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Alexander Letkemann of Westland, a former Livonia Churchill student, describes the murder of Daniel Sorensen during testimony in Wayne County Circuit Court Wednesday.

## Forensic scientist: Blood evidence ties Plymouth teen to beheading

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A day after the most gripping, explicit testimony in the beheading trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz — a graphic description of the murder Wednesday by former co-defendant Alexander Letkemann that had observers weeping and forced Judge Annette Berry to break to give jurors a breather — prosecutors on Thursday went about presenting forensic details they say connect

Orlewicz to the homicide.

A string of witnesses on the trial's fourth day presented evidence of blood and tire and shoe print matches prosecutors say link the Plymouth Township teen with the brutal killing.

Orlewicz is charged with first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a body. He faces life in prison without parole, if convicted. Letkemann had faced the same charges, but pleaded

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Linda Stansell is ready to practice before the competition begins. She's with Team Holiday Inn Express, one of the sponsors of the event, and lives in Canton.

## Let's roll!

Women bowlers kick off national championships with flair

TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

She was off-key but too excited to care.

While dancing in the middle of the aisle at Super Bowl on Ford Road, a participant in the women's championships of the United States Bowling Congress changed the words of the Sister Sledge classic, "We Are Family," to "We are women bowlers."

The championships, an 88-day tournament, began Thursday night with dozens of women and USBC officials packing the bowling alley for the event's opening ceremonies.

Super Bowl, which doled out \$300,000 on facility improvements, has been transformed into a women's championships hub with various shops set up featuring jewelry and souvenirs.

At the official USBC store, mini bowling pin sets are for sale along with kids T-shirts that read: "What happens at Grandma's, stays at Grandma's."

With teams from all over the country, including Florida, California, New Mexico, Minnesota, Kansas and Ohio, many of them had group names that included the words "divas" and "ladies." Others had more playful

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## Judge refuses to drop charges in torture case



Steele

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As his ex-girlfriend testified about the day he allegedly assaulted her with a baseball bat and fired a gun near her head, Gary Allen Steele sat with his arms crossed and shook his head. "Pow. Pow. Pow," Kimberly Ann Golematis said from the witness stand

Friday morning at 35th District Court when describing the moment Steele pulled out his revolver and fired the weapon.

Looking directly at Steele, a suspended Detroit police officer, Golematis held her right hand like a gun and testified that he told her, "I will (expletive) kill

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### THE CHARGES AGAINST GARY STEELE

- Torture, a felony punishable up to life in prison
- Assault with intent to murder, a felony punishable up to life in prison
- Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony
- Two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, four-year felonies
- Weapon/firearm discharge in or at a building, a four-year felony
- Weapons-felony firearm, punishable up to two years

## School district facing \$4.1 million deficit

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education will be looking for ways to eliminate a projected \$4.1 million budget deficit for the 2008-09 fiscal year when it holds its first 2008-09 budget workshop Tuesday night at 6 p.m.

Interim Superintendent Ken Jacobs said he's asked elementary, middle school and high school administrators to dig deep and suggest cuts of \$1 million at each level.

"Our administrators have done a good job," said Jacobs, who declined to list the possible cuts until they are finalized in time for Tuesday's meeting. "Some things were recommended that perhaps weren't possible or legal to do, but I'm encouraged we'll be at or close to that."

Jacobs acknowledged the district, according to its contract with the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, will give layoff notices to teachers by the end of this month.

"I can't give you a number, but it's not going to be anything drastic," Jacobs said.

While the West Bloomfield and Southfield school districts plan to privatize services such as busing and food service, Jacobs said there are no plans to take that route in Plymouth-Canton to ease budget woes.

"We look at it every year, but that's not where we want to go," said Jacobs. "We're a pretty big district, and I hold the personal belief that the larger you are the more difficult that is to accomplish. I think we have pretty good support groups and they're working with us to keep costs down."

## Public hearing set on Oakwood hospital plan

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite a few calls and a couple visits to the administration building to check out Oakwood's plans, the latest reaction to the health care provider's efforts to build in Canton has been mostly quiet.

A public hearing has been scheduled for April 21 to consider Oakwood's preliminary planned development district (PDD) request for a parcel of land on the west side of Beck Road just north of Michigan Avenue.

The Dearborn-based health care system faced strong opposition from hundreds of homeowners in 2006 and 2007 when it proposed building a facility on the northwest corner of Beck and Geddes.

When asked if the new proposal has gar-

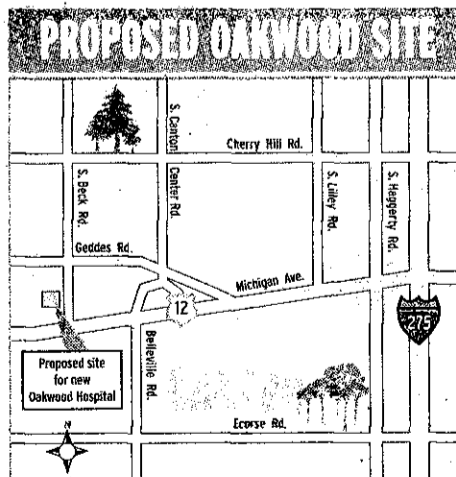
nered the same reaction from homeowners, Township Planner Angela Wolosiewicz said "not so far."

After the public hearing, the commission, which denied Oakwood's previous request in April 2007, can table the matter or take action to deny or approve the plans.

Less than a mile south of the Beck and Geddes intersection, the proposed site is zoned industrial and was intended for warehouses. Two warehouses sit south of where the facility could be built.

While the structures may not be identical, Wolosiewicz said the medical campus proposed for the Beck Road land is "pretty much the same" as what Oakwood intended for Beck and Geddes.

"They are going with the same concept," she said, adding that the project would be constructed in phases with a six-story



patient tower coming at a later date.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack has said he will be an "unabashed supporter" of the plan because Oakwood apparently listened to suggestions that it build its facility on or near Michigan Avenue.



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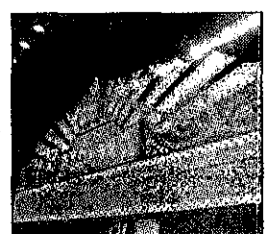


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**Army graduate**

Army Private Brandon S. Hubbard has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, Hubbard studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

The 2004 Salem High graduate is the son of Sherry Patterson of Buckingham Street, Canton.

**Homeowners advisory council**

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council will meet on Monday April 14 at 7 p.m. in the lower level of Canton Administrative Building. Guest speakers will attorney Joe Barone along with 35th District Court Judge Mike Gerou and Tim Faas, director of Canton Municipal Services. Barone was asked to speak on home foreclosures for home and condo owners. Time will be set aside for questions. Faas will address the present information on the new water contract, including anticipated rates, the new policy on irrigation meters and times for irrigating.

**Investor education program**

The Canton Public Library is teaming up with the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services and the Investor Protection Trust to bring you a free investor education seminar on Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

The investor education program offers an overview of the financial markets and the major exchanges, the fundamentals of stocks, bonds and mutual funds, key investment terms and three components for building your wealth. You'll also learn how to protect your-

self from investment fraud and select a financial services provider.

To register for this free program call the library at 734-397-0999. Optional one-on-one non-commercial counseling sessions will also be offered to participants. Non-Canton residents are welcome to attend.

**Passover celebration**

Area seniors are encouraged to attend the Canton Senior Center's Celebrate Passover Presentation on Wednesday, April 16, from 1-3 p.m. in the Summit on the Park's Maple Room, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Learn about the heritage and culture of this Jewish holiday that has been observed for more than 3,000 years. Special prayers and customs will be discussed, in addition to the history of lavish meals called Seders.

There is no fee required to attend this event, but interested participants are asked to register by calling the Senior Front Desk at (734) 394-5485.

**Raising funds for Africa**

A group of 7th grade students at North Middle School in Belleville are going to sponsor the building of a well for a village in the Sub-Saharan region. The students are trying to raise \$3,500, enough money to build the well and educate the recipients on its use.

The initiative was started by two 7th grade teachers, Ron Hoepfner and Steve Hudock, as part of a cross-curricular unit on Africa. "This program is a great opportunity for students to take on a leadership role within their community while raising money for a worthwhile cause," said Hudock.

Students and teachers are partnering with The African Well Fund (AWF), a non-profit organization dedicated to building and maintaining wells in water-sparse regions in Africa. Once the students raise enough funds, AWF will drill, install and help to maintain the well.

Students are participating in a variety of fund-raising activities including a spaghetti dinner to be held on April 24 from 5:30-7 p.m. at North Middle



**Junior Miss awards**

Several local girls enjoyed success at the 50th annual Michigan's Junior Miss Scholarship Program held recently at Washtenaw Community College. Receiving awards were Adrienne Linskey of Prudenville (front row, from left), Kiana Sledge of Inkster, Erin Wheeler of Plymouth, Whitney Askew of Canton, Raven Rickard of Westland (back row, from left), Chelsey Knapper of Clarkston and Katie Ballman of Ann Arbor. Wheeler earned the title of 2008 Michigan Junior Miss and \$3,500 in college scholarship money. She will compete for America's Junior Miss in Mobile, Ala., in June. Rickard of Westland won \$2,500 for her first-runner-up finish, and Canton's Askew won \$500 as the Talent Award winner.

School. There is a suggested donation of \$3 to attend the dinner.

Donations can also be sent to North Middle School c/o Steve Hudock, 47097 McBride St, Belleville, MI 48111 by May 9. For more information, contact Steve Hudock at (734)-697-9171 ext. 219 or at shudock@vanburenschools.net.

**Fallen and wounded soldiers benefit**

The Fallen & Wounded Soldiers Fund (FWSF), a Michigan-based non-profit organization, will be holding its third annual auction benefit dinner to support U.S. veterans on Saturday, April 26, from 6-10 p.m. at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The keynote speaker is Colonel Oliver North (Ret.). Congressman John Dingell is the honorary chairman, and WDIV's Chuck Gaidica will MC the affair. The program features both silent and live auctions as well as a pre-event

private reception.

Among the host committee members are U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, Congressman Joe Knollenberg, Congressman Pete Hoekstra, Congresswoman Candice Miller, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, and State Sen. Michael Bishop. Tickets are \$100 per seat, 10 seats per table.

Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available for levels ranging from \$2,500 to \$15,000-plus. All proceeds from the event will be used to help veterans and their families. Last year's benefit dinner helped raise more than \$150,000 in donations. To secure a sponsorship, contact Chris Cornelius at (248) 417-6984 or FWSF1@aol.com

Co-founded by Christopher Cornelius, Tino DelSignore and John Gingell, the Fallen & Wounded Soldiers Fund is a non-profit, non-partisan, volunteer organization dedi-

ated to supporting U.S. soldiers and their families.

**Earth Day volunteers sought**

All area residents are welcome to join in in Canton's Earth Day Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 19. In recognition of Earth Day, volunteers will be picking up litter and trash along the I-275 trail system from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

This volunteer opportunity is recommended for ages 8 and older. Adult supervi-

sion is required for minors. Please dress according to the weather, since this event will take place rain or shine. Pre-registration is not required.

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

**Charity poker tournament**

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

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

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

**Cancer prevention study**

On May 17, people will be able to enroll in the Cancer Prevention Study III at Heritage Park during the Relay for Life. Enrollment will take place from noon -4 p.m. It is open to individuals between 30-65 years of age, who have never been diagnosed with cancer, and are willing to make a long term commitment to the study by completing a survey every two years.

The goal of the survey is to further efforts in eliminating cancer as a major health concern for future generations. This event is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

For more information, contact Marion Rozum at (734) 981-3433, Jamie Chapman at (248) 663-3419, or visit www.cancer.org/eps3. You can also send an e-mail to eps3@cancer.org.

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# Charter academy expansion may include a second Canton school

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

National Heritage Academies has increased its efforts to expand in Canton.

In addition to pushing for an expansion of its site at Ford and Ridge roads, academy officials are also pursuing another charter for the township.

With a bulging waiting list of 1,200 students for next year, Canton Charter Academy Principal Claudia Williamson said it doesn't matter which option proves successful.

"Traditionally, only the parents with extra income had a choice in where to send their children to school," she said. "Most of our families don't have that but their children still deserve a good education."

In plans submitted to the township in January, the charter school proposed doubling the size of its 50,000-square-foot facility. With the submission, came the township's concerns about traffic and the lack of a signal at Ford and Ridge.

