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Teacher layoffs top list of proposed budget cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A proposal to eliminate 25 full-time teaching positions and 24 special education paraprofessionals is part of the plan to cut more than \$3 million from the Plymouth-Canton Schools 2008-09 budget.

School administrators at the elementary, middle and high school levels developed a cost-cutting and

revenue plan that will result in an overall reduction in the budget. Among the cuts presented to the Board of Education on Tuesday are a reduction of nearly nine full-time teaching positions at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park for a savings of \$810,920; elimination of seven teachers at the middle school level to recoup \$432,200; and reducing the elementary teaching staff by 10 teachers at a savings of

\$616,000.

"We're not pleased the district is being forced to do this, but we understand they are between a rock and a hard place without state funding," said Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which represents 1,100 teachers. "The district has cut about everything it can, and we're where the money is."

Laying off 24 special education

paraprofessionals, one in each building, will save the district \$844,000 as the special education model moves toward one of inclusion in the classroom, reducing the need for the same number of teacher aides.

"The model of one-to-one service is changing as a preferred service delivery model in the field of spe-

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A special tradition (and a coincidence)

Father and daughter
develop bond with
kindergarten teachers

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The annual tradition Diane Montagano has with one of her former kindergarten students was sweet enough on its own, but now that a second generation is following their lead, she says it's unbelievably cool.

"I am going to assume that no one else on the planet is doing this," said Montagano, a retired Fiegel Elementary teacher. For the last 39 years, Montagano and Michael Stevenson of Canton have celebrated their mutual birthday of Dec. 14 by having lunch together.

Stevenson, a married father of three, said he was floored when he learned his youngest daughter, Jessica, shared the same birthday, April 9, as her future kindergarten teacher, Jean LaPointe.

"When we took our oldest daughter (Julia) to kindergarten round-up, I told her about my kindergarten teacher and then just casually asked when was her birthday," Stevenson said. "When she said April 9, I couldn't believe it."

LaPointe, who teaches at Tonda Elementary, says she was also thrilled by the coincidence and later told the school's principal, "Make sure I get Jessica Stevenson in my class."

Jessica, now 11, and LaPointe of Plymouth have been having their own birthday lunches for six years.

When the two celebrated this year on April 10, Jessica and LaPointe were joined by her husband, David, Montagano and the whole Stevenson family, including wife, Debbie, daughter, Julia, 12 and son, Michael, 9.



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Mike Stevenson and his daughter Jessica both share their birthdays with their elementary school teachers Diane Montagano (center) and Jean LaPointe.

"This is the first time that all of us have been together," Mike Stevenson said.

"The great thing about this is that right from the second (LaPointe) found out, you could tell she was excited about having her own life-long relationship with Jessie. It's not forced on either end and really, the whole thing cracks me up."

As they dined on a meal of chicken salad, Montagano and Stevenson toss out random stories from their 39-year relationship and Jessie and LaPointe sat side by side laughing and joking.

"When we first got together and he told me about his teacher, I thought 'oh OK,'" Debbie Stevenson says while tinging her voice with a hint of reluctance. "But it's not until you are in it that you realize how special this is. This has been phenomenal."

LaPointe agreed and said she's happy that she and Jessica can carry on the birthday tradition.

"This is one of those of things that you have to do," she said. "How could you not want to be apart of this?"

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Julia Michelle Stevenson, 12, was an infant when the Canton Observer did a story about her dad's annual birthday celebrations with his former kindergarten teacher.



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Jean Pierre Orlewicz waits for the sixth day of his trial to begin.

Jury: Guilty on all counts in beheading

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What James Sorensen wanted most out of the trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz was justice for his 26-year-old son, Daniel, whom Orlewicz was charged with killing.

A Wayne County Circuit Court jury Tuesday gave it to him.

After some 11 hours of deliberation over two days, the jury convicted Orlewicz, 18, of Plymouth Township, of first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse. Judge Annette Berry had given the jury permission to consider second-degree murder and voluntary manslaughter, but after taking another look at several exhibits, the jury found Orlewicz guilty as charged.

"I'm grateful our son received the justice he deserved," said the elder Sorensen, of Westland. "There's relief that everything worked out, but very sad, too. There's another family (Orlewicz's) that was sitting in this room, and their son is going away for the

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Committee reverses course on supervisor's pay

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Canton officials, the middle ground between \$127,073 and \$108,669 hovers around \$115,000.

At Tuesday's study session, the Township Board pushed forward a resolution that would tag the township supervisor's annual salary at \$115,366. This figure is an increase from an internal committee's initial recommendation of reducing the salary

from more than \$127,000 to \$108,669.

Trustee Todd Caccamo, who decided on the proposed compensation with Clerk Terry Bennett and Trustee Todd LaJoy, said the group reached consensus while still suggesting a double-digit decrease from the current salary. "This is what we felt the public could stomach," Caccamo said, adding that residents he has spoken to are "thrilled there is a pay cut at all."

With Finance Director Rick

Eva and Executive Director John Santomauro as advisors to the committee, the group increased its recommended salary for the supervisors' position after Trustee Melissa McLaughlin and Supervisor Tom Yack objected that the figure was too low.

"I'm pleased," said Yack, who applauded the committee for revisiting the proposal. "They listened." The committee did not change its suggestion to bump the salaries of the clerk and trea-

surer positions from \$103,070 to \$98,790 and or to shift the trustee compensation from \$12,537 to \$12,000.

"This is by no means an end," said LaJoy of finalizing the committee's recommendations. "This is the beginning of a good conversation."

The committee based its recommendations on public perception, potential organizational impact, potential effect on attracting quality candidates for elected positions and organiza-

tional continuity within executive and management positions that have traditionally paid more than subordinate positions.

In addition to lowering base pay, the committee has suggested discontinuing longevity pay for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer positions and nixing a \$400 monthly car allowance for the treasurer and clerk positions in favor of mileage reimbursement.

The board is expected to vote on the proposal April 22.

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Coming Sunday
in Health



Treatment advances, changes lives
of hemophilia patients

Correction

A candidate in the Wayne-Westland's Tuesday, May 6, school election should have been identified as Shawna Walker.

Earth Day volunteers sought

All area residents are welcome to join us 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 worksite. Volunteers can also drop in at

Fellows Creek to help anytime during the program and will be shuttled to the project area. Helpers will not be required to work the entire time. Shuttles will be available throughout the morning.

This volunteer opportunity is recommended for ages 8 and older.

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

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

McCotter to speak

The Canton Rotary Club will host U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter as a guest speaker at its weekly luncheon at noon, Monday, April 21 at Carrabba's Italian grill 1900 Haggerty Road in Canton. McCotter, who is up for reelection this fall, will be speaking about his efforts on preserving and promoting manufacturing and small business, as well as fighting to reduce taxes and the size and scope of government.

All local citizens and business owners are welcome to lunch -- cost is \$11. For more information, contact the Rotary Club at (734) 844-7400.

Poet's work on display

Canton award-winning

poet/photographer Cheryl A. Martin, M.A., has juried into three shows. Her poetry and haiku will appear through April 17 at the Duderstadt Gallery on North Campus at the University of Michigan in the "REVOLUTION: Making Art For Change."

Her haiku and fine art photography piece, titled, "Joseph" is a part of the Village Fine Arts Association 16th Annual PAN, 2008 Poetry Art Night, Exhibition/Competition at the Milford Township Public Library. This exhibit opens on April 21, and will be open until April 28. The Awards and Gala Evening will be held on Saturday, April 26. In addition, three of her fine art photography pieces are currently in an all media art exhibit in Orion Township. She is also busy teaching her students the craft of writing, and will begin an Introduction to Creative Writing on April 23, through Wayne-Westland Schools. All levels of writers are encouraged to take this class. She can be reached at (734) 397-1626, and for registration information, please call (734) 419-2426. You can also e-mail her at perocinc5@comcast.net.

Newcomers to meet

Canton Community Relations Police Officer Debra Newsome will discuss community policing, how to avoid being a victim of crime and much more at the Canton Newcomers 7:15 p.m., Wednesday May 7 adult general meeting. Sign up for activities including scrapbooking, bunko, walking, playgroups, ladies night out, couples social



One giant hug for peace

The second annual community H.U.G. (Help Unity Grow) is scheduled for April 19 at Belleville High School at 10 a.m. The Community H.U.G. goal is to unite the surrounding communities of Belleville, Van Buren, Sumpter, Romulus, Canton, and Ypsilanti and encourage unity. The secondary goal is to break the record for world's largest hug of 7,000 individuals joining together by holding hands. This year's subtext is Protecting Everyone's Access to Community Education (P.E.A.C.E.). The event will begin with a pancake breakfast in the high school cafeteria from 8-10 a.m. The cost of the breakfast is a "free will" offering with all proceeds going to the Van Buren Schools Education Foundation and the newly established Community, Alumni, & Friends for Van Buren Public Schools. Registration will take place from 8-9:45 a.m. for the world's largest hug. At 10 a.m. everyone will move to their places around Belleville High School to clasp hands. For more information or would like to help out with this community event please call Paul Henning at (734) 697-9123, ext. 225 or phenning@vanburenschools.net, Pastor Jim Richter at (734) 699-5000 or pastorjim@openarmscenter.com or visit the Web site at www.helpunitygrow.net.

and others. Enjoy refreshments from Ginger Restaurant, meet Arbonne representative Carol Wassner-Amado, and enter a raffle to benefit a local charity.

Order a complimentary newsletter and learn more about this social, civic and charitable organization by

visiting www.cantonnewcomers.org or calling Donna at (734) 398-6487. This meeting will be held at the Sunflower Clubhouse, at 45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center.

Senior meals volunteers sought

The Canton Place Seniors are in need of volunteers for meal tasks, both dining room and home delivery for seniors at the Canton Place Senior Apartments, 44505 Ford Road.

Dining room activities include washing and setting tables, serving the meal, clearing and washing the tables at the end of the meal. Volunteers needed Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Home delivered meals include delivering the packaged meal to individual apartments within the building. Volunteers needed Monday through Friday 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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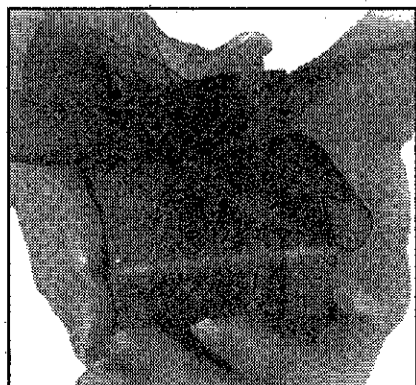
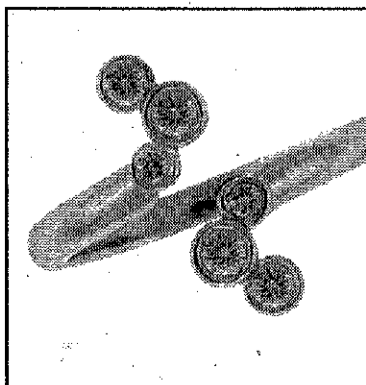
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Canton signs new long-term water agreement with Detroit

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton has become the first township to approve a new, 30-year contract with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

The contract, which has been in the works for five years, replaces the former agreement between Canton and DWSD that expired in 1989 after 30 years. The former contract was extended twice for 10 years each time.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the new agreement is "totally different" from what's been in place for decades.

"The former contract was extremely vague and had no service provisions or dispute resolution," he said. "It was we buy, DWSD sells."

The new contract was developed by the Technical Advisory Committee, which includes representatives of DWSD and its wholesale water customer members. The agreement is expected to create a blueprint for capital improvement investments in DWSD's regional water system, solidify the position of the TAC in DWSD's operations, have all wholesale water customers on the same contract terms, embody cooperation between the organization and its suburban customers and provide for less volatile rate increases.

According to Faas, the

new contract won't impact Canton's water rates until July of 2009. DWSD had already notified Canton that the wholesale water rate it charges the township would go up nearly 1 percent beginning in July 2008. However, Faas said the rate Canton will charge its residents beginning in July would go up substantially more than 1 percent. A consultant has said the township should raise rates by 13.5 percent for the next five years to make up for deficits in its water and sewer fund. Faas said the township board will most likely vote on any increases in May.

The Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority was the first agency to adopt the new contract with DWSD and Ferndale was the first city to take on the agreement. The TAC aims to have 75 percent of the DWSD's 86 wholesale customers operating under the new contract by the end of 2010.

The TAC was created in 2003 and has a mission of providing a safe and secure water supply with sufficient quantities and pressures in an efficient and cost effective manner. Canton Trustee Karl Zarbo spent 18 months as a member of TAC.

"The former contract was an edict," he said. "This is a major accomplishment. The (DWSD) now understands that TAC is not the enemy, but a friend."

CUTS

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cial education," said Cindy Swift, assistant superintendent for instructional services. "We're talking about programs that advocate inclusionary practices, team teaching and collaborative models of instruction."

Additional cuts proposed by PCCS administrators include reducing weekend athletic transportation, except for football, to save \$50,000; reducing summer and evening security staff hours at P-CEP and Starkweather Educational Center for a savings of \$45,000; and eliminating busing for Talented and Gifted (TAG) students to Miller Elementary for \$37,000.

Administrators also recommended a total of \$190,000 in new revenue streams, including \$250 for online credit recovery classes, generating an estimated \$50,000; increasing student admission to high school sporting events from \$3 to \$5 for an additional \$40,000; raising student parking permits for P-CEP from \$75 to \$100, generating \$30,000; charging \$5 for tickets to high school graduation ceremonies at Eastern Michigan University for \$30,000; increasing fees at Starkweather for \$20,000; raising pay-to-participate fees

for middle school sports from \$60 to \$75 for the first two sports, adding \$15,000; and charging an admission fee to middle school indoor sports, producing \$10,000.

Interim Superintendent Ken Jacobs said cost-savings during the school year could add another \$1 million or more to the bottom line, and could help the district make up a projected \$4.1 million deficit without dipping into the fund balance.

"As reliant as we are on the State of Michigan for our funding levels, it's becoming increasingly frustrating for us to sit and wait to listen there is help on the way, then help doesn't arrive, or it arrives too late," Jacobs told board members. "I don't think we've received an inflationary (state foundation grant) adjustment for years. As we sit and watch our fund balance disappear ... we slowly dismantle our educational program."

With the proposed teacher layoffs, increases in average class size are expected at both the middle and high school levels.

"At the high school, it may be an average class size of 32 but that means there bigger," said a concerned Trustee Nancy Eggenberger.

If the cost-cutting plan, or a similar one, is approved by the Board of Education, it will be the first time in five years

PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET CUTS AND FEE INCREASES

Cuts

- 25 teacher layoffs (\$1.58 million)
- 24 special education paraprofessionals layoffs (\$844,000)
- Reduction of weekend high school athletic transportation (\$50,000)
- Eliminate TAG busing to Miller Elementary (\$37,000)

Fee increases

- Implement online credit recovery program at \$250 per class
- Increase student admission charge for high school sporting events from \$3 to \$5
- Increase high school parking permit fee from \$75 to \$100
- Charging \$5 for each additional ticket above the two free per student to attend graduation ceremonies
- Raise summer school tuition by \$25 for total of \$250 per class
- Increase pay-to-participate fees for first two middle school sports from \$60 to \$75 each
- Implement \$2 adult and \$1 student entry fee for indoor middle school sports

the district will not spend any of its fund balance, leaving it with \$8.5 million. According to Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business services, since the 2004-05 school year the district has made program cuts to the tune of \$8.9 million and used \$11 million of its fund balance.

"Despite the fact we've cut \$12 million the past five years, it's very difficult to keep ahead of the curve that Lansing has thrown us," said school board President Judy Mardigian.

"It's the first time we've empowered the administrative team to help us (make cuts),

and they've given us three concrete strategies."

Pioneer Middle School Principal Phil Freeman said it was difficult making the tough decisions.

"We're at the point where the last thing to cut is people and increasing fees," said Freeman. "As we start to increase class sizes and participation fees it will hit people in the pocket-book and when they need services from us."

"The decisions were tough at every level," he said. "At times it was heart-wrenching."

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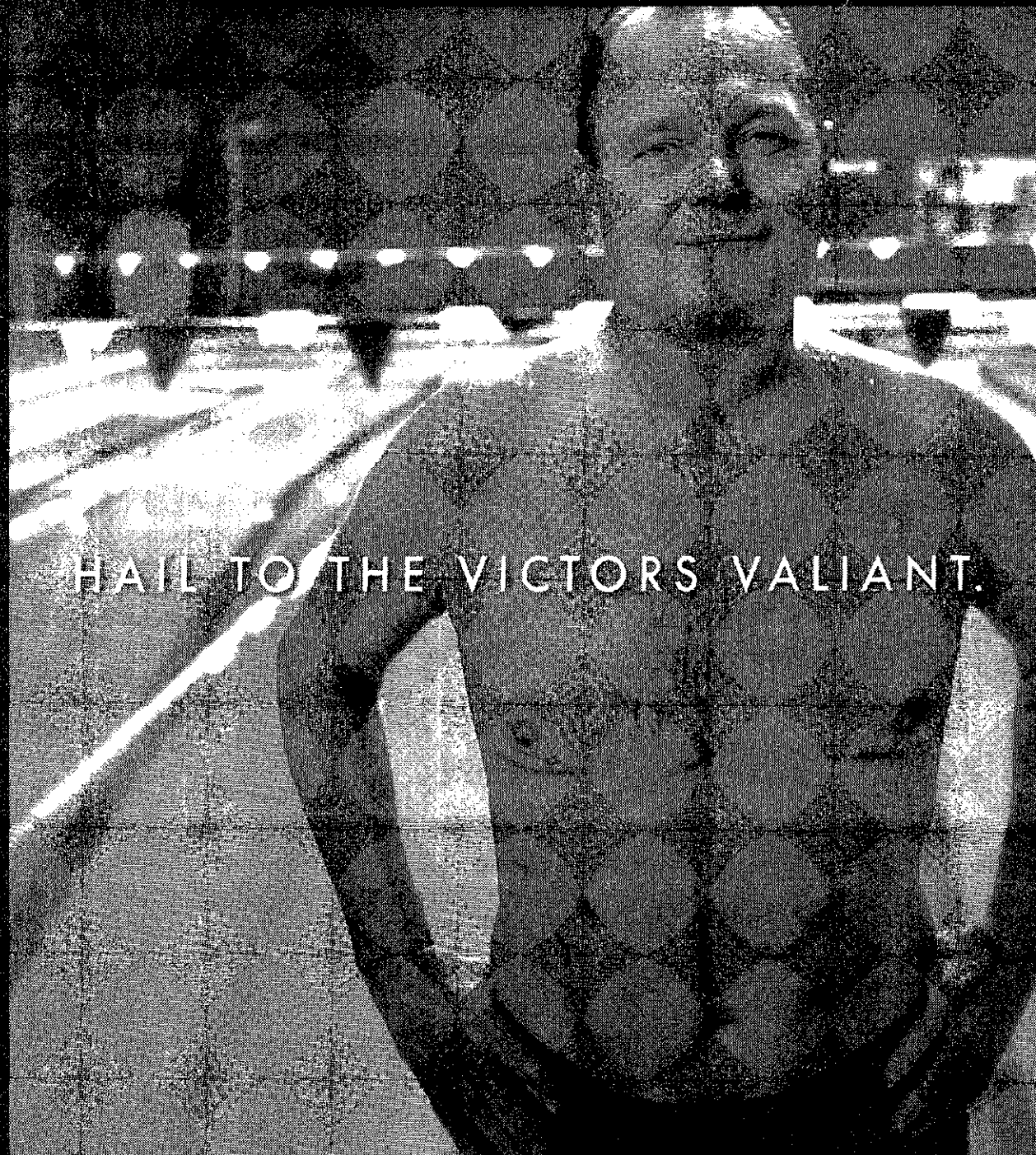
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Assistant Prosecutor Robert Moran displays a hacksaw and tarp like the ones he said were used in the alleged crime.



James and Kimberley Sorensen, parents of victim Daniel Sorensen, react to photos of the crime scene shown to the jury.

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VERDICT

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rest of his life. We have to keep that in balance."

The jury was handed the case Tuesday afternoon, after defense lawyer James Thomas, who wasn't in court for the verdict, rested his case. They deliberated for nearly four hours Monday before Berry sent them home. They were back at it at 9 a.m. Wednesday, and returned the verdict shortly before 5 p.m.

Berry set May 12 as the sentencing date. Orlewicz faces a mandatory life sentence without possibility of parole.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Moran said he thought the gruesomeness of the crime, and the tender age of the defendant, caused the jury to take a long, thorough look.

"They took their time and didn't rush to judgment," Moran said. "I've never seen a murder more (thoroughly) planned out. To me, there was no question it was first-degree murder. The jury took its time and came to the same conclusion."

Joseph Niskar, another of Orlewicz's attorneys, declined to comment following the verdict. Orlewicz's family passed a phalanx of media without comment.

While the prosecution presented forensic evidence tying Orlewicz to the murder, Moran said Wednesday the testimony of former co-defendant Alexander Letkemann played an important role in the conviction. Letkemann, 18 of Westland, pleaded guilty April 1 to second-degree murder, then described the murder in gruesome detail during testimony last week.

"One of the reasons we agreed to the deal with (Letkemann) was he was cooperating with police," Moran said. "He led them to key evidence, he told the jury what happened."

Moran said though he believed from the beginning it was a case of first-degree murder, the length of the jury's deliberation did give him pause to wonder.

"It makes you nervous," Moran said. "You're on pins and needles. The gravity of the case ... and how horrific the acts, it took the jurors some time to come to grips with the idea an 18-year-old kid is capable of that."

Orlewicz took the stand on Monday and claimed he killed Sorensen in self-defense after Sorensen threatened to kill him and accomplice Alexander Letkemann following an aborted extortion scheme that was supposed to take place in the garage of Orlewicz's

grandfather's Canton Township home Nov. 7. But Moran argued in his closing statement the self-defense theory is "bogus."

"(Orlewicz) wants you to believe he was afraid of (Sorensen)," Moran told jurors. "Why does he take (Sorensen) into the garage? Why not say (intended extortion victim Adam Duwe) wasn't coming? Why not do it outside?"

"It's because there was no (extortion) plan."

Thomas argued if Sorensen's death was a planned murder, it would have happened differently. Citing testimony Orlewicz knew Sorensen carried a gun, Thomas argued his client, who used a paring knife in the attack, was woefully under-armed.

"This was a crime where someone brought a knife to a gunfight," Thomas argued.

"This was a crime where (Sorensen) was known to carry a gun."

The jury clearly didn't buy Orlewicz's self-defense claims, a fact for which Sorensen's family and friends were grateful.

"Just, 'Thank you,'" Dena Hasan of Westland, a friend of Sorensen, said of her reaction to the verdict. "I know a family just lost their son, but we lost someone a long time ago at (Orlewicz's) hand."

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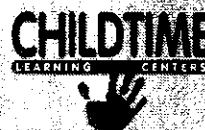
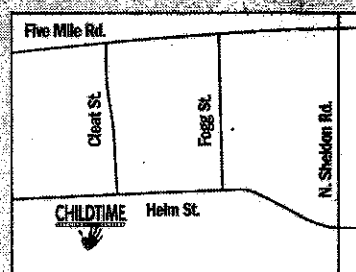
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Jews unite in celebration of Passover

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

This year Passover is bringing together Jews of different denominations for seders to celebrate their release from Egyptian slavery around 1280 B.C.E. The dinner features a retelling of the Exodus when Moses lead the Children of Israel into the desert after a series of 10 plagues finally convinced Pharaoh "to let my people go."

Congregation Beit Kodesh, a conservative synagogue in Livonia, gathered with the reformed Jewish temple Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton for a mock children's seder (SAY DER) led by Rabbi Peter Gluck of Bet Chaverim last Sunday. It consisted of a reading of the Haggadah (HAH-GAH-DAH), a book used to guide participants

through a seder. Although the customs of these denominations vary, their beliefs remain the same. They will observe Passover from sundown Saturday, April 19, to sundown Sunday, April 27.

