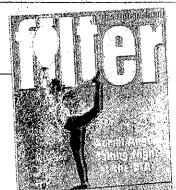




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# **National bowling** tourney already making impact on economy

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Pins won't begin falling until tonight but the United States Bowling Congress already has money rolling into the community.

Hotels in and

around Canton are reaching maximum

occupancy with the

arrival of the USBC's

event, which is taking

place at Super Bowl

on Ford Road, will

feature more than 7,000 teams, bring

more than 600 peo-

ple into Canton every day and is expected to pump \$40 million

88-day women's championships. The

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When: Kicks off tonight at 7 p.m. with opening ceremonies (runs through July)

Where: Super Bowl 45100 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 459-6070 Participants: 65,000 female bowlers will participate, including 7,300

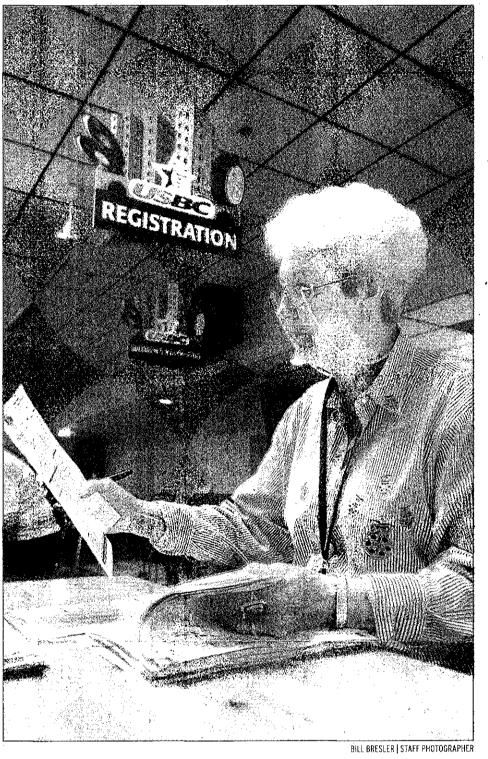
**Economic impact**: Expected to pump \$40 million into local

into the area. "This is definitely exciting," said Fairfield Inn general manager Connie Bargerstock. "The tournament is helping all of us out. We are getting more and more calls and the (oversized) bowling pins along Ford Road is a nice little touch."

Along with the Fairfield Inn, which is located on the northeast side of Haggerty and Ford, a boost in business has also hit other hotels, including the LaQuinta Inn, 41211 Ford Road.

"We have had a very noticeable increase," said general manager Alan Brackett.

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At Super Bowl, preparations reached a frantic pace by Tuesday. Vi Forrest, of DeWitt, Arkansas, checks bowler registration forms.



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Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township enters the courtroom Monday for the first day of his trial.

# Witness: Murder plan hatched weeks before

In his opening statement Monday, defense attorney Joseph Niskar told jurors in the trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz that the death of Daniel Sorensen was an act of self-defense followed by a panicked attempt by a frightened teenager to cover the whole thing up.

But the teenager who helped Orlewicz dispose of Sorensen's body testified Wednesday the whole

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## **Students** show some improvements with MEAP scores

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Plymouth-Canton Schools MEAP results indicate reading, writing, English language arts and math scores were either up or mainly steady.

For the third straight year, math scores — except for fifth grade — improved for elementary and middle school students.

Writing scores also improved at most levels, with P-CCS third-, fourth- and seventh-graders showing the biggest gains. However, social studies scores for the two grades tested, sixth and ninth, were down

Plymouth-Canton reading scores were mostly steady, with seventh-graders showing the biggest

'We either improved over last year, or stayed about the same in just about every category," said Mike Bender, P-CCS director of secondary educa-

#### **PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS** 2007-2008 MEAP DISTRICT SUMMARY REPORT

Grade	Reading		Writing		ELA		Math		Science		S. Studies	
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S.A. = State Average ELA scores are calculated using a weighted average (two-thirds reading, one-third of each individual student's reading and writing scale scores,

"We're pleased with the work of the students, as well as the work of the staff in helping students perform at a very, very high level. Each year there's a different version of the test, so now we'll go through an extensive process to examine the results to gather a lot of detail on how the students performed."

In all categories, Plymouth-Canton students outperformed the state averages by a wide margin.

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### **Community Foundation** picks interim president

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The former business operations director of the American Lung Association of Michigan has been chosen to replace Joan Noricks during her leave of absence from the Canton Community Foundation.

Raymond Maloni of Plymouth said he wants to approach his position as interim president of the CCF with the same vigor that Noricks, who is campaigning for township treasurer, has displayed.

"There is a lot of passion and commitment there from (her) so I appreciate the board having confidence in me, he said. "I plan to continue the pace and assist in coming up and moving forward with new ideas."

Maloni, whose wife, Deborah, is a teacher at Allen Elementary, retired from Chrysler in 2003. He left the lung association after turning down a position that required a move to Ohio.

"I thoroughly love the area and all it provides," he said of the Plymouth and Canton communities. "CCF is a sound organization and has, and will continue to, provide good benefits to Canton."



Noricks temporarily stepped down from her longtime position last week after announcing her campaign.

"As a (nonprofit) organization the CCF is not allowed to engage in political activities and I want to keep everything transparent

to protect the foundation," she said. "I have 15 years of my life into the foundation and I won't do anything to hurt it."

In announcing her decision to run for Canton treasurer to the CCF board, Noricks was asked to find her replacement and said Maloni is a good fit.

"The person had to not only be available but be someone I trusted," she said. "There are a ton of people that are available but you can't trust them all and letting go is huge for me. A lot of my heart is in the foundation."

Maloni, a father of two adult children, called CCF an "excellent vehicle to engage the community."

"In the time I serve, I hope to make the organization and intricate part of the community," he said.

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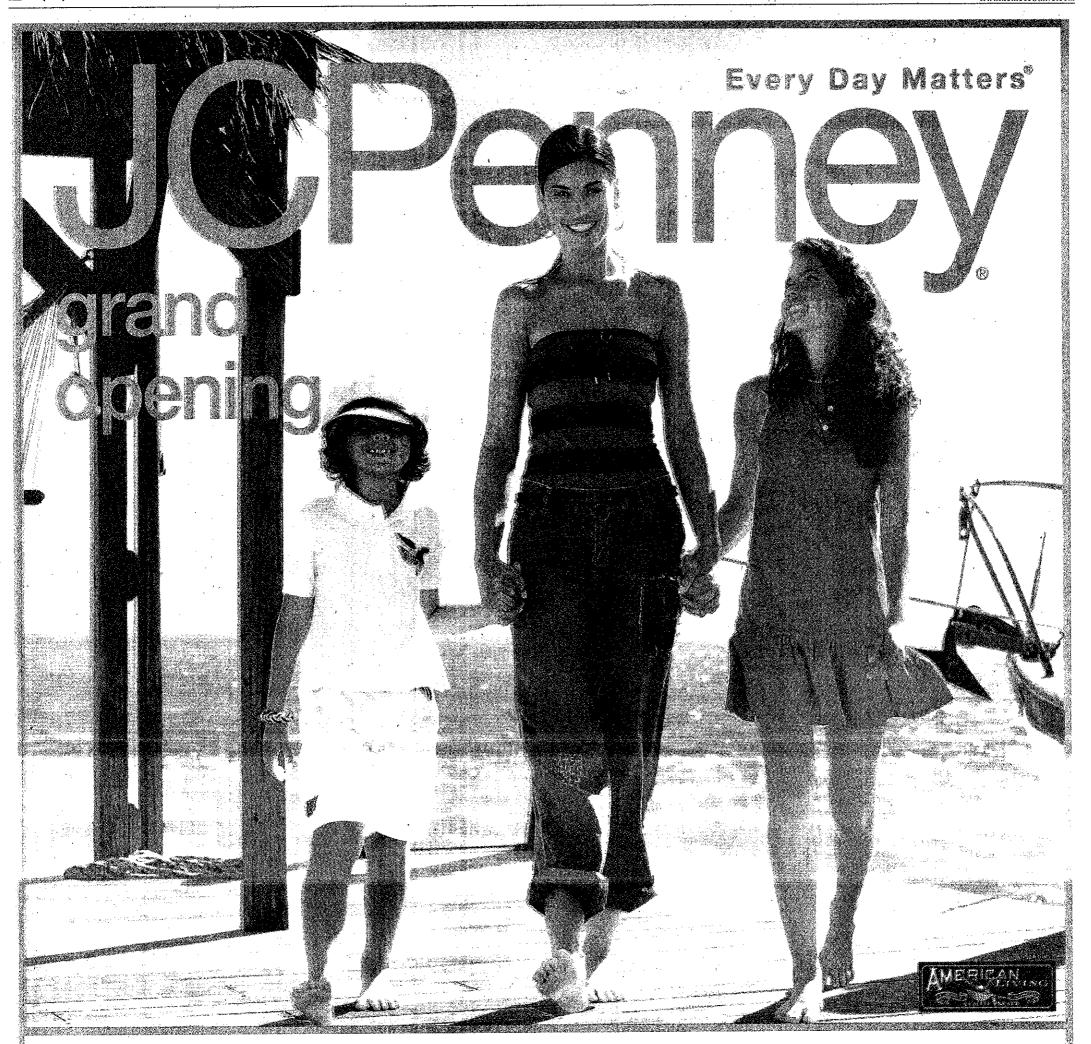
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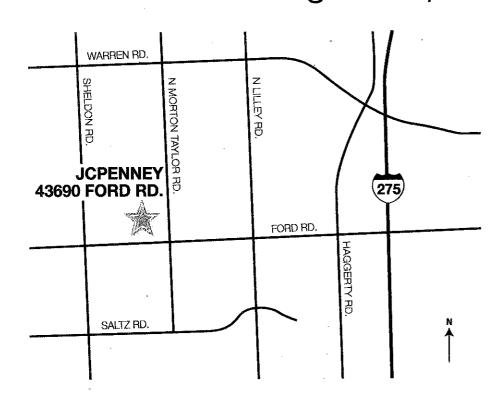
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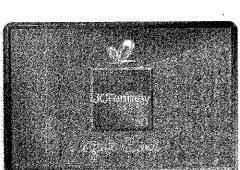
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thing was the end result of an elaborate plan to lure Sorensen to Canton and kill him because he owed Orlewicz \$400 and had stolen a gun belonging to Orlewicz.

And, although Alexander Letkemann agreed to help to erase his own \$100 debt to Orlewicz, he testified Wednesday he couldn't watch Orlewicz behead Sorensen because "it was disgusting."

Orlewicz, of Plymouth Township, is charged with first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a body in the death of Sorensen, a 26-year-old River Rouge man who died Nov. 7. Police say Sorensen was lured to the Canton Township garage of Orlewicz's grandfather, where they say the murder took place, by a fabricated plan to extort money from a teenager who'd recently come into an inheritance.

Sorensen's decapitated and burned body was found the next day in a Northville Township field. His head was found in the Rouge River a couple of days later.

If convicted, Orlewicz, a Canton High School senior. faces life in prison without parole.

Letkeman, an 18-year-old from Westland, pleaded guilty last week to second-degree murder in exchange for his testimony. In exchange, prosecutors agreed to recommend a sentence of 20-30 years, plus another 10 years to run concurrently for mutilation of

Letkemann testified Wednesday it was Orlewicz who not only stabbed Sorensen repeatedly, but also beheaded and burned him.

"(Orlewicz) went around him and cut his throat," Letkemann testified. "He was stabbing him with very quick motions. (Sorensen) kept trying to say things, and (Orlewicz) just kept stabbing

#### ON THE STAND

At one point, Letkemann testified, Orlewicz told him (Letkemann) to grab a second knife that was sitting on a car parked in the garage and "help, or he's going to win."

Letkemann said he picked up the knife, but before he could use it he saw Orlewicz stab Sorensen in the back of the neck and then watched Sorensen sag back to the floor.

(Sorensen) was gasping for breath, but JP was telling him, 'Let it take over,'" Letkemann

Letkemann, Wednesday's biggest witness who was on the stand for several hours, told the jury he left the garage during the beheading and said when he came back in, Orlewicz had Sorensen's head cradled in his hands and actually used one hand to move Sorensen's jaw.

"He moved the jaw ... up and down and said, 'How's it going, Alex?' as if mimicking (Sorensen) saying it," Letkemann testified.

Letkemann said he and Orlewicz, with help from a third friend, Isam Ayyash, loaded Sorensen's body into the back of Orlewicz's Chevy S-10 pickup and drove it to a field in Northville Township, where they dumped it. Letkemann said Orlewicz then doused the body with gasoline and set it afire.

The pair then left Sorensen's car in a Meijer parking lot in Westland, and disposed of his head the following day by throwing it in the Rouge River in what Letkemann called a "desolate" part of Hines Park.

Ayyash testified Wednesday he got a call from Orlewicz summoning him to the Canton garage and, when he got there, he testified he kicked the body, which at that point had been wrapped in a tarp, because he thought "it was some kind of sick joke."

Ayyash said he helped Orlewicz load the body into the truck, then gave Orlewicz his jeans and T-shirt because Orlewicz's clothing was bloody.

"He said he stabbed (Sorensen) and killed him ... he cut his head off ... the head was in a blue container," Ayyash testified.

Letkemann and another teen, Alex Mullins, who testified Tuesday, said the killing had originally been planned for a day earlier. Mullins, a friend of Orlewicz who initially denied any involvement in the crime, said Tuesday in Wayne County Circuit Court he stood "lookout" outside the Canton Township garage of

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Mullins testified the death was actually supposed to take place Nov. 6, and Orlewicz asked him to be the lookout in case his (Orlewicz's) father showed up. Mullins said Orlewicz helped him cover garage windows with a "somewhat worn" tarp, and that Orlewicz covered the garage floor "with a blue tarp ... it looked new."

Under questioning from Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Moran, Mullins said he first heard Orlewicz talk about killing Sorensen "weeks earlier."

"He said he wanted to stab him ... bag him in a tarp ... and hang him upside down burning," Mullins testified. "JP told (former co-defendant Alexander Letkemann) and me that (Sorensen) owed him money and he was angry about it."

Police say Orlewicz abandoned the idea of killing Sorensen on Nov. 6 because Sorensen had been dropped off by his girlfriend, who would then have been a witness to Sorensen's last whereabouts.

After the failed plan on Tuesday, Mullins said Orlewicz asked him to come back the next day (Nov. 7), but Mullins testified he decided not to.

"At first I wasn't objecting, but eventually I ... decided I didn't want to be part of it," Mullins said.

Mullins admitted on the stand Tuesday he had initially lied to police about his involvement, but told the truth when Canton police questioned him in the wake of a plea accepted by Orlewicz's former co-defendant, Westland teenager

Alexander Letkemann. Letkemann pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and mutilation of a corpse in return for his testimony. At sentencing later this month, Letkemann is expected to be sentenced to 20-30 years on the second-degree murder and 10 years on the mutilation, with the sentences to run concurrently.

Mullins admitted

Letkemann's plea was a factor in his decision to admit his involvement. He said he didn't tell the truth initially because "I was scared and didn't want to get dragged into it."

Other witnesses testified about Sorensen's movements the day of his death. Girlfriend Breanna Milowe, 21, of Redford said Sorensen told her he had to "meet JP" the afternoon of Nov. 7, and arranged to see each other again later that evening when Milowe got out of class. The pair met on Myspace. com about a month before Sorensen's death.

Ashleigh Scarlett, 23, of Livonia testified she and Sorensen shared some fast food at the Subway restaurant at which Scarlett worked. Scarlett testified Sorensen left shortly after 3 p.m., saying he had to "meet with JP."