Ted Lang, a CCA board member, has told Canton officials they could work through the situation, but in a move to widen its options, the school has started exploring the possibility of getting another charter and building elsewhere in the township.

"The shortest route to the cheese would be building the school in an area that is properly zoned," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "If they did that, they wouldn't have to deal with us."

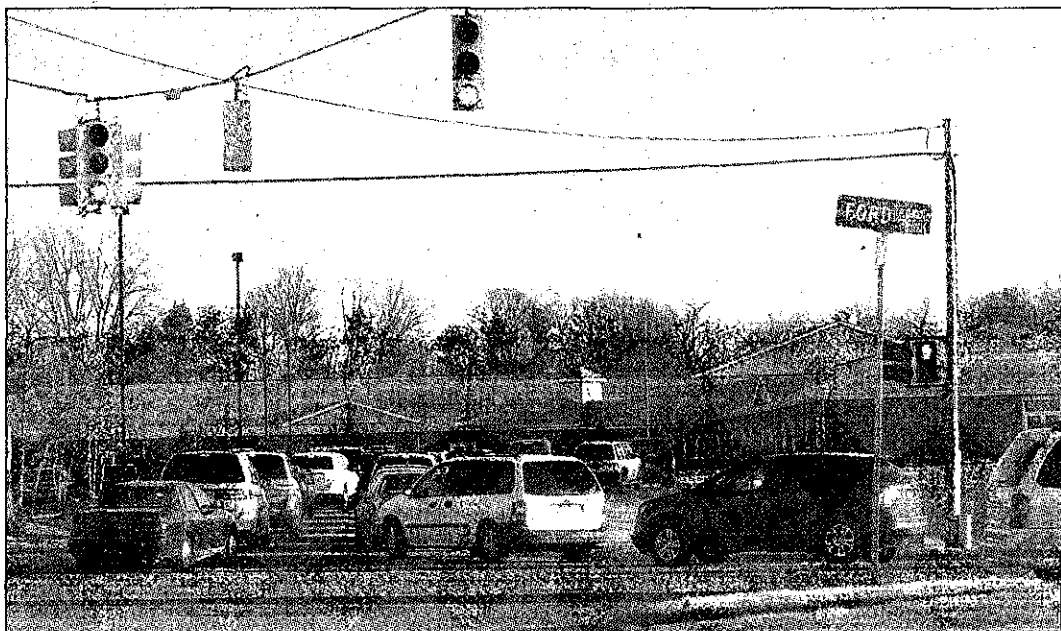
The land at Ford and Ridge is owned by a developer and is governed under a consent agreement. In order for the

expansion to move forward, the township must agree to the project. If the land was zoned residential, the township would have little room for objection, Yack said.

The school opened in 2000 and has students from Ann Arbor, Detroit, Ypsilanti, Belleville, Van Buren, Plymouth and Canton.

While dozens of the school's supporters have gone before the township board urging them to approve the proposal, Melanie Bosman of Canton said any expansion plans should be dissolved.

"If you live in a school district you know where the boundaries are," she said. "People who bought homes in the Van Buren school district knew where the school district lines were drawn. Their homes are at least \$50,000 to



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Traffic is heavy in front of the Canton Charter Academy and spills out onto Ford Road shortly after 8 a.m.

\$100,000 less on a \$300,000 and up valued home and we, the Canton residents, will pay our higher taxes to supplement another school district? Where lays the logic? The more students that are enrolled to the Charter Schools means less money to our school districts."

Bosman, a mother of three, said she moved from Van Buren to Canton for its school district. Williamson said she disagrees with Bosman's philosophy.

"Many parents can't afford to live in certain communities," she said. "Do their chil-

dren not have a right to a good school? Also, the money does not belong to (public) schools. It belongs to the taxpayers and most taxpayers like to have choices."

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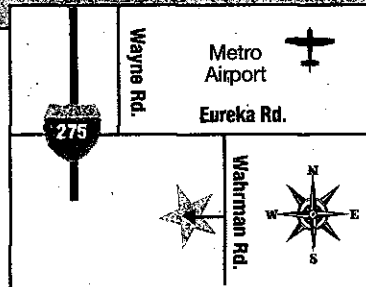
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# CHARGES

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you." Steele, 42, has been bound over on seven charges stemming from the March 4 incident.

In addition to rejecting the defense's claim that the charges of torture, assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm were inappropriate, Judge Ronald W. Lowe denied the request to lower Steele's \$5 million bond.

"Until this shakes out, (Golematis) is entitled to walk the Earth in no fear of him," he said, adding that he fears for the Canton woman's safety because she's the main thing standing between Steele and his freedom.

Lowe said Steele's occupation provided an additional element to his refusal to lower bond.

"Lawyers, judges and cops (should be) held to a higher standard," he said. "She has testified that he crossed the line."

Golematis testified that she and Steele had ended their six-month relationship when he stopped by her Glengarry subdivision home March 4 to retrieve the last of his items.

"I was not an angel by any means," she said. "I wasn't gift wrapping his stuff."

With their interaction already tense, Golematis said Steele became violent when he was preparing to leave and she mentioned his Santa Claus statue that was in her garage.

"I said don't forget Santa," she said, adding that he then told her to keep it.

Upon saying that she didn't want it, Golematis kicked the item and said Steele responded by "freaking out."

He supposedly hit her left leg with a baseball bat and then began choking her. When she fell to the ground, Golematis said she landed on the steps in the garage that led to her kitchen.

"Gary Steele got on top of me and straddled me with his weight," she said, adding that he began choking her again and made several references to his former police partner, Brian Vieau, who committed suicide after killing his estranged wife, Tracy Vieau, in February 2007. "He said 'Now I know why Brian did what he did.'"

Golematis said Steele fired three shots into the garage steps near the left side of her head. After placing the gun inside her mouth and to her head, Golematis said Steele appeared to "snap" back to reality when she told him that he was hurting her.

"He said 'I love you. I just love you so much. I would do anything for us.'" Golematis testified, adding that Steele began stroking her hair and saying he should go into the home's basement to see if anything was damaged by the gunshots.

Golematis said she asked Steele to leave and then she called Canton Police.

Upon questioning Golematis, Steele's attorney, David Lee, questioned her

reluctance to stay in her township home due to the gunshot holes and suggested that a gun had previously been fired in her home. Golematis denied owning a gun and said there were no other gunshot holes at her residence.

At one point during the cross examination, Lowe scolded Golematis for offering Lee a flippant answer.

Julie Cook, Golematis' friend of 10 years, testified that the alleged attack is "pretty much all that (Golematis) talks about." Cook said Golematis is afraid of retaliation from other police officers and lives in a state of paranoia.

After Cook's testimony, Lee argued that the charges be reduced and that Steele's bond be reduced to \$100,000. He said Steele, who has been in custody for more than 40 days, has no evidence of past abuse and has had sufficient "cooling time" and isn't a danger to anyone.

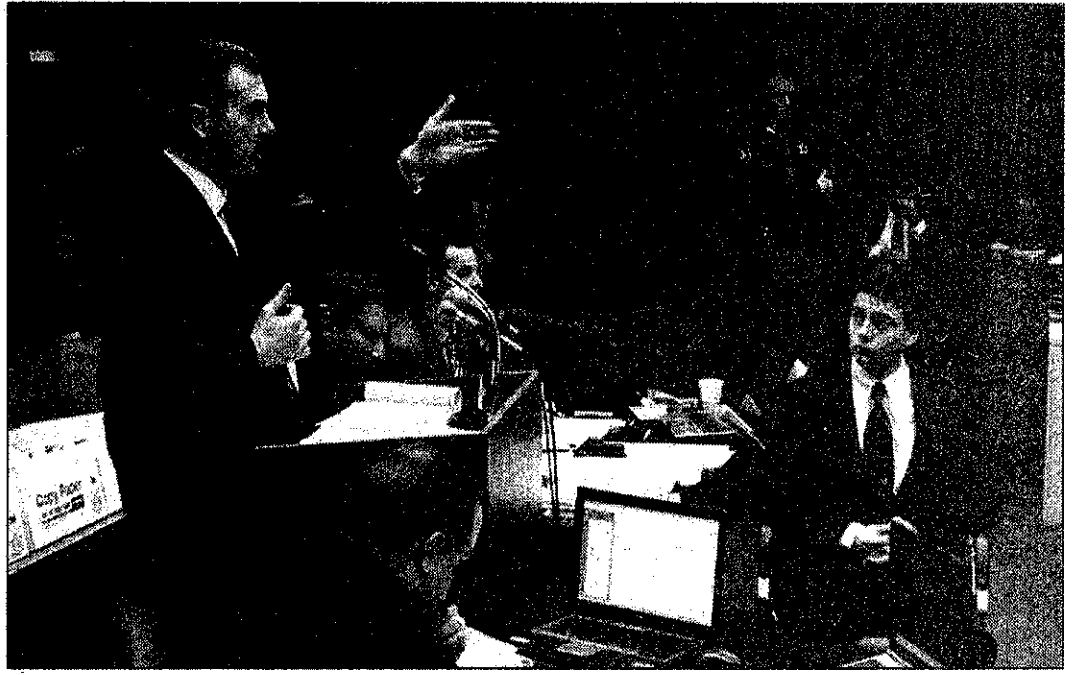
Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Scott Ehlfeldt defended all the charges as relevant and balked at the bond suggested by the defense.

In keeping the bond at its current amount, Lowe said he has "no doubt in my mind" that Golematis is afraid of Steele.

"He's a good person who made a really bad choice," Golematis said.

Steele is scheduled to be arraigned in Third Circuit Court on April 25.

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Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Moran questions a witness as defendant Jean Pierre Orlewicz looks on during Orlewicz's trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

# TRIAL

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guilty to second-degree murder in exchange for a sentence of 20-30 years in prison for his testimony.

Jennifer Dohring, a forensic scientist with the Michigan State Police crime lab in Northville, testified Thursday she took at least nine blood samples from stains found in the garage where the murder allegedly took place.

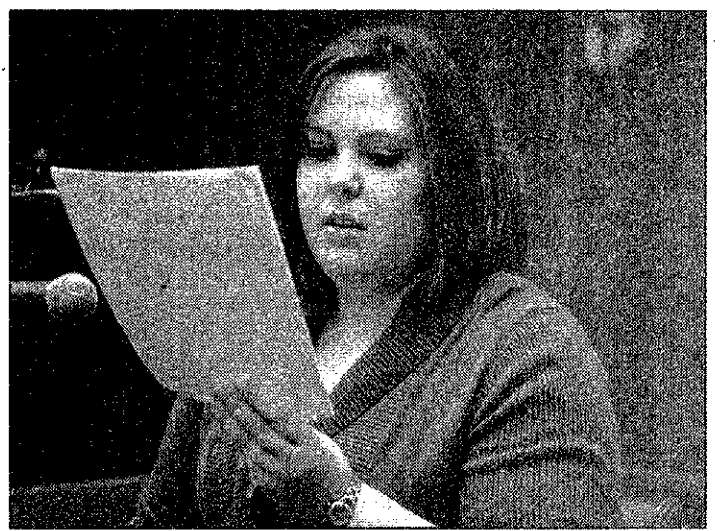
Dohring, who said she'd investigated some 20 murder scenes, said she felt some dirt and debris covering the garage floor may have been put there to disguise the scene.

"There was so much dirt on the floor it looked in my opinion like someone may have swept it in to try and cover up the stainage," Dohring testified, though she admitted on cross-examination, "I can't say for sure."

Fellow forensic scientist Andrea Halvorson, who works in the MSP DNA unit in Northville, said she tested blood samples found on Orlewicz's Chevy S-10 and in the Canton garage, and compared them to samples taken from Sorensen's head and body. The samples matched, Halvorson testified.

Guy Nutter, a trace evidence examiner in the same MSP lab, said he compared casts made of tire tracks and footprints found at the Northville Township field where Sorensen's body was discovered with imprints he made from shoes found at Orlewicz's Plymouth Township home and the rear tires on Orlewicz's truck. Those, too, Nutter testified, were a match.

More testimony about Orlewicz's state of mind came from teenagers within



Breanna Milowe of Redford, the girlfriend of murder victim Daniel Sorensen, reviews a statement during her testimony.

his own circle of friends.

At least three of them heard Orlewicz talking several days before the death of Daniel Sorensen about his desire to get away with murder, according to testimony on the fourth day of the Plymouth Township teen's trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Three friends said from the witness stand Thursday they heard Orlewicz say, "I wish I could kill someone" on Saturday, Nov. 3, just days before police say Orlewicz stabbed and beheaded Sorensen in the Canton garage belonging to Orlewicz's grandfather.