Like most Jews, Jeff Kirsch of Farmington Hills shares the traditional seder meal on the first two nights with his family - wife Paula, son David, 24, daughter Michelle, 26, her son Chase, 2 1/2, and friends. The Kirsch family will also attend services at the synagogue on the first two and last two days of Passover.

"The Haggadah book describes the seder and talks about the Jews leaving Egypt. It gives everyone a sense of what Passover is all about and how it's celebrated at each person's home. To me it's about freedom. It's about hope, not being a slave to anybody, being

able to have your own dreams and fulfilling what you want. It's a very important holiday to us," said Kirsch, education director of the Sunday School for children of the Livonia and Canton congregations.

Roberta Malkowski is busy taking reservations and organizing the dishes to be brought to the Bet Chaverim congregational seder Saturday. The Northville woman will then celebrate Passover with the Klegon family, her close friends in Bloomfield Hills Sunday.

"We go through telling of the crossing of Jewish people across the desert and the 10 plagues and have Matzah, the unleavened bread. One of the most symbolical reasons why we have it at Passover they were fleeing as slaves and did not have time to let bread rise," said Malkowski. "The children are very much involved. One of

most important parts is asking the four questions and usually reserved for the youngest. One question is why is this night different than all other nights. On all other nights we eat leavened bread.

"Our seder is done in Hebrew and English so everyone is able to participate. Everyone gets to read a passage. Passover's always been a favorite holiday of ours because it's so inclusive of family and service is held in your home. You are actually holding a service in your home or with a congregation."

Malkowski grew up outside New York City and used to bring her college roommate home with her for seder.

"It's kind of like a Thanksgiving dinner where you invite everybody around," said Malkowski.

Rabbi Boruch Cohen is inviting Jews in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area to participate in Passover Across America community learning seders at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chai Center Saturday-Sunday. The synagogue is one of only 20 locations in the country to host the seders sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program of New York, a continuing Jewish adult education organization. Passover Across America seders are conducted entirely in English.

"Jewish spirituality is very community oriented," said Rabbi Cohen. "Many people



PHOTO BY JEFF KIRSCH

Rabbi Peter Gluck leads a mock seder for the children of congregations Bet Chaverim and Beit Kodesh last Sunday.

celebrate with family, but others either don't have family around here or want to experience a seder with a rabbi done with a sense of meaning and spirituality."

Cohen's six children, ages 3 to 16, will attend the community seder and share songs they learned at school.

"Passover America is to help people understand what seder's all about," said Rabbi Cohen. "Part of the beauty of a community seder is because it's read straight through without any understanding of text, begging for people to ask questions. To the modern ear it's sometimes a bit foreign. What is this saying to me that scholars have asked throughout history? The answers are revolutionary. This is the style of Jewish learning, you take a text

and talk about it. In the discussion is just a burst of truly amazing stuff.

"Passover in Exodus is a historical dimension. There's also a concept of Exodus in an everyday dimension. A person is body and soul together in a sense when the soul can get enslaved to bodily pursuits and lose touch with their spiritual identity. One of the fundamental themes of the holiday is to re-establish contact with one's spiritual identity. A sense of freedom for the soul, which is really the key for the seder celebration, has been somewhat lost in the American seder. We want to reconnect with the real beauty and meaning of what's going on."

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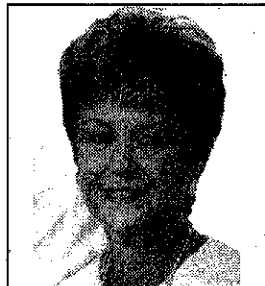
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BARBARA S. MORRISON

Age 69, passed on to eternal life April 13, 2008 after an 18 month battle with brain cancer. Beloved wife of 35 years of William. Loving mother of Deborah (Reiner) Rommelmann of El Paso, John Michael Manns of Colorado Springs and Deborah (John) Clark of Greenville. Grandmother of Kristine and Ashleigh. Sister of Beverly Buchanan of San Francisco, David (Kris) Shaven of Toledo, Sally (Charlie) Raphael of Williamsburg Virginia and Rich (Kari) Shaven of Portland Oregon. Born to Donald and Helen Shaven in Toledo. Attended DeVilbiss High School in Toledo and Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Barbara worked as an accountant for Coordinated Arts in Plymouth and Enviro Fab in Redford before joining Midwest Benefits in Southfield where she became Director of Finance overseeing the Accounting, payroll and Human Resource departments. When the company was sold she moved to a part time position as accountant for Ann Arbor Dermatology. Barbara especially loved musicals, plays, cooking, traveling in their motor home with a group of friends and volunteering with her Rotarian husband for work with District 6400 of Rotary International. She was a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor. Services held at North Ridge Church on Thursday April 17, 2008. Memorials suggested to Hermelin Brain Tumor Center of Henry Ford Health Systems, Arbor Hospice or the Plymouth Rotary Foundation. Leave condolences at: www.schrader-howell.com

ELOY S. ROTHWELL

Age 87, April 15, 2008. Wife of the late Philip M. Rothwell. Mother of Ellen Stewart and Laura Ambrose (Brian). Grandmother of Emily Pachla (Steve), Andrew Stewart, Sarah Ambrose, and Jessica Ambrose. Memorial service, Saturday 2 PM at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Memorial Tributes to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or Kirk in the Hills.

JOHN "JACK" BEAVIS

Age 78, Novi, MI, passed April 11, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

MARSHALL E. STREET (GABBY)

Age 88, April 15, 2008. Beloved husband of the late Willie Mae. Dear father of Pam (Larry) Bruder, Candy (Bill) Chenoweth and the late Marshall W. Father-in-law of Sue. Grandfather of Joe (Paula), Michelle (Doug), Susie (Mike), Josh and Woodie. Great-grandfather of Derek, Sammie, Millie, Brock, Jordan, Madison, Nathan and Morgan. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm. Funeral Services Friday 10am at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (between Ford and Cherry Hill).

PETER B. NIELSEN

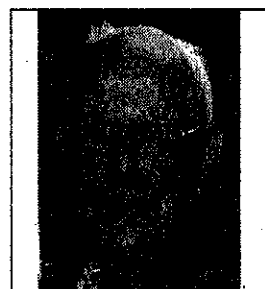
Age 87, of Livonia. Passed away in his home on April 11, 2008. Preceded in death by his wife, Miriam and sons, Alan and Craig. Loving father of Roy (Kerry), Paul and Denise (Greg) Stratton. Proud grandpa of Nicole, Amber, Steven, Stacy, Leslie, James and Haley and great-grandpa to Joshua and Gavin. Memorial service Saturday, April 19, 6:30pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Seven Mile, west of Farmington. Memorials to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154, or Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia, MI 48152.

MARGERY A. STARNES

Age 80, of Metamora, formerly of Pleasant Ridge & Birmingham, passed away April 10, 2008 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was born May 27, 1927 in Pleasant Ridge. She is survived by her husband Robert, whom she married July 15, 1950 in Royal Oak, her children Robert (Cynthia), James (Cynthia), Deborah, Laura (William) Wiley, Virginia (Steven) Taylor & the late Carol, siblings: Barbara Thunell, Donald Boothroyd & the late Douglas Boothroyd. Two grandchildren Bradley & Katherine also survive. Margery was a member of the P.E.O., & The Delta Zeta Sorority, & was a graduate of Albion College. She loved to travel, life & her family and friends. Visitation took place Monday, 2-9pm at Wessles & Wilk Funeral Home, 23690 Woodward Ave., Pleasant Ridge. A celebration of Life luncheon will be on Sat., April 19th, from 11am-1pm at Pasquales Restaurant, 31555 Woodward. Memorials are suggested to the charity of your choice.

LILLIAN WADE

Age 79, of 29865 Speidel Rd., East Rochester, OH, died April 12th at the Hospice House in Poland, Ohio. Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Shultz of East Rochester, OH, & sons, Timothy Wade of Delton, MI, and Ronald Wade of Wolverine Lake, MI. Services were held at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home in Salem, OH. Private burial will be held at the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI.



WILLIAM H. BURGUM

Age 93, of West Bloomfield, died April 13, 2008, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Mr. Burgum was born November 13, 1914 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, #118 Construction Battalion, serving in the South Pacific, New Guinea, Philippines and Australia from 1942-1945. Mr. Burgum was a civil engineer. He was a resident of Birmingham for 65 years where he served as Planning Commissioner, 1951-1958, City Commissioner, 1958-1964 and Mayor, 1963-1964. Mr. Burgum was a member of the Birmingham Rotary since 1960, serving as president, 1964-1965. He was a strong supporter of the YMCA and the Community House in Birmingham. Mr. Burgum is survived by his wife, Louise and children, Thomas L. (Bonnie) Burgum and Katherine (Robert) Schneider. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jill, Stacy, Tom (Melissa) Burgum, Robin (Steve) Hauck, Robert Schneider, Martha (Andy) Enright and Benjamin Shealey, and three great-grandchildren. Memorial service at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham, Thursday, April 24 at 11am. Memorials appreciated to Rotary Foundation, c/o Birmingham Rotary, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, Michigan 48009 or Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham, Michigan 48009. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660.

MIKE KEETH

Age 59, passed away April 11, 2008. He was a life long Plymouth resident and business owner of Colonial Heating and Cooling. He is survived by his loving partner Diane, his children Richard, Lisa, Kenny, Steve and Sherman. Also survived by his brother Don, his sister Leslyn and many loving grandchildren. Mike was a dear friend to many, loved by those who knew him and will be truly missed.

RUTH F. BERKEY

Age 86, of Westland, April 12, 2008. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Emily (Bernard) Brock and Pamela Grubbs. Dearest grandmother of seven and great grandmother of 11. She is also survived by her sister Juanita (and the late Adam) Dellinger. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Vickie and her parents, Edward and Edna Cash. Funeral service was Tuesday, 3:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 7832646. Visitation was Tuesday 2:00-3:00 PM. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park.



VILMA "VAL" LEE KESSLER

April 13, 2008, Age 75. Resident of Clarkston, MI. Survived by her husband of 51 years, Paul; by her children, Paul A. Kessler and Lisa Marion; and by her grandchildren, Michael and Anne Marie Marion. Funeral Service Friday 11 AM at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Rd. (between Maple & Big Beaver). Family will receive friends Thursday 2-9PM.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Day of Reflection

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

Pax Christi conference

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

MAMA'S Coffeeshouse

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

Save our church concert

A variety of singing groups perform 5 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 2260 Hunt at Chene, Detroit. Proceeds to help save Immanuel Grace A.M.E. Church at 490 Conner. Call (313) 821-0181. Church mortgage payment due May 13.

Blood drive

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

Gospel concert

The Sacred Heart Choral Assembly of Sacred Heart Parish in Detroit performs 4:30 p.m. Sunday, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The concert is sponsored by the Choirs of St. Michael's, under the direction of Mrs. Cindy Stempin, and is open to the public. No tickets required; a free will offering is requested.

Church schedule

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

Spring rummage sale

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

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, two blocks south of Plymouth Road. Toys, clothes, shoes and purses, small appliances, books, kitchen stuff. Proceeds go for church and district mission projects. Call (313) 937-3170.

Used book/media sale

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial at

Beck, Plymouth Township.

Rummage sale

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

Bible meets Broadway

8 p.m. Saturday, April 26, the Livonia Youth Choir and the St. Paul's Singers, under the direction of Pat Hutchison and April Toews, perform music from The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, Into the Woods, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and more, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, west of Inkster Road. For information, call Pat Hutchison at (248) 347-4134. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner in the church's social hall where each group will offer a short performance. At 8 p.m., the choir will move to the sanctuary for their general concert which also features some Churchill High School alumni who have also been a part of the Livonia Youth Choir and/or St. Paul's. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$3. Tickets for dinner and concert are \$6.00 and available by calling (734) 422-1470 as soon as possible as seating for the dinner is limited.

Irish festival

1-9 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at the grounds of St. Patrick's Senior Center, 58 Parsons, behind Orchestral Hall. Hundreds of Irish dancers, singers, musicians plus food, games, raffles. Proceeds go to St. Pat's center. Call (313) 833-7080

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Vacation Bible School

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

UPCOMING

Spring fund-raiser

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

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of every month at the

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church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday May 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost \$10. Doors open 7:30 P.M. Call (734) 261-5716. Cinco de Mayo/Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday May 9, at the St. Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 996-8644. Cost will be either a snack, dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet) or \$5 and we will supply the paper products and the coffee. Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Saturday May 17, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call (734) 513-9479. Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31, Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster Rd., Redford. Admission \$15. For information, call (586) 264-0284.

Rummage sale

1-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. For information about donating, working, or shopping, call the church at (248) 644-2040, visit <http://fpcbirmingham.org/RummageSale>, or send e-mail to fpc.rummage.sale@gmail.com.

Father Kern award dinner

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

ONGOING

Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.single-place.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church

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

Sunday services

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

Tai chi and strength classes

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

Church offerings

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

Church services

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

Thursday fellowship dinner

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

Thrift store

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

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills) is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for

over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Living Water series

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

Couple prayer series

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

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Airport plans three open houses on master plan

The Wayne County Airport Authority will host six additional public informational "Open Houses" to provide local community members with the opportunity to learn more about the details of the Authority's proposed Master Plan for Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

"The Airport Authority has been and remains committed to developing an Airport Master Plan for Detroit Metro that meets the needs of the entire region we serve," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. "These additional sessions will help advance our effort to include as much public

input as possible in the planning process and to develop the Master Plan in the most transparent manner possible."

The plan includes building a new runway that would require the removal of housing in a Romulus neighborhood. Romulus officials and residents have objected to the proposal.

The Airport Master Plan Open House sessions will be held 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 23; 9 a.m. to noon and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 29; and 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at the Metropolitan Hotel, 31500 Wick Road, Romulus.

All six Open House sessions will provide the same resources but the schedule is staggered across three dates and time slots to maximize community participation.

Details about the Master Plan will be provided using informational displays (including large charts and maps) and representatives from the Airport Authority's planning team will be available throughout each session to personally address each participant's questions and concerns. Community members are encouraged to stop-by at any time during any of the Open Houses and to stay until all of their questions are answered.

"By providing 18 hours of availability across three different dates when airport stakeholders can drop in at their leisure, this 'Open House' format will provide community members with several chances to interact one-on-one directly with a member of the Authority's planning team," Robinson said.

At its meeting on March 20, the Airport Authority Board elected to defer action on the Airport's proposed Master Plan to its May 22 meeting to allow additional time for community concerns to be addressed.

The Federal Aviation Administration estimates that

passenger traffic at Detroit Metro Airport will increase an average of 2.3 percent annually. As a result, Detroit Metro expects to see nearly 60 million passengers and more than 800,000 take-offs and landings each year by 2025.

An airport "Master Plan" is required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from any airport that plans to seek federal funding for airport development projects. The purpose of Detroit Metropolitan Airport's proposed Master Plan is to develop a basic layout of physical improvements that will be needed if the demand and activity increase to the levels expected.

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WSU students offer PR services to nonprofit organizations

Wayne State University, celebrated for its applied curriculum, is taking another step in integrating its practical education with its commitment to the community through its service learning initiative, CommunityEngagement@Wayne.

One of the latest projects in service learning at Wayne involves a Public Relations COM 7140 graduate course crafted to enrich 24 PR students' academic and practical skills.

The students are working to develop press kits, coordinate events and garner media attention for Detroit non-profits, including Alternatives for Girls, Covenant House Michigan, Southwest Detroit Development Collaborative (SDDC), Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision, as well as a team helping to increase the visibility of the communication studies major at Wayne.

These organizations have found support through CommunityEngagement@Wayne, which is a service learning program dedicated

to advancing students' efforts in the causes of these organizations ranging from drug and sexual abuse prevention amongst young girls to nurturing Detroit's natural resources and environment. The initiative identifies courses that have a practical component and assist eager instructors in implementing real-life skill building experiences.

For example, from the nearly \$650,000 WSU has raised toward this project the COM 7140 course was awarded a portion to support their efforts in establishing community partners as clients needing public relations consultation.

The COM 7140 students will continue to assist local area non-profits by supplying a variety of public relations services through the end of the semester. Students hope to equip the organizations with PR resources that will sustain their organizational needs for the future while contributing to their mission.

"I wanted to be a part of something from the beginning and was especially interested

in contributing a strategic plan that will be ongoing and adaptive as the organization grows and changes," said Anne Sesko, graduate student working with SDDC. "I knew that this kind of collaboration existed, but did not realize what an impact it could have."

In addition to students, many WSU instructors believe the service learning initiative enhances classroom learning through real-life skill building, which ultimately provides a competitive advantage for participants.

Since its inception in 2005, CommunityEngagement@Wayne has promoted the university's dedication to its local, urban environment. The initiative provides tangible benefits to communities and unique opportunities for students to apply newly learned skills in a real-world context. It supports the service learning endeavors of WSU instructors and students and welcomes innovative community partnering. For more information, visit www.communityengagement.wayne.edu.

LEKOTEK OPEN HOUSE

The Arc of Northwest Wayne County's Lekotek Program is holding an open house 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at 26049 Five Mile Road, Redford.

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These full-length practice ACT and SAT practice tests are given under simulated testing conditions. Students will receive personalized score reports detailing their strengths and weaknesses.

The ACT testing will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 3. Locations are offered around the State: Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Grosse Pointe and Utica.

The SAT testing will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 17. Locations are offered around the State: Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Grosse Pointe and Utica.

Students and parents are invited to attend the Scores Back and Strategy Session 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 31 in Ann Arbor, Birmingham and Utica. Students will receive their scores, learn strategies for each test and how to gain admission in a top-notch school.

Learn to manage your money effectively

JVS, a Southfield-based nonprofit, and Detroit Commerce Bank will present Credit and Budgeting for Today, a seminar on personal finance and money management. The seminar will be held 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at JVS, 29699 Southfield Road, Southfield.

Seminar participants will become "Money Smart" by learning how to properly manage their money. Individuals will learn the importance of financial goal setting, how to determine their income and expenses to create a budget, how credit scores are determined and the necessary steps to repair their credit. For more information, contact Clarissa McMillon of JVS at (248) 233-4482 or cmcmillon@jvsdet.org.

The seminar is part of Money Smart Week, a Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago initiative, being held in Michigan April 20-26. During this time, more than 315 Money Smart education classes, seminars, and activities will be held to help people better manage their personal finances. For more information on Michigan's Money Smart activities visit www.moneysmartweek.org/michigan or call (877) MNY-SMRT.

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Children's book takes a shine to lighthouses

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Washington, D.C., has played host to many famous marches — by veterans, civil rights advocates, anti-nuclear demonstrators, fathers for responsibility and mothers against war.

But the capital hasn't seen anything like the vision John Foley conjures in his children's book *Shine on Lighthouses*. In his colorful tale the lighthouses march to demand better preservation.

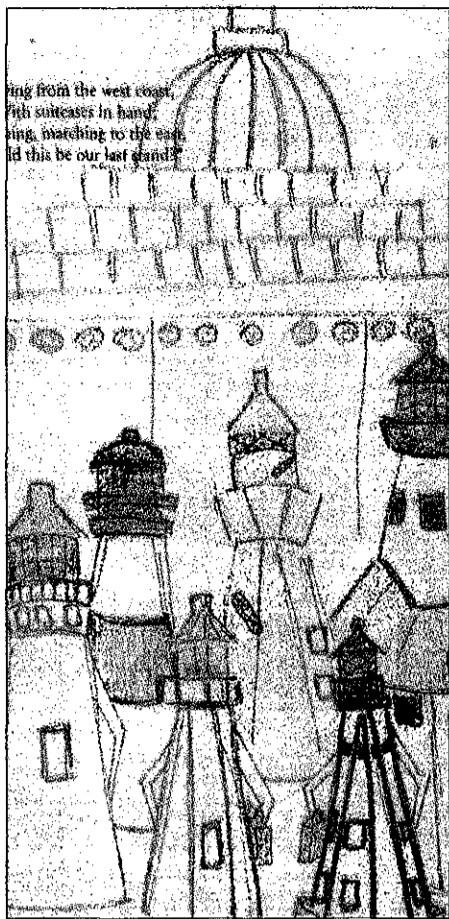
Eighteen years in the merchant marines gave Foley, 50, of Canton an appreciation for lighthouses. He started right after high school graduation with a job on a Great Lakes freighter in 1976.

"In the early '80s, I was on a ship that went from Holland to Spain to Greece, Egypt, Saudi Arabia," he said. "Then I went back to the Great Lakes. From there you get to see all the lighthouses from out in the lake and take points of navigation from them. I've always had a fancy for lighthouses."

Foley works as a security officer at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Pittsfield Township but has dreamed of being an author and lighthouses seemed like a good subject.

"For Christmas one year, I got a book, *Past Lighthouses*, and inside the book is a picture on a lighthouse with a crack at its base. Somebody snapped a picture of it as it was half fallen over and then in the water," Foley said. "Looking at that inspired the first two paragraphs and from there I'd write a little here and write a little there."

At first the idea was to have Michigan lighthouses march on Lansing, but soon Foley broadened his



Erin Dillenbeck of D&M Studios in Canton brings John Foley's lighthouse story to life with lively drawings.

vision and created a fable including lighthouses from both coasts and the Great Lakes in 48 four-line verses.

The book opens: On a cold November morning/My fate came to be;/To stumble toward the shore line,/And fall into the sea."

Writing the book was the easy part. It was getting published that proved dif-

ficult. He sent his creation to eight publishers. Three offered encouragement but all eight rejected his book. The editor of *Lighthouse Digest* suggested he find an illustrator.

Erin Dillenbeck of D&M Studios in Canton brings Foley's story to life with bright, whimsical illustrations that offer a childlike perspective with some sly winks to adults.

"She did a fine job," Foley said. "I had the basic idea formulated for each page and the words that were on each page. I wanted how I had seen it in that book, how the lighthouse falls, and as it travels on through, I wanted a history of lighthouses."

Foley said he wanted to show how lighthouses have been neglected as ships have moved to global navigation that makes lighthouses obsolete.

After his frustration with waiting and being rejected, Foley decided to self-publish. He created several copies of his book at Kinko's and distributed them to family and friends.

"I got nothing but positive results," he said.

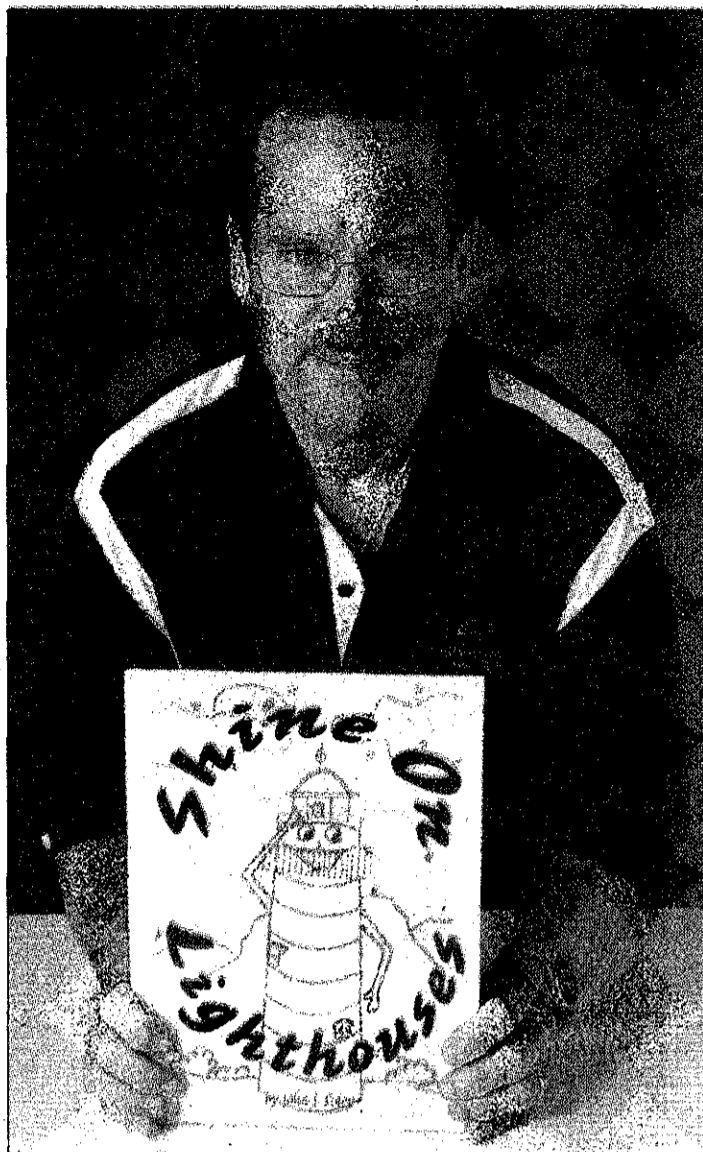
He arranged with Xlibris to print his book. The book is available at xlibris.com for \$21.99 hardcover but Foley is trying to find other ways to get his book and its message out.

