 churches.

"God has given each of us special gifts and talent, whether you're 16 or 96, that each can discover what their talents are and what God wants us to do," Bousquette said. "Together we can accomplish wonderful things. We hope this conference empowers women to look deeper into themselves."

"There's a lot of need in this community. We want to work with the Redford Interfaith Relief Program that runs a food bank and directs families to different sources for help. We can donate some time to the pantry and help fill the baskets they bring in."

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By Wendy

Wear It!
A hoodie under a blazer
— with the hood out

DON'T Wear It!
Head-to-toe denim

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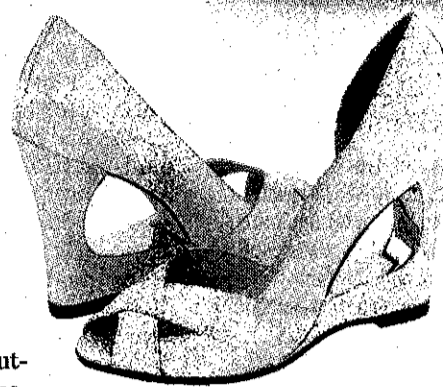
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Trucks by
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Catan

Do It!
Bring a friend
to Bra-vo
Intimates,
Royal Oak, and get a \$10 gift
card — \$20 April 7-12



Artwork by Piet Paris — composed of spray paint, collage, watercolor and more — adorns Saks catalogs, shopping bags and stores nationwide during the Want It! campaign.

Gotta have it!

Saks offers style edited for spring

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
OSE STAFF WRITER

Want to know what you gotta have for a hip spring and summer?

Just stop by Saks Fifth Avenue through April 13.

Saks Fifth Avenue stores nationwide, including Michigan's location at the Somerset Collection in Troy, are offering a great grasp of the season's hottest trends during their annual Want It! campaign.

This year, Want It! highlights eight hot items for women: Bangles, Chic Shoulder Bag, Florals, Luminous Face, Maxi Dress, Slide, Tunic and Vibrant Color.

Cheryl Hall Lindsey, director of fashion, special events and public relations for Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset, said Vibrant Color is her favorite trend, and one every woman can wear.

"I am a big fan of resisting wearing black all the time," she said. "Color allows you to make an entrance, to create a signature, and to choose not only what you like, but what's most

WANT IT! FOR SPRING

For Her:
Bangles
Chic Shoulder Bag
Florals
Luminous Face
Maxi Dress
Slide
Tunic
Vibrant Color

For Him:
Contrast Collar and Cuffs
Hoodie
Light Grey Suits
Nylon
Suitable Supplements

flattering on you."

She also said the tunic is being reinterpreted in lots of fresh ways for Spring 2008 — with bubble hems and smocking — to be worn over jeans or skinny pants, or as a short mini-dress. "It's a very versatile shape that can add a new twist to your wardrobe, and can complement just about any figure type," she said.

WANT IT! TREND PRESENTATION

What: Saks Fifth Avenue and Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter present this fashionable fund-raiser, highlighting the season's hottest styles.
When: 6 p.m. Thursday, April 10
Where: Armani Collection on Two, Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset

Collection, Troy. Reservations: \$75. Includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a \$25 Saks Fifth Avenue gift card redeemable through Sunday, April 13. RSVP: (248) 986-1048 or Marilyn.Jacobson@akf.org

The easiest way to update your wardrobe for a stylish spring is with accessories, Hall said, like a chic shoulder bag in a fun, bright shade, a great high heel slide in an accent color, or an armful of bangles.

Or, try a pretty floral. "Wear it in a crisp posy print shirtwaist, a rose garden cocktail dress, a daisy patch tunic — pick the flower power that's best for you," she said.

Saks shoppers will take their purchases home in bags adorned with artwork by Piet Paris, whose signature illustrations embody the Want It! campaign throughout catalogs and stores this month.

As a catwalk illustrator for one of the biggest newspapers in the Netherlands, Paris has learned to sit at the end of

runways and capture fashions in just a few quick strokes.

For Want It!, he brought some of New York City's most famous landmarks — the Chrysler Building, Guggenheim and New York Stock Exchange — to life, personified in the latest styles.

"I'm a fashion illustrator so it was kind of an unusual question for me to make buildings fashionable, but for the first time in my life I tried to create a Guggenheim fashion dress," Paris told PINK.

"I tend to see everything in a fashion perspective, even if I draw a lemon or a wine bottle, so that's how I saw New York. Maybe shoppers in Detroit can see everything in a more fashionable way through this campaign."

Tea Time: Boutique welcomes spring trends in style

There aren't many places where shopping actually feels like playing dress up. But Excelsior Couture offers just that sort of whimsical fashion-forward atmosphere.