She testified Sorensen told her he and "JP" were going to get \$3,000 from an unidentified friend of JP's. Sorensen told Scarlett "they owed it" to

When asked if "JP" was in the courtroom, both Milowe and Scarlett identified

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sides follow the path they each mapped out in their opening statements. Moran Monday called the murder a premeditated act that was the result of a well-thought-out, deliberate plan.

Defense attorney Niskar called Sorensen's death an act of self-defense and a case of panic in its aftermath. Niskar called Orlewicz "a loving son, a loving brother, a loving friend" and said the teenager acted in self-defense after an angry Sorensen, upset that the intended victim of the extortion hadn't shown up, pulled a gun on Orlewicz.

"It was never a plan to kill (Sorensen)," Niskar told jurors. "It was a plan to extort money. (Sorensen) pulled a gun on (Orlewicz), a fight ensued and in self-defense (Sorensen) was killed.

Niskar painted the victim, Sorensen, as someone who carried a gun and a knife, and tried to "influence teenagers ... into his world of crime, into his world of drugs.

It was a tough thing for

Sorensen's parents, James and Kimberly Sorensen of Westland, to hear.

"It's hard." James Sorensen

admitted. "There are two sides to everything, and we just have to deal with that. We just

want (the jury) to listen." **Assistant Wayne County** Medical Examiner Dr. Leigh Hlavaty testified Sorensen had suffered 13 stab wounds prior to his death. Two of the wounds — one to the chest that pierced the heart and another to the upper abdomen that struck the liver likely combined to cause Sorensen's death, she said.

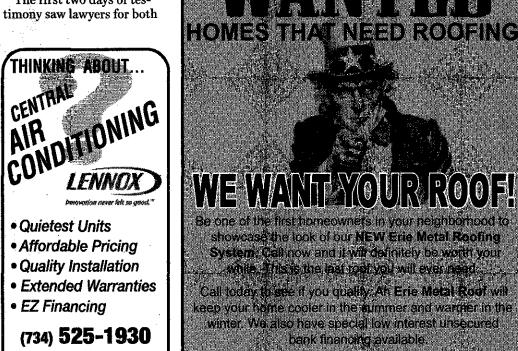
She also said the lack of soot in Sorensen's airway indicated his body -80percent of which was badly burned — had been burned after his death.

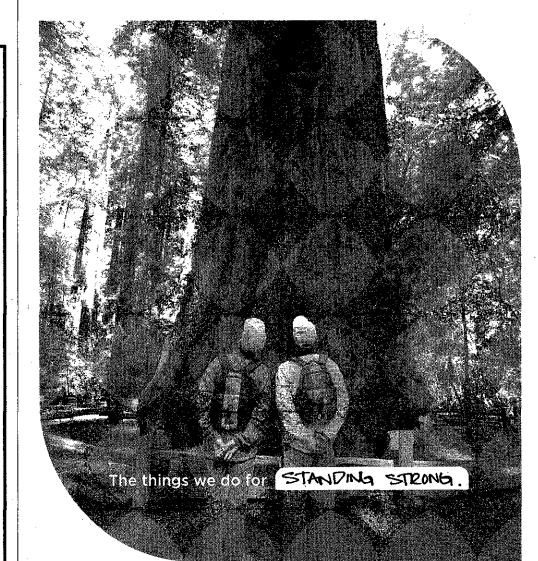
Hlavaty also testified there were no drugs or alcohol in Sorensen's system at the time of his death.

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Roger Philipi, chairman of the Detroit host committee, said other popular hotels have included the Best Western Laurel Park Suites in Livonia and the Courtyard by Marriott

"In a time when the pinch is on, this is a great economic boom," he said. "We know

this will have a multimillion impact on the area so it's very exciting."

Philipi said Super Bowl has hired an additional 50 employees to work the championships and has spent about \$300,000 to make improvements to the facility. On Monday, crews painted the exterior of the building and on Wednesday, others were busy inside vacu-

uming and sprucing up. Jerry Schneider, USBC public relations manager, said the

organization is thrilled to have the tournament in Michigan.

"Detroit and Michigan is a hot bed for bowling so this is long overdue," he said. "It will be nice to get back here more often."

The tournament, which is touted as the world's largest sporting event for women, was previously in Detroit in 1928 and 1953.

Jasmine Cone of the Comfort Inn Plymouth Clocktower on Ann Arbor Road said the championships have already made their mark on the area.

"Like a lot of hotels, we are almost sold out," she said.

"This is bringing a lot of business to the area. Even the restaurants, like Bennigan's, are

going to see an increase. Bargerstock, who joked that the shuttered eatery Texas Corral on Ford Road should have waited until after the tournament to close, said there's only one downside to the event.

"I live off Ford and Sheldon so it is going to be crazy getting to and from work," she said. "There will be so many people here but it's going to be amazing for the businesses."

The tournament will feature a mass first-ball roll on all 60 Super Bowl lanes at 7 p.m. tonight.

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### Canton doctor loses license after

Internet sting

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

A Canton doctor charged with sexually abusive activity against a child has been stripped of his medical license.

The decision against Audberto C. Antonini, 51, was handed down by the Michigan Department of Community Health on March 19. Antonini has yet to respond to the suspension.

"He can respond within 30 days but if he doesn't, we take that as an admission of guilt and it heads to the disciplinary board," said MDCH spokesperson James McCurtis, Jr.

Antonini is accused of engaging in multiple sexuallyexplicit Internet chats with an undercover police officer posing as a 13-vear-old boy. Antonini was arrested March 7 after he showed up to a prearranged house in Van Buren Township looking to meet who he thought was a young

We have 52 pages of back and forth chatting so we have no doubt that he was seeking some type of (relationship), McCurtis said. "His license was immediately suspended because we feel he broke moral and ethical health codes."

The MDCH orders a suspension when it believes the public's health and safety warrant emergency action.

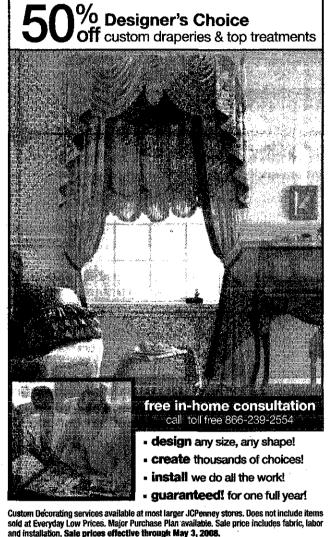
Aside from the suspension of his medical license, Antoniní has been charged in a criminal case with child sexually

abusive activity, a 20-year felony and communicating with another over the internet to commit a crime, also a 20year felony.

His arrest was the result of a joint collaboration by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Van Buren Township department of public safety.

According to Matt Frendewey, spokesman for the Michigan Attorney General's Office, Antonini was among 27 people arrested during the sting operation.

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#### 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.stjohnsplym-

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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.

#### Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

#### Vespers

**Council of Orthodox Christian Churches** of Metropolitan Detroit services continue Sunday, 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 paschabooks@sbcglobal.net.

#### 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 (\$2 bag sale) Saturday, April 19, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

#### The Petticoat Ladies

Meet Sarah Polk, 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.

#### 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. stichnsplymouth.org.

#### Rummage sale

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 18, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 19, in the fellowship hall at 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty roads. \$2 bag sale on Saturday. Evening of evangelization

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#### Office for Evangelization invites all area Catholics to join Rev. Alex Kratz of the Archdiocesan Mobile

Evangefization 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-ground discussions, teaching, and fellowship. The series continues on May 9, and then resumes Sept. 19, and runs through December. All interested Catholics welcome. Call

#### Card party

(734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Ss. Simon and Jude Church will hold a Happy Days luncheon and card party 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 18, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. The cost of the nonsmoking event is \$7 per person and there will be table and door prizes and 50/50 raffles. For ticket reservations, call (734) 722-1343.

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

#### 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.paxchristimi.org, send e-mail to TirakPaxMi@ aol.com or call (517) 482-2558.

#### MAMA's Coffeehouse

15th anniversary celebration Saturday, April 19, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, near Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Open Mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Features The Biddies (Jan Krist and Kitty Donohoe), Floyd King and the Bushwackers, Joel Mabus, Matt Watroba, Jim Bizer and Mustard's Retreat. Admission \$15, \$13 seniors and age 16 and under. For information, call (248) 569-0965. To reserve a slot for Open Mic, call (248) 626-4650.

#### Blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 20, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222

#### Spring rummage sale

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 24-25, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in the hall at St. Joseph Parish, 16101 Rotunda Dr., Dearborn, Call (313) 336-3227.

#### Rummage sale

Books, clothes and lots of odds and ends 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26. at First United Methodist Church. 6443 Merriman, Garden City. There will be a bag sale at 12:45 p.m.

#### 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

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

#### 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.

#### **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 drive), east of Inkster Rd., Redford. Admission \$15. For information, 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.singleplace.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.

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#### Tai Chi class

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

#### **Living Water series**

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

#### Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began

#### 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

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 It'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.cskdetroit.org.

#### New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonią.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 1-96 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) 425-6360.

#### New worship schedule

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundavs 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.holycrosslivonia.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.

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#### ANDREW C. THOMAS

April 7, 2008, age 89 of Dearborn. Beloved husband of Gladys. Dear father of Sharon (Dave) Fleming, and Judy (Doug) Marks. Loving grandfather of Kara (Joe) Liguori, Kyrsten Marks, Kayle Fleming and Alyssa Marks. Great-grandfather of Tristan. Also survived by an extended family of in-laws, nieces, and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 11:00 am from the First United Methodist Church, 22124 Garrison, Dearborn, MI. Memorials to Kewadin Methodist Church or Arbor Hospice. Arrangements by Querfeld Funeral

Home, Dearborn, MI www.querfeldfh.com

#### **BRUCE M. ROBERTSON**

April 5, 2008, age 57, of Wayne, MI. Beloved husband of Joanne, Dear father of Heather (Jerry) Robertson Mitchell, Brother of Patricia (Carl) Stano. Loying grandfather of Quinn Miller, Matthew Mitchell & Anthony Mitchell. Funeral Friday, 1pm at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Wed., 3-9pm & Thurs. 12-9pm. Scripture Service Wed., 7pm. Family requests memorials Dearborn Animal Shelter. Please visit and sign a tribute at: www.uhtfh.com

#### FRANCES K. WARNER

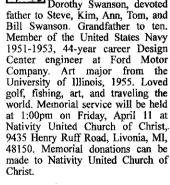
Age 88, died February 28, 2008. She was a resident of Plymouth for 56 years. She was a 22 year employee of Evans Products Credit Union in Plymouth. She was also a former member of local ladies golf and bowling groups. She is survived by her children, Linda (John) Spoutz of Plymouth, Roger (Cheryl) Warner of North Carolina, and Keith (Nancy) Warner of Florida; her grandchildren, Noreen Klich, Kelly (Gary) Sipple. Nick (Lissa) Warner, and Allison Warner; her great-grandchildren, Amanda, Joseph, Jonathan, Brian, and Tyler; her great-great-grandchild, Cameron; her sister, Violet Crews; and a niece and a nephew. She is preceded in death by her husband, Sinclair 'Tex." A memorial service will take place Tuesday, April 15, 11am at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Plymouth. Interment at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

#### GLORIA M. MARION

Age 83, Farmington Hills, MI, passed Home, Farmington, MI.



JAMES (JIM) SWANSON Born June 10, 1932, passed away April 6, 2008, age 75. Beloved husband of Beloved Dorothy Swanson, devoted



#### MARGARET R. (MOLLIE)

FELIKS Died April 6, 2008, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, from injuries suffered in a traffic accident in ivonia. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth M. Feliks, and her son, Christian M. Feliks, both of Redford: her parents, Richard and Gail McKnight of Westland; her mother and father-in-law, Nancy and Thomas Feliks of Livonia; her brother, Edward (Mihwa) McKnight of Livonia; her randmother Marion McKnight of alamazoo; her birth mother, Mary (Mark) Amas of Spokane, Washington; her birth siblings, Christa and Matthew Shulters of Michigan, and Chelsea Andrew) Napier of Washington State; her nieces and nephews, Sam, Gina, Jessica and Kimberly Taylor and McKnight of Miranda and Kaitlyn Ball of Florida, Troy Meister of Michigan, and Rylan and Kaitlyn Napier of Washington State; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Mollie was a 1990 graduate of Churchill High School and was employed as a dental technician at Expertec in Westland. Visitation will. be from 1-9pm Friday, April 11, with a service of remembrance at 7pm at the L.J. Griffin Funeral home, 7707 Middlebelt Road, Westland, Memorial service will be at 11 am Saturday, April 12, at the funeral home. Family requests contributions to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation in lieu of flowers. Memorial tributes may be made at

griffinfuneralhome.com

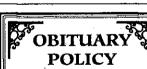
#### HELEN PATRICIA (Gawthrop) KIRKPATRICK

Passed away on March 28, 2008 after a long illness. Helen was born on February 3, 1922 in Huntington, WV, the second of four girls and daughter of Dr. Joseph Ford Gawthrop and Iris Catherine (Klinzing) Gawthrop. Her sisters, Catherine Hiner and Lucy Kautz, still reside in Huntington and her youngest sister, Lois McCallister resides in Pennsylvania. Helen attend ed Marshall University and then married her high school sweetheart, the late Robert ("Kirk") Kirkpatrick on March 4, 1944. Helen and Kirk lived in CA during WWll and eventually settled in MI in 1950 where they raised their family. They spent many winters in Palm Beach Gardens, FL and eventually moved there permanently. Helen raised four daughters; Wallace, who resides in Corte Madera, CA, Robin who lives in Chicago, Nancy from Bloomfield Hills, MI and Chris Millis who lives in Clarkston, MI. There are seven grandchildren to whom Helen was very devoted; Sarah, Ted, Peter Elise, Lara, Stephen and Jonathan Helen was a remarkable wife, mother sister, grandmother and friend. She will be remembered for her kindness compassion, grace and gentleness. In lieu of flowers, the family would welcome donations to the Alzheimer'

#### LILLIAN MCINTOSH

Age 84, Livonia, MI, passed April 6, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Farmington, MI

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### Franciscan priest to lead Evening of Evangelization

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Alex Kratz is so enthusiastic about spreading the word about Jesus Christ he recently took a break from his vacation in Rome to e-mail information about an upcoming Evening of Evangelization at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia.

The series begins Friday, April 18, and continues May 9 then resumes in September and runs through December.

Kratz is a member of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Mobile Evangelization Team and serves as a sacramental minister at St. Colette's Parish in Livonia on weekends. A Franciscan priest, Kratz was an Associate Pastor at St.

#### **EVENING OF EVANGELIZATION**

What: The Rev. Alex Kratz leads a Holy Hour followed by discussions, teaching and fellowship When: 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 18 Where: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Series continues May 9, then resumes Sept. 19 and runs through December, For information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Michael's in Southfield for four years. He is currently in residence at St. Aloysius Parish in Detroit.

Kratz writes, "Catholic Evangelization is revolutionary in a good sense because it deals with every aspect of life. It is

based on continuing conversion in one's relationship with Jesus Christ as it seeks three goals (from the U.S. Bishops): to renew all Catholics to have such enthusiasm for their faith they will freely share it with others, invite all others to have a faith home in the Catholic Church, and transform society with Gospel values by promoting the dignity of each human person seeking the common good and promoting family

Kratz grew up in Cincinnati. Every summer he would visit his mother's side of the family in Italy. This gave him a global experience that explains why he believes Evangelization can solve the world's problems.

Kratz actually wanted to be a professional soccer

player until he read about St. Francis of Assisi and through him "came to know Jesus Christ." Even in high school Kratz knew he would be doing evangelization work and went on to study theology at the University of Notre Dame. He earned a Master of Divinity from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago after studying biblical archaeology and Scripture in the Holy Land. During this time he stayed in Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The town happens to be in Palestinian territory. Kratz saw the people's suffering and felt God's call to "comfort, comfort my people" (Isaiah 40:1).