"I would like to inspire a march on Washington once a year," he said. "August 7 is National Lighthouse Day and I'd like to see a National Lighthouse Festival in Washington."

This summer, he will attend the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival to sell his books.

Foley is married with three adult children and several grandchildren.

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John Foley's 'Shine on Lighthouses' is a children's book promoting lighthouse preservation.

This is the season of storms – and vultures

Vultures soar in majestic flight, riding rising thermals. Chorus frog songs of lust rise from misty marshes. Spring peepers peep under the crescent moon. Catkins glisten on foggy dawns. Whispers in woodland belong to spring breezes. Scavenging opossums shuffle along creeks. Red-winged blackbirds flash their epaulets from every cattail marsh. Sandhill cranes bugle to dawn shortly after owls fall silent. Steelhead run the Clinton.

So it is in the wilder parts of the metro and in protected pockets of parks and wildlands.

In the suburbs, crocus adds splashes of color. Groundhogs search in vain for your gardens. Coyotes hunt rabbits and the occasional carousing cat. Raccoons rustle under decks. And down at St. John Oakland Hospital in the southeastern corner of the county, killdeer strut the far corners of the parking lot, as house sparrows jostle for prime nesting "platforms" in the large "AMBULANCE" bay letters outside the emergency entrance. The A's, B and E are their favorites.

All these natural signs and so many more, are confirmations that spring has smothered winter — almost. A time of green-ing, a time of peace: not so fast.

Our atmosphere remains turbulent and this week has been designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week with good reason. Nature may whisper at times in her infinitesimal ways of subtle beauty and wondrous ways or she can explode with extreme weather beyond our comprehension. Sadly, we frequently ignore this potential until too late.

This is the season of the gray-green pea soup skies that seem to boil and churn. The season of tornado sirens. Rumbling thunder. Hail storms. Violent down-burst of wind. Flash floods.

And many believe this season may be a rocky one of rapidly changing conditions as weather patterns and increased warmth fuels a new norm of increasingly severe storms with less warning. Awareness of Michigan's serve weather potential is your responsibility.

One of the most common and magnificent manifestations of Michigan severe weather are



Nature's Way

Jonathan Schechter

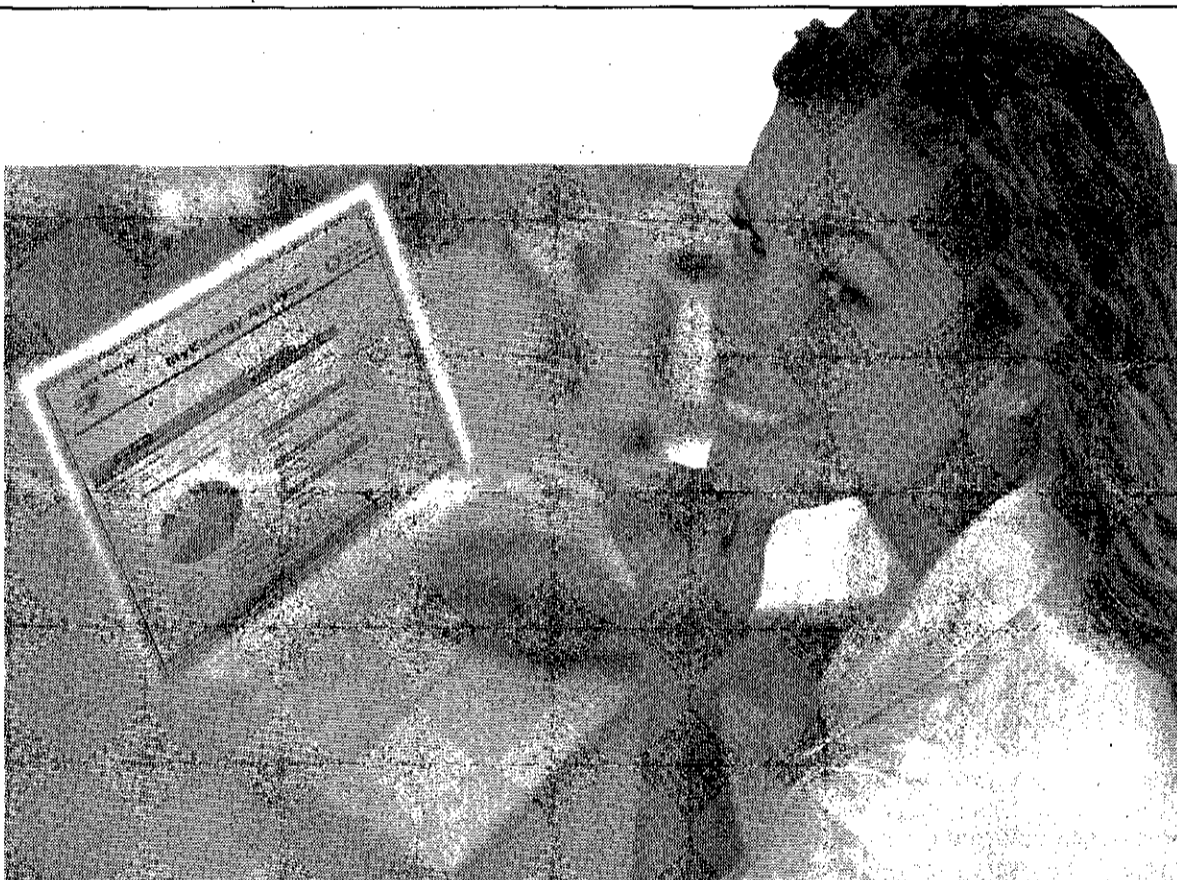
our thunderstorms with billowing cumulonimbus clouds, some reaching higher than the cruising altitude of jetliners. And these powerhouses of energy spawn lightning, killing humans and cows and wildlife, sparking house fires and wildfires and myth: the preverbal "bolt out of the blue."

Never forget if you can hear thunder, lightning is a deadly threat even if the storm seems miles away and the sky is blue. Time to play ball? Think again.

Staying outside is foolish and being stranded outside can be harrowing. For outdoor safety tips for campers, hikers, boaters and climbers that lessen your chance of being hit if there is no safe retreat, explore the NOAA Web site www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/outdoors.htm.

The sobering site is full of cautions and tips and advice that we need to know. Tidbit: There is a reason that if you are trapped outside during a severe storm your safest place of last resort may be under high-tension lines, away from the massive support poles. Last year Michigan had 22 tornadoes, including our first EF-3 in 10 years. Hail pounded nearby Durand for 30 minutes, damaging almost every building and flattening crops. On Aug. 24, six tornadoes struck Lower Michigan, including one that cut a 200-yard wide, six-mile long swath through three counties, severely damaging Fenton. Be safe. Purchase and know how to use a NOAA Weather Radio with battery backup. We are in the season of silent soaring vultures and supercell storm ... nature's way is unpredictable.

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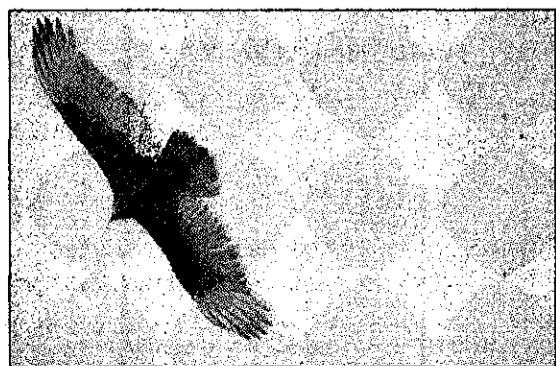
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OUR VIEWS

Increasing middle school athletics is the right move

If all the chips fall into place, middle school students in Plymouth-Canton are going to have more athletic opportunities next year. Administrators are trying to come up with a formula (i.e. a way to come up with the money) to add boys and girls cross country and wrestling as official sports starting next year.

Of course, like everything else in the district these days, the proposal comes down to looking under every rock to find enough funding for the programs. Administrators are considering increasing pay-to-play fees from \$60 to \$75, as well as charging a modest gate entry fee (\$2 for adults, \$1 for students) to attend all middle school sporting events.

A committee, which includes co-middle school athletic directors Roche LaVictor and Clint Smiley, came up with the recommendations. While these funding proposals won't please everyone, the committee should be commended because they won't take away from classroom funding, which is critical considering the district is currently facing a \$4 million deficit for the 2008-09 school year.

Adding cross country and wrestling (to replace boys volleyball that is currently offered) makes sense for several reasons. First, they are offered at the high school level, and will make the high school programs more competitive because the athletes will already have a foundation by the time they get there. Secondly, these sports are no-cut sports, meaning every child that tries out will make the team if they put in the effort — unlike basketball and softball that only keep about 20 kids.

Cross country is also a very inexpensive sport to run, and it would be available to sixth-graders. Currently, sixth-graders are not eligible to participate in any sports.

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On Earth Day, give the planet some love

Each year on April 22, we celebrate Earth Day. The first Earth Day was in 1970, which some say was the birth of the modern environmental movement. Back then, many of our cities were shrouded in smog and pollution clogged our rivers. While there have been many environmental successes since then, our planet still faces many man-made challenges.

Earth Day provides a reminder that each one of us makes an impact (or "footprint") on our environment — some more than others. It is also a reminder that each one of us can make a difference in trying to improve our environment. There are countless ways to do this, but it has to start by getting involved.

One way to do that locally in Canton is participating in the township's Earth Day Spring Clean Up, which actually takes place on Saturday, April 19. Volunteers will be picking up litter and trash along the I-275 trail system from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Not only will they be picking up unsightly garbage, but they will also be improving a trail system that will encourage an alternative to motor vehicle transportation, one of the biggest sources of pollution. If you're interested, meet at Fellows Creek Golf Club throughout the morning.

If you can't make it, organize a clean-up of your own, whether it be in a public park or a neighborhood. Better yet, take some time to think about the "footprint" you are leaving on this planet, and make an effort to be a better steward of the Earth we have inherited. Future generations will be grateful.

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LETTERS

Minimize damage from Oakwood

I would like to express my disappointment and concern upon hearing that Oakwood will be building a hospital and medical campus directly behind our home on Nottingham Lane in Canton Township.

We have been Canton residents since 1999 and have lived in this home for five of those years, enjoying the view of the field, the wildlife (deer, fox, etc), the privacy and quiet. Our children spend a lot of time playing in the back yard and we spend a lot of time enjoying our deck during the warmer months.

While we have always understood that this land may eventually be developed, we were told a residential builder owned the land and would construct a neighborhood of either single family homes or attached condos. Hearing that a hospital complete with parking structures, helicopters, an emergency room, people coming and going 24 hours a day, seven days a week, car exhaust and traffic has brought us horrible anxiety. We cannot imagine the noise pollution, loss of our privacy, feeling unsafe, the loss of the beautiful view, the medical waste, the major drop in our property value, etc. The list of negative repercussions for us just goes on and on.

To our disappointment, we've not been contacted at all by Canton Township regarding this decision, compensation or request for our input as of this date. We've only been notified that this is happening. Our association has assured us that Canton Township is going to look out for our best interests and that our input would be welcomed at this time.

We have two small children, a daughter who will turn 2 this summer and a 4-year-old son who is on the autism spectrum. Having a hospital directly backing up to our yard will be very distracting and upsetting for them, not to mention dangerous should they encounter moving cars, medical waste, strangers, etc. I can't imagine feeling safe in this home again. I don't imagine being able to let my kids play in our yard or to be able to relax outside if we are backing right up to a high rise building and/or parking lot full of traffic. Because of the loss of property value and the poor Michigan economy in general, I don't see selling this home as a realistic option for us now.

I want the township to take our situation along with all of our neighbors bordering the property line into consideration as you review Oakwood's site plans. Please, on our behalf, insist that Oakwood properly space and landscape the property. I think the building itself and any parking structure should be as close to Beck and/or Michigan Avenue as possible. I would suggest a water retention pond to distance the campus from our homes and provide a solution to the current standing water issue.

I'd like to see a sodded hill to create a barrier, possibly a fence/wall structure. A dense tree line can be planted to create a natural border. There

are many options to consider and I would hope that as Canton residents our concerns are addressed. I fully expect the Canton Township Planning Commission and the Canton Township Board of Trustees to serve as advocates for us, for our family's quality of life. I cannot imagine a scenario where our quality of life would be improved, but at the very least I plead with you to minimize the damage for our family and for all of our neighbors.

Dennis, Jennifer, James and Kailyn Monticelli
Canton

Salaries are too high

On Nov. 27, 2007, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack had a heated discussion with a Canton resident who was criticizing the Board of Trustees for voting themselves a raise. Mr. Yack defended his actions by explaining he was following Michigan law regarding elected compensation. At that meeting, Trustee Todd LaJoy stated that the Financial Impact Committee and others would sit down and evaluate what those salaries should be for full-time and part-time trustees.

That committee, armed with in-depth analysis done within the tri-county area on elected officials' salaries and fringe benefits, recommended a reduction, that Mr. Yack thinks is too low. His contention is that the supervisor's salary would drop by more than 13 percent.

My contention is that the supervisor's salary was artificially high. Since 2002, his salary has grown from \$92,343 to \$127,073, more than a 37 percent increase (5.5 percent annually).

If Mr. Yack truly believes that the Board of Trustees should follow a process to determine merit pay, then his rejection of their recommendation makes him a hypocrite.

Dan Devey
Canton

Trail is a gem

A gem is in our midst. That gem is the new trail system in Canton, north of Michigan Avenue. As a Canton family for over 10 years, we have loved all that our community has to offer. Our four growing school-aged children have seen the area around the trails change, but they haven't been able to experience up close, the gem that is in our back yard.

Having the trails go through the nature areas along the river will be tremendous in so many respects. Our family plans on walking, running and biking there often. Nowadays, young people need a reason to leave "the boxes" (that's mommy language for televisions, computers, Xbox's, PS2's and more) and hit the trails. Nature is calling, and these trails that will open on June 7 will be a tangible, easy way for community families to get fresh air and even spend quality time together.

All four of our children have played soccer in the community and have loved it. But it should not take hundreds of dollars and organized sports teams for our kids to exercise. With these trails, they will experience the benefits of increasing their heart rates while breathing fresh air and appreciating unique ecosystems.

Forget the boxes — well, we can't do that completely, but let's at least get that area under control. Replace that box time with trail time! Using the trails will increase people's respect for nature as well as the overall health of our community.

In addition, as Founder of Marathon Mission (a premier faith- and community-based charity full of walkers and runners who participate in the Detroit Free Press/Flagstar Marathon), I am ecstatic about inviting the Marathon Mission Team to do some of their training on the new trail system. We will start with enjoying Phase 1, and every other phase after that, as the trails gradually expand to connect the I-275 trail to Canton Center Road and beyond.

Personally, I have run 10 marathons (26.2 miles), and virtually all of my training miles the last 10 years have been on the streets of Canton. I can hardly wait to incorporate the trails into the master plan this year. Yes, a gem is in our midst; it's a priceless treasure this family plans on exploring for years to come.

Lisa Harper
Canton

Thanks for the help

A big thank you goes out to the folks who picked up the litter from Geddes Road, east of Beck Road to Sheldon Road this past Saturday morning. Your contribution to the appearance of that busy road is immeasurable, and I hope you feel the good that you provided the Canton community was worth your time. To those who couldn't make it this time, please mark your calendar. We'll do it again on July 26, 2008. See you then.

Greg Greene
Canton

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"What happens at Grandma's, stays at Grandma's."

— The slogan on children's T-shirts being sold at the USBC national women's bowling championships that started last week at Super Bowl lanes

Lawsuit against MHSAA has harmed high school sports

First of all, I'd like to make it clear that I truly admire people who dedicate several years of their lives for a cause they feel is worthwhile.

Secondly, as the sports editor of the *Plymouth-Canton Observer*, I can honestly say that I give female athletes as much coverage as male athletes — not because I think it's an obligation of my job, but because I feel they deserve it.

That said, I wish the two Grand Rapids-area mothers (and their lawyers) who successfully sued the Michigan High School Athletic Association to change the girls volleyball season from winter

to fall had chosen global warming or world hunger as their cause — not toppling the non-profit association that provides an incredible service to more than 300,000 student-athletes each year.

While I'm sure the mothers' initial goal wasn't to bankrupt the MHSAA, their persistent, win-at-all-costs tactics have come close to doing just that.

With the tenacity of Michael Vick's pit bulls, these two mothers and the association they founded — Communities for Equity — have done more than just rock the MHSAA's boat. They've proven to be about as destructive as the iceberg that sank the Titanic.

Feeling their volleyball-playing daughters were getting the short end of the national-recruiting stick because Michigan's high school volleyball season was played in the winter, not the fall like the other 49 states, Diane Madsen and Jaye Roberts-Eveland sued the MHSAA in 1998 to change the seasons.

Following a decade of litigation, they eventually won their case, but was it worth it?

Nearly all the high school volleyball coaches, volleyball players and athletic directors I've discussed this issue with agreed that with the abundance of spring and summer AAU volleyball tournaments and camps, true college-caliber players will be recruited and offered scholarships — no matter when their high school season is played.

Case in point: Both the daughters of the founding mothers of CFE earned Division 1 scholarships — years before the volleyball season changed to the fall.

And check this out: Now that the girls high school volleyball season in Michigan is played

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at the same time as the college volleyball season, college coaches have less opportunity to watch high school matches.

It makes me wonder if the mothers' true motivation was enhancing their daughters' chances of playing in college or coming off looking like some kind of modern-day feminist-rights crusaders.

Along with the MHSAA's financial woes (a judge recently ruled that it owes legal fees and interest to the plaintiff's lawyer totaling \$7.4 million, but only has about \$6 million in assets), there has been other collateral damage created by the case. Because the girls basketball season was switched to the winter, the sport suffered a severe drop in attendance since it had to go head-to-head with the boys games.

The season change also created widespread shortages of quality high school basketball referees.

And the list goes on.

I'll conclude with this possible scenario: It's early October and the MHSAA has exhausted all of its appeals and is out of money. As a result, it is forced to cancel the postseason tournaments it runs for all of the fall sports — including volleyball.

How sad and ironic would that be?

After all the chaos, destruction and sadness these two mothers have created, I hope they've enjoyed their 15 minutes of fame.

Or would that be infamy?

Ed Wright is the sports editor of the *Plymouth-Canton Observer*. He can be reached via e-mail at ewright@hometownlife.com or phone at (734) 953-2108.

Families connected by same pain as trial closes in beheading case

James and Kimberly Sorensen sat in the same spot every day, near the far end of the second bench in Courtroom 402 of the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, surrounded by friends, buffered by love.

They sat up straight, except during the most graphic of the testimony, looking at what's coming straight on, not ducking it, not wanting — unable, really — to miss any of it.

The trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz, the 18-year-old Plymouth Township teenager accused of killing and mutilating their 26-year-old son, Daniel, has been a difficult one. It stretched for more than a week in the courtroom of Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette Berry, and the Sorensens didn't miss a minute.

They were there as the defense did what it had to do in order to put forth its defense, assailing the character of their son (who no one tried to paint as a choir boy). And they were there when Alexander Letkemann, the 18-year-old former Livonia Churchill student from Westland, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for his role in the killing, described the crime in chilling, graphic detail.

It was difficult to listen to for nearly everyone in the courtroom — those in the gallery and those in the jury — and the Sorensens and their friends wrapped themselves in each other, cloaked in shared loss and grief, and withstood it all.

At one point, Letkemann's story got so bone-chilling at least one juror teared up, and Berry wisely called for a recess.

Instead of using the time to get out of the room, to get away from it all, however briefly, Jim Sorensen did what he felt he had to do, what he felt needed to be done.

He sought out Letkemann's father, Pete, sitting in the far back corner of the room, kneeled in front of him, and the two spoke.

In whispered tones, they spoke to each other's face; more importantly, they spoke to each other's hearts.

"I wanted him to know we don't hate them, don't hate Alex," Sorensen said. "We don't condone what Alex did, or even understand it, but we feel (Alex) feels real remorse."

Neither man wanted to reveal what was actually said, but the hugs they exchanged and the tears they shared spoke to the emotional nature of the conversation.

"What Mr. Sorensen said to me, and my reply, was parent to parent, father to father," Pete Letkemann said. "Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen have been very gracious and kind to our family. I wonder how many people out there, myself included, could do the same under similar circumstances."

Like the Sorensens, Orlewicz's parents, William and Charlotte, have endured every moment of this arduous trial, usually sitting quietly in the same row as the Sorensens. They've not been as accessible as the other principal families involved in this case, and that's to be expected.

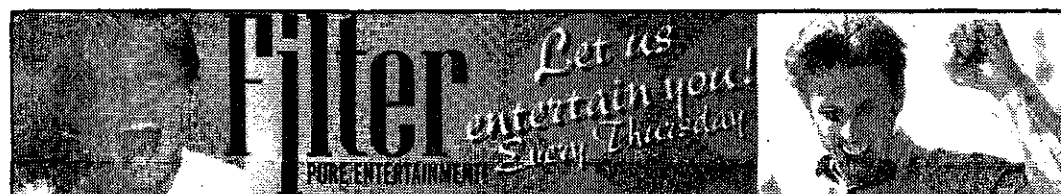
But their grief and pain is no less palpable. Charlotte Orlewicz often drapes an arm almost protectively around her husband's shoulders; his reaction to particularly painful testimony is to remove his glasses and pinch the bridge of his nose, as if trying to chase away a headache.

One young man's life was extinguished, another's is altered forever, with the prospect of at least 20 years in prison, and a teenager's life hung in the balance for more than a week.

Orlewicz's actions put this tragedy in motion. The jury decided his fate.

Two rows behind him, the families sat, and waited, forever intertwined by opposite ends of the same grief, with no one to decide their fate but themselves.

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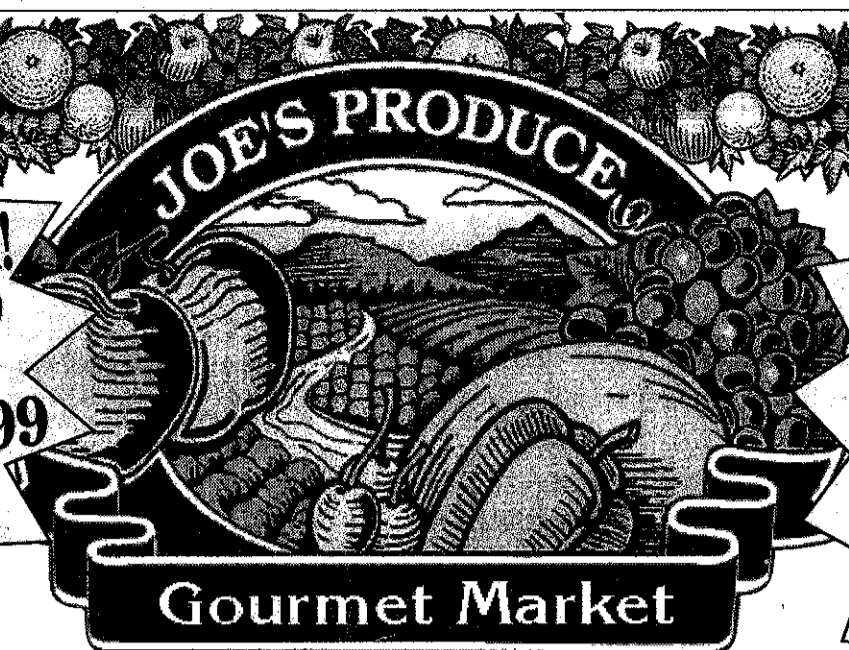
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The Plymouth-Canton Stars power-lifting team has been around for 11 years. Team members include (standing from left) Ron Walzak, Gary Stevens, Scott Gordinier, Tom Southard, David West, (kneeling from left) Sean Bowers, Kevin Welgosh, Kyle Siarto and Ben Bednarz.