Patti Brock-Sklar opened the friendly Pleasant Ridge boutique in 1994 with the intention of promoting individuality and personal style through fashion.

On April 6, she'll continue a decade-long tradition of hosting a spring tea to draw new and faithful shoppers into the store, 23900 Woodward Avenue. For the first time, she's added a fashion show.

"We wanted to showcase our spring fashions, accessories and footwear using our own beautiful customers as models," said Brock-Sklar. "We will highlight the fact that Excelsior offers a wide range of sizes to a wide range of clients. Our models range from 13 years old

to 84 years old, and from size 2 to size 12."

As metro Detroiters anxiously await warmer temperatures, it's the perfect time to scout spring and summer fashion trends. Brock-Sklar said accessories like a great new handbag and a summer scarf can update any wardrobe. Handbags, in any size, can offer a pop of color needed this time of year. And a scarf accent, paired simply with jeans and a tee shirt, adds a European flair. "We have new things that come in everyday, all year long," said Brock-Sklar.

She considers her customers "anything but typical" and said: "I believe they either already have an individual sense of style or are looking to expand their fashion statement." All are welcome at this special spring event. Excelsior will offer tea from noon to 4 p.m. and the fashion show begins at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Brock-Sklar considers personal service a priority and something that sets Excelsior Couture apart from other area shops. As a Ferndale resident and Royal Oak native, she



Patti Brock-Sklar will host a fashion show and tea April 6 at her Pleasant Ridge shop, Excelsior Couture.

chose the shop's corner location, tucked along Woodward near I-696, more than 15 years ago and remained involved in the community. The store caters to both men and women. Brock-Sklar said she hasn't forgotten "the men in our lives" and offers everything from

suits and shirts to pants and shoes — making Excelsior a "really wonderful shopping experience." Shoppers can see for themselves this weekend. For more information, call (248) 547-5333.

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Malls & Mainstreets

If you have an item for the Malls & Main Streets calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wendy Von Buskirk at wvonb@hometownlife.com.

fashion show 5-7 p.m. April 5, featuring 30 teen cancer survivors in the latest fashions. Supper included. Gilda's Club is located 3517 Rochester Road. Visit www.gildasclubdetroit.org.

Kohl's Opens Canton Store
CANTON — Kohl's will officially open its Canton store at 47250 Michigan Ave. April 9. The new location will create approximately 150 jobs, and will feature glass showcase windows at each entrance, redesigned Juniors' and Intimates departments, enhanced fitting rooms with lounge areas and updated restrooms and checkout stations. To celebrate, Kohl's will offer grand opening sales with special prices on well known exclusive brands like Simply Vera Vera Wang, ELLE, Chaps and Food Network, as well as Levi's, Carter's and Cuisinart. Visit www.kohls.com.

Parisian's Goodwill Sale
Parisian stores in Rochester Hills, Livonia and Clinton Township will accept donations of clean, gently used clothing through April 7 to benefit Goodwill Industries. Customers will receive one coupon toward the purchase of new merchandise for each item donated.

Moonlight Madness Sale
PLYMOUTH — Downtown Plymouth merchants will present the Moonlight Madness Spring Sale April 4-5. Beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, a wide variety of specialty shops and galleries will offer discounts and bargains. Call (734) 453-1540.

End of Winter Sale
LIVONIA — Handratty's Holidays is reducing everything in their store by 25 percent April 8-12, excluding Dept. 56, Mother's Day and Father's Day cards. Handratty's offers a wide selection of Christmas, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Easter, and St. Patrick's Day merchandise, along with Colonial Candles and Baker's Bits, 33485 W. 8 Mile Road, (248) 426-0018.

Gilda's Club Fashion Show
ROYAL OAK — Gilda's Club and Queen for a Day have teamed up to host a

Charity Shopping Event
The Chaldean Ladies of Charity will host their annual Shopping Extravaganza 6:30-9:30 p.m. April 10 at Shenandoah Country Club. Tickets, \$25/CALC members, \$30/non members include appetizers and benefit CALC. Call (248) 352-5018 or visit www.calconline.com.



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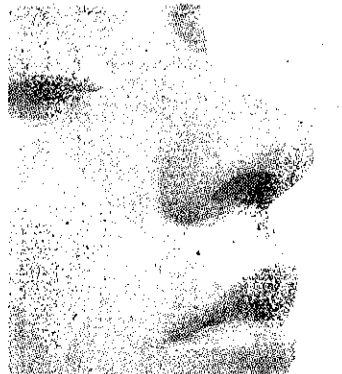
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