Levi Webb, 18 of Westland said Orlewicz made the statement to him standing in the driveway of another friend's house where several teenagers had gathered to hang out that Saturday.

"I said, 'You know you can get life in prison for that,' and he said, 'I know, I just wish I could get away with it,'" Webb testified. "I said, 'That's messed up,' and I walked away."

The statement was overheard by at least two other members of the group,

including Sean Gaikowski, at whose Livonia house the gathering was held. Both Gaikowski and 14-year-old Kevin Carrier, a Livonia Churchill freshman, said they also heard the remark.

The teens admitted on cross examination they never heard Orlewicz mention Sorensen's name, and Carrier said he "didn't take him seriously."

Another friend, Adam Duwe, testified Orlewicz had started "pushing (Sorensen) away friendship-wise" a couple of years ago, when Orlewicz found out Sorensen's claims to mob connections weren't true. Duwe testified Sorensen also owed Orlewicz \$400, an unpaid debt Duwe testified angered Orlewicz.

Duwe also said Orlewicz owned a .38-caliber revolver, which he said he "watched JP load and unload a couple of times, and play Russian Roulette a couple of times."

No testimony was heard Friday, and prosecutors are expected to wrap up their case Monday morning.

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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.

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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.

TERRY BENNETT, Township Clerk

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to tumble while bad news sends the market climbing. That is why I tell investors not to make decisions based upon what is currently happening in the market. Investment decisions should be based on long-term goals and objectives.

In understanding the market, it is important to recognize that the stock market is always

looking forward while economic numbers are always looking in the rear view mirror.

It would be great if by looking at a variety of indicators we could project short-term volatilities in the market. To be able to time the market would be great and very rewarding. Unfortunately, it can't be done. The stock market is not con-

trolled by one or two factors, but by numerous forces making it impossible to accurately predict how the market will react at certain points in time. The history of the market is that it overreacts over the short run but that it is much smoother sailing over the long run. If you want to be successful as an investor, you can't fall for the fool's game of

trying to predict what will happen to the market over any day, week, month or even a year.

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

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Jane Poulton, senior director for China development for International SOS, will present at this free session. Attendees will leave with the tools to effectively manage globally mobile employees in China, with a deeper understanding of the current health care landscape in the country and will be able to take advantage of a networking opportunity to discuss key medical and safety issues with industry leaders and peers.

Anyone who manages, oversees or directs the development of medical, health or safety programs for employees in China, especially executives in the areas of medical and occupational health, HR, employee benefits, risk and safety and travel, are encouraged to attend.

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# Advocates spread autism awareness

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An estimated 1.5 million Americans are living with autism spectrum disorders, a group of developmental disabilities that start to show up in children as young as 3. Now local families have new resources for dealing with the issues surrounding the disorder, which has no single known cause and no cure.

The Autism Society of America's Oakland County Chapter is donating \$8,000 worth of books to local public libraries around the county on various aspects of autism. According to Rochester Hills resident Lisa Kowalski, the mother of an autistic son, the need was great.

"We've done this project before, but on a much smaller scale," she said. "We targeted a few of the libraries and gave them a smaller budget. This time, it was full out. Because the incidence rate has climbed so dramatically. It's now one in 150 children born today. And Oakland County and the metro Detroit area is one of the hot spots in the country."

### GETTING WORD OUT

When Kowalski's son was first diagnosed, the library was where she turned for information.

"We decided that our Oakland County public libraries were one of the best ways to get information to the general public about autism, so we decided to use them as our vehicle to inform the public," she said. Each participating library received an extensive book list to choose from and a \$300 budget. Topics included advocacy, diet, parenting strategies, public awareness, school- and medicine-related titles and stories for children and young adults.

Mary Wilson, youth services manager for the Rochester Hills Public Library, said the donation will fill a need in the collection.

"We hadn't really bought much for older kids to read about autism themselves, like a story with a character with autism," Wilson said. "The kids can kind of relate the story that



Seventeen-year-old Jason Kowalski (left) sorts books April 5 with his brother, Aaron, 14, a Van Hoosen Middle School student with autism. All the books were donated to Oakland County libraries to boost their collections on topics related to autism.

they're reading to something they themselves are experiencing."

In addition, books were purchased for parents and other caregivers.

"What we're finding is more and more parents are looking for material they can either read to a sibling or share with a sibling, or just read more about autism themselves," she said. Wilson also said it was nice being able to discuss the books with Kowalski. "A lot of these are put out by small publishing houses and they don't get reviewed," she said.

### 'EVERYONE KNOWS SOMEONE'

Each library chose the books they wanted, "based on their collection and the needs of their community," Kowalski said. "Some of the books that we're offering in this wave are not just for kids with autism. Some of them are special education, hygiene books, for teens and preteens. ...

"It seems nowadays everyone knows someone with autism. It's a neighbor's child or an aunt's ... so the general public needs to know about autism."

Funds for the project were

raised through the chapter's annual golf outing, which is held the Monday after Labor Day at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

"It's a wonderful event. This year it looks like we're going to exceed the \$1 million amount for just this outing," Kowalski said. "And those funds have been put to use in many ways."

On April 5, chapter members got together to fill the

book orders and deliver them. Kowalski pointed out that thanks to library inter-loans, all the books ordered will be available countywide to library patrons.

"From start to finish, families affected by autism are doing this as volunteers," she said.

For more information, visit [www.autismsocietyofamerica.net](http://www.autismsocietyofamerica.net) or [www.asoakland.org](http://www.asoakland.org).

### AUTISM WORKSHOP ON TAP

Actress Jenny McCarthy will be the speaker for "Living with Autism," Wednesday, April 16, at the Troy Hilton, 5500 Crooks. The day begins with a continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m., followed by breakout sessions.

You can ask questions of breakout session facilitators, including medical experts from Henry Ford Health System, Oakland University's School of Education and the Kaufman Children's Center. Cost is \$95 for general admission or \$125 for general admission with CEU credits. For tickets, or information, visit [www.metroparent.com](http://www.metroparent.com) and click on the events link.

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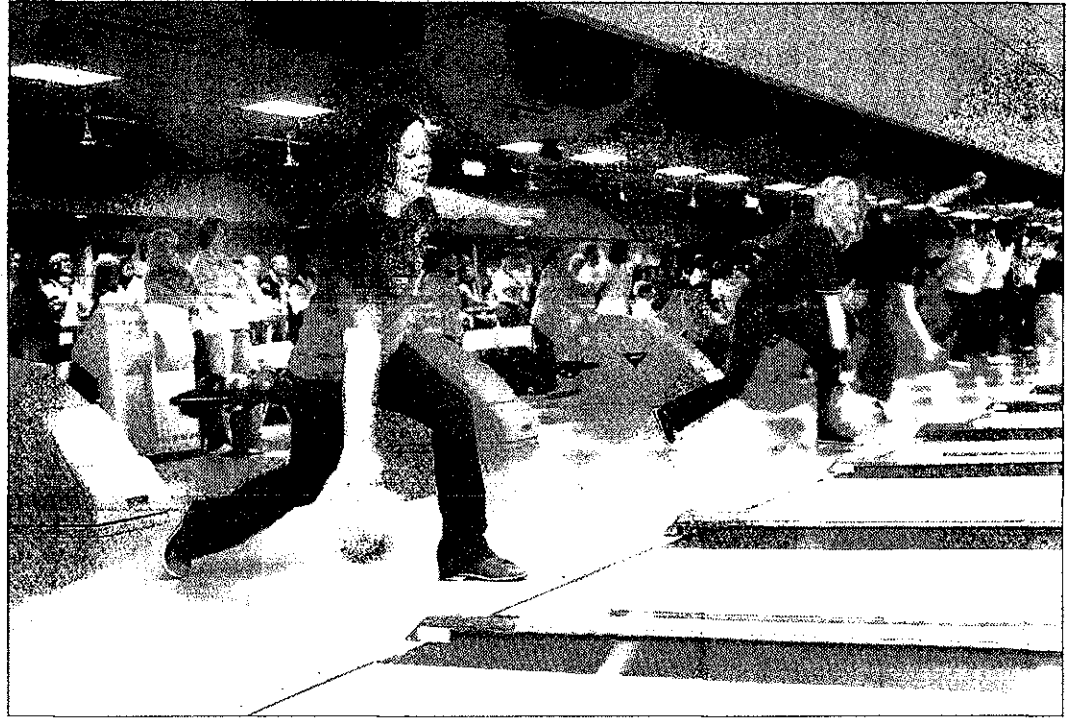
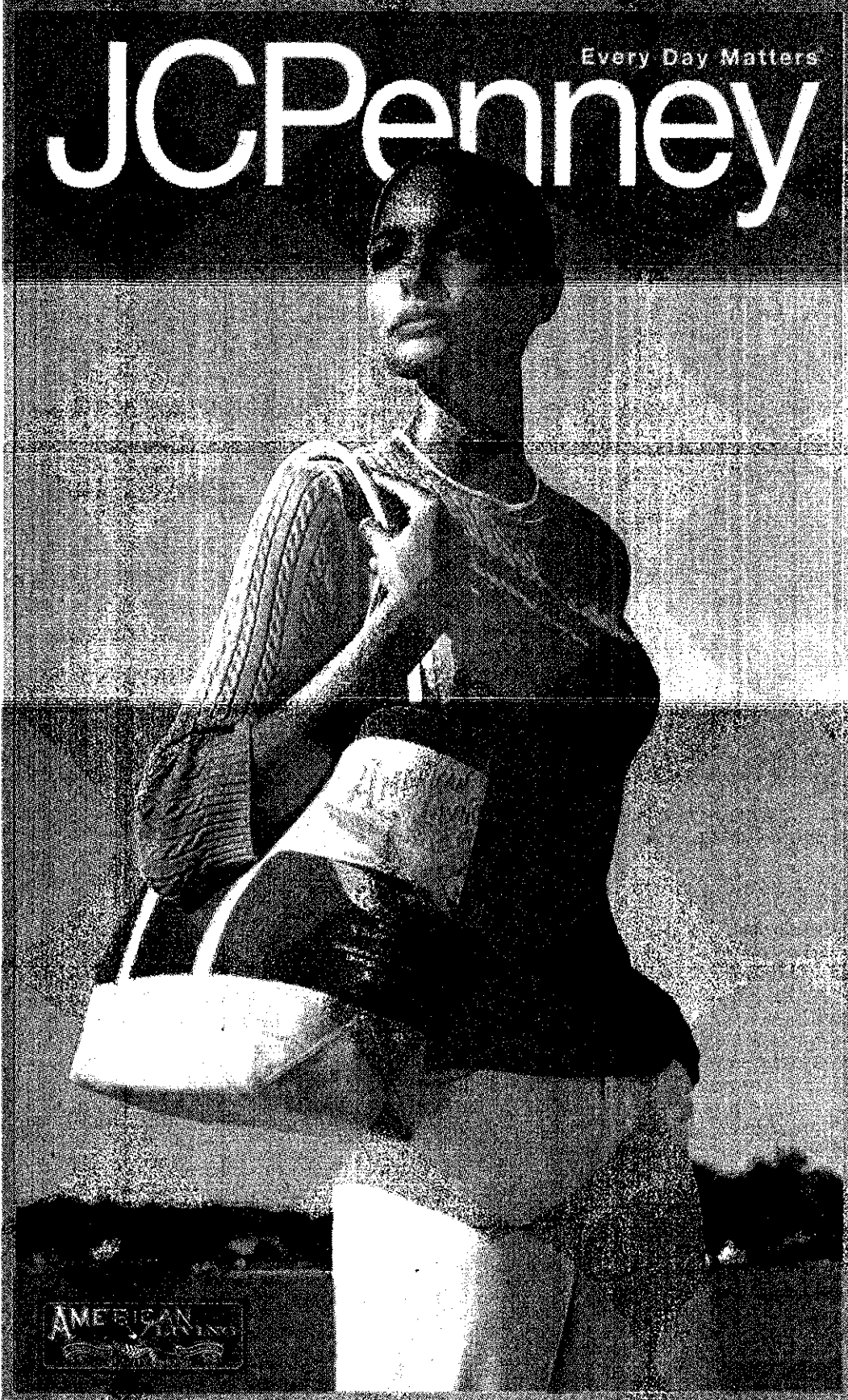
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Rachel O'Neil, of Canton's Team Carrabba's and Tina Lounsbury of Canton's Team Holiday Inn Express, help open competition with a mass ball roll.