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POWER-PACKED COMPETITION

What: Special Olympics Area 23 Power Lifting Invitational;

When: Saturday beginning at 11 a.m.

Where: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile

Who: 26 Special Olympics power lifters from across the state, including nine members of the Plymouth-Canton Stars, are expected to compete in bench press, dead lift, squat and combination events;

Cost: The tournament is free of charge;

For more information: Call Kathy Siarto at (313) 613-5801.



Sean Bowers (standing) serves as a spotter for Kevin Welgosh during the Plymouth-Canton Stars' power-lifting team's practice Monday night in Canton.

UP-LIFTING EXPERIENCE

Plymouth-Canton Stars find strength and friendships through power lifting

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's a lot more than muscles being built during the Plymouth-Canton Stars power-lifting team's twice-a-week practices in the weights-equipped basement of a southwest Canton home.

The nine dedicated Special Olympians that make up the squad have also worked hard to construct lifelong friendships, an inspiring form of cheer-each-other-on camaraderie and a level of self confidence that helps them in competitions and in the everyday-life situations that confront them on a daily basis.

"Power lifting is the best thing in the world to do because it's good exercise and it keeps me healthy," said Gary Stevens, who has been a member of the Stars since the team formed in 1997. "I've met a lot of my best friends power lifting. A lot of us bowl together and play softball, too."

Incredible improvement

Stevens' best event is the dead-lift, which requires the athletes to bend at the knees and lift the

weight waist-high.

"When I first tried it (11 years ago), I could only lift 45 pounds," Stevens remembered.

His current personal-best dead-lift: 445 pounds.

The Stars' strength will be on display Saturday at the Area 23 Power Lifting Invitational they are hosting at Northville High School.

Special Olympics power lifters from throughout the state will gather in the Northville High School gym for a competition that will feature four events: bench press, dead lift, squat and the combination (bench and dead lift).

"This is a very good sport for the athletes' self-esteem," said Gail Bowers, who coaches the team along with her brother. "It's a very, very small group, so they perceive themselves as an elite group."

"There will be 26 athletes in Northville on Saturday, which is probably five shy of all the Special Olympics lifters in the state."

Please see **STARS, B3**

Plymouth doubles up Salem in fresh rivalry

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last year they were teammates. Monday night they were rivals.

That explains life these days for members of the Plymouth and Salem boys lacrosse teams, who squared off for the first time Monday night — less than

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a year after playing together on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem united team.

The Wildcats earned first-year bragging rights by ousting the Rocks, 14-6, in a game played at the PCEP junior varsity stadium.

Sophomore Ryan Renault paced the triumph with four goals.

Plymouth improved to 4-2

Please see **LACROSSE, B4**



Plymouth's Christopher Hoffman (white jersey) scoops up a ground ball while being defended by Salem's Ryan Blakey during Monday's night's cross-campus lacrosse showdown. The Wildcats won, 14-6.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ignition's next foe: Monterrey

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the Detroit Ignition is going to capture its first Major Indoor Soccer League title over the next 10 days, it's going to have to achieve the feat against the best the league had to offer during the 2007-08 campaign.

The MISL's four top-seeded teams will square off in semifinal series that will run from Wednesday through Sunday.

The No. 1-seeded Ignition, which drew a first-round bye, will travel to Monterrey, Mexico, for Friday night's Game 1 against La Raza de Monterrey, a first-year team that went 2-1 against Detroit this season.

Game 2 of the two-game series is set for Sunday at 4:35 at Computware Arena in Plymouth Township.

Please see **IGNITION, B4**

Sidelines

Plymouth 'Y'

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of spring instructional sports programs.

The focus of these programs will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction. The programs include a sports sampler, basketball, soccer, T-ball, flag football, golf and karate.

Classes will run in the evenings and begin the week of April 28. Classes are available for kids ages 3-10.

For more information, contact the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadeloit.org.

Track bests needed

In an effort to compile a list of the Observerland's best boys and girls track and field performances, the Observer is requesting that the area's coaches e-mail their athletes' best times and distances to Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for making it into the first listing, which is scheduled to run Thursday, April 24, is Monday, April 21, at 11 p.m.

Plymouth football

■ The Plymouth Wildcat Youth Skills Camp will run June 23-25 from 5-7 p.m. on the varsity turf field at the PCEP Park.

This is a fundamentals camp for kids from fifth through ninth grades.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com; or call coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696.

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

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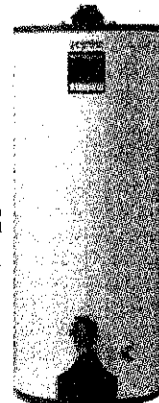
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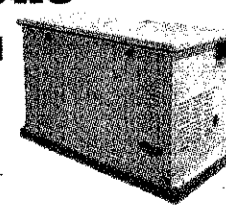
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Wildcat kickers dominate Patriots, 6-0

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's soccer team opened the WLAA Western Division portion of its schedule Monday night with a head-turning triumph over Livonia Franklin.

The Wildcats cruised to a 3-0 halftime lead and never looked back on the way to crafting a 6-0 white-washing over the visiting Patriots.

Plymouth is now 1-1-2 heading into Wednesday's key cross-campus match with Canton.

Junior Liz Koet had a career-best night as she registered a hat-trick. Kelly Dobbs, Julie Forster and Katie Moss also found the back of the net for the winners.

Marissa Williams (first half) and Tara Jasewicz combined for the shutout in net for the Wildcats.

"We were complacent at times, but overall I thought the girls played well," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "I thought Jessica Heck played

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solid on the defensive end and both of the keepers did a nice job."

CANTON 0, NORTHVILLE 0: On Monday at Northville, the Chiefs and Mustangs – both of whom are expected to contend for a WLAA Western Division title — battle to a scoreless draw.

Canton net-minder Bre Bellovary and Northville keeper Aleana Risner both came up big when their teams needed them.

Northville outshot Canton, 5-3. "I thought both teams played fantastic, end-to-end soccer," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "Everybody on our team played well. There were no weaknesses."

Canton's best opportunity to score unfolded in the first half when Laura Daniels threaded a perfect pass to a teammate, but the ensuing pass hit the cross bar and bounded harmlessly away.

"Northville had a couple of good opportunities in the first half, but they missed the net on both shots," said Tomasso.

Canton will take on cross-campus rival Plymouth Wednesday night at the PCEP soccer stadium in a pivotal early-season match. The opening kick is slated to commence at 7 p.m.

SALEM 0, LADYWOOD 0: On Saturday at the PCEP varsity soccer field, the Rocks and Blazers battled to a scoreless draw in windy, chilly conditions.

"I thought both teams played hard and were able to create a few scoring chances," said Salem coach Joe Nora.

Both teams' goal-keepers shined. Salem's Kristen Dondzila made four saves while Ladywood's Michele Ring made eight.

Salem freshman Kristina Klusek nearly won the game in the final minute, but her hard shot from the wing hit the cross-bar with 23 seconds left.

"We didn't get the bounces, but I'm very pleased with our effort," concluded Nora.

CHURCHILL 2, SALEM 0: Goals by Bailey Brandon in the third and 30th minute carried Livonia Churchill (4-0-1, 1-0) to a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Monday night at Centennial Educational Park over the host Rocks (1-2-2, 0-1).

Kayla Johnston assisted on both first-half goals for the Chargers, while goalkeeper Stefanie Turner made seven saves for the shutout.

"We did well enough to win the game and I'm happy with the result," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "Salem played a 4-5-1 (formation) and had eight or nine behind the ball. They did a good job of counter-attacking and they had three good chances."

"One of our defenders Tessa Allen went home sick just during school and we were kind of out of sync with our usual three and four back there."

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9th-graders play key roles in 1-1 tie game

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Freshmen gaveth and freshmen tooketh away during the cross-campus girls soccer match between Salem and Plymouth played on Wednesday, April 9.

On a bitterly cold night that turned the PCEP soccer field into a frozen tundra, the Rocks and Wildcats battled to a 1-1 draw in a game that spotlighted a number of high-caliber ninth-graders.

The tie left Salem with a 1-1-1 mark while Plymouth was left with an 0-1-2 mark.

Following nearly 60 minutes of scoreless, fast-paced, back-and-forth action, Plymouth grabbed a 1-0 lead with 20:34 left in the contest when freshman Jennifer Babcock directed a high, floating centering pass in front to fellow freshman McKenzie Hengesh, who headed the ball deftly into the upper-left-hand corner of the net over the outstretched hands of Salem keeper Kristen Dondzila.

"That was a play we talked about trying at halftime," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "We thought we might be able to get them on the outside there with a pass from the mid-field to the outside. Jen made a nice cross and McKenzie finished. It was a good freshman-to-freshman goal."

Neschich said this year's ninth-grade class of contributors rivals any he's had in his previous four years as the Wildcats' head coach.

"The freshmen have been huge for us so far," he said.

"Along with McKenzie and Jen, Katie Moss has played well in the center-mid and Marissa Williams has done a great job as our keeper."

Trailing 1-0, Salem amped up the pressure late in the game, but Williams was able to thwart all challenges, including Lauren Booth's twisting free kick from just beyond the box at the 11:10 mark.

That is, until Rock freshman Kristina Klusek deadlocked the game at 1-all at the 4:14 mark when she made a slick move in the box to slip by a Wildcat defender before flicking the ball past Williams with her head to send a surge of excitement through the Salem bench.

"That's why she made the team," Salem coach Joe Nora said, alluding to Klusek's clutch play. "She's very fast and she's able to get things done."

"I thought Plymouth had us back on our heels a little bit in the middle of the game. We played hard all night, but we weren't putting things together like we did Monday night against Rochester (a 1-0 Rock win)."

"I was glad to see us wake up later rather than not wake up at all."

When asked for his team's standouts, Neschich mentioned Julie Forster, Liz Koet, Kasey Webb and Megan Quinlan.

"Overall, I thought this was our best performance this season so far," he said. "Salem has a strong team. That No. 2 (Booth) is tough back there; she's hard to get around."

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

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1034 – James Gacloch – Mountain Bike, Lawn Mower, 10 Totes
3041 – Steve Caloia – Toolbox, Washer, Dryer
4001 – Robert Kozak – Vacuum, 14 Tool Boxes, Misc Items
4052 – Orlando Austin – 20 Totes, Piano Scooter
5023 – Dan Gorys – 2 Bicycles, Stove, 20 Totes
9102 – Kaaidietraee Brown – 10 Bags, 12 Totes, TV
9126 – Lauren Crump – 4 Boxes, 3 Bags, 1 Suitcase

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1009 – Rose Jackson – 5 Totes, 3 bags, 4 boxes
2037 – Shawn Booth – 4 Kitchen Chairs, Sofa, Dresser
3020 – Isiah Wardlow – Toolbox, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
3021 – Regina Griffin – 50 Boxes, table, misc items
3042 – Christina Cabrera – Washer, Dryer, Refrigerator
3046 – Anthony Dobbins – Front load washer, front load dryer, refrigerator
4013 – John Boehret – Ladder, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
4039 – Marilita Blackman – Desk, 2 Bookcases, Coffee Table
4041 – Shane Ratliff – Dryer, 5 Totes, Portable Stereo
4120 – Grant Young – Dresser, Headboard, Mirrors
4148 – David Fuller – 10 Totes, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
4155 – Kenya Davis – Mattress Headboard, misc Items
4237 – Jeri Luce – Bicycle, 20 Boxes, Portable TV
3030 – Charles Graham II – Big Screen TV, Leather Couch, 4 Chairs
4243 – Thelma Hughey – 2 Suitcases, tote, 5 boxes
4257 – Judy Bennett – Suitcase, 30 Boxes, Misc Items
5030 – Sonja Rice – Mattress, TV, 25 Boxes
5107 – Gloria and Lonnie Parham – Bicycle, 30 Boxes, Floor Buffer
5245 – Erin Morley – 4 Chairs, headboard, 20 Boxes
5301 – Frank Fischer – Snow blower, Mountain-bike, 25 Boxes
5305 – Charlott Smith – 200 Office Chairs
5341 – Charon Renae Roberts – 20 Box, Lamp, Misc Items

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 2008 for the following:

AQUATIC FEATURE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-
April 8, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: McLaughlin Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended adding the March 18, 2008 Board Study Minutes. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Board Study Minutes for March 18, 2008 and Board Minutes of March 25, 2008 were approved. **Payment of Bills** Approved. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.** Approved. Item 2. **SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH TO HOLD 50'S-60'S THEMED CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER.** Approved. Item 3. **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2, SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR MARLOWE STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, SAD 2006-2.** Approved. **GENERAL CALENDAR:** Item 1. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A WATER SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN CANTON TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF DETROIT.** Approved. Item 2. **CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR SCHOOLHOUSE MONTESSORI ACADEMY.** Approved. Item 3. **CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CANTON CORNERS EXPANSION.** Approved. Item 4. **CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE CHERY HILL GARDENS SITE PLAN.** Approved. Item 5. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH AT&T TO RELOCATE OVERHEAD LINES ALONG CEDDES ROAD FROM BECK ROAD TO THE RIVER MEADOWS DEVELOPMENT.** Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Yack Nays: Caccamo, Zarbo Motion carried. Item 6. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$25,432 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES (ARC).** Approved. Item 7. **CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WATER METERS AND METERING CONTROL DEVICES FOR 2008.** Approved. Item 8. **CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR OF SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE BY ADVANCED UNDERGROUND INSPECTION, LLC.** Approved. **OTHER:** There will be a study session, Leisure Services Update, on April 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. 1st Floor, Board Room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. **ADJOURN:** 8:18 p.m. Approved – Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor –Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1021 – Frank Green – 10 Boxes, TV, misc Items
1045 – Earl Gibbons – Dryer, Refrigerator, Washer
1061 – Ameer Corzine – Mattress, TV, 50 Boxes
2035 – Greg Cannon – Stereo, Couch, Desk
3034 – Peggy Farrell – 10 Totes, Snowboard, Trunk
3059 – Cheryl Roberts – Boxes, Bags, Totes
4004 – Lizzie Marshall – 20 Boxes, Trunk, 3 Lamps
5028 – Johnnie Roberts – Boxes, Bags, Totes
5057 – Angela Sumpter – Dryer, Washer 6 Totes
8032 – Kimberly Barnett – 4 Boxes, 2 Vases, 2 Luggage

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
4294 – Diane Jacobs – 5 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
4026 – Tijana Robson – 2 Mattresses, TV, Vacuum
9054 – Karen Luna – Headboard, Mattress, Sofa
4054 – Carl Davis – Table, Microwave, Misc Items
3053 – Steven David – 5 Totes, Mattress, Big Screen TV
5268 – Mike Zehel – Entertainment Center, Vacuum, Rocker
3004 – Jody Gonzalez – Couch, 2 Chairs, Misc Items
6021 – Lasonett Robinson – 2 TV's, 20 Boxes, Dresser
6250 – Adela Marie Hobbs – Dresser, 2 Totes, Misc Items
5245 – Cordell Fields – Couch, Lamp, Entertainment Center
4015 – Chad Cummins – Freezer, Futon, Mountain Bike
6046 – Ezekal Eley – Washer, Fridge, Dryer
4248 – Lisa Young – 3 Boxes, 7 Totes, Misc Items
4218 – Carlos Arista – Sofa, Loveseat, Chair
5040 – Sarah Campbell – 2 TV's, Bookcase, 2 Tables
4245 – Charlene Brown – 7 Totes, 4 Bags, 5 Boxes
5010 – Sybil Uphaw – TV, Coffee Table, Stroller

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

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

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

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

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

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STARS

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Quite a commitment

Bowers said power lifting is more demanding time-wise and from a physical standpoint than most of the other sports on the Special Olympics menu.

"It's a very involved activity," she said. "Special Olympics only requires you to practice eight weeks before competitions in most sports, but these guys practice nine or 10 months a year, two days a week."

"They're very dedicated and their parents are very dedicated to bring them to practice twice a week."

The bond the Stars have built amongst each other is more durable than any of the weights they lift on Monday and Thursday evenings.

"This is truly a team thing," Bowers said. "Yes, they're all competitors, however, they don't compete against each other, even if they're in the same class. They're cheerlead-



BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kyle Siarto (left) and David West practice for Saturday's Area 23 Power Lifting Invitational at Northville High School.

ers for one another and they're always there for one another.

"They're just a great group of guys."

Tom Southard, who has been a Star for four years, said he enjoys the challenges power lifting brings.

"At first it was hard," he said. "But once you get used to it, it gets easier. We all work as one, which helps us get better. And I like our coaches."

Two of the Stars — Sean Bowers and Kyle Siarto — traveled to Ireland a few years ago to participate in an international competition.

"I like how it makes me feel," said Bowers, when asked about his favorite part of power lifting. "And I've met a lot of friends."

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High-flying Thunderbirds

Four members of the Canton-based Thunderbirds fast-pitch softball program were recognized for their 2007 performances recently at the USSSA All-Star Award banquet, which was held in Sterling Heights. Pictured (from left) are Cloey Odor (10U), Lindsay Lutton (10U), Alyssa Boucher (14U) and Olivia Nelson (12U).

TENNIS RESULTS

Salem's girls tennis team played like it was in mid-season form Monday afternoon when the swept cross-campus rival Plymouth, 8-0.

The Rocks lost just one set on the way to the one-sided victory.

Salem, which evened its Western Lakes Activities Association record at 1-1, returned to action Wednesday when it hosts Canton.

SALEM 8 PLYMOUTH 0

MONDAY AT PLYMOUTH

No. 1 singles: Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Kylie Mackenzie, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Allie Carpenter (S) def. Whitney Askew, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Liz McKinley (S) def. Chelsea Craig, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0; **No. 4:** Linda Ling (S) def. Ellen Mitchell, 6-1, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: 1. Ariel Rojo-Rachel Norman (S) def. Shannon O'Quinn-Jessica Bracy, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 2:** Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Mahela Ashraf-Kreeya Aumuk, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 3:** Rebecca Michael-Emma Vanhoof (S) def. Radika Patel-Lauren Jeong, 7-5, 6-0; **No. 4:** Amanda Emmons-Alex Lamb (S) def. Claire Marcheseno-Gina Mater, 6-2, 6-2.

DUAL-MEET RECORD: Salem 1-1, Plymouth 0-2.

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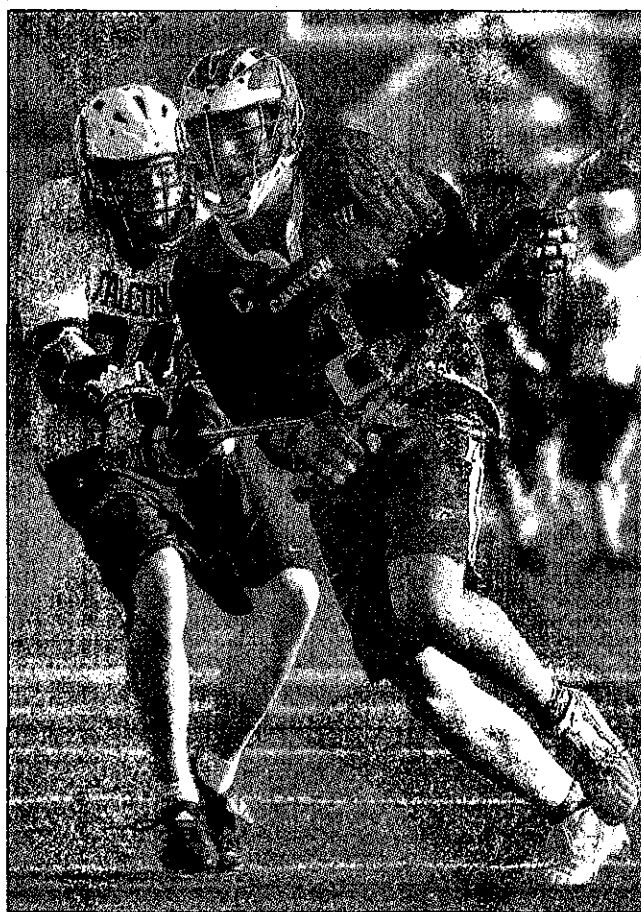
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Close call for Chiefs

Canton's Scott Wisniewski brings the ball upfield during the Chiefs' lacrosse match against Farmington Tuesday afternoon. Canton led late in the fourth quarter before eventually dropping an exciting 8-7 decision. Brothers Joey and Jake Underwood both scored a pair of goals while Wisniewski, Kyle Dunleavy and Matt Rogers each tallied single net-finders for Canton.

LACROSSE

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overall led Salem slipped to 0-5.

"It was a well-played game in front of a bunch of spirited fans," said Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "It was a fun game to be involved with. Many of our players played under (Salem coach Eric) Bielecki last year.

"We got a chance to play just about everyone — and they got a taste of one of the rivalries at the Park. It's one of those games where you have to be ready to play."

Plymouth led 7-2 after one quarter, 9-5 at the half and 11-

5 with 15 minutes to play.

Other key contributors to the winners' attack were Pat Downey (three goals, one assist), Danny Norris (two goals, one assist), Connor Martin (one goal, two assists), Norm Freda (two goals), Patrick Miller (one goal) and Pat Smiatacz (one goal).

Dylan Hatcher led the Rocks with three goals. Nate Spala, John Demery and Justin Burke scored single goals for Salem.

"Their freshman attacker — Hatcher — is going to be fun to watch the next four years," Costello said. "Their whole team is getting better game by game."

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IGNITION

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If the two teams split the two games, a "Golden Goal" mini-match will ensue immediately following the conclusion of Sunday's game. Whoever scores the first goal in the mini-match will advance to next week's final.

This week's other semifinal series will pit Baltimore against Milwaukee.

The MISL championship

game is set for April 26 in Milwaukee.

"It should be an exciting final week," said Detroit coach Bob Lilley. "All four teams that are left — us, Monterrey, Baltimore and Milwaukee — have all played exceptionally well over the second half of the season.

"We've gone 1-2 against Monterrey this season, but all three games were very competitive, tight games. We'll definitely have our work cut out for us, but I

think we'll be ready."

Monterrey advanced to the semis by edging Chicago in a "Golden Goal" contest on Sunday. The game-winner — a three-pointer — was scored by Jose Birche.


Offensively, Monterrey is led by two of the league's top three scorers: Dino Delevski (108 points) and Genoni Martinez (96 points).

The Ignition is sparked by Jamar Beasley, who tallied 82 points in 26 games

this season. The Ignition advanced to last year's MISL final game before falling to the Philadelphia KiXX.

Individual tickets for Sunday's game can be obtained by calling the club at (888) 436-GOAL (4625); by visiting the team's official Internet property, www.detroitignition.com; by calling TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666; or by using www.ticketmaster.com.

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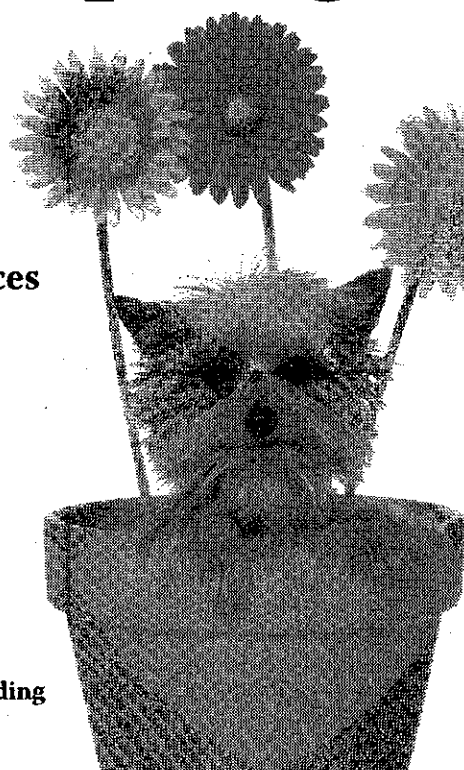
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Pros know planning the key to a smooth move

Summer is the biggest moving season of the year, "primarily when kids get out of school," said Westland mover Gary Bulson. Out of an estimated 40 million moves each year, the U.S. Census Bureau reports that the majority of them take place during summer months. Many parents make their moves when the school year ends, while businesses often wait for warmer weather. With this year's moving season right around the corner, it's time for parents and companies to take inventory of what they need to do to ensure a smooth move.