After a year of living in a Christian Palestinian town in

the Holy Land, he returned to Michigan. Eventually Kratz was led to Paco Gavrilides, the director of the Mobile **Evangelization Team which** helps parishes learn "to share their faith more openly and freely" and to think creatively about how to be more inviting to the unchurched, the young, young adults and others.

The Evening of Evangelization begins with a Holy Hour of prayer and intercession that the Holy Spirit open doors and hearts to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, writes Kratz. Then the priest will present a half hour of teaching from the U.S. Bishops' document on Catholic Evangelization: Go and Make Disciples. This will be followed by fellowship.



Rev. Alex Kratz returns from Rome to lead an Evening of Evangelization at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia.

"Many people feel alone in this work and will come to be pleasantly surprise when they come to know other like-minded individuals," wrote Kratz.

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**OUR VIEWS** 

### These days, no bomb threat should be taken lightly

Plymouth-Canton officials got it right when they made the decision not to cancel classes last Friday at Central Middle School after a crude bomb threat was found written on a bathroom wall.

Some parents might question why they didn't just cancel classes, since the note said the bomb would go

off Friday, but it is clear that school officials took all the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of students and staff.

After school Thursday, bomb dogs from the Michigan State Police and the federal Drug **EnforcementAdministration** swept through the school and didn't find anything. The school was then secured so nobody could enter the building until Friday morning. When the approximately 900 students arrived for school Friday, they could only enter through two entrances, and Plymouth and Plymouth Township police officers were there to search them.

Letters were also sent home with students, so parents could make their own

decision about whether or not to send the kids to school. Years ago, school officials probably would've treated this situation a lot less seriously and more like the prank it likely was. But we live in a post-9/11, post-Columbine world where every threat carries with it a potential trag-

The shame of this situation is that whatever student scrawled those words on the wall probably doesn't understand how serious a mistake he or she made. It may have been funny at the time, but it isn't going to be so humorous when school officials figure out who did it. Not only does that student (or students) face immediate expulsion, but they may also be on the hook for paying restitution for the services provided by the police agencies. It will be

Unfortunately, that is the world we live in — something our school officials know all too well.

### State needs to move ahead in addressing energy issues

Two weeks ago, the Michigan Senate passed a bill setting renewable energy standards for state government. The bill would require that the state purchase at least 25 percent of electrical energy from renewable sources by

Environmentalists called it a good first step, but it's far from the comprehensive energy package that some have expected. The Senate and the House have each been struggling with a number of energy-related issues. Getting all parties to agree has been difficult and differences don't always break along partisan lines.

Environmentalists are fighting efforts to bring new coal-fired electrical plants online. They are pushing for higher RPS, which would involve replacing a percentage of coal-generated electricity with such alternatives as wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and hydro. They are also pushing energy-efficiency programs that would provide some kind of tax credit for more efficient energy use.

But alternative energy sources are controversial. Michigan has a good wind supply in some areas off of Lake Michigan, but many object to the unsightly windmills needed to capture that energy. Solar is promising, but Michigan has fewer sunny days than most other states. Utility companies are concerned whether they can meet the standards being discussed in the Legislature.

Another issue is Public Act 141, which led to the partial deregulation of electric utilities. The act allowed for choice in the purchase of electricity, which has saved some large power customers money but may be creating higher rates for others. Utilities want to limit that choice.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, is in the middle of these issues as chair of the Senate Energy Policy and Public Utilities Committee. He says the Senate will be moving on energy issues over the next two months. He has long sought an overall approach to regulated and unregulated energy issues.

We continue to support a move toward a higher RPS for the state. We understand the complexity in dealing with these issues and the contending stakeholders. But our state needs to address these issues from a broad perspective that assures our energy needs, protects our environment and keeps us in step with other states in energy policy.



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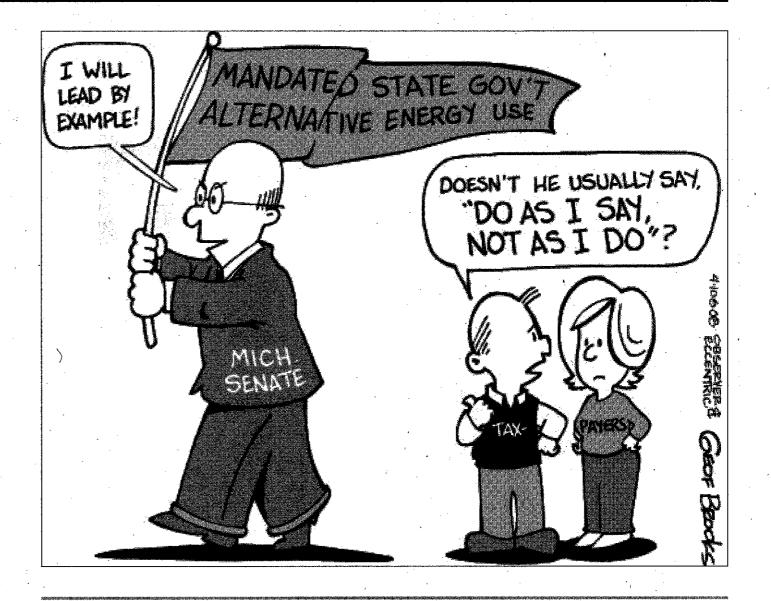
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Regarding Canton raises ("Committee says salaries too high for elected officials," April 6), we have to remember that it's not how much we have to lower the raises from the automatic bumps they gave themselves effective Jan. 1, but how much higher they are in comparison to neighboring cities and townships in similar economic positions. The raises do not reflect the regional or Canton economy — most of our assessments went down for a reason. We also turned in 146 signatures to the Canton Township board of those that agreed.

Remember salaries when voting

The following information was gathered by a few phone calls: Ypsilanti city manager salary: \$90K, (treasurer and clerk, approximately \$70K), Northville Township manager \$110,000, (clerk \$75K).

Additional similar positions to our supervisor have the following salaries: West Bloomfield, \$109K (clerk, \$106K, treasurer \$106K), Plymouth Township \$93K (clerk, \$87K), Van Buren, \$72K, Northville city manger \$100K. Tom Yack's bump to \$127K far exceeds those just listed - even those cities and towns in the higher This is ridiculous on its face. With all of economic strata. Canton's treasurer and clerk bumps are also higher than similar economic neighborhoods. Tom Yack's statement that they checked out salaries with a consultant does not seem possible.

This is the exact information we need to pay attention to when voting in our next group running for the board. The internal committee has our definite applause for this recommendation to lower salaries to more realistic values in this day and suppressed economy. This was a good check and balanced study.

> P. Pondell Canton

#### Hiring Fiegel was wrong move

A detailed response to your March 20 editorial "Issues to watch with schools chief" is greatly needed. The point of view you express would be exasperating if we had not been subject to it so many times before. Allow me to address your editorial point by point.

"It didn't take long for the grumbling to start once the PCCS Board of Education tapped Craig Fiegel as its new superintendent." Why would it? The grumbling from the taxpayer should have been instant. Clearly, the board has chosen "business as usual" as opposed to being innovative in their search for a new super. The salary issue is huge. Just the increase (\$34,000 per year) from Jim Ryan's large salary is more than many struggling parents make in a year. Or put another way, that \$34,000 could go to pay for a new teacher as opposed to making an administrator

even more wealthy. The issue of Fiegel's experience you raise is valid. However, we should not be worried about the "huge learning curve" he admittedly faces if he is truly the best and brightest administrator out there. I am not confident of the board's choice for these reasons: 1. As Trustee Gonzales stated, the board did not get to see all of the applications, but only the ones fed to them by the search firm. How is the public served here? How can we have any confidence that the best candidates were interviewed by the board? 2. Was the public made aware of all the

#### **LETTERS**

contracts and relationships this firm has? 3. This search firm is not elected by the public in our district and in reality is not accountable to us. The only thing we really know about them is that they have 25,000 of our scarce tax dollars, which could have gone to pay teachers who actually interact daily with kids.

Now to the most offensive statement in your editorial: "This hire was always going to cost the district more money. It's the price of doing business." By this you must mean government doing business as usual. Your acceptance and support of this premise spits in the face of the taxpayer and helps feed the growing sense of entitlement and elitism that has too long infected the public sector.

As more rationale for why we "had" to pay the new super more than the \$161,000we paid Jim Ryan, was that the finalists presented to the board were each already making more than he was. Isn't that convenient for the new hire? Are we to believe that there were no qualified administrators anywhere in Michigan who were used to making less than \$161,000 per year? the buyouts and downsizing of middle management and white collar workers in Michigan, the pool of qualified administrators is massive, and I'm sure much larger than the selective pool used by the search firm. In fact, I am willing to bet that a couple low cost ads in the Free Press or Detroit News would have supplied our district with hundreds of eager, qualified applicants who would have been elated to work for somewhere between \$100,000 and \$125,000 per year. I am also sure that their learning curve would have been no

more "huge" than Fiegel's. Our school district had a chance to be innovative in this hiring process. Instead, they embrace again their addiction to spending more and more on administrative salaries and huge payments to consulting firms. I want to know how the board is going to deny equivalent compensation increases to our teachers, custodians, bus drivers, etc. That's right, we'll just tell them we can't afford it. After all, they are just the ones who actually teach and serve our

students.

Jason Vorva Plymouth

#### Collect state sales tax

There is an approved ballot proposal for the August 2008 election that ask us. the taxpayers, of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties for a tax increase to help fund the Detroit Zoo.

Taxpayers, wake up! How can the governor and state legislature ask us for a tax increase when they continue to avoid collecting millions of dollars per year of sales tax from online and mail order purchases? We see this as totally irresponsible. There is money to be collected from our 6 percent sales tax law. Both the state and federal legislation is passing exemptions to this 6 percent sales tax law, as we, the taxpayers, are sleeping.

Now is the time to contact our state and federal legislators and our governor and let them know that they cannot and should not ask for more taxes when they continue to allow millions of dollars per year go down the drain. As of now, there is a bill

pending in Congress that will permanently exempt the collection of the 6 percent sales tax on online purchase. Unless we, the taxpayers, express our outrage, the ongoing discrimination against consumers who pay 6 percent on items purchased in our stores will continue.

We have to stop this. It can be done. Both the federal and state legislators have a role in stopping the biased enforcement of our state's 6 percent sales tax law. If there's a will, there's a way for them to stop the loss of millions of dollars per year that should be coming to our state.

> James and Mary Murphy Westland

#### **Detroit's failure**

Detroit Public Schools not only has the distinction of graduating the lowest number of students among our nation's 50 largest school districts - it has held this egregious distinction for the past three years.

Supt. Connie Calloway's "Turn Around School" plan is simply and disingenuously more lip service and spin from a woman who has continued to make the district's chronic corruption and fraud, and not her students' achievement and literacy levels, the centerpiece of her five-year contract. Connie Calloway's turnaround plan that currently includes the closing and reopening of only five schools is not even a drop in this leaking bucket that in less than 10 weeks will see fewer than 25 percent of Detroit's Class of 2008 graduate.

Equally important, but rarely the topic of polite conversation (especially in our suburbs and the Michigan Legislature), is the devastating reality that among the fewer than 25 percent that graduate, far too few are more than functionally literate and anything but prepared for postsecondary education or the workforce.

Detroit Public Schools, its revolving door of leadership and ineffective school board are gifted at turning out barely literate and. unemployable perpetuations of poverty, literacy, homelessness, crime, and worst of all, apathy and hopelessness for themselves and the next generation.

And even before Kwame Kilpatrick became permanently embroiled and disabled in what may ultimately be a mayor's crimes of the century — he has not concerned himself with or taken ownership of his greatest failure: his city's children and their schools.

Marcie Lipsitt

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"We take our clues from the police department, and since there was a specific date it was determined there was no point in canceling classes. We're never going to put our kids or staff in a bad situation. If there was any question, we would have canceled school."

- Plymouth-Canton Schools spokesman Frank Ruggirello discussing why officials didn't cancel classes Friday at Central Middle School after finding a bomb threat scrawled on a bathroom wall the day before

### Ominous signs suggest that economy really is that bad

On Friday, the buzzards were circling above Livonia.

Really! The Observer building at Schoolcraft and Levan has a small woods in the back. It has

been a refuge for deer, possums, groundhogs, raccoons and, most recently, a



Hugh Gallagher

gaggle of cats and a handsome hawk. We were watching the cats cavort in the finally warm spring weather. One of them seemed to be protecting some-

thing in his mouth. Shortly after, we spotted the first buzzard, sitting ominously on a tree branch, with its fire red head and its somber black

wings, like an undertaker's coat. Another buzzard swooped over the woods until the hawk gave chase.

You'd have to pay good money for this kind of entertainment. But the arrival of the buzzards and all they portend came at the end of a rough week for the economy and the symbolism was as overripe as, well, a buzzard's dinner.

The stock market continued its yearlong seesaw, mostly down. Those depending on their 401(k) for retirement were calculating how many more years they'll have to work. The auto companies, our bread and butter, had reported heavy quarterly losses.

The government reported that the economy lost 80,000 jobs in March and recalculated losses for January and February, bringing the total to 237,000 jobs lost in the first quarter of the year. Unemployment rose to 5.1 percent and unemployment claims were at an eight-year high. (In Michigan, unemployment remains above 7 percent.)

On Capitol Hill, Ben Bernanke, chairman of the Federal Reserve, spent two days before a joint congressional committee explaining why it was important for the federal government to help the investment bank Bear Stearns while denying that risking \$30 billion was a bailout.

Of course, it's an election year and members of Congress were properly outraged that the Fed and the Bush administration were helping the bankers who got us into this mortgage mess and not showing a lot of concern for those people who tried to realize the American dream by

buying houses with loans they couldn't afford (no matter how much reassurance they got from

Ronald Reagan ran against Jimmy Carter with a question, "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?'

Guess the answer to that is obvious. Bernanke cautiously allowed that maybe the slowdown might become a recession.

Michigan will no longer be in the "one-state recession" that has provided fodder for politicians over the past four years. We are now a bellwether for the dangers of distorted trade policies that encourage major corporations to take their manufacturing overseas.

Of course, these figures only suggest what is going on. We know that in some communities unemployment is always high and a recession only makes it that much more difficult to break away from those communities. Investments start to dry up, crime rises and the misery index

SEMCOG released its 2035 Forecast for southeast Michigan on Friday showing low population growth, a swiftly aging population and puny job prospects over the next 25 years (if everything works out right).

We know the measures for official recessions come into play long after ordinary people have been downsized, laid off, lost their health care. been foreclosed or taken some other hit from the economy that "isn't in a recession, everything's fine." That's been the assurance from the president, who is more concerned about the situation in Iraq than the situation on Woodward.

Ordinary people have been in recession for a while, though some conservatives still cavalierly joke about people having to cut back on their purchase of a flat screen television or, in the case of the president, suggesting that all the country needs is for people to go out and buy things, even if they are made in China.

We never found out what the buzzards were looking for Friday, but the pickings mustn't have been all that good because Monday they were

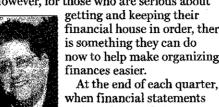
Don't want to see them again anytime soon.

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### Quarterly reports are a good time to organize finances

few months ago, many people made a New Year's resolution to get their financial house in order. By now, most resolutions are long forgotten.

However, for those who are serious about



**Money Matters** 

Rick Bloom

getting and keeping their financial house in order, there is something they can do now to help make organizing

when financial statements arrive, it's a good time to review results. The results of this quarter are going to be difficult, however, ignoring them doesn't make it any bet-

As always, the first thing to do is to check the accuracy of statements. At a minimum, the ending balance of last quarter's statement should match the beginning balance of this statement.

Make sure you have been credited with any and all new contributions and that any withdrawals have been properly accounted. In addition, make sure you have not been charged any unnecessary fees. If there is a fee you do not understand, ask questions.