**BOWL**  
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monikers including Pinheads, Happy Rollers, and Mixed Nuts.

Alisa Dillard, of the Philadelphia-based Mixed Nuts, said this was her third year competing in the event.

"This is very good stuff," she said. "It's exciting just to be able to have fun with the girls."

Marian Kirby of Saginaw felt the same.

"This is my first year competing and it has truly been a nice experience," she said.

Just before the mass first-ball roll, singer Larry Johnson, who performed a medley of Motown songs, entertained the participants. As some women danced with their arms around each other, others snapped their fingers, posed for pictures or sang along to snippets of "My Girl" and "The Tracks of My Tears." Linda Stansell, a Canton



Bonnie Garska leads mascots Striker (Mary Beers) and Kingpin (Gary Richards) through the crowd at the opening of the tournament.

resident and a member of a team based out of the Holiday Inn Express in Canton, said she was excited to be apart of the festivities.

"This is wonderful and a great opportunity for Canton," she said.

When asked if she was bowling to win, Stansell made a

slight pause and but her teammate, Tina Lounsbury, chimed in quickly and said, "We're out to win!" while pumping her fist in the air.

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**ON THE AGENDA**

**Canton Board of Trustees**

The board will hold a study session at 7 p.m., April 15 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Agenda items include Leisure Services Department update and discussion about elected officials compensation.

Tuesday night to begin discussions on the 2008-09 budget.

The workshop meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

**Wayne-Westland School Board**

The school board will have a regular meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, April 14 Wayne-Westland Community Schools board room, 36745 Marquette, Westland.

Agenda items include:  
 ■ Purchase of elementary

science textbooks for grades K-5, textbooks for elementary social studies for grade 4, high school social studies and supplementary materials for grade 9 civics and grade 9 economics.

■ Superintendent's summary evaluation and approval the contract extension.

**Van Buren School Board**

The school board will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., April 14 at the Belleville High School Food Service Center, 555 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville. For more information, call (734) 697-9123.

**Plymouth-Canton School Board**

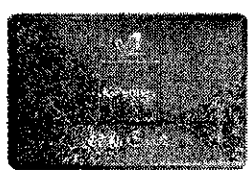
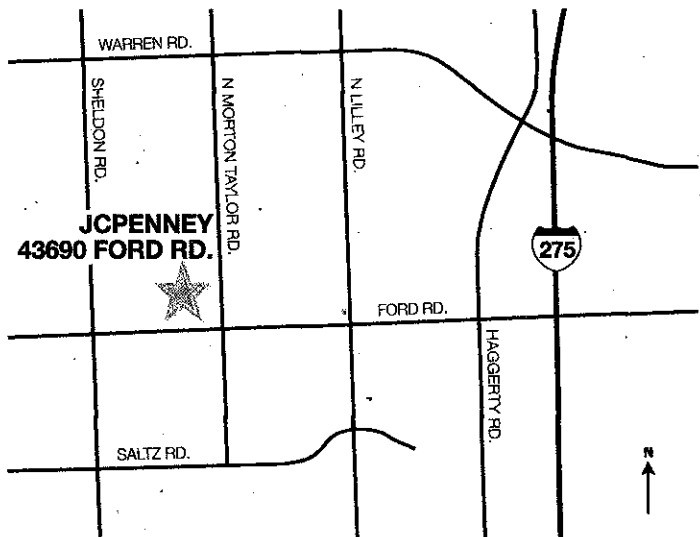
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## LETTERS

### Officials should 'get on board'

Every week we read in the newspapers about how the American worker needs to "get on board" with the global economy. If they want to keep their jobs, they will have to accept lower wages, less fringe benefits and higher co-pays on the benefits they do keep.

The time has come for our own government to "get on board" with the global economy. They too may have to accept the same bitter pill that the rest of us have had to swallow. Increasing taxes on those who can least afford it is not a valid solution. No one wants their wages to be cut, but if that is the cost of survival, so be it. Those who don't want to accept this harsh reality will have to step aside and let others, who are willing, step into their shoes.

**Ken Champagne**  
Canton

### A change is needed

Is the spending out of control within the Canton Board of Trustees? Purchasing or upgrading township resources is a proper and necessary function. However, the goal is to perform said function with a minimum of expenditure. In other words, the taxpayer is entrusting the board to get the largest "bang for their buck."

First of all, the board is spending over a million dollars to replace the financial system which was implemented using Foxpro software in 1993. During that time, the board has contracted services to update or modify the system to resolve problems that have arisen, lacking the capability to do so in-house. Through all of this, the finance department has been embarrassed through audits or other actions. Therefore, the board has decided to replace the system with a new one carrying a price tag of over a million dollars.

In this day and age, computer systems should cost thousands,

not hundreds of thousands or millions, even for customized software. Microsoft Office software with Word, Excel, and Access, modified with in-house IT personal, should have been sufficient to rectify the problems with the finances. Instead, they are going down the same road they did in 1993. Other options should be examined. This is our money. Perhaps that is why it is easier to spend.

Tuesday, the board voted, over the concerns of some board members, to spend half a million dollars to replace our water meters with meters that report by radio to save \$14,000 per year in meter-reading costs. Before such expenditures, questions of a technical nature need to be asked and answered. Will these high tech meters stand up as well as the older meters? How much power, paid for by each of us, will they consume? With all of these transmitters broadcasting all over Canton be a reliable system? Is it proven? How competitive was the bid, seeing as how it was awarded to a contractor "that's been used since day one?"

Perhaps the problem has to do with the way the board conducts its business. Township meetings are not used to brainstorm problems or discuss issues. The intentions of the board are solidified long before the item on the agenda is discussed. And when are they going to let us know what they have done? When we receive the bill or read about the deficit.

As a result of issues like this, I have decided to run for supervisor. Things will change if I am elected this fall.

**David Marsh**  
Canton

### Americans need to save

Many readers have misunderstood the meaning behind my column "Holding interest rates firm is right medicine for the economy" (March 13). Let me explain.

High interest rates encourage savings. Low interest rates

encourage borrowing and spending. We are in the current economic mess because of too much borrowing and spending. It's time for America to start saving and investing. Our savings rate as a percentage of our after-tax income has been negative for the past several months. The last time that happened was just before the Great Depression.

A strengthening dollar encourages people to increase their savings and investments. A weakening dollar encourages people to spend. We don't need to spend more money in buying trinkets from the rest of the world - that is why we need to keep the dollar strong and interest rates firm.

What we need to do is take our strong dollars and invest it (not spend it) at home and abroad to take advantage of the economic growth around the world. What we are really doing is just the opposite - we are just spending money buying stuff from all over the world which stimulates economic growth in all those other countries without benefiting us here at home. Having more trinkets does not make us richer. Investing in a business that manufactures goods or provides a service does make us richer.

The U.S. economy (as with most capitalistic economies) is very resilient and self-correcting. It'll get rid of its excesses and reach equilibrium on its own. Lower interest rates in face of rising deficits and inflation only prolongs the agony that only a severe recession can cure.

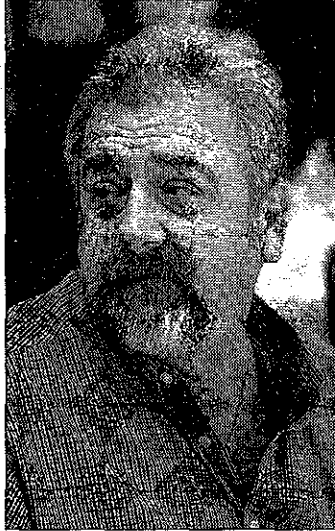
When you have a shop-holic in your household, the most compassionate thing you can do is take away all their credit cards, let them struggle through their debts and emerge debt free and more competitive to face the world. Giving them cheaper credit cards (which is what lowering interest rate does) is no act of compassion.

**Raghu Raghunathan**  
Plymouth Township

## COMMUNITY VOICES

### How has the sub-prime mortgage meltdown affected the way you do business?

We asked this of Realtors at the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' annual Realtors luncheon.



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**GEORGE COSTA**, National Realty Center



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"A lot of houses are getting bombed on appraisals. Foreclosures are dragging down the nice homes. And a lot of the foreclosures are a mess."

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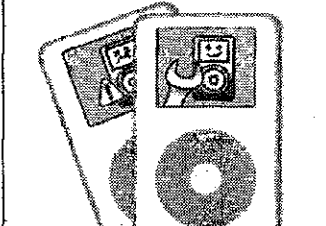
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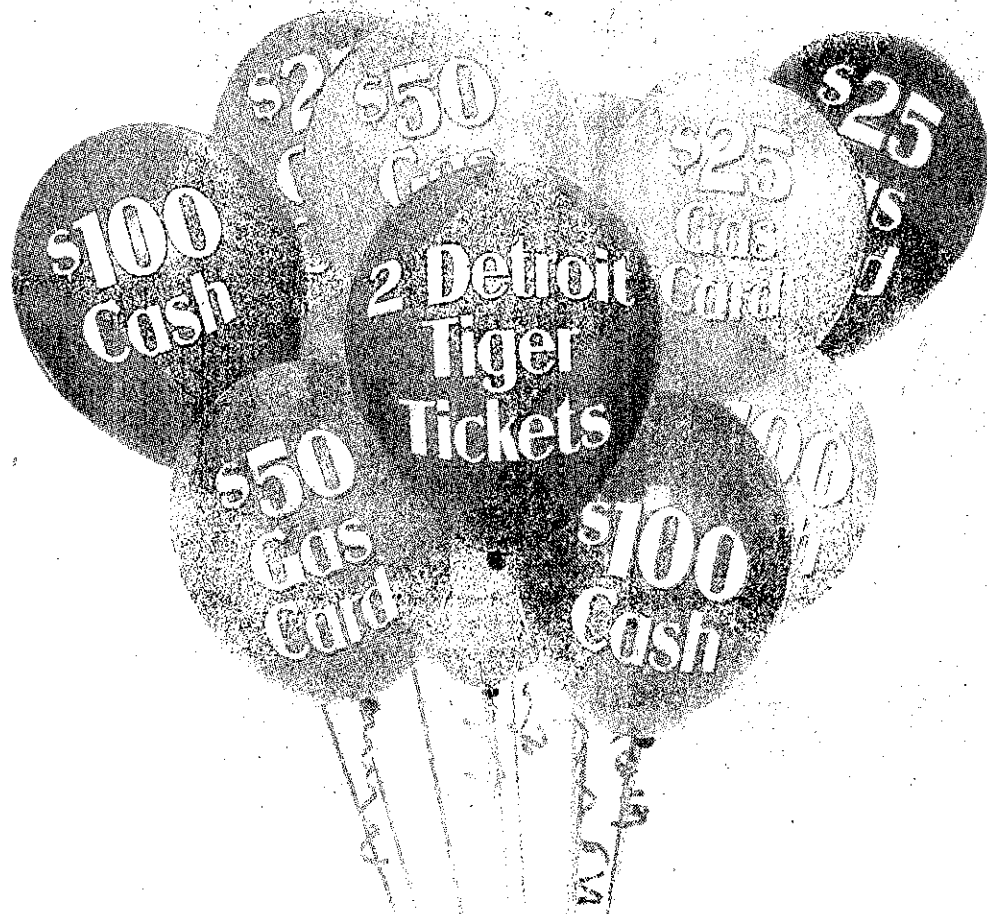
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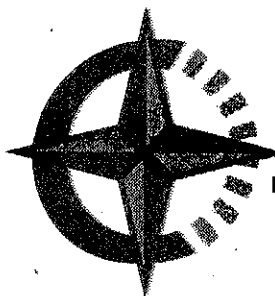
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## Special 'K'

### Plymouth's Klonowski clouts 2 HR's in rout

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Stacey Klonowski turned the Plymouth High School softball field's batter's box into her own personal launching pad Friday afternoon.

The Wildcats' sophomore shortstop put on a fireworks show, blasting two home runs over the center-field fence and knocking in five runs to lead Plymouth to a 10-1 rout of Livonia Churchill in the season opener for both teams.