"I think they really are" well-prepared, said Bulson, owner of Men on the Move, on Marie Street in Westland. "The more prepared they are, the quicker it's going to be. They're going to go the extra mile."

Fuel is a big issue right now, as diesel is used by movers. "So that's been a major expense. We can't adjust our prices every week based on the fuel," he said.

"You can always call for advice." His company is at (734) 729-6683, and other moving companies also offer advice.

Bulson recommends professional packing if you're moving out of state and using a rental truck.

"Summer is a very busy time of the year for moving, whether for residential or commercial clients," said Chuck Kuhn, president of Washington, D.C., area-based JK Moving & Storage. "Moving is usually a stressful time for everyone involved. But you can make it less so, with good planning and follow through. Being organized, from getting moving estimates to unpacking the last box, will make for a successful move."

When it comes to making a move, whether across town or across the country, organization is essential. The best way to get organized is start planning early. There are things you can do to help make for a good move, including:

■ **Get estimates.** Word of mouth is the safest place to start. Ask friends and family for mover recommendations. Then gather several quotes. Avoid simply going with the cheapest estimate. The lowest cost does not always mean the best service, and an unusually low cost could be a red-flag warning of a questionable mover. Fraudulent movers often give very low telephone or Internet estimates, may show up in a rental truck instead of a company moving truck, and usually do not honor their estimate.

"I would definitely recommend estimates" for out of state moves, Bulson said. For a local move, you can get an hourly rate over the phone or often online. (Bulson's Web site is at michiganmovers.com and has online quotes.)

"A lot of the customers really like that," Bulson said. Local moves are generally based on an hourly rate.

Bulson adds he's licensed and insured, and a reputable mover should have such a number issued by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

■ **Get supplies.** Moving an entire house or business will take a lot of



boxes, tape, bubble wrap and other necessary supplies.

Bulson said 98 percent of moves involve a customer packing up items. "For the most part, people chose to pack themselves." Men on the Move has supplies, and can pack with a set fee for an apartment or a home based on size.

■ **Make an inventory.** As you pack your boxes, keep a written inventory of what is in each box. You may want to number each box and write on your list what is in it.

"If you go out of state, an inventory sheet is required. They do take time," said Bulson, who offers senior discounts. Inventories usually aren't used for local moves.

Other things to consider are:

■ **Insurance.** Be sure the company you go with has insurance, and speak with your own insurance company about making sure your goods are covered. The peace of mind this will bring is well worth the cost of getting your items insured.

"It is always best to check" on insurance, Bulson said. Movers may cover coverage, with Bulson citing \$15,000 coverage for furniture with a \$120 payment. That's for major damage and

with no deductible, such as a dropped TV, not a common occurrence.

"In 17 years, I've seen it all," said Bulson. He aims for topnotch customer service, to get referrals from customers on down the line.

Bulson suggests you contact local chambers of commerce if you need a mover. Your Realtor or the apartment complex manager can also help with business names.

■ **Be there.** On the day your goods are moved out of your place, and on the day they arrive at the new one, it is important for you to be there. You will want to supervise the process, answer questions, and make a note on the moving company inventory list of any damaged or broken items.

"We've got to have some kind of direction where you want the new items," Bulson said. "The job's going to be done more efficiently" and cost less. "It is important to be there."

Some customers mark boxes with signs like "green room" or use numbers to help movers know where to put what, both over the room door and on the box.

■ **Inform.** Before making the move, you will need to contact utility companies and put in a change of address

at the post office.

■ **Keep records.** Be sure to keep receipts for your entire move. You may be able to use the moving costs as a tax deduction, depending upon the reason for the move.

"I would always save your receipts," Bulson agreed. "That might be a benefit to you," come tax time.

"The most important thing for people to do is to make sure they choose a reputable moving company," added Kuhn. "Getting that step right will reduce stress, make moving an easier process, and ensure that your possessions are treated respectfully, as they should be. Summer moves can be a breeze, with the right moving team."

JK Moving & Storage is a full-service moving company specializing in residential, commercial and international moves. Founded in 1982, it is the largest independent moving company in the Washington, D.C., area, and the third largest in the nation. It is also the official mover of the Washington Nationals. To learn more about JK Moving & Storage, visit the Web site at www.jkmoving.com.

Observer & Eccentric staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

Public service upgrades, your taxes

Q. I am wondering if the Michigan Supreme Court has yet ruled on questions concerning assessing public service improvements on developers.

A. The Supreme Court of Michigan has recently ruled that a builder's property taxes on a development cannot be increased based upon the cost of public service improvements. The Supreme Court found that the value for public service



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improvements would be incorporated into the value of each individual home at the time that it is built or sold. It is, of course, important for the taxpayer to challenge the tax before the Board of Review and then evoke the jurisdiction of the Michigan Tax Tribunal to successfully challenge the action by a municipality. However, it does not appear that there is any mechanism available to builders whose property taxes have been increased due to public service improvements, but who did not appear before a Board of Review to timely protest the action.

Q. I have a question about a recent Michigan Supreme Court decision which involved a builder who sold a lot to a buyer and built a home on that lot. The sale of the lot and the build job were contained in a single contract and were from a single builder entity. The Tax Tribunal determined that the value for the purpose of the transfer tax should include both the value of the lot and the home constructed by the builder on the lot. Do you have any information about the court's decision?

A. The Supreme Court recently issued an order which found that the real estate transfer tax only taxes recorded instruments. In that case, the only recorded instrument was the deed. The court held, therefore, that the value exchanged for that deed included both the cost of the lot and the home. Thus, the court found in that case that the Tax Tribunal correctly held that the value was the proper measure for the taxation. This case did not, however, address the situation where different entities convey the land and the lot respectively through separate contracts or a situation where the builder conveys a lot on a land contract to a purchaser prior to construction of a home and records a memorandum of land contract. You are best advised to consult with your attorney regarding the ramifications of this decision.

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

HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 24-28, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	7676 Chichester Rd 4055 Fieldview Dr 39976 Koppernick Rd	\$237,000 \$210,000 \$155,000
Farmington	32718 Grand River Ave	\$65,000
Farmington Hills	28821 Aranel St 33596 Colony Park Dr 37874 Fleetwood Dr 37661 Glenngrove Dr	\$225,000 \$240,000 \$225,000 \$250,000

Garden City	23150 Mission Ln 32319 Barton St 5732 Gilman St	\$340,000 \$130,000 \$80,000
Livonia	36758 Ann Arbor Trl 29511 Barkley St 14000 Henry Ruff St 30235 Hoy St 17391 Louise St 31176 Minton St 29152 Roycroft St 9317 Virginia St 20302 Weyher St 31835 Wyoming St	\$152,000 \$178,000 \$217,000 \$220,000 \$120,000 \$176,000 \$227,000 \$180,000 \$155,000 \$134,000
Millford	761 Panorama Dr	\$126,000

Northville	2838 Rivendell 508 W Huron St	\$400,000 \$170,000
Novi	16857 Abby Cir 16813 Carriage Way 42156 Pelliston Dr 30665 Ardmore Ct 45620 Bristol Cir 31008 Eagle Dr 29125 Eastman Trl 40649 Heatherbrook 23413 Highmeadow Dr 27971 Hopkins Dr 44909 Lafayette Dr 24508 Perceval Ln	\$377,000 \$137,000 \$108,000 \$125,000 \$325,000 \$164,000 \$318,000 \$186,000 \$260,000 \$145,000 \$375,000 \$437,000
Plymouth		

Redford	9263 Caprice Dr 45057 Governor Bradford Rd 14239 Lenore 9434 Marion Cres 9007 Mercedes 13021 Tecumseh 15421 Wakenden 19905 Wakenden 25235 Westfield	\$100,000 \$267,000 \$165,000 \$144,000 \$138,000 \$110,000 \$130,000 \$116,000 \$114,000
South Lyon	699 S Lafayette St	\$205,000
Westland	7498 Affield St 38345 Carolyn Blvd 6451 Sheppard Dr	\$99,000 \$89,000 \$118,000



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\$203,800 (C-696FA)



UPDATED RANCH
Sprawling home on a deep wooded lot. Enormous Fam Rm, lots of updates including furnace, A/C, roof, windows, & more. Move in condition & lots of charm.
\$139,900 (P-573WO)



VACANT LAND
New construction starting under \$270K! Build your custom dream home or let our builder design an architectural masterpiece! Call today!
\$269,000 (C-001TA)



OWN INSTEAD OF RENT
Be proud of the money you've spent on your new start in this brick ranch located close to Parks, Golf, Library, & Schools, & appl's stay!
\$79,900 (P-668BE)



SPECTACULAR VIEW
Northville condo featuring a 2 story Foyer, spacious floor plan, new tiered Deck w/view of protected woods, tastefully decorated, 1st fl Master, prof fin walkout, & so much more.
\$369,900 (P-778AR)



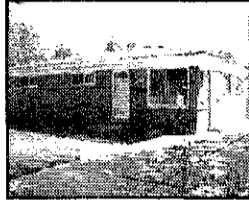
BUILDABLE LOT
Large lot for a home of your choice. City allows modular or manufactured home. Seller will consider land contract.
\$49,900 (C-006EC)



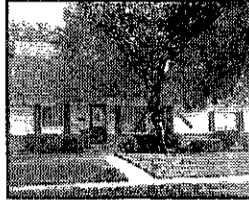
TOTALLY RENOVATED
Great floor plan offering lots of space. Beautiful addition makes this close to 1400 Sq ft.
\$99,500 (C-985BA)



BRICK COLONIAL
4 bd, 1.5 bath home w/1725 sq ft, natural flrpl in LR, formal DR, part finished bsmt, new roof, new driveway, plenty of storage space, & 2 car Garage.
\$149,900 (C-418HA)



EXCEPTIONALLY MAINTAINED
Gorgeous 3 bd updated home maintained by longtime owner. Open floor plan, updated Kit, new furnace, carpet, paint, Fam Rm w/frpl, large fenced yard, & oversized Garage.
\$115,000 (C-666RU)



RARE OFFERING
Canton cape cod w/generous updates, 3 bd, 2 bath, neutral decor, Fam Rm w/frpl & French doors to Deck, large open Kit, 1st fl Master, flr bsmt, & 2 car Garage.
\$189,000 (P-606SO)



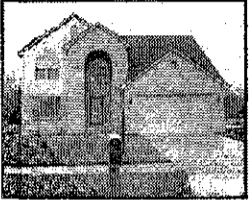
COUNTRY SETTING
4 bd, 2 bath ranch situated on 2 acres & features 2 Garages, finished bsmt, new shingles, new carpet, 4 doorways, gazebo off Master, updated roof & garage door.
\$269,900 (C-600TU)



MOVE IN AND ENJOY
Curb appeal, abundant w/this picture perfect Garden City gem. Great location, spacious dbt lot, many updates inc: siding, oak Kit, carpet, neutral decor, 2.5 car Garage w/opener, & rm for an RV.
\$119,900 (P-543BI)



EXQUISITE
North Canton colonial features an open 2 story Foyer, formal LR/DR, Fam Rm, bright Master w/3 closets & bath, neutral decor, 2.5 car Garage w/opener, & rm for an RV.
\$409,900 (C-999BR)



UPGRADES GALORE!
2006 Built home feat 3 bds, 2.5 baths, pond view from oak Kit w/granite, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/WIC, vaulted ceiling & jetted tub, & too much more to list.
\$274,900 (C-211BR)



VACANT LAND
3 lots w/possible split. Nicely located in sub just blocks from golf course & park. Call for further details.
\$12,900 (P-218EA)



GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
Well known pizza business for sale. Great chance to be your own boss. Call for further details.
\$84,900 (C-344FO)



CUSTOM COLONIAL
Come see this custom interior in this 4 bd, 3 ba home. Custom maple Kit, LR & DR w/custom built-ins, & lot of room to roam. 2nd home or property can be in-laws or rental.
\$299,900 (C-241MA)



WOW - THIS IS A 10!
Clean & move in ready! Beautiful hwd floors, open Kit to Din Rm w/full snack counter, LR/DR combo, 2nd fl laundry, & great location.
\$179,900 (P-997NE)



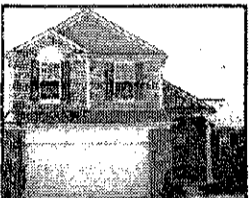
LIVONIA BEAUTY
Solid 3 bd home in popular Livonia location. Vaulted Kit w/all appl's, vaulted Liv Rm w/frpl & built-in shelves, Flr bsmt w/frpl & glass block, updated roof & garage door.
\$125,000 (C-490RO)



NEWLY REMODELED
Redone top to bottom in 2007. Open floor plan, maple Kit, large Fam Rm, bright Master w/3 closets & bath, neutral paint & carpet t/o, new roof, windows, doors, etc. Must see!
\$210,000 (C-110RO)



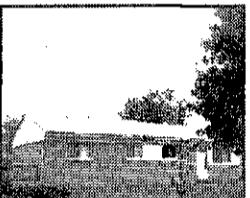
HANDYMAN SPECIAL
Great opportunity in Westland. Almost a half acre of land, convenient location, some updates including furnace, hwh, Kit & bath. Needs some TLC but has loads of potential.
\$87,000 (P-270WA)



EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
Very open floor plan w/brick elevation. Spacious Fam Rm w/frpl & views of backyard, sun filled Kit w/rook, Master w/volume ceiling & bath, & finished bsmt.
\$184,990 (C-638WE)



DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
This home needs some elbow grease but features an updated furnace, hwh, windows, & garage roof. Seller is negotiable. Call for details.
\$104,900 (P-662WI)



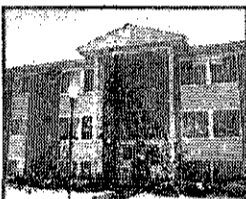
PRICED RIGHT
This 4 bd home features good sized rooms, newer furnace & hwh, almost 1200 sq ft, & is priced to sell. Would make a great starter or investment property.
\$48,900 (C-248BA)



CHARMING RANCH
Completely updated home w/updates galore. Perfectly refinished hwd fls, updated Kit, w/new cab's, updated baths, new Deck, & so much more.
\$150,000 (C-419BR)



GREAT PRICE
Motivated seller's offer a great deal on this inviting home in Livonia. 1.5 baths, LR w/bay window & frpl, 2 car Garage, close to everything, & add lot next door included.
\$124,900 (C-415CA)



WHY RENT?
Excellent condo in Westland. Clean & neutral t/o, basement storage, updated paint, carpet, & appl's, gated complex w/pool & clubhouse. Heat included in assoc dues.
\$90,000 (C-370CE)



PARK LIKE SETTING
Beautiful 3 bd, 2 bath brick ranch in walking distance to grade school. Hwd fls, brick frpl, 1.5 car Gar, part fin bsmt w/bath, newer roof, windows, oak Kit, furnace, & C/A.
\$124,800 (C-136DE)



BETTER THAN NEW
Recently renovated colonial w/Ply Can schools. Shows like a model w/ear off roof, granite counters, newer furnace, C/A, carpet, & more. Close to pool & tennis.
\$223,850 (C-965GA)



CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED
Updated, thru-out Euro style Kitchen, recessed lighting, cove ceilings, hwd flooring, oversized Garage, 2 tiered Deck, & nicely finished bsmt. Home Warranty.
\$113,750 (C-874GL)



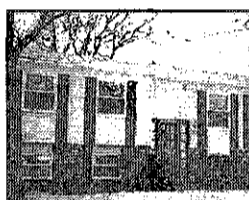
AMAZING VALUE
Perfect starter home offering an open floor plan, Kit w/pergo, Fam Rm w/hwd fls, part finished bsmt w/glass block, Ply-Can Schools, & just steps from downtown Plymouth.
\$135,000 (C-942IR)



GREAT CONDO!
Nice 2 bd, 1 bath, 1st floor condo features some new carpet, remodeled bath, new stove & fridge, fresh paint, newer windows, & nice open floor plan.
\$49,895 (C-720JO)



LARGE LOT IN PLYMOUTH
Great price on this home that offers 3 bd, 2 baths, Fam Rm w/frpl, Florida Rm, extra storage space, ceramic baths, tear off roof, & Garage. Great lot on a dead end street.
\$169,900 (C-151MI)



WELCOME HOME!
Spacious open floor plan offering 3 bds, 1.5 bas, & many updates inc: C/A, windows, Kit w/appl's, updated gutters, huge laun rm, big Fam Rm, & great Plymouth location.
\$169,000 (C-645OR)



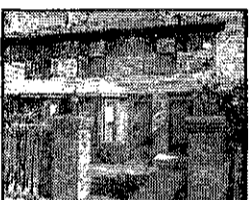
ALL SPORTS LAKE!
Gorgeous home on private School Lake. 3 bd, 2 ba, island Kit, LR w/cah cel & drvl to Deck w/hot tub. Prof landscaped. Garage, seawall, firepit, dock, & Pontoon Boat included!
\$339,900 (C-629PA)



COUNTRY LIVING AT ITS FINEST
This 2813 sq ft home sits on 6.38 acres w/5 out buildings!! Remod Kitchen, 1st fl laun, new windows, in-law quart's. Fam Rm w/frpl, large Master, & much more.
\$269,000 (C-630RA)



PERFECT CONDO
Great for 1st timers! Crown moldings, decorator paint, Pergo, neutral carpet, all appliances stay, balcony, spacious bedrooms, & great location.
\$99,900 (C-419SA)



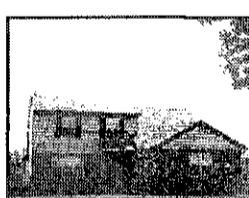
OUTSTANDING CONDO
Great location in complex near pool & clubhouse. Private courtyard entrance, newer windows, updated Kit, new molding, blinds, roof, hwh, & sump pump. Everything is ready for you!
\$127,500 (C-382SO)



NICELY UPDATED RANCH
3 bd ranch w/2 car attached garage, updated roof, siding, furnace, sump pump, glass block windows, blinds, & updated baths.
\$125,000 (C-155TH)



NEW BOSTON CONDO
2 year old condo w/great cul de sac location backing to woods. End unit w/additional windows, bright Great Rm w/frpl, 2 bds, 2 baths, & full bsmt.
\$176,000 (C-443AV)



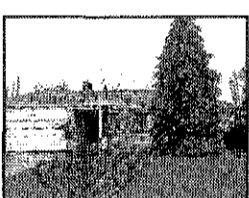
NEWER COLONIAL
This 4 bd, 2.5 bath home has a lot to offer. Spacious Fam Rm w/cath ceiling & gas frpl, island Kit w/pantry, 1st fl laun, 3 car side entry Garage, & much more.
\$244,900 (C-075CL)



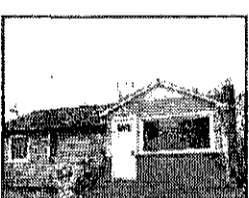
GREAT VALUE
3 bd, 2 bath home w/finished bsmt, fireplace, hwd flring, newer windows, fenced yard, glass block floors, newer tile in Kit, freshly painted interior, & so much more.
\$119,900 (C-602DE)



HUGE YARD!!
Lovely updated home on almost 1/2 acre of land backing to woods. Newer paint, refinished hardwood floors, vinyl windows with warranty, & a 2 car garage.
\$117,500 (C-721HA)



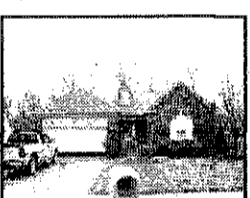
MECHANIC'S DREAM
Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage w/jit & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, nice eat in Kitchen, full bsmt, & covered Patio.
\$159,900 (C-025JO)



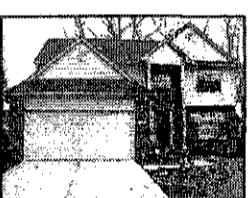
SUPER STARTER HOME
3 bd, 2 bath home in Westland. LR w/frpl, appl's stay, newer siding, windows, furnace, C/A, roof, carpet, large Florida Rm, shed, & fenced yard.
\$79,900 (P-118AR)



NICE HOME
3 bd bungalow w/newer Deck, new front porch, 2 car Garage, large Master Bdrm, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, & more. Subject to short sale approval - make an offer.
\$55,900 (P-255AS)



BACKS TO WOODS
3 bd, 2.5 bath home feat: gourmet Kit w/all appl's & pantry, vaulted Great Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt w/walker, bath, huge rec room, & theater. Great location, a must see!
\$220,000 (P-917BR)



GREAT CANTON HOME
4 bd, 2.5 bath home in popular sub. Kit w/work bar & nook w/drwl to Trex Deck. Large Fam Rm w/frpl, huge Bonus Rm, vaulted Master w/dual WIC & bath. Hurry on this one!
\$275,000 (P-732BR)



ENJOY THE VIEW
Comfortable 3 bd Waterford home w/updated white Kit w/ceramic, updated baths, & carpet, well maintained w/loads of storage, right across from Cass Lake.
\$138,000 (P-684CA)



POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE
Traditional colonial offering spacious floor plan, formal LR/DR, Kit w/nook & drvl to Deck, Fam Rm w/frpl, 4 good sized bdrms, updates t/o, & great price.
\$194,900 (P-351EL)



MUST SEE!
3 bd brick ranch w/2 fireplaces, dual staircases, 2 Kits, newer windows, 2 grills for outside entertainment, hwd flrs in most rooms, & nice Fam Hills location. Seller must sell!
\$235,000 (P-961GF)



BREATHTAKING VIEWS
Traditional floor plan feat: formal LR/DR, Fam Rm w/glass frpl & views of wooded backyard. Large island Kit w/all appl's, Master w/volume ceiling, WIC, & luxury bath.
\$259,900 (P-158GR)



LARGE CORNER LOT
Nicely decorated bungalow w/updated Kit, newer carpet, freshly painted, new plumbing, hwh, C/A, privacy fence w/shed in large yard, 1 yr Warranty & home is up to code.
\$89,000 (P-662GU)



GREAT BRICK RANCH
Dear Hights offers this 3 bd home w/bsmt, 2 car Garage, & immediate occupancy. Hwd flrs, new windows, glass block, close to schools, & price to sell quickly!
\$84,900 (P-039HI)



CLOSE TO PARK
This home has it all! 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kit w/all appl's, hwd flrs in bdrms & LR, finished bsmt with bath & 50" TV included, 2 car Garage, & more.
\$135,000 (P-995IN)



CHARMING RANCH
3 bd, 2 bath Garden City ranch w/finished bsmt, 22x16 Deck off the Kit, fenced yard, convenient location close to schools & shopping, & priced to sell.
\$118,900 (P-649JO)



COMPLETELY UPDATED
4 bd, 3.5 bath Canton home w/gourmet Kit w/granite, Fam Rm w/frpl & drvl to huge wrap around Deck w/hottub, vaulted Sunroom, finished bsmt w/tear-off rm & more.
\$369,000 (P-832KE)



WANT A HOME?
Here it is! 2018 sq ft ranch offering custom cherry Kit, 3 car att Garage, covered porch, updates galore, 5 sets of drwls, & skylights, wide open floor plan, & too much more to list.
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WALK TO THE LAKE
This Walnut Lake estates 3 bd ranch is just a short walk from the lake. Freshly painted, new roof, bright Kit, & great lot. Move right in!
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LIVONIA SCHOOLS!
Super 1592 sq ft 3 bd, 2.5 bath home on wide open commons-like lot. Fam Rm w/frpl, oak Kit, newer furnace, C/A, roof, insulated Garage door, home warranty, & immed occup.
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WHAT A STEAL!
Spacious 2300 sq ft colonial offering a full bsmt, newer roof & furnace, Victorian style fireplace, bsmt, enclosed front porch, 1st fl laun, 15 acres of commons, & more.
\$199,000 (P-744LA)