In reviewing statements, don't assume financial institutions are always correct. They make mistakes and it is up to you and me to keep them honest.

Once you have reviewed the statements for accuracy, then it's time to do a personal family balance sheet - nothing more than a listing of assets less liabilities. Assets less liabilities equals net worth. Doing a family balance sheet on a quarterly or even a semiannual basis, lets you know where you stand financially.

Many will find that over the last quarter or the last two quarters, net worth has declined. If you own a home in the area, the value has declined. The first quarter of 2008 was not a good time for investors. It won't be unusual to have a lower net worth than at the beginning of the year. The issue is what to do?

One of the mistakes investors make is they assume they always have to do something. Sometimes, the best course of action is to do nothing. Don't rush out and radically change vour portfolio. Unfortunately, that's what too many investors do and then they miss out on the eventual rebound. The reason for a personal family balance sheet is not necessarily to make changes in a portfolio, but rather to stay in touch with your financial situation.

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Everything in society has become more complex and that is true when it comes to personal finance. You cannot be involved with your finances only once a year. You have to set up a routine where at different points in time you review different aspects of your personal financial affairs.

For example, the time to review auto and home insurance can be at renewal. The time to review investments is when quarterly statements arrive.

You'd be surprised how much better your financial affairs will be by spending a little time on a regular basis.

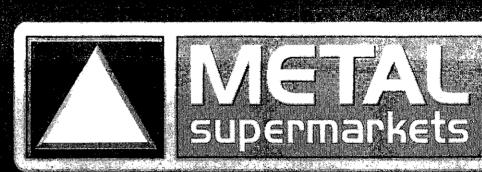
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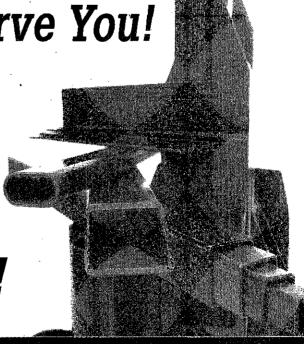




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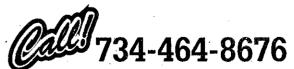


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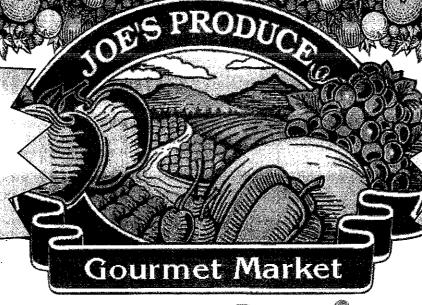


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# Wildcats get off to purrr-fect start

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While the Detroit Tigers were struggling to match their preseason hype last week, another local baseball team with a similar nickname got off to a purrrrr-fect

Plymouth, which figures to contend for a Western Lakes Activities Association title this spring, opened the 2008 campaign with a convincing sweep of Ypsilanti.

The Wildcats won the first

Braves in the nightcap, 11-1.

Coach Chuck Adams' squad scored in all but two of the 13 innings played and put up five spots in one inning in each game.

"I was pleased with the way we came out and executed to start the season," said Adams. "Our pitchers had good command all day long. We also did an excellent job of taking care of the baseball on defense when Ypsilanti put it in play. It was a nice way to start the 2008 season."

The Wildcats pushed across

runs in four of the first five innings in Game 1 and led 8-1 after five. Travis Mewton and Luke Merandi shared the hitting spotlight, as they combined for five hits and five RBI toward the bottom of the batting order.

Senior Garrett Rebain, who notched the win on the mound by shutting out Ypsi over the first four innings, registered three hits and three runs while David Harvey went 2-for-4 with a rib-

The Wildcats outhit the Braves,

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A quartet of Wildcats had two-hit games in Game 2 as the winners outhit their hosts 14-6. The big hitters were Harvey (3for-3, two RBI), Rebain (2-for-3, RBI), Brad Lineberry (1-for-3, two RBI), Matt Priebe (1-for-4, two RBI), Ronnie Goble (2-for-2), Matt Skubik (2-for-4, two RBI), and Luke Merandi, 1-for-2 with a RBI).

Lineberry sparkled on the mound, limiting the Braves to five hits and one run in five

innings of work. Kyle Sanders worked a scoreless sixth in relief. The game was shortened to six

innings due to the 10-run mercy The Wildcats committed just

one error in the two contests. Plymouth returns to action Friday when they travel to Livonia Churchill for a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over contest.

The opening pitch is slated for

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### Senior leader Shull's clutch goal lifts Rocks over Falcons

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One minute, Katie Shuli was getting treated on the sidelines for a nagging knee problem.

The next minute, Salem's senior captain was putting a serious hurt on Rochester's stateranked soccer team.

A few moments after getting her leg taped by Salem trainer Tony Bowers, Shull re-entered the game, controlled a pass from Jill Behrman down the right sideline, gained a half-step on a Rochester defender, and uncorked a rising, perfectly placed shot that skimmed off Falcon goalkeeper Emily Lyles' fingertips and into the back-top corner of the net with 16:05 to play.

The effort proved to be the difference-maker in Salem's eye-opening 1-0 triumph.

The victory evened Salem's record at 1-1 while the defending Division 1 state runner-up Falcons slipped to 2-1.

"My knee started popping in and out a little, I wanted to play it safe," said Shull, explaining her pre-heroics trip to the sidelines. "It turned out to be fine, so the trainer taped it up and I went back out there. About 30 seconds later, we scored.

While Shull was the ultimate hero, she had plenty of help on her goal — and in the victory in general - said Rock coach Joe Nora, whose team had been rocked 6-0 by Northville just five nights earlier.

"Everything we didn't do in the Northville game, we did tonight," said Nora. "We made right choices, we kept the ball on the ground and we played physical.

'Katie's goal was a good play all around. Sara O'Leary started it in the back, played it to Rachel Gizicki in the mid-field and she got it to Jill. Against Northville, we played everything to the middle and their sweeper was able to clear the ball.

"Tonight, we got the ball wide and when Katie is one-on-one, she's one of the best in the state."

While Rochester coach Todd Heugh saw spurts of good play from his squad, he was disappointed with the Falcons' overall perfor-

"I thought we came out tonight and looked a little slow and lethargic," said Heugh, whose team lost to Novi in last year's DI state final. "I didn't think we took care of the ball very well.

"I saw some nice performances out of some girls who didn't play a lot in our first two games. However, we definitely have some girls who have been a key part of our success the past few

Please see SALEM, B4

Salem's Katie Shull (7) dribbles past Rochester's Lauren Fant during Monday night's non-conference contest. Shull's goal with just over 16 minutes to play was the difference in the Rocks' 1-0 victory.

### Ignition is No. 1 seed after 22-21 triumph

There was no sophomore jinx Ricardinho. The Ignition for the Detroit Ignition during the 2007-08 season.

The second-year Major Indoor Soccer League club clinched the No. 1 seed in the upcoming MISL Championship Series with a thrilling 22-21 victory over host Baltimore April 5 at 1st Mariner Arena.

The triumph improved the Ignition's record to 22-8 and solidified its standing as the league's best team heading into

still qualified for the playoffs.

point goal off an assist from

the post season. Baltimore slipped to 19-11 with the setback, but the Blast trimmed a one-time sevenpoint deficit to three late in the second quarter on a twopointer off the foot of Jamar Beasley.

Detroit regained its second lead of the night with 2:22 left in the third quarter on a goal from Birmingham native Ryan Mack. The Ignition's gamewinning net-finder came from Ricardinho, who was assisted by Hewerton.

Veteran defender Droo Callahan preserved the victory with a last-second block of a shot from close range.

The Ignition drew a firstround bye and will host a second-round game at Compuware Arena on Sunday, April 20.



Plymouth freshman McKenzie Hengesh (14) battles a trio of Walled Lake Central players for a loose ball during Monday night's 1-1 draw at the PCEP varsity turf stadium.

### Plymouth kickers settle for 1-1 draw

Plymouth's soccer team dominated Walled Lake Central on the field Monday evening, but the one-sided action was not reflected on the scoreboard.

Despite outshooting the visiting Vikings 12-4, the Wildcats settled for a 1-1 draw in a game played at the PCEP varsity turf stadium.

The tie left the Wildcats with an O-1-1 mark heading into Wednesday's cross-campus clash with Salem.

"We had a lot of chances and I thought we outplayed them, but we couldn't quite finish," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "They probably had three quality chances to our dozen, so it's disappointing settling for a tie.

"Our defense was very solid. McKenzie Hengesh played

very well. She's going to be quite a player.' Plymouth's lone goal came mid-way through the first half when Julie Forster controlled a pass from Kelly Dobbs, slipped past Central's deepest defender then drilled a shot past the goalie.

"It was a great strike by Julie," Neschich said. Freshman Marissa Williams excelled between the pipes for the Wildcats, stopping all but one late first-half shot.

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#### McGinnis shines

Canton senior pole vaulter Chris McGinnis was the Chiefs' bright spot at Saturday's Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational Track & Field meet held at Bowen Fieldhouse on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

McGinnis placed first in the 13-team event with a personal-best vault of 13 feet, four inches.

McGinnis' firstplace effort was good for 10 points, which is all the Chiefs earned Saturday. They placed 13th, 50 points behind firstplace Birmingham Brother Rice.

Richardson also noted personal-best performances of pole vaulter Eddie Koelzer (10-6), 1,600-meter runner Derek Hoerman (4:40.5), 800-meter specialist Paul Rakovitis (2:10.5) and 3,200meter runner Duncan Spitz (10:08.7).

#### Canton grid camps

The Canton High School football team will be hosting three summer camps:

■ a T/3-4 camp for kids in grades 10-12 set for June 16 and 17 at the PCEP varsity stadium;

a Skills Camp for kids in grades 7-9 set for June 9-12 at the stadium; and

a fundamental camp for kids in grades 3-6 set for June 23-26.

For more information, visit www.cantonchiefsfootball.com

#### Plymouth football

There will be a freshmen informational meeting on Tuesday, May 6, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School cafeteria for all incoming freshmen football players at Plymouth High School.

Necessary paperwork will be distributed to parents and members of the program's Booster Club will be on hand to introduce fundraising activities.

#### With his team trailing 3-0 in the first quarter, Detroit's Mike Apple notched a two-

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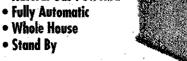
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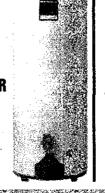


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### Wolverines wallop 'Excellence'

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baseball team opened its 2008 season with a bang Tuesday afternoon when it trampled the Pontiac Academy of Excellence, 21-0, in a three-inning game that was shortened by the MHSAA mercy rule.

Brandon Pierson was the



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The Canton Agape Christian brightest star of many for the winners as he tossed a no-hitter, striking out eight of the nine batters he faced, and went 3-for-4 at the plate with five

> The Wolverines scored 18 first-inning runs and three in the second.

Other standouts for the winners were Jared Miller (1for-2, two walks, four RBI), Ty Maieski (1-for-2, two walks, four runs) and Mark Mullett (2-for-4, two runs).

PLY. CHRISTIAN 10, RURON VALLEY 6: Trevor Zinn struck out 13 and scattered six hits and two walks in going the distance Tuesday as Plymouth Christian Academy (1-0) won its season opener at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran

Kevin Bottorff paced PCA's six-hit attack going 2-for-3 with a pair of

Bryan Gruenewald and losing pitcher Ryan Jones each went 2-for-4 for the Hawks. Gruenewald had a double, while Jones added an RBL

Jones worked the first four innings, allowing seven runs on four hits. He struck out eight and walked four before giving Wayne to Aaron Howell, who finished up allowed three runs on two his and a walk over three innings.

### **Rock climbers**

### With majority of key players returning, Salem primed for break-out season

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Opponents who pre-judge the 2008 Salem baseball team based solely on last year's record (10-21) and this year's scarcity of seniors (three) may be in for a rude awakening.

Although the Rocks will field a junior-dominated team this spring, they're stocked with enough talent and experience to draw high praise from veteran coach Dale Rumberger.

"It's just my opinion, but this team is potentially one of the best teams I've ever had here," said Rumberger, who has coached for 22 years. "Last year, when I picked the team, I took talent over experience. This year we're going to have both talent and experience."

The Rocks prepared for the upcoming season over Spring PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

Break when they spent a week practicing at a public baseball field in Clearwater, Fla. The conditions couldn't have been more ideal for a northernbased high school team, in Rumberger's estimation.

"We practiced four hours a day and the practices were pretty intense," he said. "The weather was perfect and the facility was great. We accomplished a lot."

Salem's primary strength will be its corps of starting pitchers, all of whom return from last season. The rotation is made up of juniors Joe Posler, David Hales and Chris Kordick; and senior Justin Horger, all of whom have command of their pitches, Rumberger emphasized.

If the Rocks take a lead into

the latter frames, foes will have to dig in against hardthrowing junior lefty Sam Ott, who will serve as the team's closer.

The primary catching duties will fall on the shoulders of junior Andrew Grabowski. He'll be backed up by junior Dave Loos and senior Kyle Streck, who transferred into the Plymouth-Canton School District during the off-season.

First base will be ably handled by Kordick, Grabowksi and Dominic Ciantar while a pair of Kyles — Bricker and Powell — will man second base.

Junior Heath Parling — a three-sport standout at Salem - will start at shortstop and senior Dana Lorber, a surehanded, sweet-swinging senior — will start at third. Junior Justin Bashi will back up Lorber at third as well as

offer pitching depth. Dave Rincell will back up

Parling at short. Hales, Ott and Posler will start in the outfield when they're not pitching. Matt Woster, Jeff Sroka and Horger will also see plenty of time in the outfield.

"We're going to be relying on a lot of juniors, but they all have experience from last year and they're all very good baseball players," said Rumberger. "Five of my guys are being recruited by Division 1 schools. Every day it seems like I'm getting a letter from a college coach asking about one of my players."

Salem opens Friday at home against Wayne Memorial. The opening pitch is slated for 4

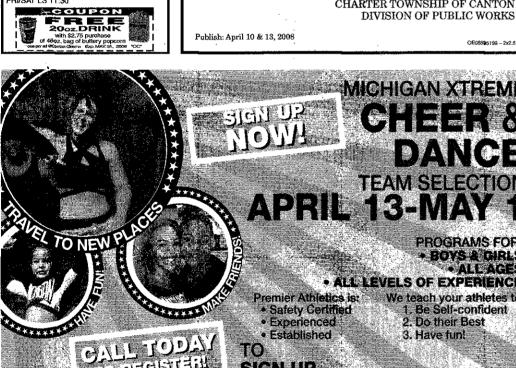
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**RESOLUTION #4** 

TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: Copper Creek Condominium, Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan

SIDWELL NUMBERS

71-041-07-0001	71-041-07-0019	71-041-07-0037	71-041-07-0055
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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the Copper Creek Condominium Association as described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefore by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

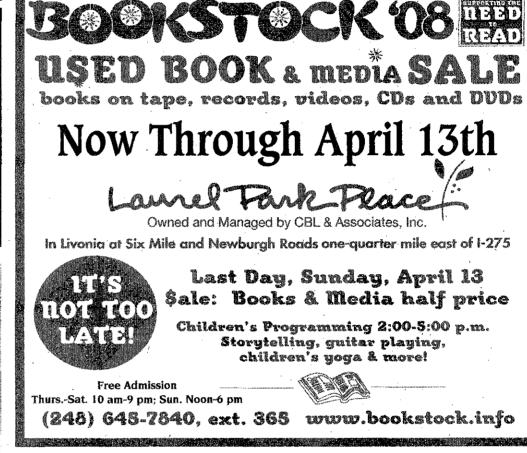
WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing held April 22, 2008.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 2008, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center South, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the special assessment roll.