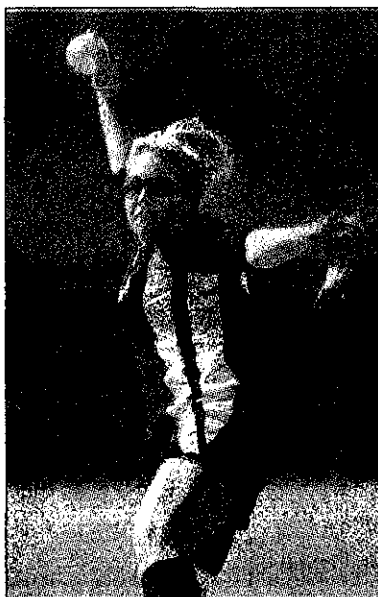
"Stacey's definitely making a name for herself," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "Overall, the team played to win today and they backed it up with a great performance."

The Wildcats, who outlit Churchill 9-3, scored five in the first, one in the second and four in the third. The Chargers pushed across their lone run in the fourth.

Ally Ciotti earned the win for the Wildcats, limiting the Chargers to five base-runners in five innings. Natalie Hiser suffered the mound setback for Churchill as she struck out five and walked one.

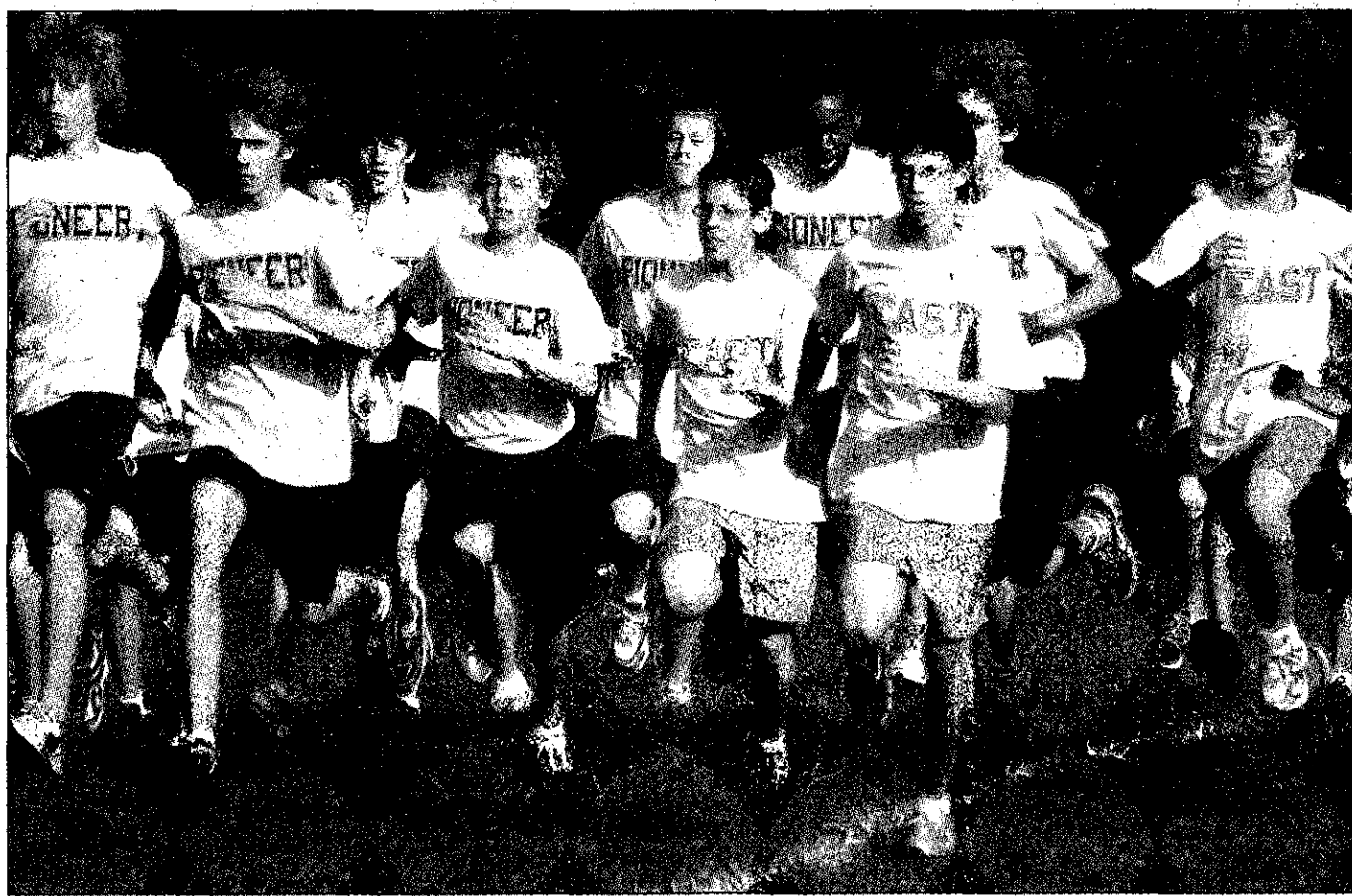
"Ally was very consistent today," said Canfield.

Joining Klonowski on the hit parade were Amy Bondy (2-for-2, RBI), and Jessica Cicirelli, who went 2-for-3 with an RBI double.



Plymouth's Ally Ciotti tossed a three-hitter at Livonia Churchill Friday afternoon.

## Spotlight on middle school sports



JEFF MARCERO

Runners from Pioneer and East Middle School are pictured competing in a middle school cross country jamboree last fall as part of a three-week clinic that was offered. Cross country may become a middle school sport this fall if a proposed plan is approved by the Plymouth-Canton school board.

## Sidelines

### Pitch, Hit & Run

The Canton Sports Center will host the 2008 Aquafina Pitch, Hit & Run competition on Saturday, April 19. The free program for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held at the Canton Sports Center Complex, which is located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave.. Registration will run from 9:30-10 a.m. followed immediately by the competition.

Youngsters will compete in three contests: pitching, hitting and running. For the pitching competition, participants will be tested by throwing strikes to a designated "strike zone" target. The hitting competition will allow kids to hit a ball off a stationary tee while the run will time participants as they run from second base, touch third and run home.

A combined score will determine the winner in each age group and ultimately who moves on to the sectional round of the event.

All participants must provide a copy of their birth certificate in order to compete. Entrants will only be allowed to compete in one local qualifier and are not permitted to use metal cleats during the event.

More information, visit [www.csc.canton-mi.org](http://www.csc.canton-mi.org); or call (734) 483-5600.

### MU signs cager

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry announced the signing Thursday of Southgate Anderson guard Jon Jaciuk, an All-Mega Conference selection who averaged 11 points, six assists, four rebounds and three steals per game.

"He's a true 'gym rat' in that he loves to be in the gym working to get better," Henry said. "He sees the floor very well and will help ease of the loss of some of our guards from this past season."

Jaciuk, a four-year member of the honor roll at Anderson, plans to study nurs-

## CHANGES ON THE HORIZON?

### If OK'd, proposal would revamp middle school sports menu

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bump-set-spike could be replaced by escapes, reversals and pins in middle school gyms throughout Plymouth and Canton next season if a proposed plan to revamp the communities' middle school sports menu is approved by the Plymouth-Canton School Board later this spring.

If given the thumbs-up by the board, a four-pronged proposal that was developed by a committee that includes co-middle school athletic directors Roche LaVictor and Clint Smiley

■ replace boys volleyball with

wrestling, which is currently offered as a two-week clinic; ■ add boys and girls cross country as official sports beginning in the fall (cross country was offered for the first time last year as a three-week clinic); ■ increase the pay-to-play fee for each student from \$60 for each of the first two sports to \$75 (the third and fourth sports are free for students); and ■ institute gate entry fees of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students at all middle school athletic events.

"Right now, they're all proposals, so the cement hasn't hardened yet," said LaVictor,

Please see **CHANGES, B2**



Coach Mike Pantaleo works with Faris Abraham during a wrestling clinic at Discovery Middle School.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### WHAT'S ON THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MENU?

Following is the list of sports that would be offered at the five Plymouth-Canton middle schools if a proposed plan is approved by the Plymouth-Canton School Board:

- September-October: girls basketball; boys and girls cross country;
- November-December: girls volleyball; wrestling (would replace boys volleyball);
- January-February: boys basketball;
- March-April: boys and girls swimming; and
- May-June: boys and girls track.

## Pass Master

### Hewerton gives playoff-bound Ignition big assists

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How do you think you'd adjust if you packed up all your belongings and your dreams, left your home, your family, friends and a solid job for a place thousands of miles away where you didn't speak even one word of your new country's language?

Probably not as well — or as quickly — as Detroit Ignition forward Hewerton Moreira did when he moved from Santos, Brazil, to San Diego in September of 2004 to pursue a professional indoor soccer career with the now-defunct Sockers of the Major Indoor Soccer League.

Three and a half years later, the decision has proven to be a bountiful one for Hewerton, who has blossomed into a rising star in the MISL this season.

Heading into next week's league playoffs, the energetic, crowd-pleasing forward has registered a career-best 77 points, which is second on the team only to Jamar Beasley's 82.

"The most difficult things about leaving Santos at first was learning a new language and leaving my family," the personable 5-10, 185-pound Hewerton admitted in perfect English Thursday morning, following an Ignition practice at High Velocity Sports. "When I moved to San Diego, I didn't know any English."

### Moving east

After the Sockers folded following the 2004-05 season, Hewerton

Please see **HEWERTON, B2**



GREGORY SHAMUS

Hewerton Moreira has enjoyed a break-out season for the Detroit Ignition. The native of Santos, Brazil, has registered 77 points heading into the 2008 MISL playoffs.

## Canton LAX team upends two foes

Canton's boys lacrosse team opened its inaugural season with a bang this week with a pair of 14-2 victories.

On Thursday, the Chiefs outplayed Salem by 12 thanks to three-goal nights from Kyle Dunleavy and Matt Rogers. Three Canton players — Joey Underwood, Jake Underwood and Scott Wisniewski — each scored a pair of goals while Ryan DelCol and Mark Barath each tallied one.

On Tuesday, Canton dominated Tecumseh thanks in large part to Jake Underwood's four goals. Other key contributors were Joey Underwood (three goals, three assists), Jason Avedesian (two goals) and Barath, who tallied the team's historic first goal.

Mac Ganzak, Ryan Dunleavy and Dakota Dark-Bird spearheaded the Chiefs' defense and goalie Justin Scott stopped eight Indian shots.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### APRIL

**Living with Autism**  
Workshop features actress Jenny McCarthy, begins with 7:45 a.m. continental breakfast Wednesday, April 16, at Hilton Hotel, 5500 Crooks, Troy. Breakout sessions include topics ranging from how to diagnose autism to the role of genetics and neurology in autism and autistic-like behaviors. Cost is \$95, \$125 with CEU credits. For information, visit [www.metroparent.com](http://www.metroparent.com) and click on events link.

**National Healthcare Decisions Day**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, St. Mary Mercy Hospital is welcoming the public throughout the day in the hospital's South Lobby at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia, with free information about advance care planning and advance directive forms, information about medical bracelets, organ and bone marrow donation, and more. For information, visit [www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org](http://www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org).

**Eat Your Way Thin**  
6 p.m. Wednesday April 16, at Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd, Livonia. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C. No charge. Limited to 30 guests. Reservations required, call (734) 756-6904.

**Genetically modified foods**  
Allergies, digestive problems, headaches, personality changes, and other unexplained health problems may be caused from genetically modified foods 3 p.m. Friday, April 18 with Dr. William Karl, D.C. at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth, between Merriman and Farmington. To reserve a seat, call (734) 425-8588.

**Health screenings**  
Free and low cost preventive tests during Project Healthy Living 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 18, at Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. Includes hearing, vision, height and weight, blood pressure, bone density, and tests that are more specialized such as stroke screening, blood panels, CA-125 for women, and PSA for men. Botsford health professionals offer counseling and referrals. Age 18 years or older. Transportation available to Farmington/Farmington Hills residents, 55 or older or handicapped, call (248) 473-1864 at least 24 hours ahead. No pre-registration except for Heart Health Screenings, Echocardiogram, Abdominal Aorta Screen, or Electrocardiogram. To register, call (800) 541-8110. The 22 panel Blood Test requires a 4-hour fast. For information, call (248) 473-1822.

**Social for Teens/Young Adults**  
Teens and Young Adults with Autism and Asperger Syndrome are invited to come and enjoy a fun filled night of video games, socializing, floor hockey, basketball and more 7-11 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. Anastasia Activity Center in Troy. Contact the Autism Society of America Oakland County Chapter for more information at (248) 393-3131 or send e-mail to [chapterinfo@asaokland.org](mailto:chapterinfo@asaokland.org).