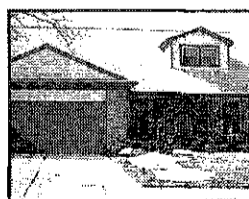
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Traditional floor plan feat: formal LR/DR, large island Kit w/all appl's, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/WIC's, volume ceiling, & spa bath.
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GREAT INVESTMENT
Priced to sell multi-family home. 2 car Garage, corner lot, newer roof, each unit has 2 bdrms, Liv Rm & Din Rm. Separate entrances, furnaces, 2 balconies, large attic, & more.
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Beautiful 4 bd, 1.5 bath home w/hwd floors, glass block in bsmt, Liv Rm w/frpl, & 1286 sq ft. Call today for further details.
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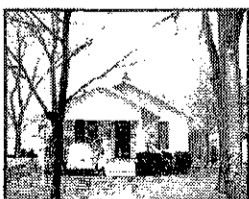
CUL DE SAC LOCATION
Beautiful Canton home w/3 bd, 2.5 baths, Fam Rm w/frpl & drvl to lagoon, covered Patio. Recent updates inc: baths, cherry Kit, roof, furnace, C/A, Master w/jetted tub, & Rac Rm.
\$225,000 (P-017PO)



WALK TO TOWN
Spacious Plymouth ranch on treed lot, 2 master suites, LR w/frpl, huge Fam Rm w/built-ins & windows galore, Granite Kit w/ss appl's, large laun rm, Pantry, & 2 car Garage.
\$280,000 (P-711PR)



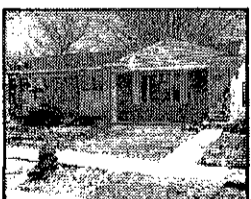
HOME SWEET HOME
Enchanting colonial w/decorator touches t/o. Formal LR/DR, separate Fam Rm w/frpl, large Kit w/all appl's, Master boasts his & her closets, & partially finished bsmt.
\$209,000 (P-627RI)



CHARMING RANCH
2 bd, 1 bath ranch located in the heart of Plymouth. Hwd floors t/o, Liv Rm w/frpl, oak Kit, newer cabs & all appl's, fenced in yard, & more.
\$150,000 (P-899RO)



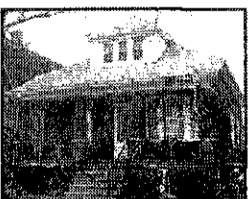
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
3 bd, 1 bath home w/large Kit w/pantry, part finished bsmt, newer furnace, hwd floors, & newer circuit breakers. Seller will look at all reasonable offers.
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MOVE IN READY
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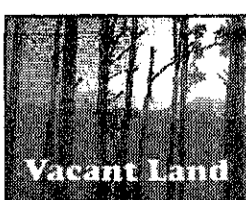
GREAT INVESTMENT
Not a bank owned home - just priced to sell 3 bds, large Kit w/plenty of cabinetry, formal DR & LR, great home & great price.
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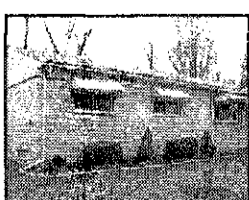
ACREAGE!!
3 bd, 1 bath ranch on nice wooded lot w/acreage. Home feat an updated Kit, formal Dining, newer furnace, C/A, windows, doors, insulation, & 2 car Garage w/large workshop.
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GREAT HOME
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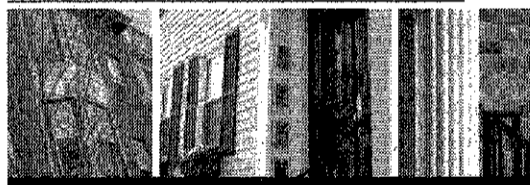
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BIA

■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA)** will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies.

Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA)** will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, April 30, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law and Lien Procedures." Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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

Farmington Hills.

Led by Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site, the seminar will cover competitive analysis of what is being sold, setting up the close, telephone techniques, Internet and e-mail and meet-greet information. The seminar is valuable for newly hired leasing personnel as well as seasoned ones.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC)** will sponsor a seminar on "Before The Bedbug Bites" on Thursday, May 1, from 9-11 a.m. at Association Headquarters in Farmington Hills.

Bob England and Steve Hodges of Eradico will present basic biology, how the problem develops and is spread, and proper control measures.

Registration fees are \$15 per person for PMC, AAM and Building Industry Association members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA)** will present "Recovery By Design" on Wednesday, May 7, from 8:30-11 a.m. at Imagine Theater, 44425 W. 12 Mile, Novi (Fountain Walk, Novi Road & I-96).

The presentation will cover what people can do as an industry to overcome the challenges of Michigan's economy. Topics include how to build a partnership with a design professional to create distinctive neighborhoods; how to give buyers a reason to move and minimize risk for builders; and an overview of National Green Building Standard and

how they will impact Michigan.

Speakers are Dominick Tringali, AIA, NCARB, of Dominick Tringali Architects Inc. and Arn McIntyre of McIntyre Builders Inc.

Registration fees are \$15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA)** will present "The ABCs of Collection" on Tuesday, May 13, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will be presented by Ron Rich of Ronald B. Rich & Associates. Topics include: proper format for creating credit applications; collections process; making the phone call; when to initiate liens and when to go to arbitration or court.

Registration fees, including a continental breakfast, are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA)** presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 14, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction will instruct on the subject of Water Efficiency using materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales & Marketing Council (SMC)** will host the ninth annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards on Wednesday, May 14, from 6-9:30 p.m. at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates St. in Birmingham.

The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$55 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, nonmembers and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC)** will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar on Friday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information specifically geared for maintenance and service personnel, housekeeping, grounds, vendors and part time staff. Situations encountered everyday will be the basis for the presentation.

Registration fees are \$45 for PMC members, \$55 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA)** will present "Condominium Flexibility: Cleaning Up After The Flood" on Tuesday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

The inherent flexibility of the Michigan Condominium Act makes it possible to reposition and reformat existing residential projects. Participants

will gain an understanding of the risks and opportunities related to stepping into an existing project.

Topics include: using expansion, contraction and convertability rights to your advantage; developer retained rights; successor developer liabilities and rights; association administration in the stalled project; and escrow and lien issues peculiar to the Condominium Act.

Speakers for the seminar are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman of Freeman Cotton & Gleeson, PLC, Greg J. Gamalski of Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, and Phil Seaver of Seaver Title.

Registration fees are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA)** presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 28, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

Topics in this training include building more energy efficient, more durable and more environmentally sustainable homes.

The training is \$50 per person, or free if you join Green Built within 30 days. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ **Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA)** will sponsor a two-day "Green Building for Building Professionals" course on Thursday and Friday, May 29-30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified

Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance, better indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Registration fees are \$200 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$225 for BIA members and \$300 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Property management

Weir Manuel Realtors announced March 12 the creation of a residential property management division which will provide property management services for single family homes, condominiums and smaller multi-family projects.

"We're excited about the ongoing evolution of our full service brokerage concept, which will be enhanced by offering this service," said Kelly Sweeney, president and CEO of Weir Manuel Realtors. "While we have provided rental assistance services for many years, we are now seeing much more demand for residential rental property management services. Along with traditional leasing customers, we can help people who are having a difficult time selling their homes and give them a turnkey leasing option."

"At the same time, we can assist those consumers who are moving into the area and want a leasing option until they find the perfect home to buy. In short, we can now provide more comprehensive solutions to our clients' real estate needs."

The Property Management Division will operate under the guidance of Caroline Bowen-Keating, VP of Weir Manuel Relocation Services, with a staff experienced in the prop-

erty management field. This new division will work in concert with Weir Manuel's existing brokerage operation to support their efforts.

The property management team has been provided with state-of-the-art management software and tenant screening tools to help them provide full management services, including rent collections, bill payments, tenant and lease management, eviction services and routine and emergency property maintenance. Consumers and businesses can obtain a complete description of these services on the Weir Manuel Web site, <http://www.weirmanuel.com>, by clicking the Property Management tab.

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company providing brokerage and property management services in Southeast Michigan, with more than 150 employees in three Michigan offices: Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester. Its Web site, which includes live assistance, is at www.weirmanuel.com.

Parade of Staged Homes Event

The second annual Parade of Staged Homes Event will be held 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 4. Proceeds of the event benefit Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. Its purpose is to showcase exceptional houses and the Realtors who understand how to use home staging as a marketing tool, as well as provide an opportunity for the public to meet Accredited Home Staging Professionals that are helping to market and ultimately sell houses quickly in the Detroit metro area. Those who are interested in finding a quality home or learning about the staging process to sell their properties are encouraged to attend. Houses can be located by going to www.paradecofstagedhomes.com for map and addresses. Admission is free.

Transaction

LaKritz-Weber announced a 2,928-square foot lease in Mid-Five Center at Middlebelt and Five Mile roads in Livonia. Earnie Dearman of LaKritz-Weber & Company represented the landlord, Mid-Five Corporation, and the tenant, No. VI Cigar Café Incorporated in this transaction.

Condo Association

Meisner & Associates law firm will present "Tools for Successfully Running a Condominium Association." It will be 7-9 p.m. May 6, 13, 20 and 27 at the Bingham Farms office. Cost is \$95 per person, \$85 for additional attendees from the same association. For registration information, call (800) 470-4433.

Topics covered include: assessment collection; legal aspects of budgeting and reserve analysis; bylaw enforcement procedures; introduction of the four necessary audits, legal, physical, financial and operational; how to avoid director liability and legal disputes; how to run an effective board meeting; protecting the attorney/client privilege before and after litigation; and review of the management contract.

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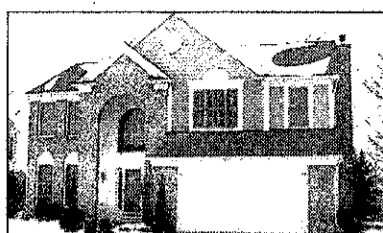
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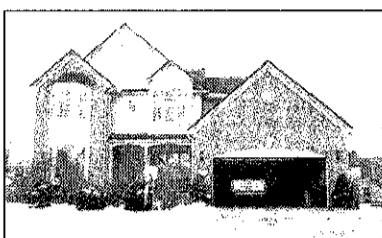
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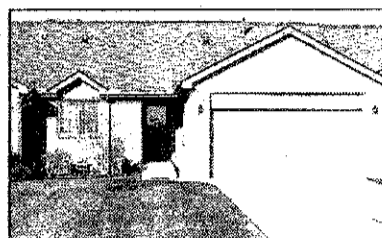
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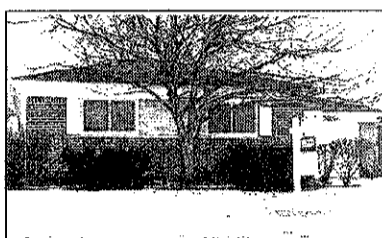
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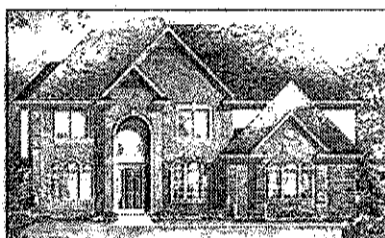
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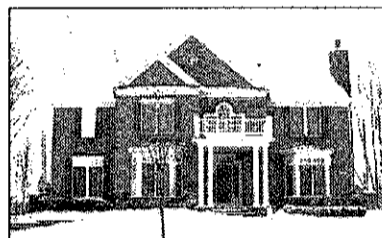
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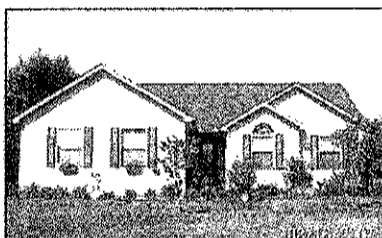
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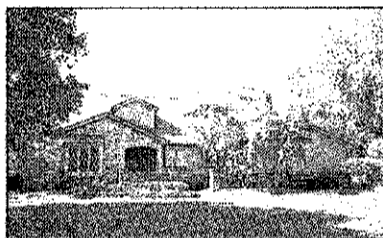
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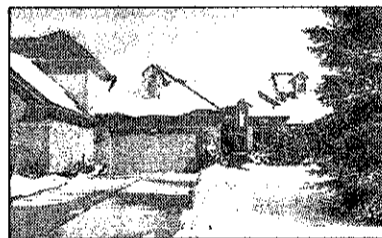
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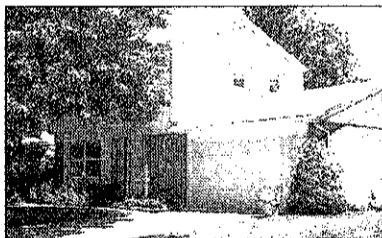
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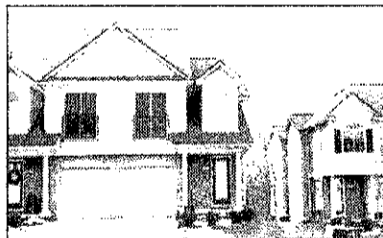
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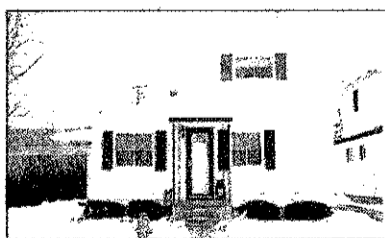
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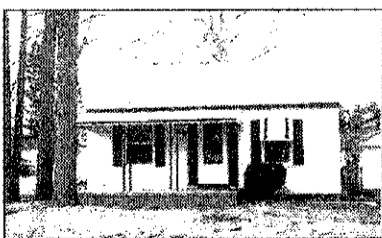
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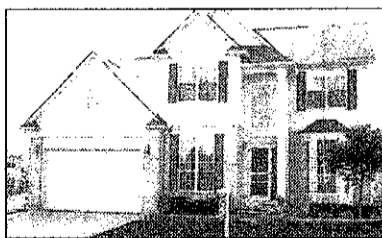
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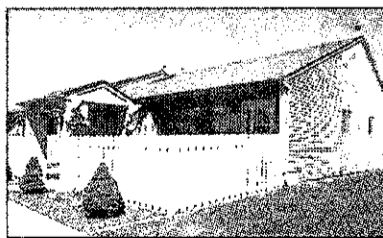
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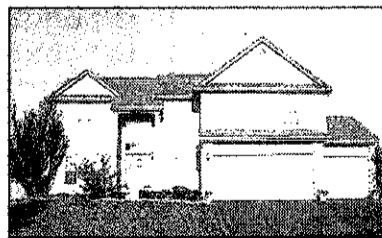
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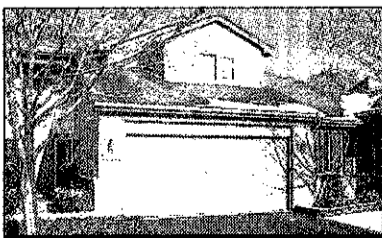
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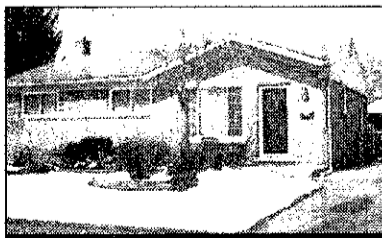
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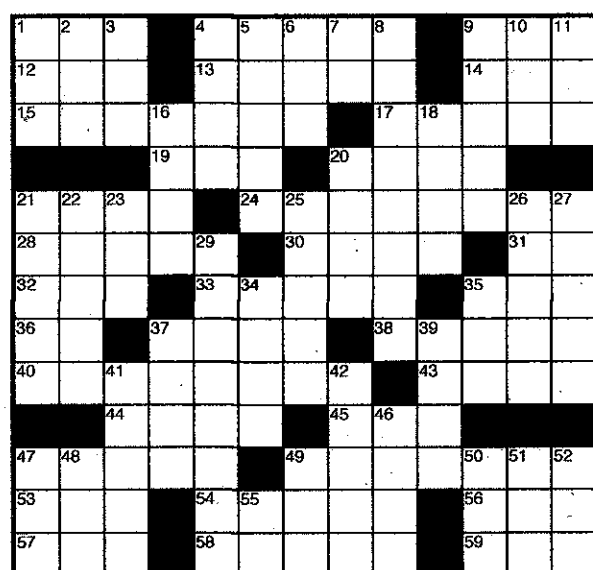
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- 54 "Star Trek" officer
- 56 Refinery ship-ment
- 57 Hackers' needs
- 58 Kitchen gadget
- 59 "Croc" Dundee's girl
- 1 Jamaican export
- 2 Summer in Cannes
- 3 — annum
- 4 Wiener schnitzel base
- 5 "Silas Marner" author
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 9 Tolkien hobbit
- 10 Hostilities
- 11 Susan of "L.A. Law"
- 16 Dole out
- 18 Passport companion
- 20 Sonic bounce
- 21 Cast member
- 22 Showy feather
- 23 Place for a pint
- 25 Desktop symbols
- 26 Fauna and —
- 27 Muscle cell
- 29 Gets clean (2 wds.)
- 34 Hard to find
- 35 Loud thud
- 37 Great benefit
- 39 Falana or Montez
- 41 Lummoxes
- 42 — nous (between us)
- 46 Misgivings
- 47 Sparkle
- 48 Business mag
- 49 California's Big —
- 50 Part of LAX
- 51 Play about Capote
- 52 Start of a bray
- 55 Laugh syllable

SUDOKU

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COMET
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ORBIT
PLANET

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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6	2	1	9	2	7	8	9	8
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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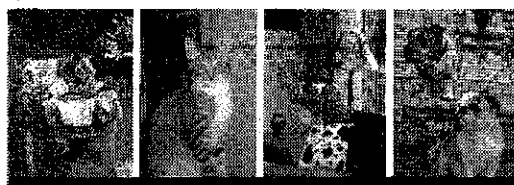
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3. Alex Gara (189)
4. James Woodson (122)
5. Larry Burnette (228)
6. Renee Stewart (137)

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Garage Sales 7110

BIRMINGHAM - Indoor Sale!
Saturday, April 19, 8:30-4pm. Downsizing! Furniture, household & decorating items must go! 1522 Hazel, S. of Maple, E. of Adams.

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Thurs-Sat, April 17-19, 8-4pm. 3033 Woodcreek Way, E. of Opdyke, S. of Square Lk. Early bird coffee and doughnuts.

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CANTON 47332 Lyndon (Beck & Warren) Large Tools, Bowflex, kitchen counter-tops/sinks, many household items-See Craigslist for details. 4/17-19 9am-4pm

CANTON CHILDREN'S SALE

Clothing, Uniforms, Toys, Books, Equipment and more! Saturday, April 19, 2008, 8:30 am to 2 pm
Plymouth Christian Academy Activity Center, 43065 Joy Rd., Canton, Between Main St. and Lilley Rd. (behind Calvary Baptist Church). Call 734-422-0022 for more information.

FARMINGTON HILLS Thurs-Sun, 9-6. 24320 Cote d'Ivoire, N. of 10, W. of Middlebelt. Furniture, teen clothing, Antiques, etc. BIG SALE!

LIVONIA - HUGE SALE, 17260 Levan, N/6 Mile Rd. April 17-20, 10-5pm. Collectibles, old toys, dolls, jewelry, post cards, too much to list, no junk!

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SUN. 4-20-10-3
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Call: 734-552-2538

PLMOUTH Old Village Yard Sale. Sat. April 19, 8 am-3pm. Tools, clothes, old radios, books, misc. Starkweather, Mill, Holbrook, all cross streets, N. of Plymouth Rd.

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Moving Sales 7130

Westland - Last Michigan Humane Society Sale
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By Dale Buss

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The most recent previous peak in leasing activity was 20.4% in March, 2001. Leasing bottomed out at 11.6% of transactions in July, 2003, Edmunds.com said.

The questions are: What does this mean? And does the phenomenon represent just a short-term blip or a long-term trend?

"Leasing has become much more popular, year over year" in the industry," said Jim Farley, Ford's vice president of marketing and communications. "Especially for car brands, we're seeing a very meaningful shift."

Added John McDonald, a spokesman for General Motors: "It is the natural attraction of leasing in this economic climate and challenging marketplace."

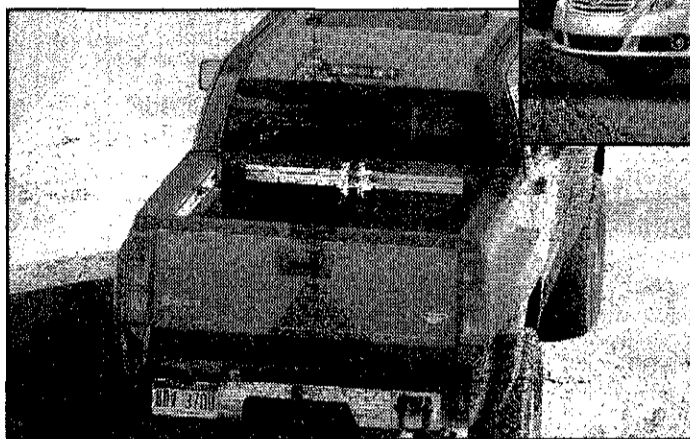
Indeed, the recent overall uptick in leasing is a clear result of two developments that – perhaps until this juxtaposition – haven't seemed related. The first trend is the tremendous push by the Detroit Three automakers over the last couple of years to cut back on their sales to daily-rental fleets and to sell those companies more richly contented vehicles. As a result, the residual values of their off-lease vehicles at auction have been rising, meaning that the automakers can lower the required lease payments on new vehicles.

The second contributor is the spreading softness in the U.S. economy. More consumers feel compelled to take the lease option because they can't come up with a down payment for an auto loan. And with interest rates dropping precipitously over the last several months, both automakers and dealers can lower the prices of

Consumers lease Toyotas, like this Avalon sedan, at a rate of about 13 percent.



Hummers such as this H3T Alpha model lease at one of the industry's highest rates.



their leases.

Getting More Comfortable

There's also a third, less tangible factor at work: The very concept of leasing is less fearful for many American consumers and, to still others, more downright attractive in principle than it used to be.

"Most consumers now are better aware of the leasing option, and dealerships are learning that they can do much better with leasing than with a purchase," said Jesse Toprak, Edmunds.com's executive director of industry analysis. "When you lease to a customer, you're guaranteed to see them back in two or three years. And customers who lease their vehicles tend to be a lot more satisfied with their purchase than a [loan] customer."

Paul Taylor, chief economist for the National Automobile Dealers Association, said that the "upswing in leasing activity is both good news and bad news" for dealers and the industry. "It's a sign that affordability has once again become an issue, but it's also a sign that many attractive lease offers are being responded to by consumers."

Not surprisingly, European luxury brands continue to lead the U.S. industry in lease penetration, having used lease deals very strategically over the last several years to spread

the accessibility of their pricey models to broader swaths of the American public. BMW leased 62.6 percent of its vehicles in February, Edmunds.com data indicates; back in 2001, its lease rates averaged in the high 30-percents. Audi's lease rate in February was 55 percent. GM's Hummer was the top domestic brand, with 48 percent.

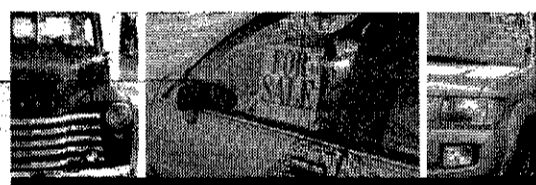
Honda and Nissan have tended to occupy leasing's middle ground. Both companies' rates were 21 percent in February, per Edmunds.com data. But Honda's lease rates have zig-zagged up and down at least since 2001. They were about 14 percent that year and climbed to 23 percent in 2002; then they sagged back down to 14 percent in 2005 and have been on the rise again since then.