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Canton at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Salem, 4 p.m. SATURDAY, APRIL 12

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Canton at Pirate 9/10 Relays, 10 a.m. PCA vs. Shrine at Ladywood, 1 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER THURSDAY, APRIL 10

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### Rocks replenish roster with freshmen

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's softball team will have a "fresh" new look to it this sea-

The Rocks, who came on like gang-busters during the latter stages of the 2007 campaign, will start as many as four freshmen this spring.

"In a word, 'young' would sum up our team this year," said head coach Bonnie Southerland, whose Rocks finished 18-16 last year and knocked off PCEP rivals Canton and Plymouth in late-May showdowns. "We lost four seniors to graduation (Melissa Leach, Kait McKinley, Kelly Behr and Liz Thomas), but we gained four talented freshmen, all of whom should be in the starting line-up

on 'Opening Day'. "Overall, we have one senior, six juniors, one sophomore and four freshmen, so we are very young, and we only have one player Emily Pitcole — who will return to the position she played

last year. Among the key returners to Salem's roster are senior Liz Mcloud; junior Mary Cox (who will shift from third to short); Christina Parsons, who will move from center field to left; and Pitcole, who retains her catching

responsibilities. "Liz played some outfield last year and had a strong finish to the season," said Southerland. "She'll start the season in right field.

"Mary, Christina and Emily all started last year and will once again have a huge impact on our season.'

Other returners include sophomore Mary Johnson, who moves from second base to outfield this spring, and junior Emily Meade.

"Mary has great speed and is quick; her range has increased tremendously," Southerland said. "Emily is a very smart base runner and is working in the outfield. She has a strong bat."

First-year varsity players who

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are not freshmen include juniors Chrissy Smudski, who will see time at third and short; and junior Alyssa Spooner, who is also an infielder.

"Chrissy is very fast on the bases and Alyssa swings the bat hard," said Southerland.

Southerland said her quartet of talented freshmen wouldn't be on the varsity squad if they weren't going to see significant playing time.

Making the biggest impact of the four will be Briana Lee, who has already earned the distinction of being the Rocks' No. 1 pitcher.

"She throws it all and mixes it up better than any freshman I've seen in 24 years of coaching," said Southerland. "She also has a very powerful bat."

Southerland also had high praise for ninth-grader Heidi Schmidt, who will also pitch as well as play a variety of positions.

"Heidi is a great athlete who can pitch and play all the positions," Southerland said. "You could see her at second, short, third - wherever we need her on any given day. She can play everywhere and give Briana a break when she needs one."

The two other freshmen contributors are Kelli Janiczek, who is slotted to start at first, and Lizzy Mazorowicz, who will play

second and some outfield. "Kelli has a great stretch at first and moves well," said Southerland. "She'll back up Pitcole behind the plate every

now and then. "Lizzy is super fast and is a very

heads-up player." The Rocks open the season this afternoon at Dearborn.

"The girls are anxious to get the season underway," Southerland said. "They have a lot to prove. They are probably the youngest team in the league, but they already play like they've been together for years."

Southerland predicted Livonia Stevenson would be the team to beat in the WLAA's Lakes Division while Northville and Franklin look strong in the Western Division.

Southerland will be assisted this season by Salem grad and former U-of-M standout Stefanie Volpe.

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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

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CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:00 PM.

misc. household goods, approx 3 totes of misc, household goods, 2 barstools, 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 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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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

4294 - Diane Jacobs - 5 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items 4026 - Tiyana Robson - 2 Mattresses, TV, Vacuum

9054 - Karen Luna - Headboard, Mattress, Sofa

4054 - Carl Davis - Table, Microwave, Misc Items 3053 -Steven David -5 Totes, Mattress, Big Screen TV

5268 - Mike Zehel - Entertainment Center, Vacuum, Rocker

- Jody Gonzalez - Couch, 2 Chairs, Misc Items 6021 - Lasonett Robinson - 2 TV's, 20 Boxes, Dresser

6250 - Addela Marie Hobbs - Dresser, 2 Totes, Misc Items 5245 - Cordell Fields - Couch, Lamp, Entertainment Center

4015 - Chad Cummins - Freezer, Futon, Mountain Bike 6046 – Ezekal Eley – Washer, Fridge, Dryer

4248 - Lisa Young - 3 Boxes, 7 Totes, Misc Items4218 - Carlos Arista - Sofa, Loveseat, Chair

5040 – Sarah Campbell – 2 TV's, Bookcase, 2 Tables

4245 - Charlene Brown - 7 Totes, 4 Bags, 5 Boxes 5010 - Sybil Upshaw - TV, Coffee Table, Stroller

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 1009 - Rose Jackson - 5 Totes, 3 bags, 4 boxes

2037 - Shawn Booth - 4 Kitchen Chairs, Sofa, Dresser 3020 - Isiah Wardlow - Toolbox, 10 Boxes, Misc Items

3021 - Regina Griffin - 50 Boxes, table, misc items 3042 - Christina Cabrera - Washer, Dryer, Refrigerator

3046 - Anthony Dobbins - Front load washer, front load dryer, refrigerator

4013 – John Boehret – Ladder, 10 Boxes, Misc Items 4039 – Marlita Blackman – Desk, 2 Bookcases, Coffee Table

4041 - Shane Ratliff - Dryer, 5 Totes, Portable Stereo

4120 - Grant Young - Dresser, Headboard, Mirrors

4148 - David Fuller - 10 Totes, 5 Boxes, Misc Items 4155 - Kenya Davis - Mattress Headboard, misc Items

4237 - Jeri Luce - Bicycle, 20 Boxes, Portable TV 3030 - Charles Graham II - Big Screen TV, Leather Couch, 4

4243 – Thelma Hughey – 2 Suitcases, tote, 5 boxes

4257 – Judy Bennett – Suitcase, 30 Boxes, Misc Items 5030 – Sonja Rice – Mattress, TV, 25 Boxes 5107 – Gloria and Lonnie Parham – Bicycle, 30 Boxes, Floor Buffer

5245 – Erin Morley – 4 Chairs, headboard, 20 Boxes

5301 – Frank Fischer – Snow blower, Mountain-bike, 25 Boxes

5305 - Charlott Smith - 200 Office Chairs 5841 - Charon Renae Roberts - 20 Box, Lamp, Misc Items.

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#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit Bids for Moving Canton High School, East Middle School, and Tanger Center.

Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 on April 7, 2008. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., local time on Wednesday. April 23, 2008 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by McCarthy & Smith, Inc. and Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Walk-Through on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 @ 2:30 p.m. at the construction trailer located at East Middle School, 1042 South Mill Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Mr. Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

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

Publish: April 10th and April 17th, 2008.

### PCA softball team clipped in 7th inning

Tuesday afternoon's "Opening Day" couldn't have gone much better for the Plymouth Christian Academy softball team - at least for the first sixand-a-half innings.

The Eagles led host Lutheran Westland, 6-5, until the Warriors snatched a 7-6 victory by plating a pair of runs in the bottom of the final frame.

"Even though we lost, the girls had a good day at the plate," said PCA coach Dan Hammar. "They were a lot more aggressive than they were last year when we only won three games. We have pretty much the same team back from last year, so with all that experience I'm looking forward to the upcoming season."

The Eagles were led by a strong two-way performance from senior Kristie Carnevale, who tossed a complete-game,

eight-strike out effort on the mound while going 2-for-4 with two RBI at the plate.

"Kristie was very solid, especially considering it's early in the season and she only walked one batter," said Hammar. Due to spring break, a junior trip, senior and trip and some other things, today is the first time we've had the entire team together."

Sparked by a three-run first inning, the Eagles led 5-2 after four innings. Lutheran Westland knotted the game at 5-all with a three-run fifth before PCA regain the advantage with a single run in the top of the sixth.

Autumn McKenzie (2-for-4, double, RBI) and Lauren Craig (2-for-4) also enjoyed stellar first-game showings for the

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Personal property described below in the matter of: – James Gacloch – Mountain Bike, Lawn Mower, 10 Totes

– Steve Caloia – Toolbox, Washer, Dryer - Robert Kozak - Vacuum,-14 Tool Boxes, Misc Items

 Orlando Austin – 20 Totes, Piano Scooter - Dan Gorys - 2 Bicycles, Stove, 20 Totes 9102 – Kaaidietraee Brown – 10 Bags, 12 Totes, TV

9126 – Lauren Crump – 4 Boxes, 3 Bags, 1 Suitcase Publish: April 10 & 17, 2008

#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Cafeteria Tables for Canton High School. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For additional information, please contact Ellen Schroeder, Secretary of Canton High School at (734) 416-7544. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 24, 2008 to the E.J McClendon Educational Center (re: Cafeteria Table Bid), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

Publish: April 10 and 17, 2008

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-April 1, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Faas, Director Eva, Mike Ager, Britt Winter Others Present: Paul Denski Jr., Canton Waste Recycling Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING PILOT. The Pilot Single Stream Recycling Program was completed in December 2007 in a select area of the The Pilot Single Stream Recycling Windsor Park Subdivision. The purpose of the pilot program for 304 homes was to evaluate the effectiveness of the Single Stream Recycling method and to begin a process to determine if it could be implemented on a Township wide basis. Item 2. 2008 WATER & SEWER RATE STUDY UPDATE. In May, 2007 the Board received and later adopted an updated true cost-of-service study for water and sewer rates prepared by Utility Financial Solutions. One recommendation in the study was that the Township update the analysis each year. Based on input from the Board, staff was requested to give consideration to the following items in the 2008 update which is now completed. 1. Consider the rate impact on continuing the cap on sewer charges for residential usage that exceeds 60,000 gallons per quarterly bill. 2. Consider eliminating the practice of charging customers a minimum billed consumption. 3. Consider an inverted block rate design that increases the usage charge per thousand gallons as consumption levels increase. The next step is to finalize the rate package and bring for approval to the Board in April. Item 3. ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION. An internal committee was formed, comprised of three elected officials, Terry Bennett, Todd LaJoy, and Todd Caccamo, along with the Finance Director, and Executive Director Santomauro. The committee was tasked with providing a recommendation of compensation for Canton's elected officials. The committee conducted an evaluation of the existing compensation packages in relationship to what we determine to be comparable government units. Adjourn Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 9:37 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after

Board Approval. Publish: April 10, 2008

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### Lady Warriors notch historic first win SALEM

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A last-minute change of scenery didn't faze the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team Friday night in its inaugural MHSAA-sanctioned game against host Rochester.

The Lady Warriors prevailed, 18-7, in a game that was moved to Rochester High School due to unplayable conditions at the Plymouth High School junior varsity stadium.

"I was pretty nervous about

The Plymouth boys lacrosse

Patrick Downey paced the 2-0

Wildcats with four goals and an

assist. Plymouth's stingy defense

limited the Tigers to just one shot

"I thought we played well on

both ends of the field tonight," said

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team remained unbeaten with

a 14-0 trouncing of Belleville

Tuesday night.

on goal.

how we would perform in the season opener knowing that Rochester had already won their opener," admitted PCs coach Dave Medley. "I wasn't sure how changing the game site would affect our team morale as I knew how badly the girls had been waiting to play the game at home.

"However, the team did not let me down when it came to offensive fire-power."

The Lady Warriors led by just three at the half, but took control during the final 30 minutes. Laura Hahn and Kate

Plymouth coach Mike Costello.

some great passes up field. "I was impressed with Ben

they will only get better."

Burkman at close defense and

Ethan Christensen as a long-stick

Scott Darel broke the scoring

middle. They're both freshmen and

"Our defense was aggressive and

quick, and we cleared the ball very

well. Our young defensemen made

Spangler led the offensive assault, netting six and five goals, respectively, for the winners.

Stephanie Pettevello and Amy Coleman both scored a pair of goals each while single goals were registered by Amanda Yang, Chelsea Olson and Lauren

"Maintaining the lead allowed us to rotate players frequently, resulting in keeping fresh legs on the field," Medley said. "This really wore down Rochester, although they had a larger ros-

### Cat LAX crew derails Tigers, 14-0; now 2-0

ice for the Wildcats with a goal 25 seconds into the contest. Connor Martin assisted on the net-finder. Downey, Patrick Miller and Ryan Renault also contributed to the first-quarter onslaught with single goals. The winners put the game away in the second period on scores from John Olevnik (two), Martin, Patrick Downey, Conor Downey and Pat Smiatacz.

Plymouth's second-half goals were registered by Patrick Downey (two), Smiatacz and Jack Distel.

Toufic Saati and Jordan Caverly shared the shutout in net for the Wildcats.

"We have to tighten up some things for our game Thursday against Brighton," said Costello.

years who need to step it up a

Salem's defense turned in a stellar effort. Anchored by senior net-minder Kristen Dondzilla (eight saves), the Rocks staved off every Falcon scoring challenge.

The most impressive defensive play of the night for the winners unfolded 10 minutes into the second half when defender Lauren Booth skillfully directed the ball out of harm's way as a Falcon forward moved to the door-step of the goal crease.

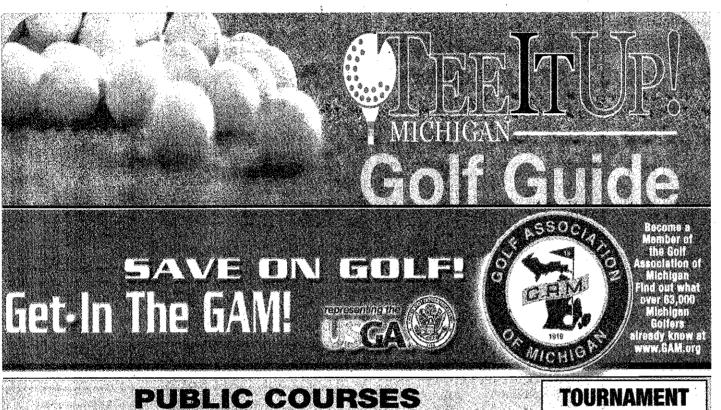
Maggie Huls and Amanda Krause also came up with shutout-preserving plays to assist Dondzilla.

The total-team effort was just what Shull and her teammates were looking for to help them erase the painful memories of the opening-game loss as well as a so-so 6-11-1 record in 2007.

"We have a new little motto this year that says every time we go out there, we have to play hard for every inch," said Shull. "At the end of the game, the number of inches we won will determine whether we win or

"I like our attitude this year. We're playing for one another and not ourselves."

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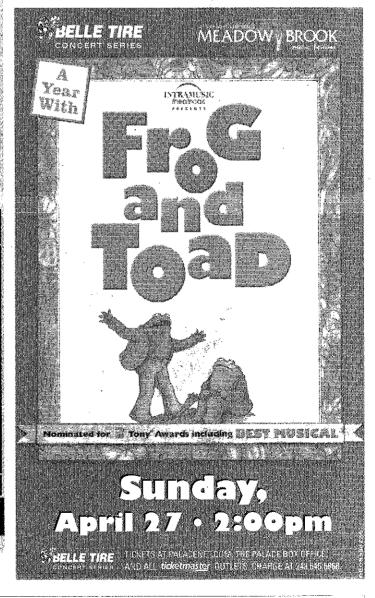
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### **Apartment group lauds winners at Community House**

The Property Management Council of the Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) has announced the winners of its Apartment Management Industry Excellence (AMIE) Awards. Winners were recognized at an awards reception on Thursday, March 6, at The Community House in Birmingham.

The AMIE awards are held each year to honor the most outstanding professionals in Southeastern Michigan's multi-family housing industry. The awards encompass a variety of industry categories and winners were selected utilizing a comprehensive set of criteria.