**Blood drive**  
6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 21, in the Conference Center at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Walk-ins welcome, but appointments encourage to prevent lengthy waits. Visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) with the sponsor code DMC and choose the HVSH drive.

**Detox: Is it Right for You?**  
6:30 p.m. Tuesday April 22. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C. No charge. Reservation required. Call (734) 756-6904.

**Divorce support group**  
Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle and/or her partner Wade Jackman of Jackman & Kasody present an overview of the divorce process, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

**CPR class**  
For family and friends, presented by Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 23. Cost is \$10 and includes a class manual, two wallet cards and a barrier device. Reserve a seat at (248) 473-3100.

**Women remembering women**  
Deadline for reservations for second annual Evening Tea is Friday, April 25. Event is 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Italian American Banquet Hall, 39200 W. Five Mile, Livonia. Call or leave a message for Diana at (248) 915-8221. Sherri at (248) 798-0635, or send e-mail to [4627officestaff@hcrmanorcare.com](mailto:4627officestaff@hcrmanorcare.com). Provided by Heartland Hospice.

**Cuisine for a Cause**  
Benefits Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Health System, one of 10 metro Detroit charities. A wine-tasting reception will be held 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Ford Conference and Event Center, Dearborn with live auction, more than 60 premium wines and a strolling supper prepared by Opus One. Tickets \$100. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (313) 876-9237.

**Diabetes fund-raiser**  
Women in business holding a vendor/craft event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Gallimore Elementary School, 8375 N. Sheldon, between Warren and Joy, Canton. Admission \$1, proceeds from admission, bake sale, raffles benefit American Diabetes Association. For details, send e-mail to [entertainingu@gmail.com](mailto:entertainingu@gmail.com).

# Healthy planet, healthy people



Last year's Earth Day Expo offered locally grown organic produce.

## Earth Day Expo offers alternatives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The flower children of the late 1960s envisioned an energy-conserving planet free of pollution and kind to animals. It's taken 40 years but the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center and Oakland University are reviving their idealism by inviting environmental and health-conscious exhibitors to share the latest information on the connection between planet and people at the Earth Day Expo Saturday, April 19, on the campus in Rochester.

The day kicks off at 10 a.m. with Hike for Discovery, a fund-raiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and ends at the expo, which is 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details, visit [www.hikefordiscovery.org](http://www.hikefordiscovery.org) or call (248) 582-2900.

Expo visitors can learn about the green movement and healthy living at outdoor and indoor exhibits including hybrid vehicles, a mini farm market with organic and locally produced food, presentations on green building, renewable energy sources such as solar and wind, meditation, and yoga. A representative of La Vida Local ([lavidalocalonline.com](http://lavidalocalonline.com)) talks about making local eating a reality. La Vida Local offers a variety of Michigan products. Locally produced foods conserve fuel while organically grown lettuce helps keep the environment safe by eliminating pesticides and fertilizers which drain into waterways.

"We're trying to make the connection between having a healthy planet and the effects on people's health," said John Batdorf, executive director of Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center in Oxford and a Rochester resident. "We're a fish in water and the water's our environ-

ment. Anyone who doesn't get the connection between the earth and our health ask them to hold their breath for a few minutes."

Paul Krause is going to share his information on health and nutrition. The Troy resident is a pharmacist and owner of the Medicine Cabinet in Southfield. He also serves on the board of directors of VegMichigan, the nonprofit that promotes the benefits of not eating meat for the sake of health, the environment and animals. Every day Krause fills prescriptions to treat the high blood pressure and cholesterol of patients who should be making lifestyle changes instead to improve their health. Krause became a vegetarian after he was diagnosed with a cardiovascular blockage. Fourteen years ago he decided against angioplasty in favor of vegetarianism and exercise. From 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13, he'll represent VegMichigan ([vegmichigan.org](http://vegmichigan.org)) at the Great American Meat Out in Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest.

Krause speaks on Diet and the Environment at the Earth Day Expo at 1 p.m. sharing a wealth of statistics about farm animals who excrete 130 times more than the entire human population polluting the soil and water. He says, 50 percent of all water goes to raise animals for food, 1/3 of all energy.

"Not eating meat is the single most important (thing people can do for the planet and ourselves)," said Krause. "Forty percent of cancer is caused by what we eat. Eighty percent of cancer can be obliterated by what we eat and do, not smoking, exercising. People are getting breast and prostate cancer because animals are being injected with hormones. Cardiovascular disease results from eating animal products packed with saturated fat and cholesterol."

Robert Jarski agrees with Krause that avoiding meat and dairy products is a good way to prevent and reverse heart disease. He speaks on the topic at 2 p.m. The Oakland University professor spent two of his sabbaticals working with Dr. Dean



### EARTH DAY EXPO

**When:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 19.  
**Where:** Oakland Center at Oakland University, 2200 Squirrel Road, Rochester.  
**Cost:** Free. Visit [www.earthdayexpo.org](http://www.earthdayexpo.org) for details and directions, or call (248) 693-1021.

Ornish at University of California, San Francisco, on a trial that found nutrition, exercise, stress management, and group support could reverse blockages in arteries. Jarski eats fish but no meat, jogs every other day, meditates every day. He regularly enjoys walks near his home on the Paint Creek Trail in Rochester Hills.

"This is probably where heart disease treatment is going," said Jarski, director of the complimentary and wellness program at Oakland University. "Heart disease is caused by a lot of environmental factors such as the way we live our life. We expect to be able to drive to the doorstep of our workplace instead of walking 6 miles like they do in France."

"We need to live in a clean environment that facilitates good health instead of causing heart disease and cancer. As I see them they're inseparable."

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## Activists promote clean environment to reduce health risks

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Italia Millan lives her life by the adage Think Globally, Act Locally. She and other members of the Sierra Club Rochester Ecos Group will be passing out materials on their clean water and air campaigns at the Earth Day Expo on April 19 at Oakland University.

"We want to promote renewable, cleaner fuels, no more coal factories. They greatly pollute the air and that affects our health," said Millan, chairwoman of the Rochester area Sierra Club. "We want people to be their own environment protection group to become activists in their community. Humans have a great impact on the environment, the fuels we use, the chemicals we use in our

household or for personal care, the cars we drive, the way we dispose of things, the materials we decide to buy, even the groceries we buy have an impact on our environment's health and ultimately our health and other species too."

Millan and her husband Donald Hughes are vegans and walk regularly with their two dogs.

"We try to recycle at home as much as we can, try to use less packaging, and buy bulk so we don't have a lot of packaging," said Millan. "We try to use household products with natural and organics to protect our health and the health of our animals. We don't use pesticides on our lawn or water the lawn and wash the car with a bucket."

"If you get involved with a local group you can have an impact on

your community. Talk to your neighbors about issues. There's so many ways you can get involved."

For more than 30 years Upland Hills has been promoting renewable energy as a way to heat, cool and light its ecological center in Oxford. According to John Batdorf, the executive director, the Michigan Energy Demonstration Center receives funding from the state to educate the public about energy.

Batdorf's personal life mirrors his professional. He rides a bike whenever possible instead of driving a car. He's a vegan who eats only organic foods. He's seen to it that only biodegradable serving ware will be used at the expo.

"We'll have some cool stuff outdoors: a wind turbine, a blokart (for land sailing), clothing and per-

sonal care products," said Batdorf of Rochester. "We'll talk about using nontoxic materials in products and clothing, if you put something on your body, it gets in your body. We're really trying to be as broad as we can to offer alternatives. The rap on the environmental movement was you were told to be cold and in the dark. We're trying to say nature is abundant and we want to do things in step with it."

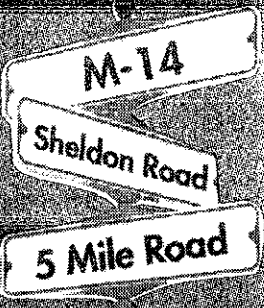
"I keep finding when it's healthy for me, it's healthy for the environment. We have a choice of using machines to do things for us or use our own muscles, to choose to walk and ride bikes. Not only is it good for the planet and health but makes for a nicer community."

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## Staying alive

### Polish choreographer preserves culture

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Polish children of all ages love Mrs. Marzec. Even though the Livonia dance teacher can be a task master, she makes learning about their heritage fun.

A special celebration on Sunday, April 20, should be no exception as Suzan Charuba Marzec celebrates 20 years of passing on Polish folklore dancing as well as the customs and traditions of the land where her father was born. The afterglow follows the annual recital of the PNA Centennial Dancers children's group and adult Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Marzec estimates she's taught more than 2,000 children and adults the regional dances and language in classes subsidized by the Polish National Alliance (PNA). In addition to the weekly sessions, Marzec holds Polish cultural classes in October for Polish Heritage Month and in summer offers a Polish camp.

Dancers from Farmington Hills to Garden City, Plymouth and Canton travel to the studio to learn more about their heritage that includes the decorative Easter egg art known as pisanke.

"My biggest compliment is their children are dancing with me," said Marzec of students from her early days as a teacher. "This is the third generation now keeping their heritage alive. Their grandmas and grandpas aren't there any more to practice all the customs. I teach them about the costumes from the region they're dancing. I have maps to find out where their roots are from so they have a sense of ownership, an understanding."

Marzec was one of the first Americans to earn a degree from Marie Currie Slowdoska University in Lublin, Poland in 1992 and teach the authentic dances back here. That's one of the reasons she was asked to choreograph the Centennial and Radomianie dancers for a scene in the film, *The Polish Wedding*. Marzec tries to keep as much of Polish culture alive as possible. In back of the studio, her two-year-old business, Simply Polish, offers pottery, amber jewelry, glass ornaments, and Ciupaga sticks from the mountain areas. Marzec uses the sticks to attract boys to Polish dancing. They become excited about learning how to jump over the stick as part of the dance.

Marzec started dancing at age 4 with the Polish Roman Catholic Union dancers in southwest Detroit and has performed for Pope John Paul II as well as around the country. As a choreographer she attended her first World Festival of Polish Folkloric Dance in Rzeszow in 1993 as a choreographer. She returns to the Polish city in July to march in the parade with her dancers.

Twirling around the studio in a Lowicz costume



Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia dances in her studio.

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Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia displays a glass Polish Santa Claus Christmas ornament.

from central Poland, she talks about the oldest national dance, the Polonez. Marzec performs the dance with her husband, Ken, as part of Radomianie. Their son Greg, 13, dances on the program with Centennial.

"It opens official ceremonies, weddings, and dates back to the 1500s" said Marzec. "It teaches girls to be feminine, to walk around with a lot of pride. It's exciting for me to watch a little one that comes in in a shell with no eye contact and then a year later they're smiling and can talk to people."

Kathy Miszak says her daughter Katrina was kind of shy when she started dancing at age 4. After watching her first recital the Livonia woman was so inspired by folkloric dancing she joined the adult group, Radomianie, which was just forming.

"It's actually quite challenging," said Miszak, an accountant for a law firm in Bloomfield Hills. "It was very fun because I was also doing costumes at the time. Having Katrina involved was a good family outlet for us. You don't find too many things parents can do together with their children."

"It helped her find that tie back to her family

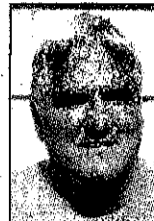
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Hand-painted eggs from Poland available in the store at Simply Polish in Livonia.

## Horseback riding good for body, mind

No one really knows when therapeutic horseback riding began. It has been written that the Greeks would send wounded soldiers out on horseback excursions to expedite their recovery. British hospitals are said to have done the same during World War II.



Len McCulloch

In the U.S., The North American Riding for The Handicapped Association has more than 400 accredited riding programs. Integrating horse

riding into therapy programs began in the U.S. some 30 years ago at a farm outside of Grand Rapids.

In addition to the proven benefits from a physical therapy standpoint, for children and adults with orthopedic and ambulation problems, the emotional and psychological benefits have been well-demonstrated. Improvements in self-esteem, self-confidence, attention and concentration are but a few.

It has been shown that a walking horse, with a seated rider, exercises and rehabilitates injured body parts of a human by providing similar muscle movement which one would acquire by walking on the ground. Balance and strength are also enhanced for the rider. An individual with gait problems or paralysis of the lower half of the body can gain much physical rejuvenation from riding on a walking horse. Side-walkers and a lead-walker typically accompany the new rider until they are no longer needed and the person can manage the horse by him/herself.

There is also a tremendous psychological benefit to mastering things much bigger than ourselves — and horses certainly fit the bill. Many orthopedically and physically challenged children involved in therapeutic horse riding have been heard commenting: "Well maybe I can't walk so good and sometimes I need that wheelchair, but I can ride a horse!"