The Detroit Three and Toyota generally have occupied the middle ground of leasing rates for the last several years. In February, according to Edmunds.com data, Chevrolet leased 14 percent of its vehicles, and Toyota leased 13 percent, for example.

On the low end of lease penetration are the Korean makers: Kia leased only about 5 percent of its vehicles in February, while Hyundai leased fewer than 2 percent.

Edmunds.com's Toprak noted that the pressures under leasing rates have been building for some time. For all of 2007, he said, the industry increased to a 19 percent lease rate from 18 percent in 2006.

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DENTAL HYGIENIST

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* RN *

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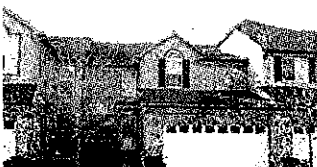
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MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! BEAUTIFUL CONDO No detail was missed! Large 2 BR, 1.5 BA. Updated kit, all appliances stay. Remodeled baths. Partially fin. basement. Newer windows. Freshly painted. Close to everything.
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(28007580) \$395,000



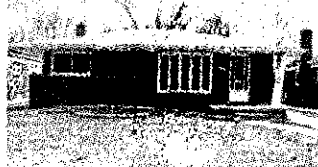
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(28052385) \$138,900



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Welcome Home 3 BR, 2 BA, HDWD fls, newer windows, great decor, Florida rm, adjoining lg deck, granite KIT, & fin bsmt. 2 car. Walking distance to elementary school & d/twn.
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Farmington 248-348-6430
In the Heart of Downtown Farmington! Neat bungalow w/updates that incl: HWH, gutters, roof to boards '06, electrical, garage door, newer windows, 2 car detached garage, double lot.
(28026062) \$169,900



Farmington 248-851-1900
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(28020824) \$134,000



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(28057684) \$234,900



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LOTS OF UPDATES; NEW FURNACE, NEWER A/C Newer windows, roof, gutters w/ leaf guard; newer new pargo flrs; lots of refinished hwdw flrs fenced yard, lg FR w/ brick wall FP & beamed ceiling. 1yr hm warranty.
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Hamburg 248-437-3800
Great For First Time Home Buyers! Three bedroom family home with immed. occupancy. Deeded access on All Sports Lake and Huron River Access. Double lot allows plenty of room for future growth.
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Highland 248-684-1065
Open floor plan, Living rm w/ 18' ceiling. Great room w/ 2-way gas FP shared w/ kitchen & breakfast rm. First flr master w/ whirlpool tub & 2 WIC. Lake priv.
(28045487) \$439,900



Highland 248-684-1065
5 bd, 4 ba, with one bd/ba combo set up for wheelchair access. 2258 Sq Ft. 2-car heated gar. Master suite w/ bath - jetted tub and shower. Fenced back yard.
(28004578) \$280,000



Highland 248-684-1065
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(28042562) \$255,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Lots of space for work and play. Remod in 2001. Huge 54x37 barn. Andersen windows, River rock FP. 1930's oak mantle FP, update kit, new cabs, wood flrs.
(28012840) \$229,000



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



Howell 248-437-3800
1556 SF...Must See Condo Open, floating kit, large great rm. Vaulted mstr w/window seat, mstr bath & large closet. Pool, clubhouse and walking paths sub. Excellent condition.
(28056846) \$122,900



Livonia 248-348-6430
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(28046689) \$289,000



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(28056187) \$228,000



Livonia 248-851-1900
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(27188681) \$200,000



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(28058937) \$165,000



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(28016719) \$162,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! Sharp solid brick ranch; spacious flr plan; full fin bsmt; kit w/ formal DR, lg LR/ hwdw flr, tiled BAs, Mstr w/ full BA, C/A, newer roof, wins, patio, ss alarm.
(28059603) \$151,900



Livonia 248-851-1900
POTTERY BARN PERFECTION! Oak flooring & professional paint give WOW appeal. Updates include windows, bath, copper plumbing, electrical, shingles. Extra large heated garage. Super location!
(27215963) \$151,888



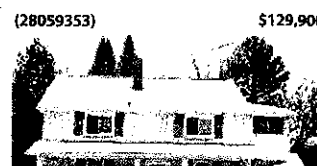
Livonia 248-348-6430
STEP BACK IN TIME Cozy 3 br, 1 ba home in Livonia. Hrdw flr and rich wood molding in LR. Newer oak cab in eat-in kit w/ door to yard. Updated ba incl soaker tub & pedestal sink.
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(28059353) \$129,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Walk to downtown Milford from this 1870 Sq Ft Historic Village home that has 5 bds, 3 ba, with 1st flr master. Many updates, large fence back yard.
(27219626) \$189,900



Northville 248-684-1065
Beautiful Historical Home in Charming Northville. 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Bths; Hrdwd Flrs & Crown Moulding T/O; Cherry Kit w/ Tin Ceil; Master Ste; Lib; 2-Car Gar.
(28011442) \$460,000



Northville 248-348-6430
Sharp Condo For Sale or Lease! Ground unit, 2 BR, 2 full BAs. Master has BA & WIC. Newer furnace, KIT Fl. & sink, windows! Enclosed frnt porch. Neutral. Assoc has pool! Northville schools.
(27220918) \$1,100



Novi 248-348-6430
Beautiful Cape Cod with original owners, non-smoking & no pets, hardwood floors, spacious kitchen with double oven, pewter light fixtures throughout, brick paver patio & walkway.
(28048645) \$385,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Completely Redone Kitchen with granite & ceramic backsplash, newer appliances, 2 way fireplace in family room & library, newer carpet, lovely finished basement with bedroom & full bath.
(28048404) \$379,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Imagine Owning This Beautiful Home Accent on details, hwdw flr highlights kit & brkfst area, FR w/ vaulted ceiling, elegant LR & DR, lib, nice mstr, extra wide 2 car garage, patio & lg priv yard.
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Novi 248-348-6430
LAKEFRONT ON VILLAGE LAKE cozy fr off kit leads to patio & lake. Newer carpet, roof & paint. Wood entry & kit. 2005 Sqft frnt storage. Common pool, club house & elementary. Corp exclusions.
(28024174) \$209,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Are You Ready for Carefree Living? End unit 3 BR, 1.5 BA w/ private entry, bright, open flr plan. Part fin bsmt. Newer KIT appl. Mstr BR w/ lg WIC. GR w/ wall of wndws. Att gar. Clubhouse avail.
(28050486) \$155,000



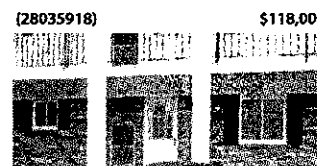
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Plymouth 248-348-6430
2 Bedroom Ground Level Condo in Plymouth Short run or bike ride to FH Park Updates incl: HWDW laminate fl in KIT, living RM, dining area & entry, bathroom fixtures, carpet & paint. Patio & storage rm.
(28019197) \$90,000



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Mint Condition Ranch unit, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, private basement includes storage, & laundry area. Walking distance to grocery & pharmacy stores. Immediate occupancy.
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Romulus 248-348-6430
3 Bed Ranch Great Price Great location! Close to Van Buren Twp. New dimensional roof, win, furnace, HWH, copper plumb, hwd floors, ceramic bath. Hurry!
(27154871) \$89,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
All Sports Lakefront Home! Home is situated on huge lot with excellent views. Two fireplaces for cozy winter nights. Large decks for outdoor entertaining. Recent updates.
(27208861) \$399,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
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(28025193) \$289,900



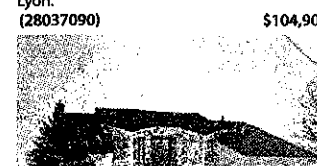
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Secluded ranch on 2.5 Acres! Home completely renovated. New kitchen w/ maple cabinets & island with bar. New hardwood floors and carpeting. Freshly painted. New master bath. Walkout LL.
(27159044) \$259,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Very Cute Updated home in great location New siding, interior kitchen including cabinets and flooring. Newer roof and windows. Extra insulation and energy efficient. Large fenced yard.
(28010123) \$140,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Ranch... End Unit Condo New Construction... Premium lot with view of wooded tree area at back of complex. Brand new, never lived in. Appl included. Close to downtown South Lyon.
(28037090) \$104,900



Troy 248-208-2900
6902 Aurora Dr. Spacious home with private yard that backs to wetlands. Finished bsmt, 3 car side garage. 2 mstr suites, formal din rm.
(27226045) \$346,750



Walled Lake 248-684-1065
Charming 3 BDRM/3BA Cape Cod on wooded, fenced lot w/ view of Wolverine Lake. LR w/ all-brick natural FP. 1st flr master. Fin. LL w/ FR, office, BA.
(28033615) \$199,900



Walled Lake 248-684-1065
Open flr plan. LR w/ elec fp, cath cells & recessed lighting. Dining area w/ D/W to deck. Kit w/ extension counter. 3 lighted cell fans. Mstr w/ WIC & cath cell.
(27192835) \$137,500



Waterford 248-684-1065
Adorable describes this renovated home with updates throughout. New roof, carpet, bath, paint, kitchen flr & cabs, pella windows. Deck to wooded yard.
(28036273) \$89,900



Westland 734-455-7000
CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT! Vanity in all baths, newer pargo flooring in kit, dining rm, & family rm. Neutral carpeting thru-out. Great storage. Skylights. Deck. New roof. Home Warranty.
(27210545) \$169,900



Westland 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL BARKRIDGE GLEN CONDO 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Fresh paint & carpet. Good location in back of the complex. All appliances. Move in condition.
(28050121) \$86,900



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Let's be Earth-friendly

This week's activities aim at conservation, education

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Earth Day is officially celebrated on April 22. While the environment may not be in the forefront these days, taking a back seat to the 2008 presidential election, the war in Iraq and the economy, it still remains a critical issue for many.

Many events are scheduled this weekend through April 22 to promote sustainability, the environment and wildlife habitats. From the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak to Oakland University in Rochester and local businesses in Oakland and Wayne counties, the warming of the spring weather presents an opportune time to remind ourselves about the importance of maintaining the planet's health.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

The third annual Earth Day Expo will be held at Oakland University Saturday, April 19 with information about healthy, local, organic, fair-trade and sustainably-produced food, including presentations from Paul Krause of VegMichigan; Julie LaPorte, owner of LaVida Local, a business engaged in building communities by connecting local farmers to consumers; Heather Carmona, an organic wellness consultant with Natural Health & Healing; Dr. Fay Hansen, a biologist at OU currently on sabbatical at Michigan State University learning about organic farming; and Dr. Kerrie Saunders, a nationally known speaker and best-selling author.



Rebecca Kolls

LOCAL BUSINESSES

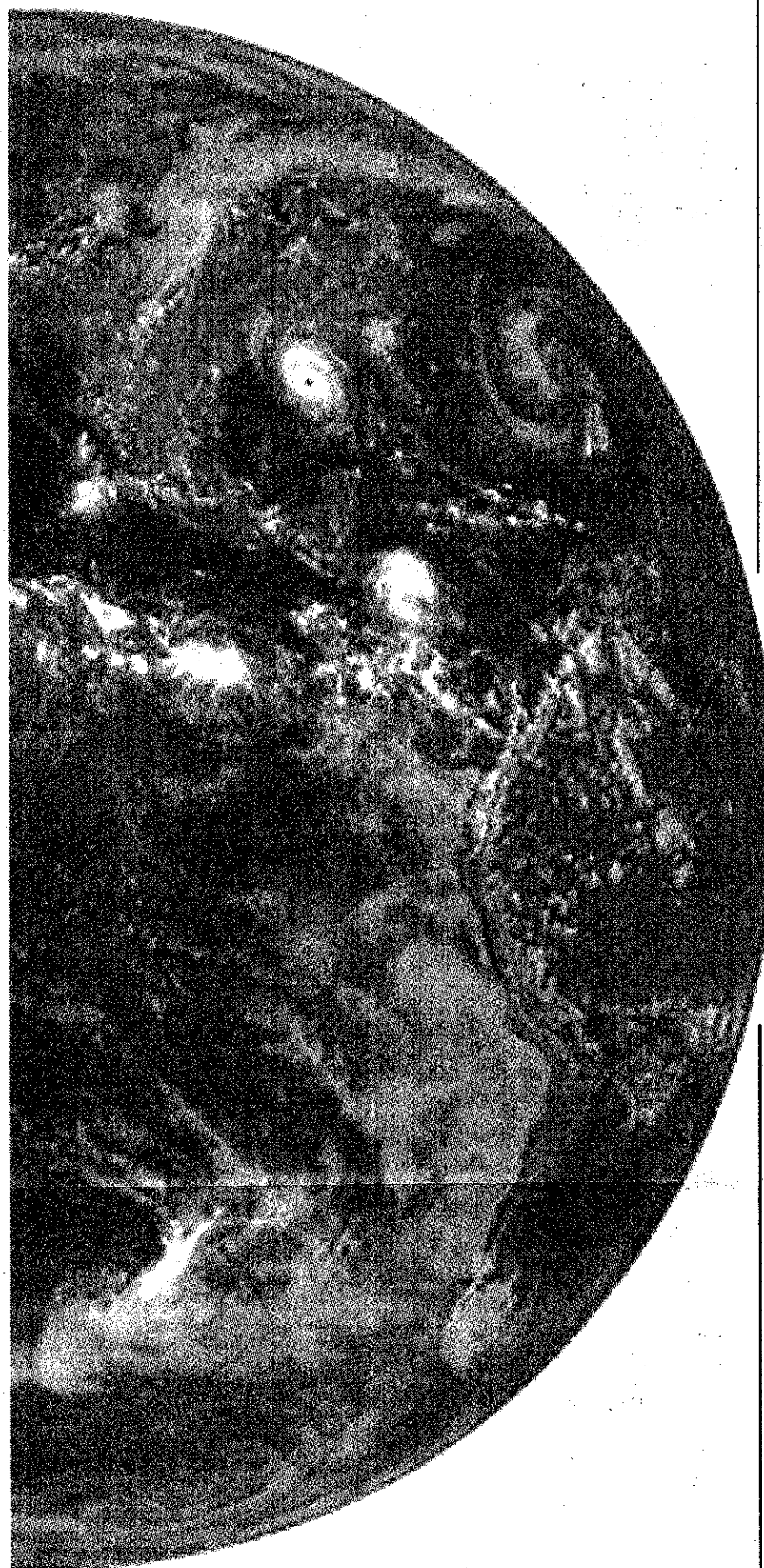
Rebecca Kolls, lifestyle and gardening contributor for ABC's *Good Morning America*, and Roger Swain, former host of PBS' *The Victory Garden*, will be appearing at English Gardens stores Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20.

English Gardens will also give away tree seedlings to the first 100 children in each store.

Kolls will present "Growing Green" with tips on how gardeners can incorporate earth-friendly tips at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19 in West Bloomfield; 1 p.m. in Dearborn Heights; 4 p.m. in Brighton; and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 20 in Royal Oak.

Swain will present "The Thrills & Spills of Container Gardening," and demonstrate tips for successful planting in containers. His schedule is 10 a.m.

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Accents

Mom's the best

We remember mom's great recipes. Just don't try and get that information from her. Sure, she may have guarded the exclusivity of the dish with generalizations and phrases like "oh, it's a little of this and a little of that" when she was asked about the ingredients of that delicious dish. Sooner or later, though, she relented and you got the keys to the kingdom. Do you have a favorite dish of hers that she prepared in the spring or summer? Or do you have a favorite dish that you prepare for her and she enjoys it? If you'd like to share her recipe or yours with us and we publish it, we'll send you a free cookbook. Please send a short note about your mother, the recipe, a photo of the two of you (if it is available) and a daytime phone number where you can be reached. Send it to kabramcz@hometownlife.com or mail it to Ken Abramczyk, food editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Recipes should be sent by Wednesday, April 23.

New showroom open

Find out how to re-face, not replace, to upgrade your home at the grand opening of the Granite Transformations showroom at 31205 Grand River at Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 19. Celebrate with complimentary refreshments, designer tips to make the most of your home and increase its value, and kitchen tips, products and samplings from local Pampered Chef Cindy Schluskel. Hourly drawings will be held to win prizes including kitchen products, cookbooks, Granite Transformation showpieces, movie passes to the Imagine Theatre, and other special items. Vigorous product demonstrations will also be held to show the beauty and durability of these products versus ordinary granite. For information call (248) 427-0200 or visit www.granitetransformations.com.

Professionals honored

Coffee Beanery joins companies and organizations to recognize the work that administrative professionals do on a daily basis. Administrative Professionals Day is celebrated on Wednesday, April 23, and Coffee Beanery is looking for the Administrative Professional of the Year. Participating local Coffee Beanery stores will be taking nominations at local stores and will be awarding coffee gift baskets to the most deserving nominee. In addition, an on-line contest will be held at coffeebeanery.com where nominations can be submitted and the winning on-line nominee will receive a pound of specialty coffee every month for a year. The deadline for in-store and on-line nominations is midnight Monday, April 21. The winner will be chosen at noon on that same day.

Make online backups part of your backup strategy

Last week I wrote about diversified backups: using multiple methods to safeguard your data.

Today I'm going to focus on the online aspect of that idea, as it's not always obvious what kind of service you should use or how to use it.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Remember that there are two basic kinds of backups: those that duplicate your entire hard drive, and those that duplicate just your important data.

Online backups, which copy your data to remote servers, definitely fall into the latter category.

Theoretically, you could upload the complete contents of your hard drive to a backup service, especially if you're paying for an "unlimited storage" plan.

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Puck stops here

Wolfgang Puck will be signing copies of his new cookbook at the restaurant that bears his name at the MGM Grand Detroit 2-4 p.m. April 22.

Wolfgang Puck Makes It Easy will be available for purchase at Wolfgang Puck Grille at a cost of \$35.

Conveniently located by the hotel's entrance and main casino floor, the restaurant features casual as well as sophisticated fine dining that can be enjoyed either as a relaxed, leisurely dining experience or as a comfortable, quick-bite in a setting created by designer Tony Chi.

Additional features are a stunning hand-carved desk from South Korean artist Lee Jae-Hyo at the restaurant's entry and "Wolfgang's Kitchen Table," a private space for up

BOOK SIGNING

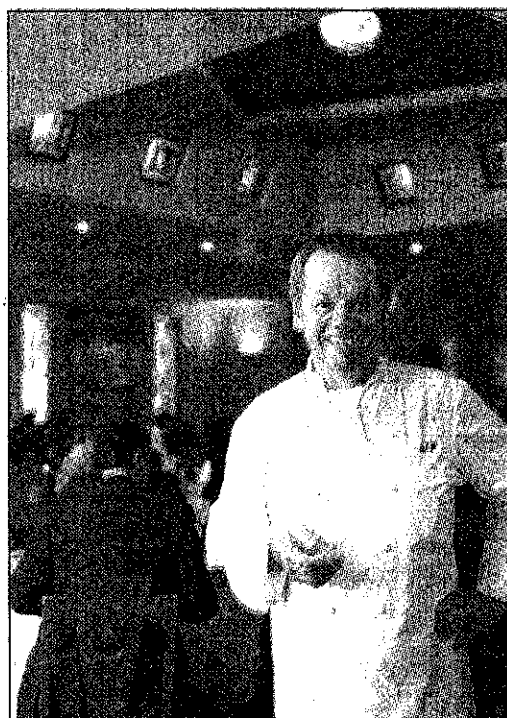
What: Wolfgang Puck signs copies of his new book, "Wolfgang Puck Makes It Easy"

When: 2-4 p.m. April 22

Where: Wolfgang Puck Grille, MGM Grand Casino, 1777 Third (north of Michigan Avenue), Detroit
Book available for \$35.

to 14 guests that provides an up close and personal experience of the celebrity chef's kitchen.

The restaurant's hours are 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily and 7 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday. For reservations, call (313) 465-1648.



Wolfgang Puck

'The Splendid Table' host visits Schoolcraft

Lynne Rossetto Kasper, host of *The Splendid Table*, a food program on Michigan Radio, will be conducting a cooking demonstration at Schoolcraft College in Livonia 1-3 p.m. May 10. Her demonstration will feature recipes from her new book *The Splendid Table's How to Eat Supper*.

The culinary arts students at Schoolcraft College will

help prepare the meal Kasper demonstrates, which attendees will be able to sample. They will also be able to ask Kasper questions.

Kasper, named "One of the 12 best cooking teachers in America" by the James Beard Foundation, is a chef and cultural historian. Her first cookbook, *The Splendid Table*, is the only book to

achieve the food world's twin crown, The Cookbook of the Year Award, from both the Julia Child/IACP and James Beard Awards. She has been featured in numerous publications including The New York Times, People, Gourmet, and Newsweek among others. Tickets are \$45, and are

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Lynne Rossetto Kasper

EARTH

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Saturday, April 19 in Dearborn Heights, and 1 p.m. in Royal Oak; and noon Sunday, April 20 in Brighton and 3 p.m. in West Bloomfield.

In Canton, IKEA will give away 1,500 ready-to-plant blue spruce seedlings on April 22, one per family, while supplies last. For every three incandescent bulbs customers bring in for recycling they will receive a free three-pack of 11w "SPARSAM" Energy Bulbs (equal to a 50 watt non-energy saver bulb), also while supplies last. IKEA also has a recycling center inside the exit doors.

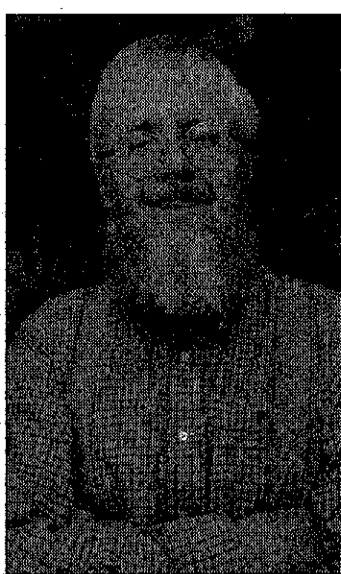
Art Van donated 3,000 spruce trees this week to area schools and organizations for planting, as part of regional beautification projects and educational programs. Stop by any Art Van store to receive a free packet of flower seeds, while supplies last, through April 23.

DETROIT ZOO

The Detroit Zoo hosts its annual Earth Day celebration 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 19. The celebration will include earth-friendly crafts, an endangered species scavenger hunt, a rock climbing wall, animal enrichment activities, zookeeper talks, exhibits by local conservation groups and visits by Smokey Bear and the Rainforest Café tree frog mascot Cha!Cha! Presentations of "Getting Excited About Earth Day" with Steve Belliveau will be held at the Ford Education Center Theater at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) will give composting demonstrations at the Backyards for Wildlife area of the Zoo, developed to demonstrate to visitors how to make their urban, suburban and rural backyards more conducive habitats for wildlife.

A Green Games Gallery will be hosted by the Detroit Zoo's own conservation group, the Green Team, including games using recycled materials, storytelling and educational displays. All Earth Day activities are free with regular Zoo



Roger Swain

admission.

On a related note, the Southeastern Oakland County Recycling Recovery Authority offers 30-minute tours of the Materials Recovery Facility, 995 Coolidge in Troy, at 4 and 5 p.m. April 21-24, and again at 10 and 11 a.m. May 3. (Residents interested in seeing the facility should call (248) 288-5150 in advance so SOCCRA can have enough tour guides available.)

WHOLE FOODS

The Village of Rochester Hills teams up with Whole Foods Market noon to 4 p.m. Saturday April 26. Families are invited to the Village to stroll from table to table to collect new eco-friendly tips, sample recipes from an organic chef, and more.

Guests are encouraged to bring at least 10 plastic bags to be recycled in exchange for a free reusable Village of Rochester tote. (Limit of one per person, while supplies last). In addition, the first 200 guests will receive a free seedling to take home.

Help reduce waste, and bring your recyclables (paper, plastic, glass and cardboard) to the Waste Management recycling truck. Kids can bring an empty egg carton and plastic bottles to turn "trash into treasures" by creating art from recyclables.

The Village of Rochester Hills is located at the northwest corner of Walton and Adams Roads in Rochester Hills.