This year's honorees are:
■ Maintenance Professional of the
Year (Under 300 Apartment Homes)
Matt Larkins of Landquest
Properties

- Maintenance Professional of the Year (300 Apartment Homes or More) Jeff Price of Brody Companies
- Leasing Consultant of the Year (Under 300 Apartment Homes) Nellie Klug of Singh Management
- Leasing Consultant of the Year (300 Apartment Homes or More) Debbie Amori of Beztak
- Assistant Manager of the Year Terri Boland of Beztak
- Resident Manager of the Year Ramie Yancey of Brody Companies
- Property Manager of the Year Maria Jamrozik of Lockwood Companies

Melvin

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before the crowd at

the event.



Melvin Kaftan, Associate of the Year Ziggy Martin of Midwest Cabinet and Counter, and Michael Tobin share a moment. Kaftan and Tobin were masters of ceremonies.

- Associate of the Year Ziggy Martin of Midwest Cabinet & Counter
- Best Print Media Riverland Woods of Landquest Properties
- Best Web site Kaftan Communities
- Property of the Year (Under 20 Years of Age)
- Briarcliff Village by Singh Management
- Property of the Year (20 Years of Age or More)

Fountain Park South by Brody Companies

Masters of Ceremonies for the awards event were Melvin Kaftan of Kaftan Enterprises and Michael Tobin of Group Five Management.



Master of ceremonies Melvin Kaftan, representatives of Property of the Year Briarcliff Village, and master of ceremonies Michael Tobin share the spotlight at The Community House.



Melvin Kaftan, Maintenance Professional of the Year (under 300 homes) Matt Larkins of Landquest Properties and Michael Tobin pause before the audience.

Apartment Association of Michigan
President Jeffrey Kaftan of Kaftan
Enterprises expressed appreciation
to all those member companies who
entered the program this year and
commended the winners on their outstanding contributions to the industry.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) and Building Industry Association of SE Michigan (BIA) are trade associations representing nearly 2,000 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 235,000 individuals and companies.

### Detroit still good for investing

Q. I am an investor in an apartment building in Detroit. I am thinking about converting the apartments into condos but am concerned about the scandal-ridden administration of the city in terms of investment. What do you think?

A. Hopefully, things will work out with the mayor, but I believe that the city is still a good place to invest, assuming the administration of the city concentrates its efforts on



Robert Meisner

with undo interference and/or favoritism. Many of my clients have been successful in

allowing

developers

to develop

the City of Detroit, and I believe that it is still a good opportunity given the right circumstances.

Q. Our condo association is having a problem with co-owners putting in hardwood flooring. We want to draft a bylaw amendment to deal with the situation; do you have any suggestions?

A. Obviously, you should consult with your association attorney. We suggest that you' add language that tells the unit owner that should they put in hardwood flooring, even with board approval, assuming it is required, the unit owner assumes the risk of enforcement exposure from a lower unit owner who claims that the use of the flooring-walking constitutes an annoyance or nuisance. In other words, construction and use are distinct issues which should be dealt with in any bylaw amendment or any approval given to a co-owner with respect to hardwood flooring installation.

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.

### Annual awards will honor minority housing efforts

Applications are now being accepted for the fifth HOPE (Home Ownership Participation for Everyone) Awards. The HOPE Awards is a national industry awards program that recognizes individuals and organizations that are making outstanding contributions to increase minority homeownership, revitalize communities and expand affordable housing opportunities across the country.

Many American families own their home, but not everyone realizes the dream of homeownership. While more than three out of four white households own their own home, only half of minority households enjoy the benefits of homeownership. The HOPE Awards

honor those who strive to remove barriers to minority homeownership and focus public attention on that vital issue.

The HOPE Awards program is sponsored by a partnership of real estate associations; awards are conferred every other year. HOPE Awards winners receive \$10,000, national media coverage, paid travel expenses to attend and speak at a minority housing symposium, and recognition at the HOPE Awards Gala in May 2009.

The categories for the HOPE Awards are Finance, Homeownership Education, Leadership, Media, Project of the Year, Public Policy, and Real Estate Brokerage. Entries are evaluated by a panel of distinguished judges, based on the impact of the nominee's work in promoting minority homeownership, focus on affordability, use of innovative ideas, and acceptance by the minority community.

Individuals, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, and state and local agencies are eligible. Self-nominations are encouraged. The fourth HOPE Awards, which were granted in May 2007, honored the Colorado Housing Assistance Corp. (Finance); Marcus Luke II and Pamela Ranslam-Schofield, Umatilla Reservation Housing Authority, Pendleton, Ore. (Homeownership Education); Chickie Grayson, Enterprise Homes Inc.,

Baltimore (Leadership); Monsignor William Linder New Community Corp., Newark, N.J. (Project of the Year); the Rev. Vien The Nguyen, Mary Queen of Vietnam Church, New Orleans (Public Policy); and Berenice Gomez, Harvest Home Mortgage, Melville, N.Y. (Real Estate Brokerage). No award was made in the media category in 2007.

HOPE Awards entries must be received by Dec. 5, 2008. For HOPE Awards entry forms and submission guidelines, visit www.hopeawards. org or call (202) 383-1013. Winners will be announced in April 2009. The HOPE Awards Gala will take place in Washington, D.C., in May 2009.



#### HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 17-21, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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

#### BIA

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

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPSn of Builders **Professional Services** Group, will teach techniques that lead to a well managed, full service building or remodeling business with increased

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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

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**■** 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 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. Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building **Industry Association of** Southeastern Michigan

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#### **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 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. For

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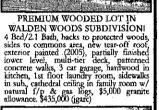
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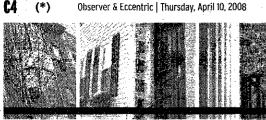
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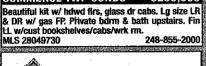
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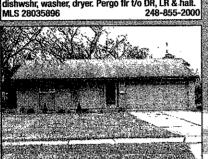
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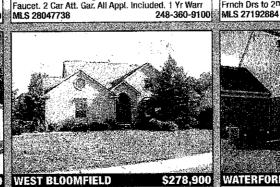
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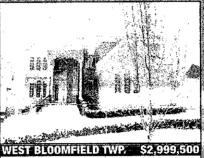
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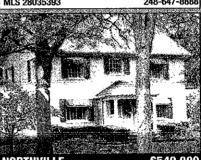
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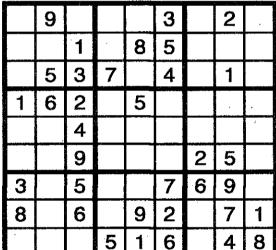


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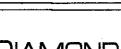
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248-437-3800 BEST VALUE IN BRIGHTON Living rm, Family rm w/fireplace. Perfect for 1st home. Pergo in bedrooms, living rm. Fenced in private yard. Room for future garage.

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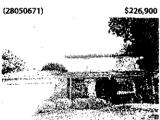


734-455-7000 Canton THIS COLONIAL IS A 10+!!! Central vacuum, yard wired for invisible fence, custom deck & landscaping. Kit w/under cabs lighting, hrdwd firs, opens to ig GR. Mstr ste w/WiC, bath 3 crear

(28046270)



734-455-7000 THIS IS THE ONE! Incredible features: updated kit, carpet, hi-eff. furn & A/C, siding, windows; all since '04. Deck w/fish pond & waterfall. All appl. included. Home Warranty!



COMFORTABLE HOME IN CEDAR SPRINGS ESTATES. Lovely home waiting for you! Vaulted FR w/frplc. Spacious kitchen. Formal LR & DR. 3 spacious BR. Lovely mstr. Great fin LL and Ig



248-684-1065 Overlooking golf course w/scenic view. Move in condition. Ceiling/window upgrades, wood floors, custom cabs, granite counters, granite



248-684-1065 All sports Lake Sherwood waterfront for under \$300,000! 5 BDRMs, 3 full baths, HDWD firs. Kit



248-684-1065 Priced way below value! Builders own home very well built. Open fir. plan w/ cath. ceilings. Brick FP in GR. Walkout/finished LL. Insulted



248-684-1065 Sharp 4 br home on Ig lot. Newer kit, furn, CA, concrete drive. Lg fenced rear yard w/ shed. Screened in porch, Quiet street in great neighborhood. WL schools.

(27071237) \$159,500



248-437-3800 THIS HOUSE WILL SHOCK YOU!! Open floor plan, so unique for this home. Shows better than (27183593) \$89,900



**Dearborn Heights** Charming Bungalow. Why rent when you can own this BTFL BNGLW on comer lot in quiet NBHD for less? Updates galore, lots of storage. GRT price. Grab this one quick!



**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900 A PERFECT 10 IN ROLLING OAKS, GOURMET KIT Totally renovated. Gourmet granite kitchen. Over the top baths. Hardwood floors.



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 Custom Modular Ranch & Adjacent vacant lot must be sold together! Extra insulation, spacious kitchen w/upgraded cabinets, new

248-348-6430 Farmington Hills Canterbury Common. Spacious 2958 SF colonial in Canterbury Common, 4 could be 5 BR, 2 1/2 BA. New roof & HWH, HW Firs under



**Farmington Hills** 3 BR UPDATED & HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RANCH All refinished hardwood floors, new paint & new bath. 3 BR, 2.1 BA. New energy efficient furnace & A/C.2 sided fireplace, full



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 Almost everything is new! Kitchen with granite, ceramic floor, cabinets, lighting, appliances, garage roof, carpet. Screened back porch, nestled on almost 1 acre.



**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900 COZY RANCH IN GREAT LOCATION 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Fresh paint & carpet, newer windows, new vinyl siding. Updated bath. Oversized garage w/workshop. Move in condition.



**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900 NICELY KEPT ENTRY ENTRY LEVEL UNIT-NO STAIRS! Updated neutral decor. Lge MBR w/ WIC. Updated kit w/all appl. included. Updated ceramic bath & in unit laundry. Carport, community pool, tennis. Low monthly dues



Hartland 248-684-1065 Dramatic entry of HDWD, stone FP & vaulted ceiling, Kit w/ eating area, 1/2 bath, Island kit w/maple cabs, doorwall to paver patio. French doors/cth ceilings.



Highland 248-684-1065 Best price in area w/ private treed yard & patio. Open flr plan w/ 1st flr mstr, vaulted ceilings, W/I closets. GR w/ gas FP. 1st flr laundry. 1/2

(28003581) \$195,000



248-684-1065 1341 Sq Ft 3 bd, 1 ba bungalow in Seven Harbors sub. All brick exterior w/ large back yard, 2+ car heated garage with water, take



248-684-1065 Highland Build your home on this wooded lot in Dunham Lake Estates w/ lake privileges on private Dunham Lake just blocks away. Septic field already in place.



248-437-3800 STATELY BRICK 2 STORY Has private pond on 5 acres. Stunning dual entry staircase. Kit. oper to irg bist area & family rm. Perfect for extended



248-437-3800 STUNNING 2 STORY Shows like a model You'll love the layout, Premium wooded los w/wildlife is very peaceful. Stamped patio and



"AS-IS" SALEI MINIMAL REPAIRS REQUIRED! Seller has ordered city inspection. 3BR/2BA brick ranch. 2 full ceramic BAs. Ceram tile in kitchen. Newer furnace, roof, HWH, refin hrdwd



231-946-4040 Kalkaska 130'STARVATION LAKE ALL SPORTS LAKE with sandy beach and bottom. 1,300 sf chalet with natural fireplace. Knotty pine ceiling. Great water views. Very private hardwood setting!



231-946-4040 MANISTEE LAKE LOG COTTAGE Extensively updated log cabin w/2 BR plus loft area Includes dock, furniture and furnishings Direct frontage on all-sports, 860-acre lake, sandy beach.



734-455-7000 PICTURE PERFECT! Great ranch w/outstanding new kit. Totally updated bath. Other updates: siding, copper plumb, roof, A/C, HWH & more! Fin. bsmt. All appl including washer & dryer.



Lyon Township 248-437-3800 POPULAR MARTINDALE SUB The largest floor plan & 3 car gargage. Very clean, well maintained colonial. Vaulted family rm w/ (28037603) \$264,900



Milford 248-437-3800 BRING ALL OFFERS! Full remod, in 2007! Kit (28040237) \$399,900



Lg deep .72 acre lot. Historic home. 27x8 covered porch w/ deck above. Rear deck porch 32x10. Upper decks w/ D/W from brs. Kit open to FR w/ hearth, 20x34 den.



248-684-1065 Milford Close to the village of Milford with Highland taxes! Bring the horses and enjoy the country life. Split from a 20 acre farm.



Northfield A COUNTRY ESTATE On 49 acre horse farm. Updated 2 story hm, 4 bdrms, 3 baths, great rm, country kit. Horse barn w/8 stalls, separate



248-684-1065 Northville **Beautiful Historical Home in Charming** Northville, 4 Bdrms, 2,5 Bths; Hrdwd Firs & Crown Moulding T/O; Cherry Kit w/Tin Ceil;



248-348-6430 \$40,000 BELOW SEV! Fenced double lot backing to golf course-ranch w/updtd Kit & cabts, updated BA w/pedestal sink, ceramic tile in mud rm & Indry. Kroll wdws 03, newer carpet, refinished hawd firs.



248-348-6430 Urban hip condo with suburban comfort Beautiful newer condo in great location near downtown Novi. 2 br, 2 ba, finished LL. Upgrades include hardwood floors, security



248-348-6430 Large Novi Condo with Basement! 3 BRs,1.5 BAs! 1,300 sq ft+! Fin'd bsmt! Novi Schools. Assoc fee includes gas, water, pool, tennis usage. Home Warranty! All appliances included



248-348-6430 Great Location & Great Price! Very well maintained condo that is tastefully decorated in neutrals, newer flooring, windows, roof & more, basement is partially finished, private (27166924)



734-455-7000 Plymouth THIS ISTRULY A CUSTOM ONE-OF-A-KIND! Many custom features: iron spindles, woodwork, granite, arched-ways, pillars, daylight bsmt, 3 car gar, ceram firs in kit, baths, foyer, laundry. Sale or Lease!



Plymouth 248-851-1900 QUEEN ANNE STYLE Addition/remodel in 2001.

(27199285) \$350,000



734-455-7000 TOTALLY REMODELED PLYMOUTH BUNGALOW! Newly remodeled 3BR/2 full baths. Ceramic eat-in kitchen. All new systems. Part. fin. basement.



248-348-6430 Plymouth Beautiful & Comfortable Ranch. Economical starter home. Great fin'd bsmt, lovely kit, nice FR, LR, 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, patio, porch, fenced yard. Newer furn, A/C, roof, driveway, sidewalks



Plymouth HOME SHOWS GREATI 3 bedrm brick ranch. Eat-in kitchen w/cherry cabinetry, bath with unique ceramic tile, family room with fireplace



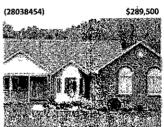
South Lyon 248-437-3800 Private Lakefront Retreat! All sports private chain of lakes, home has many windows with a beautiful view out of every one. Hardwood



CUSTOM HOME 2 stry foyer, 5 bdrms loft area, 3.5 baths, grmt kit hrdwd, fr w/ fp, hot tub, mstr ste w/ bath jet tub, lwr lvl had fr w/ full bath &



**South Lyon** 734-591-9200 Great Cape Cod on Cul-de-sac. Kit w/ Bfst Bar & Din area. Bay Wndw, Drwll leads deck w/ Hot Tub. Kit Aid Appls stay. 1st Flr Mstr w/ Bath. Loft Ovrlks 2 story GR FP, Cntrl Vac. 3+ Heated Gar.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 NEW CONSTRUCTION ; TO BE BUILT Maplewood model to be built...nice subdivision with large ....ur : 10 BE\
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lots. Walking trails.



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 Ceil in LR, 2 Full Baths, Upper Bicny Ovriks Pool.