Also, newspaper accounts have told former White House Press Secretary James Brady, who was shot in the head during the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan, found horse riding to be an important component in his physical and personal recovery.

Most therapeutic riding schools are staffed with volunteers who facilitate the safety of the disabled rider. The display of their dedication and conviction to the therapeutic effectiveness of uniting horse and man is extraordinary and, in itself, a testimony to the therapeutic effect of this form of rehabilitation. Youngsters and adults stricken with muscular dystrophy, paraplegia, traumatic brain injury and mental illnesses are but a few of the populations who can benefit.

For several years, I have been treating people with traumatic brain injuries. I have found a wonderful riding school in Mason called C.H.U.M. (Children and Humans United in Movement). The facility is owned and operated by a physical therapist. I have sent about a half a dozen patients over the years and, combined with other treatment modalities such as psychotherapy, cognitive therapy and traumatic brain injury rehabilitation, have found that they have all benefited. The clinical results have been very good.

You see, when a person sits on a walking horse, the person gets the same muscular-skeletal workout as if walking on the ground. And for those with depression and self-esteem problems, there is nothing like a vigorous workout and the increased confidence from riding (under close supervision and always with a helmet) atop a horse.

I will never forget the power I personally felt when I rode English-style in a jumping class and was frequently finding myself in mid-air with all the power and majesty of a horse underneath me, as joined together we would hurdle fences!

I further wonder if some of the benefits of therapeutic horse riding for so many disabled individuals comes about because it offers them the opportunity to master their own aggressive impulses by controlling the powerful and often aggressive appearance of a big, muscular horse. Probably so! What an accomplishment for the able-bodied person, let alone those of our fragile, timid, survivors of catastrophic injuries.

Resources: The book, *The Man Who Listens to Horses* by Monty Roberts available by calling (888) U2-MONTY. Also, *Children And Humans United in Movement (C.H.U.M.)* at (517) 204-0974.

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association and credentialed in brain injury, mental health, social work and addictions. His column 'Our Mental Health' has been running six years in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and elsewhere with 90 publications to date. He can be reached about his writing at (248) 476-9329.

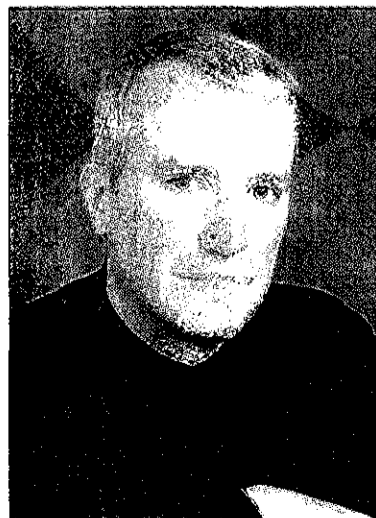
### POLISH EXTRAVAGANZA

**What:** PNA Centennial Dancers annual recital featuring the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble  
**When:** 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 20, Afterglow at 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Tickets:** \$9 in advance, \$10 at door. Call (734) 525-2880

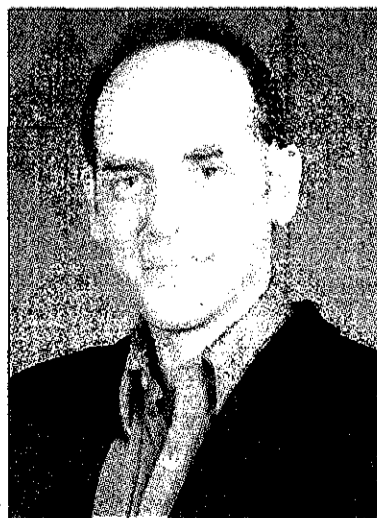


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## Composer sets potter's words to music



Baritone Stephen Lusmann sings a cycle of songs with words written by eccentric potter George Ohr.



Pianist Logan Skelton performs his Ohr Songs as part of the Wednesday Noon Concert Series April 16, at Schoolcraft College.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Logan Skelton finds George Ohr so fascinating he's written a cycle of songs to accompany the writings of the eccentric potter in the 1800s and early 20th century.

The University of Michigan piano department chairman began working on the music a number of years ago. On Wednesday, April 16, he and baritone Stephen Lusmann perform the Ohr Songs as part of the music department's Wednesday Noon Concert series April 16, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Skelton says because Ohr's work is so unusual and the fact he wrote words, it's like a window into his life, the life of an artist.

"He was a revolutionary artist," said Skelton. "At that time ceramics were basic forms in standard shapes produced by teams, kind of a factory operation. He tried

### NOON CONCERT SERIES

**What:** Pianist Logan Skelton and baritone Stephen Lusmann perform Skelton's original composition set to the writings of eccentric potter George Ohr  
**When:** Noon-Wednesday, April 16  
**Where:** VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia  
**Admission:** Free, but donations at the door help fund student scholarships. For information, call the college's music department at (734) 462-4403

to make every single piece different. He experimented wildly with glazes and forms and materials. It was unlike anything that had ever been done. He developed this

Please see **COMPOSER, C2**



# Spotlight Players' musical comedy is a family affair

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Len Fisher is enjoying every minute of directing the Spotlight Players' upcoming production of *Company* at The Village Theater in Canton. Besides laughing his way through the Stephen Sondheim comedy about a charming New York bachelor, Fisher is spending time with his children Elizabeth, 23, who plays one of the lead character's three girlfriends, and son Benjamin, 18, who runs the lighting.

The comedy was first staged in 1970 and won several Tony Awards. It was revived on Broadway in 2006. Spotlight Players cast members include Roy Sexton of Saline playing Robert, the bachelor.

"We've worked together every show I can drag them into," said Fisher of Westland. "Elizabeth auditioned for the show and the staff did not know she was my daughter and was chosen based on her talents. They had at least 50 people audition to fill the cast of 14 people."

"The story is about a 35-year-old bachelor with married friends and something missing from his life. Commitment is missing so at his birthday party he reviews all the relationships in his life but it's musical comedy."

Len Fisher started acting in high school in Ohio and has been involved with Flint Youth Theater and productions in Michigan, Ohio and Minnesota.

He's been directing for 25 years and leads his own Westland based community group, Inspired Theater.

"I'm really excited about the talent in this production," said Fisher. "The audience will love the music, the story, the acting. They will walk out of there very entertained."



PHOTOS BY CHRIS WILLIAMS

Allison Sorzano and Matt Cameron play a couple getting a divorce in the Stephen Sondheim musical comedy opening April 25 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.



Elizabeth and Benjamin Fisher are enjoying working with their father Len on the Spotlight Players' production of 'Company.'

### THE SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

**What:** Present the Stephen Sondheim musical comedy, 'Company'

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 25-26, May 2-3 and 9-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27 and May 4

**Where:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

**Tickets:** \$18 adults, \$16 senior citizens and children under age 18. Call (734) 394-5460, (734) 394-5300, or visit [www.spotlightplayers.net](http://www.spotlightplayers.net)

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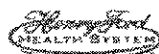
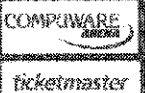
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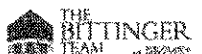
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# Show pampers ladies to raise money for diabetes research

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cyndi Wasunyk's watched her nephew struggle with juvenile diabetes every day since he was diagnosed with Type 1 at age 3. Now a fifth grade student at Gallimore Elementary, Evan Piontek is doing better after receiving a pump to deliver his insulin continuously, but still Wasunyk is working for a cure.

On April 26, the Canton woman hosts a fund-raiser to raise money for the American Diabetes Association for research so one day Evan is free of the disease that can cause kidney failure, blindness and even death.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, at Gallimore Elementary, 8375 N. Sheldon, between Warren and Joy, in Canton.

Admission is \$1, with proceeds from the bake sale,

raffles and admission to the vendor/craft show going to ADA.

Wasunyk is a stay at home mom who runs a Taste of Home Entertaining decor business selling items like serving bowls at parties.

"My nephew, my mom dealt with diabetes. It's pretty prevalent in the family," said Wasunyk. "Now he's (Evan) really regulated, but still struggling to cope with this disease, watching everything he eats. His sugar goes low and he gets cranky, going through things kids shouldn't have to go through."

Wasunyk's daughter Kendall, 4½, doesn't have diabetes, but she reads books to the little girl so she understands what Evan is going through. And she hopes Kendall never has to face the disease so for a third time she's putting on a show to raise

money for charity. The first two times it was with a networking group, Metro Detroit Home Business Network. Autism and breast cancer organizations were the beneficiaries.

Wasunyk's sister Karen Piontek helped her connect with ADA for the latest show. Piontek organizes a walk every May for the ADA at Gallimore.

"We need help to find a cure," said Wasunyk who's expecting 20 vendors and crafters for the show. "It's a mix of home party vendors and a mix of women who created their own businesses. It's kind of a pampering event for women with a Mary Kay representative, Avon, Bath and Body Shop, Taste of Home Entertaining decor. Some are friends, a lady who created her own massage business."

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## Stamp show coming to Plymouth

The 39th annual Plymouth show, sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club, takes place 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Central Middle School, 650 Church St. at Main, Plymouth.

Admission and parking are free. For information, visit [www.plymouthshow.com](http://www.plymouthshow.com).

The exhibition presents more than 2,800 exhibit pages. A panel of accredited American Philatelic Society (APS) judges will determine the exhibition

award levels.

The Plymouth Show is a qualifying national show in the APS World Series of Philately. The Grand Award Winner will be able to compete in the August Champion of Champion exhibition at STAMPSHOW in Connecticut against winners from 30 other national shows.

Again this year, the club holds Stamps in Your Closet session on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

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The United States, United Nations and Nordica Postal Administrations will be on-site during show hours to sell their current stamp and postal stationary issues.

The club is offering a cachet cover saluting the 100th anniversary of Ford Model T automobile.

## Students sought for Italian American Club scholarships

The Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from high school students who are of Italian ancestry and reside in Southeast lower Michigan.

Candidates must have completed their junior year of high school in the spring of 2008, have a B average in all classes and have taken the ACT or SAT exams.

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# Hooray, I'm in Hollywood

## Groves graduate finds success making movies

BY GREG KOWALSKI  
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

There are a surprising number of Groves and Seaholm High School graduates working in Hollywood these days, said Adam Szykiel.

He should know. He is one of them. A 1996 Groves grad, Szykiel said, "It's always good to see people from home." But it's also good to see your name attached to the credits of a major Hollywood movie.

Szykiel wrote the film *Made of Honor*, which was produced by Sony Corporation and will premiere on May 2. He wrote the first draft of the film in just a few weeks in 2003, but things move slowly in the world of film production and it has taken until now for it to hit the big screen.

"It seems like a lifetime ago," Szykiel said. "I sold it the week that the Iraq war started. I thought at the time, 'Who will care about my little screenplay?'"

The producers at Sony did and gave it a big-production

treatment. *Made of Honor* star Patrick Dempsey, who most recently starred in the hit *Enchanted*, and noted director and actor Sydney Pollock, who directed the classic *Tootsie*.