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-i Closets, Brand new C/A, End Unit w/ (28038455) \$121,900



South Lyon 248-348-6430 COLONIAL ACRES FINEST! 2 BR/2 BA adult coop. Cul-de-sac location, Full fin bsmt (walkout) Fla room. Central air. Meticulously maintained. Community pool & club house. Planned (27024815) \$75,000



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Unit In Colonial Industrial Park. 2400 sq. ft. unit at a reasonable price. Office space, warehouse space, 16' overhead door, 3 phase electricity. Lease includes assoc. dues and property tax



248-348-6430 New Construction in Southfield. Two elegant 4 BR, 2 BA homes in beautiful neighborhood. Sunny, gourmet KIT, sumptuous mstr ste and elegant DR. Colonial style. Not too late to pick surfaces.



Nature Has Provided 3 lots left in this great location in a beautiful neighborhood of fine homes and large lots. Mature trees in the back

provide privacy. Build your dream estate.



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



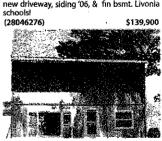
1 248-684-1065 **West Bloomfield** Enjoy 79' of canal frontage on premier lake. Charming Cape Cod has been extensively remodeled. Oak cabinets, carpet, wainscotting, etc. Wooded iot & lake view.



Westland 248-348-6430 Move-In Condition! Immaculate & well-maintained 2 stry CLNL w/3 BRs, 2.5 BAs & fin'd bsmht (Owens-Corring Panels). Open floor plan, 1st flr Indry, newer sub. A great buy!



VERY WELL-CARED-FOR RANCH! Updates incl:



White Lake 248-348-6430 Super Opportunity! White Lake Privileges. Large addition 2005! Huge master BR w/2 skylights, 2 WICs! Sub has beach! Access to Alf-Sports White Lk! Newer roof! I Home Warranty.



Livonia 734-591-9200 Unique perfection. Back Yard lover, 1 full bth on each fir, new windws upstars, new ext drs, new furn-a/c-HWH. New carpet & Pergo firs, updtd bthrms, huge fin bsmnt, fam irm leads to deck w/hot tub, pond. (28053415) \$229,900



Livonia 248-348-6430 Sharp ranch in a desirable neighborhood. i.ge LR and updtd kit. Lg 2 car gar. Ideal for first time home buyers who can make this house their own. Appli and flat screen IV are negot. Lease n available!!! Priced to sell! (27193222)\$125,000

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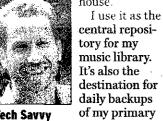
### Take a diversified approach to backing up your data

Ken Abramczyk, editor . (248) 901-2591 . kabramcz@hometownlife.com

or someone who claims to be tech savvy, I learn a lot of lessons the hard way.

Take my backup drive (please!), a Maxtor Shared Storage II. It's a network drive, meaning it connects to my router to provide storage for all

the PCs in my house



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Because the MSS II incorporates a pair of hard drives configured to "mirror" one another (meaning all data gets duplicated on

both drives), it's about as fail-

safe a backup system as you can have. Or so I thought. A few days ago, my MSS II died. Poof. It just stopped working. A call to Maxtor's tech support (which, to the company's credit, was answered immediately by an English-speaking human) proved distressing: The unit was bad and would need to be

replaced. Of course, the one-year warranty had already expired. Oh. and my data? Gone forever, unless I wanted to spring for pricey data-recovery service.

Thankfully, this was not the catastrophe it could have

My only real concern was my MP3 library, which currently spans some 3,200 songs. Rebuilding it would have been a major hassle.

Luckily, I didn't have to: The entire library was riding around in my Zune player. Normally, you can't pull files off a Zune the way you can an external hard drive, but a little Google searching revealed a simple hack that made it possible. Within a few minutes I'd

copied all my tunes to my PC. It was like I had an unintentional backup. And it reminded me of the time my Outlook data file got corrupted, destroying all my addresses, appointments, tasks, and memos.

Fortunately, all I had to do was sync my Palm PDA, which had copies of everything, and presto: data restored.

Please see TECH, D2



At 'Antiques Roadshow' in Las Vegas, a guest can't hold back her tears when she discovers that the ring she inherited from her grandfather's pawn shop is an extremely high-quality, five-carat, Asscher-cut diamond, set in platinum. Appraiser Adam Patrick of A La Vieille Russie, values the Item between \$165,000 to \$175,000. Tickets are now available, through a random drawing, for the show's Michigan stop this summer.

# Hidden treasures

STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Antiques Roadshow, the popular PBS show that pairs the excitement of a treasurehunt with a dose of history, will make a Michigan stop on its summer tour this year. In

#### 'ANTIQUES ROADSHOW'

When: Saturday, Aug. 9 Where: DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Avenue NW **Grand Rapids** 

Tickets: Apply online, at http://www.pbs.org/ wgbh/roadshow/cities/ grandrapids\_2009.html Watch the Roadshow: The show airs at 8 p.m. Monday nights on PBS.

appraisers meet with independent dealers from across the country to determine the value of their antiques and collectibles. Some are stunned to find the value much higher than they ever dreamed, while others discover

each episode,

their treasure is worth little more than its sentimental value.

Start gathering up those family heirlooms, scour the neighborhood garage sales and bring your wares to the show to learn all about these finds. Tickets are now available for Roadshow's visit to Grand Rapids, Mich. The event is set for Saturday, Aug. 9 at DeVos Place.

Don't wait, a random

Please see ROADSHOW, D2

'Antiques Roadshow' comes to Michigan this summer



In this episode of 'Antiques Roadshow,' the owner (right) brings in a very personal 'Saturday Evening Post' cover illustration, painted by her stepfather, John Falter. In fact, the little girl featured on the cover is the owner herself at age 5. The cover and equally adorable story prompt appraiser Kathleen Guzman of Heritage Auctioneers to assign a value of \$175,000 to the item. On Aug. 9 Michigan residents can participate in the 'Roadshow' when it stops in Grand Rapids.

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ere are a few questions about your wine shopping about your want habits. Do you shop at a specialty wine shop? Do you find it convenient to purchase wine at the grocery while you are doing your weekly shopping? Do you have a price range when you buy wine? Would you like to find a value wine that you can afford to drink with dinner on Tuesday evening?

If you are likely to take a recommendation, we have one for you. Appearing in your local grocery this month is a new Chilean wine brand P.K.N.T. (pronounced "picante") and guaranteed to "spice up your life" at \$7 per bottle.

If you're young or feel young, this wine aims to please by bringing fun and pleasure into your life. The stylish label featuring a long, slender, silver chili pepper is instantly rec-



**Focus on Wine** 

Ray & Eleanor Heald

the east. From north to south, Chile is almost 2,800 miles long

and approaches Antarctica at the southern tip of Patagonia. Here are a few P.K.N.T. wines to buy:

■ 2006 Sauvignon Blanc is bright and fresh with citrus notes; it makes for easy drink-

2006 Chardonnay has a smooth mouthfeel with fresh

pineapple aroma and flavor. ■ 2006 Rose is made from cabernet sauvignon which gives a dark red fruit character.

■ 2006 Merlot is easy to like with good fruit and structure. ■ 2006 Carmenere is grown mostly in Chile and often mis-

2006 Cabernet Sauvignon has ripe fruit with a good balance of dry tannins.

#### **SMALL PLATES AND WINE**

taken for merlot.

Do you need menu ideas with wine suggestions? Would you like a collection of terrific small plates recipes? How about food and wine guidelines? You should discover the new book Small Plates, Perfect Wines by Lori Lyn Narlock sponsored by Kendall-Jackson, Andrews McMeel Publishing (\$16.95) available at your local bookstore, online at kj.com/book or

Please see WINE, D2

#### **WINE PICKS**

Your tastebuds are thinking spring. Satisfy them with outof-the-ordinary wines such as Albarino from Spain's northwest region of Rias Baixas. Try: 2006 Condes de Albarei Salneval \$10, 2006 Condes de Albarei \$15 and 2005 Condes de Albarei Carballo Galego \$25.

Sticking to classical? Buy a Chardonnay that you may not know from the following.

Pick of the Pack: 2006 Morgan Double L Vineyard \$44 Excellent:

2006 Gainey Sta. Rita Hills \$20 2005 Marimar Estate Dobles Lias

Very Good: 2006 Robert Talbott Kali Hart \$14

2007 Kim Crawford Marlborough

(Unoaked) \$17 2006 Souverain Alexander Valley

2006 Murphy-Goode Sonoma

County \$17 2005 Donati Family Vineyard \$18 2006 Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve \$21

2006 Hess Suskol Vineyard \$25 2006 Marimar Estate Don Miguel Vineyard \$35

#### Wallet Friendly:

2006 Bogle \$9 2006 Cupcake Vineyards \$10 - one of the best at this price but available at Cost Plus World Market only.

2006 Peter Lehmann Barossa \$11 **Passover Wines from France:** 2005 Fortant Chardonnay, 2005

Fortant Merlot and 2004 Fortant Cabernet Sauvignon, each at \$13 and certified kosher for Passover as well as Yayin Mevushal (universally kosher) or flash pasteurized: If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

#### VICKIE WINANS APPEARS IN ADS

Art Van Furniture has partnered with award-winning gospel recording artist, Vickie Winans, to create a new series of radio advertisements. The spots, which began airing throughout the state this week, include music and words written by Vickie and her son Marvin Winans, Jr.

As a native Detroiter, Vickie Winans has shopped at Art Van since she was 19 years of age. In the spots, she sings the tagline "Art Van, where you belong/Art Van, now you're finally home" and shares her experiences as a customer.

Winans has enjoyed a 20-year career in gospel music. In that time, she has had six Grammy Award nominations, eight Stellar Awards and an NAACP Image Award.

For more information on Art Van Furniture, visit artvan.com.

#### STARTING SEEDS

Look, it's too early tó plant, OK? Don't be fooled by those mid-50 degree temperatures.

But it's not too early to start seeds. In fact, it might even be little late for those early spring

crops. LeRoy Wolff, an advanced master gardener, will discuss planting seeds, what works and what doesn't at an Introduction to Gardening: Starting Seeds with the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 at the Environmental **Interpretive Center** Room 119 at University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Rd. Visit www.mgawc.org/ prog\_intro.htm for more information.

Want to learn how to attract butterflies to your vard? The Southeast Michigan **Butterfly Association** hosts a slide lecture on how to attract those beautiful insects at 7 p.m. April 16 at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Admission is \$3, free for SEMBA members. Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly. com.

And if you're an orchids fan, the Michigan Orchids Society hosts Roger Zielinski of Raising Rarities on Sunday, April 20, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits Street, Birmingham. Zielinski, who has grown terrestrial orchids for 10 years, will present "Cypripedium culture in pots" at this free program. Zielinski's passion lies in antique roses and 17th century gardens. There will be a potting demonstration at 1:40 p.m., so bring an orchid that needs re-potting to the meeting along with potting mix and a clean pot.

The meeting starts at 2:30 p.m. For more information call (586) 416-1496.

#### THE DIVERSIFIED BACKUP

Smart investors know the value of having a diversified portfolio. I recommend you implement a diversified backup plan as well.

As illustrated in my examples, a Zune or iPod already serves as a de facto backup of your music (though you may have to jump through a hoop or two to retrieve it). And if you have a smartphone or PDA that syncs with your PC, you can consider your contacts and calendar backed up as well.

If you're a Firefox user (and you should be), it's a simple matter to make copies of your bookmarks, which most users would be loathe to lose. Just install the free Foxmarks plug-in (foxmarks.com), which copies them all to the Web—and incidentally, can also keep them synchronized across multiple PCs. Internet Explorer users can accomplish the same thing with BookmarkSync (sync2it.com).

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Speaking of synchronization, you can take advantage of extra PCs by copying data to their hard drives. I use FolderShare (foldershare.com) to sync folders between my desktop PC and my notebook. That's not only useful from a work standpoint (I always have access to my important files), it also creates a kind of bonus backup.

FolderShare uses the Internet as the go-between for files. If you just want to sync across your home network, look no further than SyncToy (http://tinyurl.com/2cu9fh). Both programs are available free of charge.

As for e-mail, a few weeks back I wrote about routing your mail through Google's free Gmail service (gmail. google.com) as a way to stop spam. If you use Gmail's IMAP feature, that effectively provides a Web-based backup of all your messages.

What about photos? If you're a Flickr user (flickr.com), consider spending \$25 annually

for unlimited online storage. Use Flickr's software to upload new photos to your account and presto: Effortless online backup.

While we're on the subject of online storage, check out Carbonite (carbonite.com) and MozyHome (mozy.com), both of which offer unlimited Web space for reasonable rates. Their software runs in the background on your PC and automatically uploads new and changed files.

Of course, you should also be making regular backups using more conventional methods, like external hard drives.

My dead network drive served as a chilling reminder that data loss can happen without warning. If you have a diversified backup plan in place, you'll rarely find yourself without recourse.

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### Complaints sometimes get action

here is not a week that goes by when I don't hear from a homeowner who is having a problem with a fairly new home appliance and

can't get any satisfaction from the repair company or the manufacturer. The stories I've been told make my hair stand up. It is all too rare when a consumer con-

**Appliance** Doctor

Joe Gagnon

tacts me with a follow-up story that is of a positive nature.

Today, that happened when I received an e-mail from Joyce who writes: "I talked to you about a month ago when I had a three-way phone call with my sister Judy who lives near Ionia. We talked about a problem she had with her Whirlpool washer and dryer. You gave her a few suggestions (one of which was to contact a Lansing television station) and I said I'd let you know what happens. Here it is.

"She contacted a place in Lansing and they sent her some forms to fill out and send back in. Within a week

If you have an item for the food

calendar, please submit it at least

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two weeks prior to the event to Ken

Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham

48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.

Green Lunch Series - Composting 101

Lunch Series meeting, conducted in

the Whole Foods Market, 1404 Walton,

Join The Sierra Club for the Green

in Rochester Hills, at noon Friday,

for lunch, and join Jane Giblin, a

April 11. Stop in a few minutes early

certified master composter, as she

discusses the basics of composting

Learn what food waste can be used

in a compost pile, such as fruit and

vegetable peels, eggshells, and cof-

fee grounds. To register, call (248)

652-2100. For more information, go

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of returning these forms she was contacted by one of the top people of Whirlpool and they went over her history of complaints. They apologized for all she went through to get this solved and wound up offering her an exchange on any of their products, or a complete refundincluding all delivery and sales taxes she paid. She researched other washers and dryers and finally settled on a GE washer and dryer.

Whirlpool then instructed a local distributor in her area (which wound up to be the store from which she purchased her washer and dryer, which told her they couldn't do anything for her when she first complained) to pick up the Whirlpool washer and dryer. She had a check in hand for the full amount within three days of them picking them up. She is completely elated with her new GE set and is on cloud nine. We want to thank you so much for your suggestions and help.'

Now let's face it, folks, you don't see many stories like this in my column — at least not for the last several years. Many of you watched the three-piece nightmare story that Channel 4's consumer reporter Ruth Spencer about her washing

machine a few months ago. She went through a lot of trouble to get her washer repaired. I have a feeling that her story has a lot to do with how the Ionia woman came to get satisfaction from a manufacturer. I would bet that a memo went to sales and service personnel who worked with customers, which stated that if a television station ever inquires about a dissatisfied customer, all employees should make sure the consumer is completely satisfied.

If my impression of how this episode went down is correct (and I can't be sure of this), it is truly another sad day in the appliance world. Do the manufacturers only respond in the proper way when publicity about a problem with a major home appliance is exposed in the masses?

If not, this story is a miracle and if you have a miracle I would love to hear from you. 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? Email it to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

selection of applicants will be drawn in May but all who are interested in attending must apply online by April 20. Those chosen from the drawing will receive two tickets and may bring along two items for a free evaluation.

Birmingham's own Caroline Ashleigh, of Caroline Ashleigh Associates, Inc., is among the appraisers on the show. She

called Filter recently to share the news.

"After 13 seasons this is our first time back in Michigan." It's been more than a decade since the show taped in Southfield and as a Michigan native she's pleased to see Antiques Roadshow finally return.

Ashleigh, host Mark L. Walberg, and the cast and crew of Antiques Roadshow will all be on hand for the Michigan taping.

On the show, Ashleigh

specializes in collectibles, rugs and textiles. She is a senior certified member of the Appraisers Association of America and serves as a consultant for top auction houses including Sotheby's. She began her career on staff at the Detroit Institute of Arts and Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. Learn more about her work at http:// appraiseyourart.com.

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#### **FOOD CALENDAR**

Schellig, the first and third Thursdays of every month. Learn about Greek foods April 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 into 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.

#### The Community House

Several classes offered during the months of April and May, including Homemade Bread (homemade pizza dough, challah and yeast rolls), 7-9 p.m. April 14; Cuisine of the Emilia Romagna, class will sample a meal with Piadina, including prosciutto and fornarina, salsiccia alla campagnola sausage and nutella e fragoline, instructed by Gloriana Severini-·Casadei, 7-9 p.m. April 16; Hands-on Knife Skills, 6:30 -9 p.m. April 22; Healthy but Yummy (learn about whole grains), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 28; Authentic New Orleans, 7-9 p.m. April 30; Learn to Prepare a Mother's Day Brunch, 7-9 p.m. May 5; 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.community-

#### Green Street Fair

house.com Inaugural fair to promote benefits of green, organic and eco-friendly-products and services of companies, artisans, entertainers and speakers, May 3-4, downtown Plymouth, visit www. greenstreetfair.com for information.

phone (800) 769-3649. Suggestions for pairing wine with food are made by

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Randy Ullom and serving tips are provided for small plates menus. Fifty uncomplicated, small plates recipes are beautifully illustrated with wine suggestions for each. At the end of the book, chef Justin Wangler put together several

season-focused menus with preparation plans. He illustrates how small plates can be mixed and matched. If you are out of entertaining ideas or just need to shake up your meal planning, try some of the unique and refreshing small plates ideas from Small Plates, Perfect Wines.

> The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.

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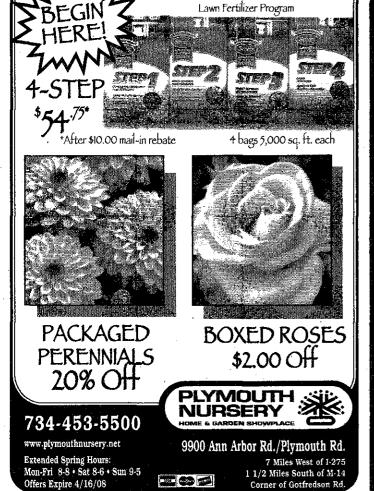
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### Consider color, upholstery when mixing two styles

Question: "I have an Arts & Crafts style home and we've just added a new, four-season sun porch behind the home. I plan on using my existing wick-

er furniture,

successfully

mix the look of

wicker furni-

ture with the

Arts & Crafts

of the house?"

Answer:

style of the rest



Design

When mix-Solutions ing furniture styles, there are Terri Guastella a few things to consider. The

stain color, paint color, upholstery, and overall shape of each furniture piece will help you to pull together an eclectic mix of styles like a pro.

Arts & Crafts is normally very linear with exposed, stained wood. Wicker, by contrast, is usually curvilinear with a painted finish. To marry these two styles, you will first want to paint your wicker in a color similar to stained wood. That color range can be anywhere from a medium, honey oak color to dark brown wal-

If your wicker furniture has upholstered cushions, consider reupholstering in a more linear pattern or one depicting nature, like more traditional Arts & Crafts. Avoid the flowery, cabbage rose look and go more for a leaf style motif. The color palette in Arts & Crafts style tends to be earth-inspired warm tones like russet brown, mossy greens, sea blue, and terracotta.

Add other pieces, such as end tables and a coffee table. to help bring the two styles together. For example, choose a round, Stickley style end table to acknowledge the curvy lines of the wicker. You can still have the Arts & Crafts look without the hard, angular edges. Avoid fussy, Victorian or country

style pieces. Remember that Arts & Crafts also incorporates some of the Art Deco look from the turn of the last century, which has curvy lines, much like your wicker furniture.

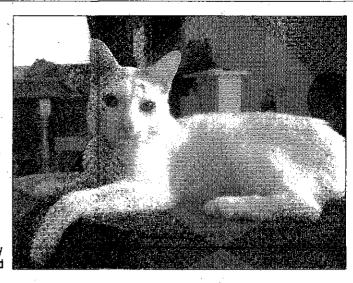
Gorman's Furniture has a lovely display of the Stickley Furniture line and it is a worth a trip there, with some photographs of your wicker furniture, to discuss with an in-house designer your design challenges for your sun porch. You can also visit www. Stickley.com to view the furniture line from the comfort of your own home.

Don't fret; marrying these Mars and Venus furniture styles is possible with thoughtful planning.

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



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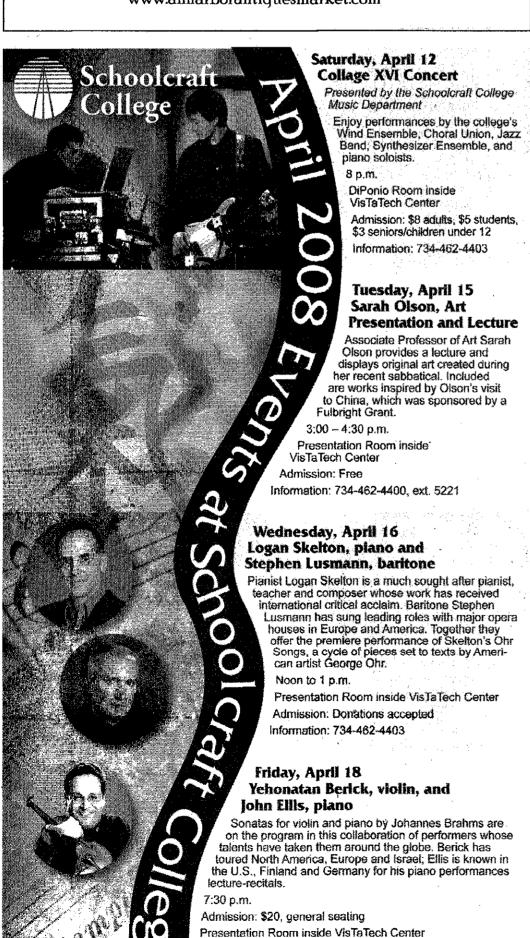
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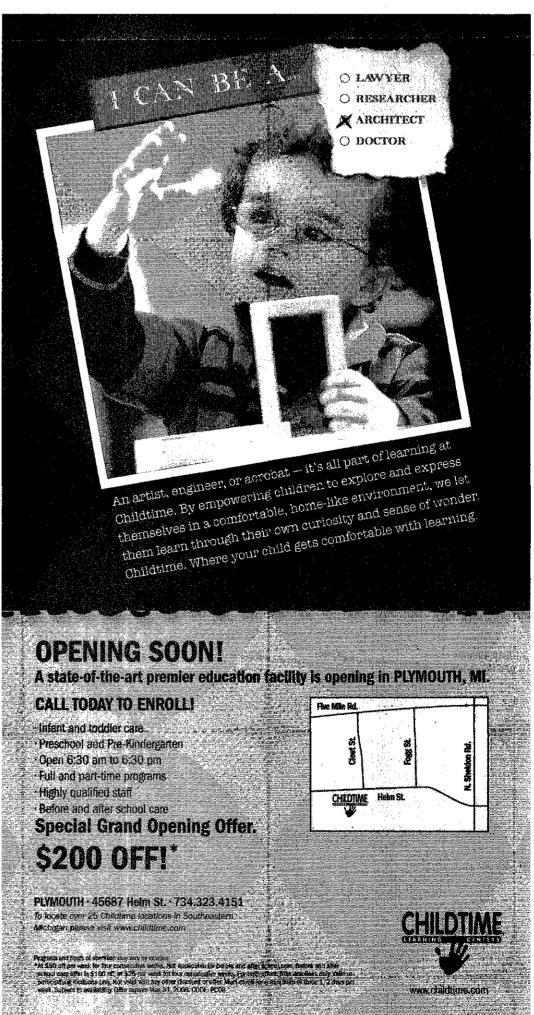
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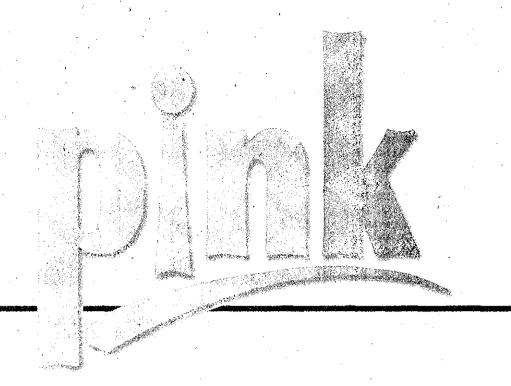
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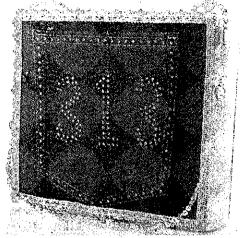


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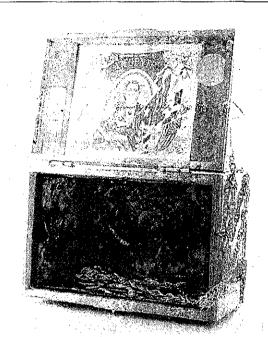
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Elizabeth Kincaid-White's purses open to reveal treasures like crushed velvet, tiny round mirrors, and clues to the cigar box's origin. Above, for '313,' \$59, Kincaid-White used recycled denim, Swarovski crystals, and a beaded handle strung by her daughters.



# Tribute to Style

Troy designer turns cigar boxes into wearable art

> BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK O&E STAFF WRITER

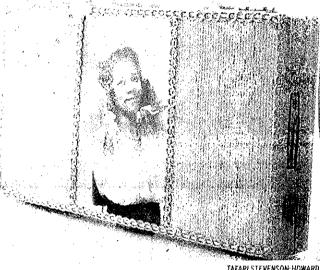
At first, Elizabeth Kincaid-White didn't think much of the cigar box purse her husband bought home for her as

"Howard got me one from The Chop House in Ann Arbor. It got so much attention, even though I thought it was rather plain," she said. "Then I found out how much he paid for it.

Kincaid-White was shocked by the price tag, and set out to make one herself. Little did she know her craft project would eventually turn into her own handbag label, Tribute Box Collection.

I made a few and sold a few," the Charleston, W.Va. native said. "When they were accepted by the DIA's Valerie Mercer for a special gallery of local artists during the Dr. Walter O. Evans exhibit, I knew I had something."

The Troy fashionista now collects as many cigar boxes



TAFARI STEVENSON-HOWARD

'Portrait,' \$52, is adorned with an old family photo, and neutral tapestry from Haberman's fabrics.

as she can from relatives and local humidors. Her husband occasionally brings home empties from The Capital Grille, where he is a sommelier, and Smoky's Fine Cigars in Royal Oak gives her a deal, even donating boxes for a Mother's Day project at Congregation Shema Yisreal

in Bloomfield Hills. Although the concept of turning fragrant wooden cigar boxes into handbags isn't new, Kincaid-White puts her unique stamp on the craft. She adorns them with everything from recycled denim and faux fur to Swarovski crystals, tiny seashells, flashy feathers and vintage photographs.

Her daughters, Carmen, 8, and Noelle, 6, help string beads for handles and decoration.

Each purse is a hand-crafted treasure.

"I haven't seen anyone carrying one of my handbags while out and about yet, however when it happens ... oh, what a day that will be."

Elizabeth Kincaid-White's Tribute Box Collection purses are available online at Detroit Fashion Pages, www.dfpboutique.com.

### Ward off rainy weather with these whimsical accessories

must. After all, it's one of the

must own, according to Tim

top 10 items every woman

by Judy Davids

reary rainy days call for all-the-more cheery rain gear — the sort that makes you want to jump right into those puddles, the kind that shields you from the elements no matter what. A couple of years ago I splurged

on a great pair of black and pink wellies. Granted they don't have any arch support to speak of and there isn't a heel in sight, but I live for those rainy blustery days

ideas to brighten J Crew's Rainy Day Hat says it all.

with polka dot panache.

Stephanie Casola

them with a skirt or

worn-in jeans and just puddle-jump

So keep your

eyes on the skies and find your

go-to rain gear as the season

hits its soak-

Here are a few

any day filled

ing stride.

ers:

away.

Gunn's Guide to Style on Bravo TV. And it covers up everything from a serious work suit to a flirty spring dress. This season the trench hemlines will rise. Try a cropped style, like the one you'll find at The Gap in a neutral called Gargoyle Taupe. It's \$69.50 at Gap.com or find it at locations at Livonia's Laurel Park Place, The Village of Rochester Hills, and Troy's Somerset Collection.

#### **GIVE IT A TWIRL**

There's nothing like a whimsical and weather-worthy when I can pair umbrella to keep those rain-

drops at bay. Oliver's Trendz in downtown Birmingham sells a host of flower-coated, polka-dot patterned umbrel-

> las by Michiko London Koshino. They come complete in a purseshaped matching carrying case and make

a perfect gift. At \$24 each, they are sure to

get you noticed while walking dòwn the

Life is the cherries in busiest these rain boots. of streets.

#### SPOTTED TOPPER

Rain-proof hats have moved far beyond those slick yellow toppers that matched an old pair of galoshes. If you prefer to sport a hat rather than carry an umbrella, J Crew offers a cute black Rainy Day Hat with tiny polka dots. It would serve any outfit well — even those old galoshes. It's \$48 at jcrew. com or a store near vou like the Village of Rochester Hills, Somerset Collection in Troy or Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Outwear can reflect your style as much as anything else you put on. And inclement weather just gives you another excuse to get creative and put your wardrobe to work.

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

#### **CHERRY TOPPING**

with April show-

For those who live life peering up from rose-colored glasses, cherry-coated rain boots seem more than appropriate. Western Chief's Black Cherry Rubber Rain Boots feature a non-slip sole and are completely waterproof. Find them for \$49.95 at www.dllrainwear.com.

#### **HOT FOR PINK**

It's a serious splurge but Donna Karan knows how to appeal to a girl's inner fashionista, even on those rainy days. Her DKNY Hot Pink Knickerbocker Rain Boots are super-stylish. They won't get tossed in the back of the closet and forgotten. So save up — the boots cost \$124.95 at www.dllrainwear.com.

#### TO TAUPE IT OFF

A trench coat is a wardrobe

# **Bridal Bliss**

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### Halls & Hallnstreets

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

Russell Simmons at Macy's

TROY - Russell Simmons, founder of Def Jam Records, will visit Macv's Oakland, Troy at 5 p.m. Friday, April 11 to launch his new menswear line. Make a \$70 purchase from Russell Simmons Argyle Culture and Simmons will sign his book, "Do Yoy!," as a gift with purchase.

#### JCPenney's New Store

CANTON - J.C. Penney Company, inc., will celebrate the grand opening of its location at 43690 Ford Road in Canton with a ribbon cutting at 8:45 a.m. Friday, April 11. Customers can regis-

ter there to win prizes through April 19, including a \$1,000 JCPenney gift card. The new, 104,000-square-foot store includes a Sephora beauty boutique, the American Living collection of fashions for men, women, children and home, a portrait studio, optical center, in-home custom decorating, and a salon

#### Vintage Treasures

BIRMINGHAM - Find costume, designer and fine antique jewelry, along with Victorian through mid-20th century vintage clothing and accessories at the Bloomfield Hills Antique Jewelry & Vintage Apparel Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 12 at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave. (just north of Lone Pine Road). \$5 adults, free 12 and under. Call (248) 988-0924.



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