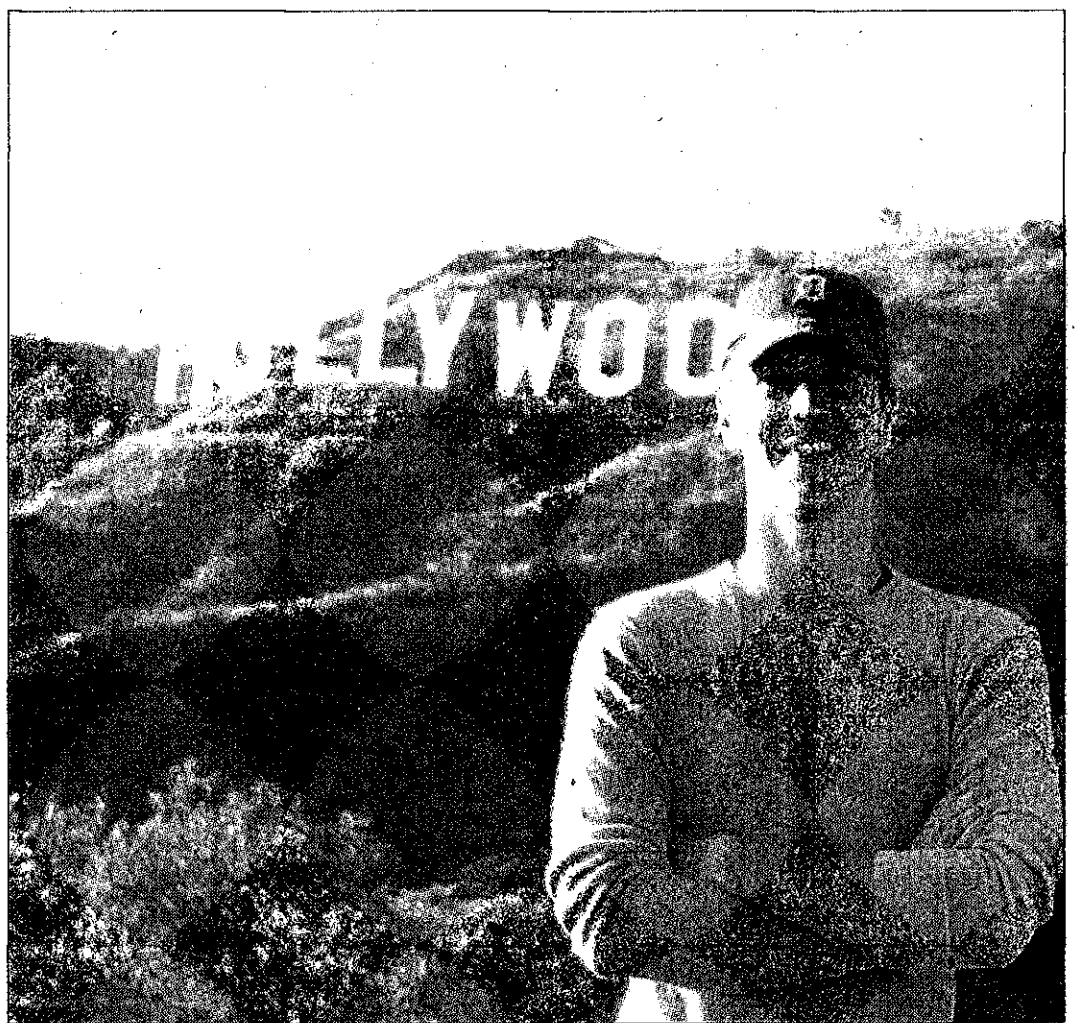
"I was always interested in making movies," Szykiel said. Growing up in Beverly Hills (Michigan, not L.A.), he used to draw his three younger sisters into home movie productions he made.

"Even as a little kid he and his friends would film stuff on the neighborhood," said his mom, Lynne Szykiel. "He was very entertaining, very funny," she said. That humor is reflected in *Made of Honor*, a romantic comedy about a Tom Bailey, who is in love with his best friend, Claire. But he has a fear of commitment and refuses to accept that he should propose to Claire. When Colin, a rich Scotsman proposes to Claire, Tom has to stand by and lose her as she chooses him to be her maid of honor.

At Groves, Szykiel wrote some school plays, but had his eyes set on Hollywood. After graduating high school, he enrolled in the University of Southern California Film School.

"I learned the craft of movie making," he said. And, "I was

lucky enough to find some managers who were trying to make a name for themselves." With Szykiel's writing talent and their connections, *Made of Honor* became a reality. Life in Hollywood is "very exciting," Szykiel said. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Ellie Knaus, and has been working on other film projects, most recently in Toronto. It's a world removed from the hallways of Groves. But some things haven't changed. "What makes me glow with pride is that Adam remains unchanged by his success," said his dad, Vito. "Through all of this he is still that smiling kid whose first love and passion is his family and friends." Speaking of pride, Vito and Lynn will attend the film's premiere in New York.



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The 80 Years Under the Stars evening on April 19 replicates a night at the Redford Theatre in 1928. The entertainment features Buster Keaton in the classic silent film, *The Electric House*. Live entertainment will be provided by organist John Lauter. The Hotel Savarine Society Orchestra will be on hand to provide music of the 1920's.

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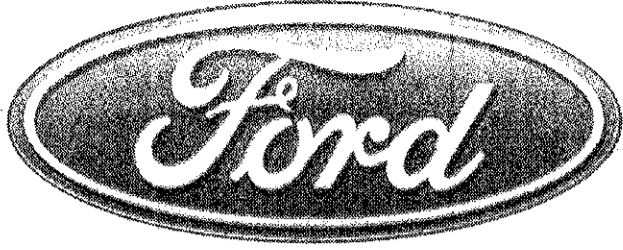






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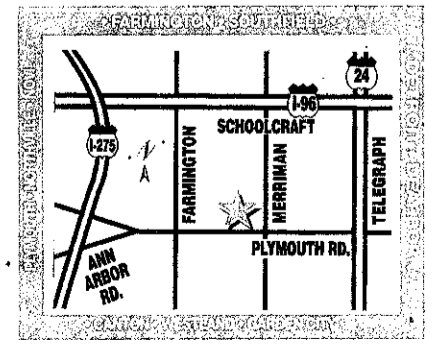
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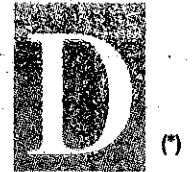
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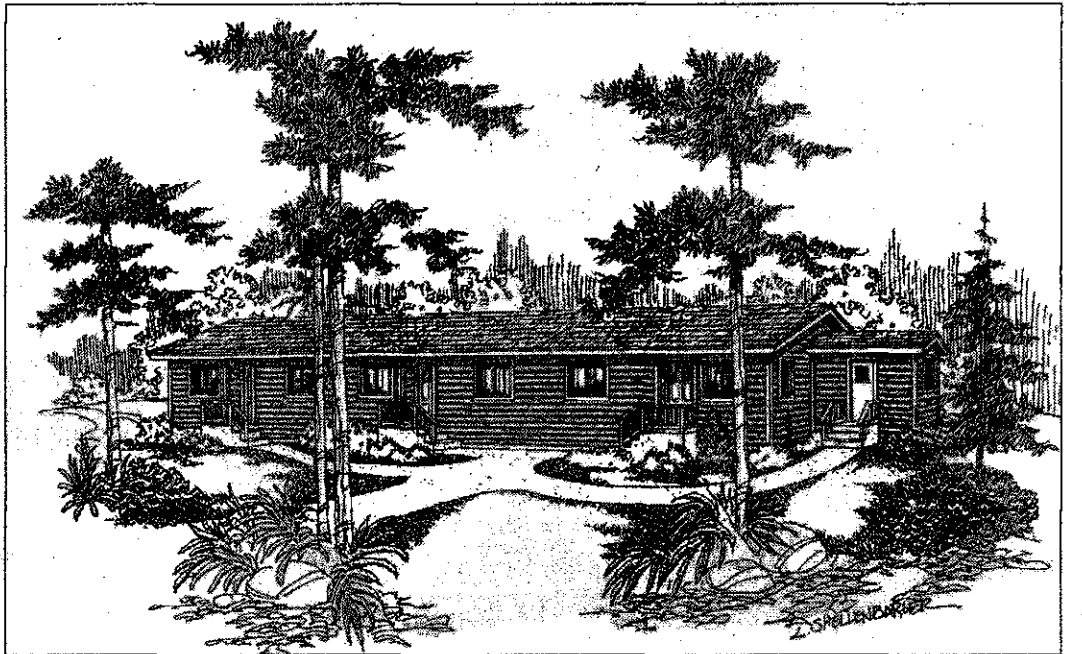
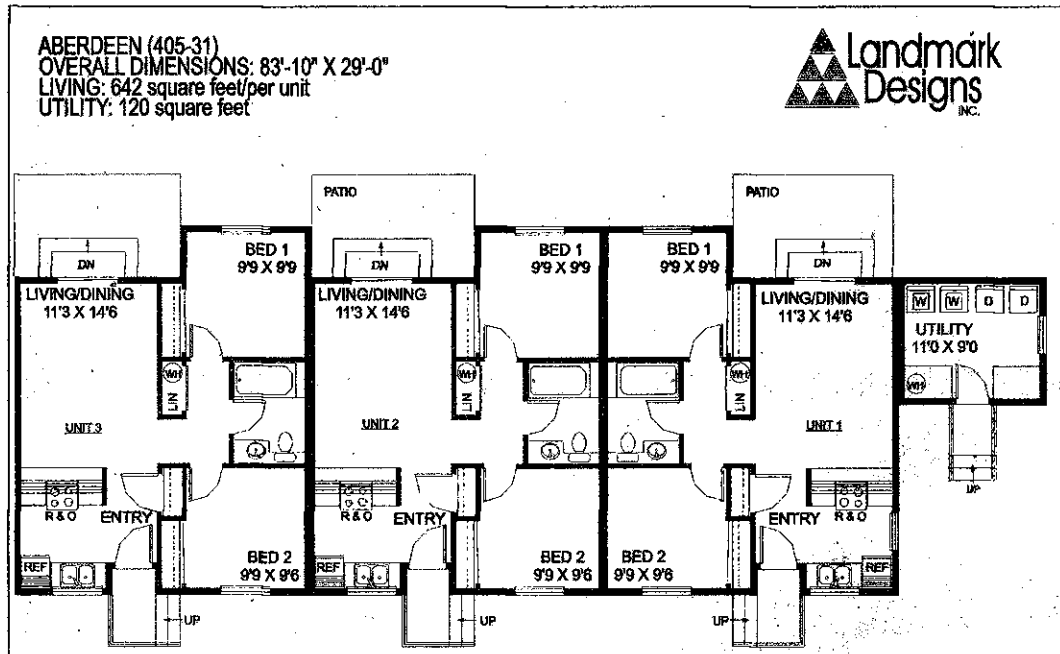
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## Aberdeen design features touches of Scottish thrift



The Aberdeen (405-31) is a triplex, ideal for the narrow, long lot. Each unit contains 642 square feet. These units were designed to sit on the property in such a manner that a parking area could be located in front of the units. Unit 1 is on the right end. The kitchen is to the right of the entry. There is a window over the sink, with another window in the end of the room. A refrig-

erator and range/oven completes the kitchen. Behind the cabinets is the living room/dining room. This area has ample space for sofa and chairs along with a dining table.

The units contain two bedrooms with wall closets. The linen closet for the two rooms is located across from the full bath. There are windows in each bedroom.

Unit 2 is the reverse of unit 1. The bedrooms on the right share the same wall as unit 1 bedrooms. Unit 3 is exactly the same as unit 2.

This triplex combination is ideal for a multi-unit complex. It does not come with individual garages, but each triplex has its own utility room with two washers and two dryers. There are tables for folding.

These units are compact

and would be economical to build. They have been designed with economy and low rent in mind. With the smaller square footage, it allows landlords to set lower rents and still make a profit.

These units would be ideal for narrow lots, as they could be turned lengthwise with the parking area still available. The back of each unit has its own patio and the yard area could vary.

This design is one of many triplexes and duplexes available. With the growing need for housing, many landlords are building two and three units together. Plans for this type of housing are more in demand and are now more available.

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#### 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, CAPS of Builders Professional Services Group, will teach

techniques that lead to a well managed, full service building or remodeling business with increased profits and maximized customer satisfaction. He will also discuss the benefits of implementing a design/build strategy and how to make it successful. Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for

guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033. ■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Selling to the CAPS Generation, the New Gen X" (Certified Aging-In-Place) on Wednesday, April 16, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite

100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builders Professional Services Group, will instruct attendees on how to communicate and interact with this exciting and evolving population and how to do business with one of the fastest growing market segments. Registration fees are \$15 for SMC members, \$25 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan mem-

bers and \$50 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033. ■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI

Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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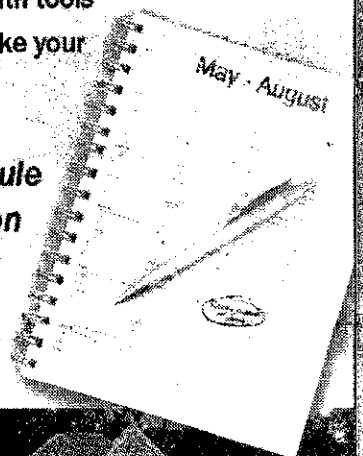
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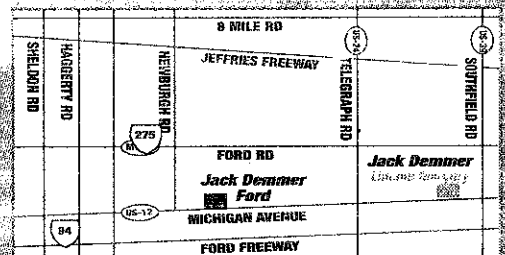
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