Tips from the painters in my life

I'm a lucky gal in that two of the men in my life are professional painters.

My husband, Jeff, is a skilled mural artist, while my father-in-law, Bob Von Buskirk, is a professional home and



Wendy Von Buskirk

commercial painter based in Plymouth. The great thing about having the Von Buskirks around is they don't think of painting as a big ordeal. My husband has been known to

start painting a room at 5 p.m., and be finished by prime time.

His father, on the other hand, would never do anything that fast. He's big on perfect priming and meticulous work.

Painting is an inexpensive way to make a huge difference in your home.

With spring in the air, it's time to tackle that painting project you've had on your to-do list for a while. With these tips from Bob, you should be all set to start — and finish — the job.

GET PREPPED

Prep work is 90 percent of the job, according to Bob, yet many amateurs, as well as 'professionals' out to make a quick buck, ignore the important — and time-consuming — work it takes to get walls, ceilings, mouldings and trim ready for the finish coat.

All surfaces need to be free of oily spots, dust and cobwebs, as well as loose and chipping paint.

To prep surfaces, start by chipping away at loose paint until the chipping stops. Then, fight mold — the biggest enemy of a lasting paint job — using straight bleach in a bottle. Simply spray it on and wait for

TOOL TIME

According to professional painter Bob Von Buskirk, of Plymouth, it's worth investing in quality paint supplies. If you keep them clean they'll last and last. Here's a shopping list to get you the perfect paint job every time:

- A good brush (don't skimp here or it will show)
- Aluminum paint pan (wash after every use)
- Spackling (Bob recommends Red Devils Onetime)
- Flexible putty knife
- Aluminum step ladder
- Drop cloths (disposable plastic or paper is one option; canvas or butyl can be reused)
- Caulking gun and caulk
- Blue tape (stay away from masking tape as it leaves residue)
- Roller handle and covers
- Mini rollers (for narrow areas, such as between window frames and corners)
- Idiot stick (for extending the roller handle)
- Paint (Benjamin Moore or Graham recommended)

it to dry.

Now, sand all surfaces to remove dust — even the ceiling — or you'll be left with what Bob calls "paint boogers," unsightly bumps that prevent a smooth finish.

Finally, cover everything with an oil-based primer.

CHOOSE YOUR PAINT

Bob has tried many brands, and has settled on Benjamin Moore and Graham paints. They're slightly more expensive, but worth every penny, he says. Today's best paints are 100 percent acrylic, not latex. Acrylic paints provide a harder finished surface, and are more durable and easier to clean. Plus, they have better color retention.

Graham's ceramic paint has ceramic atmospheres added, which gives it the most durable and washable surface of all.

When it comes to paint sheens, general rules of thumb are to use flat finish paint on ceilings and walls; eggshell in hallways, bathrooms, children's bedrooms and other high traf-

fic areas; and satin on mouldings.

CONSIDER COLOR

When choosing color, remember there's a difference between 'me' color and resale color. If you're planning to move, stick to neutrals and use furniture and accessories to add color to your home.

If you're going to stay put, then you can have some fun choosing hues that suit you. Today, anything goes when it comes to color. Pick out a shade from your sofa or a favorite blanket and put it on an accent wall — or all the walls. While dark colors can make average size rooms look smaller, they have the opposite effect in small rooms. A rich plum, for example, can make a powder room appear larger. Remember that darker colors scratch more easily, and generally require more coats, although a tinted primer can help.

No matter what you do with the walls, it's always good practice to keep the ceiling white and mouldings and trim a con-

sistent neutral throughout the entire home.

GET CREATIVE

There are many fun ways to spice up a room with paint. For example, you can create simple wainscoting using chair rail halfway up the wall, but remember to use your darker color on the bottom. A dark color on top has the psychological effect of making people feel trapped.

Faux finishes are waning in popularity, but using murals to 'theme' rooms is an option. My husband has done everything from jungle scenes to mountain landscapes in children's bedrooms. He's painted palm fronds on a recessed master bedroom ceiling to create a spa effect, and tromp l'oeil to make kitchens 'open' into Tuscan scenes.

New chalkboard and whiteboard paints allow people to write on the walls and wipe them clean — perfect for children's rooms or offices in moderation.

Whatever you choose, don't feel like you have to match separate rooms, unless you've got an open floor plan. Otherwise, when you enter a room, the rest of the house remains unseen behind you.

If all this sounds like too much work, you can always hire a professional. Get a couple quotes and compare estimates. Ask the painter if he will pay attention to details, such as changing out plugs, sockets, light switches and covers. Don't always settle on the lowest estimate — you usually get what you pay for.

Wendy Von Buskirk is a staff writer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Reach her at wvonb@hometownlife.com. For more painting advice — always free — call Bob at Von Buskirk's Interiors and Exteriors, (248) 210-5024.

FOOD CALENDAR

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

Healthy Eating Made Easy

Learn how to cook gourmet yet healthy meals with Michigan Health coach Cheryl Heppard and chef Matt Schellig, the first and third Thursdays of every

month. Learn about Greek foods May 1 and May 15 is vegan, located at Aunt Olives, 525 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham, classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$50 per person, for more info and to pre-register call (248) 592-0869 or visit www.MichiganHealthCoach.com

The Community House

Several classes offered during the months of April and May, including Hands-on Knife Skills, 6:30-9 p.m. April 22; Healthy but Yummy (learn about whole grains), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 28; Authentic

New Orleans, 7-9 p.m. April 30; Learn to Prepare a Mother's Day Brunch, 7-9 p.m. May 5; 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Green Street Fair

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

GARDEN CALENDAR

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

Vendors Sought

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

The Community House

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

Michigan Orchid Society

Roger Ziellinski of Raising Rarities, has grown terrestrial orchids for 10 years and his program will be "Cypripedium culture in pots" April 20, with a potting demonstration at 1:40 p.m. so bring an orchid that needs re-potting

to the meeting along with potting mix and a clean pot, Carolyn Butcher will help show the correct way to pot. The meeting starts at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits Street, free of charge. For more information call (586) 416-1496.

The Community House Garden Club

"New Plants That Thrive in Our Climate" with George Papadellis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse, who will conduct a presentation that will help you prepare your spring and summer gardens by using new plants that thrive in our climate, 7 p.m. April 21, The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham. The public is invited. Reservations are not necessary. A \$5 donation is requested at the door or \$20 for garden club membership. Call (248) 594-6410.

More Garden, Less Lawn

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

Pruning Roses

Pruning and Fertilizing Roses, 1 p.m. April 21; 11 a.m. April 21; 1 p.m. April 27; 11 a.m. April 28; (late April/early May is the correct time to prune roses, not earlier), How to Plant Roses, slide lecture and hands-on garden demonstration, 1 p.m. May 4, 11 a.m. May 5, Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Rd., Belleville, (734) 461-1230, www.GreatLakesRoses.com.

Hardy Hydrangeas

Sue Grubba, master gardener and instructor from Practical Gardening Institute will discuss how to add these gorgeous plants to home gardens at 10 a.m. April 25, with Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Guests are welcome. Coffee and refreshments served at 9:30 a.m., \$5 non-member donation. Reservations are not required. Call (248) 608-0485 or (248) 310-8793, or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Home Composting Workshop

"Secrets of the Soil...with a Sense of Humus", a home composting workshop, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R, Troy. Topics will include: soil fertility; benefits of compost for lakes and the Rouge River; building the compost pile; materials for composting; compost bin options; avoiding

nuisances; compost bin maintenance, sustainable landscapes, and more. To register for this free workshop, call the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority at (248) 288-5150 or at Telly's (248) 689-8735.

Southern Michigan Daylily Society

Hybridizing Spiders and Unusual Forms Daylily Flowers with Dan Bachman from Valley of the Daylilies in Lebanon, Ohio, 7 p.m. May 2, Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Rd., Bloomfield Hills.

Swap Meet

9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 3, Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Rd., Plymouth, if interested in renting a table, contact Anita Laich at (734) 425-1685 for more information.

British Floral Artist

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

Country Garden Club of Northville

Six gardens on 15th Annual Garden Walk, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 9, \$10 tickets, www.cgcncv.org, (248) 348-3263.

HOME CALENDAR

Lalique Architectural Event

Saks Fifth Avenue will host a Lalique Architectural Event with one-of-a-kind crystal pieces, limited edition furnishings and unique interior design elements 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily through May 3 at The Fifth Avenue Club on Two, Somerset Collection, Troy. RSVP at (248) 643-9025 or visit www.lalique.com to browse products.

Cranbrook Seeks Docents

Historic Cranbrook House seeks docents to conduct tours of the 1908 home. Choose eight-week training sessions Tuesday evenings or

Wednesday mornings. Separate sessions will be held for Garden docents only. The four season runs from May through October. Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary also welcomes volunteers for estate gardening, greenhouse management, the Wildflower Rescue Program and Gatehouse admissions center. Call (248) 645-3149.

The Birmingham Showhouse

"An ideal home created from a woman's perspective," Sept. 18-21, benefits Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer

Institute, sponsored by Wellington Chase Homes and Michigan Design Center, also open Sept. 25-28, 4,580-square-foot English Arts and Crafts style, developed by women with products exclusively from MDC, visit michigandesign.com or Showhouse Web site at birminghamshowhouse.com.

Designer's Show House

The Junior League of Detroit will open its 17th biennial Designers' Show House, 15637 Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park, May 3-18. The grand colonial home measures 6,300 square feet, and features a sweep-

ing staircase, gourmet kitchen and wonderful architectural details from the 1940's. During the event, a Show House Boutique will offer art for the home, kitchen, family and holidays; a Greenery will sell garden art and plant materials; and a tent outside will feature a garden-infused Cafe. Hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays through Fridays; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets, \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door, benefit JLD. Visit www.jldetroit.org to find a list of tickets sellers.

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Serve this chicken for Passover

Passover begins at sundown on April 19. Since holiday meals can sometimes fill us up with unwanted calories, chef Phil Andriano, author of *I Can Cook, You Can Cook: the Self-Help Guide to Seafood Cookery*, has created a healthy Passover dish.

HONEY SABRA CHICKEN WITH CHAROSET STUFFED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

1 pound chicken thighs, divided into 4 ounce portions, boneless/skinless
4 butternut squash, cut, seeded and quartered
4 ounces Sabra (chocolate-orange) Liqueur
4 tablespoons honey
4 tablespoons golden raisins
4 Granny Smith apples, diced
1 teaspoon cinnamon powder
1 teaspoon ginger powder
4 tablespoons potato starch

4 tablespoons red wine
4 teaspoons olive oil
4 teaspoons chopped walnuts

Marinate the chicken overnight in the Sabra liqueur and 4 teaspoons oil. Pre-bake the butternut squash in a roasting pan slightly filled with water, at 350 degrees until fork tender.

In a sauce pot combine the potato starch, raisins and honey in 2 cups water, cook until thick and clear, allow to cool.

Mix the apples, nuts and spices with the honey-raisin mixture, then stir in the wine. Stuff the portions of squash with the Charoset and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes longer.

Remove the chicken from the marinade and roast in the same oven for the same amount of time or until done.

Help an artist and help stimulate Michigan's economy

A few blocks from your home, an artist is planning to move to Sedona or Austin if he or she doesn't sell a painting, sculpture, or photograph soon.



One world

Lana Mini

Also near you, there's a musician making a list of the pros and cons of Michigan life, comparing it to life in New York, Los Angeles and Portland.

It's true. I know dozens of artists, probably now more than 100, from every metro Detroit city, preparing to flee for survival.

So, the question for you and I is:

What are we going to do with our "economic stimulus" checks?

Many of us have little choice but to use it toward our mortgage, car or credit card pay-

ment. But let's say some will put it back into the economy.

If so: *Support Michigan.*

Whatever you buy, get it from locally-owned business and that includes local art studios, galleries and concert venues.

I constantly hear local artists say they're proud to be from Detroit - and then they move to New York; the reason is because Michiganders as individuals don't support talent here as much as we could.

For example, how many of us saw The White Stripes before they were famous?

How many of us go to Movement - the Detroit Electronic Music Festival at Hart Plaza - to see the local musicians who invented the sound?

How many of us go out on a Saturday night just to check out an unknown local band that you read about in the newspaper?

How many of us own a piece of art created by a Michigan

artist?

How many of us have local music in our iPods that isn't by one of our friends or relatives who are in the band?

I've heard many art gallery owners admit that we romanticize faraway lands. It seems sexier to tell a neighbor that you're newly purchased painting is by a trendy artist from Manhattan or tiny city in Thailand whom you just happened to discover during an exploration.

I'm guilty of it.

I have just two pieces of art in my home from Detroit artists; the others are from places like the island of Hispaniola, Italy, Iran, France, Greece and even Los Angeles. And because the economy is so tough, I'm feeling some guilt. We have prestigious art schools like Cranbrook and Center for Creative Studies, so it's not that our quality is lacking.

Recently, I saw a great local band spill their energy onto the stage at bar barely filled to 25

percent capacity. I won't mention the group's name because it's not their fault tickets didn't sell. It's not necessarily the economy either, because national acts sell pretty well - like Hannah Montana at The Palace and Gogol Bordello at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

If Michigan's creative people can't succeed here they're going to leave and metro-Detroit will be as bland as Silicon Valley, minus the jobs.

So if you can spend your stimulus check on a material item, consider a locally-produced piece of jewelry, furniture, painting, CD or concert.

Michigan corporations keep the economy going, the independent boutiques keep our downtowns unique. The artists help feed the souls of the cities and ourselves.

Next time: Set aside \$10 for homeless animals, put it in a jar, we'll discuss that soon.

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TECH

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But the reality of Internet bandwidth makes that impossible, at least for now. Upload speeds, even with broadband service, tend to be extremely slow, so sending your whole hard drive would take forever.

In fact, that's the major hamstringing with online backup services in general. It can take an entire day, sometimes even longer, to upload just a few gigabytes' worth of data.

That's why I've been more than satisfied with MozyHome Free (mozy.com/home), which offers 2GB of online backup free of charge.

I use it to archive my e-mail, Word documents, Quicken data, contacts, calendar, Web favorites, and other critical items. I've got years' worth of that stuff, yet I've consumed only about two-thirds of my allotted free storage.

Of course, that leaves behind all my photos, videos, and music. That data's just as important to me, but it adds up to around 50GB.

Even if I signed up for unlimited storage from Mozy, Carbonite, HP's new Upline (upline.com), or another online backup service, it would literally take weeks of 24/7 uploading to move that much information to their servers. Not practical.

Granted, you could schedule backups to occur only at night, when your computer's not doing anything else.

Eventually the job would get done, and subsequent backups would finish much faster because the software adds only new files and those that have changed. (That's called an incremental backup, in case you're wondering.)

If you do decide to go this route, I recommend any of the three aforementioned services. They all cost about the

same (\$5-6 per month), and they're all quite easy to use.

One thing I like about Upline over the other two is that it lets you access your data from anywhere, not just the PC that has the Upline software installed. Plus, you can easily share files with others.

Carbonite's better when it comes to scheduling backups, but it's not as helpful as Mozy when it comes to identifying important data, like Outlook records and Quicken files.

Fortunately, you can try them all before signing up. And I definitely recommend doing so, as online backups are a crucial part of any good backup plan.

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COOKING

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available at the Michigan Union ticket office and all Ticketmaster outlets, at ticketmaster.com, or by calling 734-763-TKTS (734-763-8587). Proceeds from the event will benefit Michigan Radio, the public radio service from the University of Michigan.

The Splendid Table's How to Eat Supper, by Lynne Rossetto Kasper and Sally Swift, pro-

ducer of *The Splendid Table* program, is Kasper's third book and embodies her unique approach to food as culture. The book is as visually delightful and entertaining as it is useful. *How to Eat Supper* is full of recipes, everyday kitchen advice and tips.

The Splendid Table is broadcast Sundays, noon - 1 p.m. on Michigan Radio. Kasper gives cooking tips, recipes and advice to her audience while discussing her passion for food with guest experts, authors and chefs who share her enthu-

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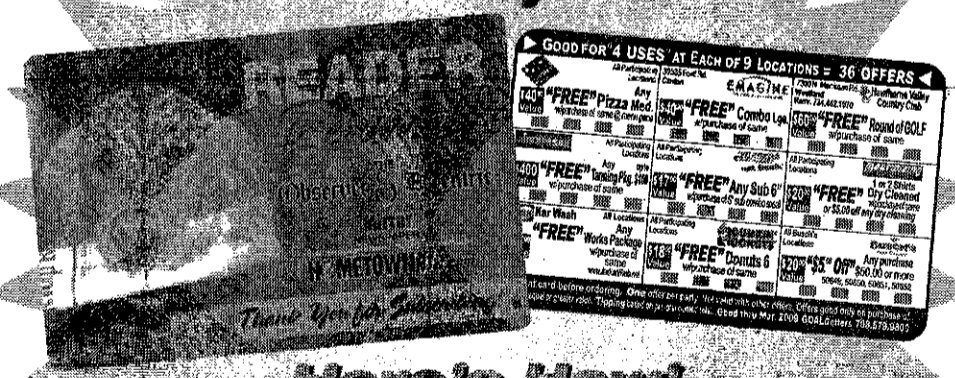
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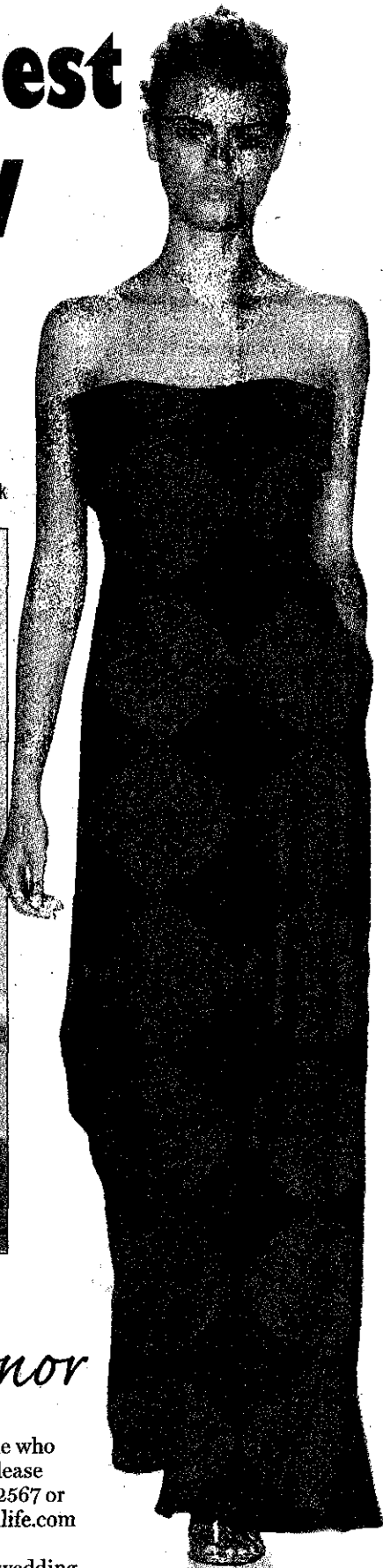


Bridesmaids look best in shades of gray

Some modern brides are allowing their ladies in waiting to wear any little black dress of their choice. This option lets each bridesmaid choose a gown that best flatters her figure — one she will certainly wear again. In fact, an LBD that already hangs in her closet may work just fine. Still, many traditional brides-to-be

don't see things so black and white. For them, the season's most fashionable frocks are in pretty shades of gray. From smoky to silvery, here's a look at a few takes on gray from gown lines available at Miss Kate's Maids, 2121 Cole St., in Birmingham.

Compiled by Wensdy Von Buskirk



Priscilla of Boston Dahlia Vintage dress, \$350.



Priscilla of Boston Smoke satin tank gown, \$300.

Calling all male "maids" of honor

Listen up blushing brides-to-be and happily-weds, Pink is looking for your best guy pals — the sort you chose to stand up in place of a maid of honor. We'd like to speak to you, or the best friend in question, for an upcoming story. If you'd like to tell us what it was like to have a best man for a maid of honor — or you

know of a guy in just this honorary role who might want to share his sentiments, please call Stephanie A. Casola at (248) 901-2567 or send an e-mail to scasola@hometownlife.com before April 25.

We're curious to hear how this new wedding trend translates on the big day.

Malls & Mainstreets

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

Nordstrom Grand Opening

CLINTON TWP - Nordstrom will kick off its store opening at The Mall at Partridge Creek with a Beauty Bash 8:30 a.m. April 18. Before the store opens at 10 a.m., Nordstrom beauty advisers will share products and trends, and provide complimentary consultations and demonstrations outside the store, 17310 Hall Road. Call 1 (800) 916-6110.

Try It On for the Cure

LIVONIA - Coldwater Creek at Laurel Park Place will host Try It On for the Cure to benefit the Komen Detroit, April 20. The store will donate \$1 for every shopper who tries on clothes in the dressing room, no purchase necessary, plus 10 percent of sales that day. Call (734) 464-1340 or visit www.coldwatercreek.com.

Share the Vision

BIRMINGHAM - The Pink Fund will host Share the Vision April 24-26 to raise funds for breast cancer survivors while showcasing the latest 'shades'. Some participating stores include Au Courant Optical Fashions, Birmingham Vision Care, Clavenna Vision Institute and Optik (all in Birmingham); Direct Optical, Farmington Hills, and Orion Troy Ophthalmology, Rochester Hills. Visit www.thepinkfund.org.

Rummage Sale

FARMINGTON HILLS - Antioch Lutheran

Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile Road, will host a rummage sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 18 followed by a Bag Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 19, with clothing priced at \$1 each item. (248) 626-7906.

Vintage Fashion Show Tea

WATERFORD - What was high style in the 1920s? What did housewives wear in the '50s? Find out as Tuesday Muscile of Greater Pontiac presents a Vintage Fashion Show and Tea 1 p.m. April 22 at Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road. Attendees may wear hat, gloves and vintage outfits. \$15. Call (248) 620-0116.

Refusing Fashion Closes

DETROIT - This weekend marks your last chance to see Refusing Fashion: Rei Kawakubo at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave. The exhibit closes April 20. Call (313) 832-6622 or visit www.mocadetroit.org.

Macy's Earth Day

Macy's Turn Over A New Leaf campaign April 20-27 will include promotions, merchandise and in-store events benefiting the National Park Foundation. The first 150 customers in stores April 20 will get a free tote. Customers who donate \$5 at Macy's stores or www.nationalparks.org will get a two-day shopping pass for 20 percent off select merchandise April 26-27. On April 22, the first 100 customers in each store will get a free sapling, and the first 100 children will receive an eco-friendly coloring book. For more information and to enter sweepstakes, visit www.macys.com.

BRIDAL CALENDAR

Bridal Sample Sale

TROY - The Bridal Salon at Macy's Somerset will host its Annual Bridal Sample Sale April 25-27. Macy's will discount sample designer bridal gowns and accessories at 50 to 90 percent off regular prices. Select couture bridal gowns will start at \$199, while sample bridesmaid dresses start at \$49.97. Designers include Vera Wang, Reem Acra, Romona Keveza, Justina McCaffrey, Watters and Watters, and more. Shoppers who purchase a bridal gown at the sale will receive 10 percent off accessory and bridesmaid purchases. Bridal Gown prices before clearance range from \$500-\$15,000. Hours of the sale are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

Downtown Bridal Stroll

PLYMOUTH - Downtown Plymouth will hosts its first annual Plymouth Bridal Stroll on Saturday, April 26. The event will start at noon in Kellogg Park with a mock wedding party, head table and live music from members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. From there, brides will follow their Bridal Stroll program to visit more than 25 businesses offering refreshments, discounts, drawings for gift certificates, and more. From gowns and invitations, to food and favors, the free event will showcase opportunities to plan your whole wedding with local merchants. Call (734) 455-1453 or visit www.downtownplymouth.org.

Bridal Bliss

ROYAL OAK - Brides-to-be will find everything they



Kim Chmiel of Shapes Boutique, Royal Oak, fits Trudy Chase of Birmingham in a custom wedding gown.

need to plan a stylish shower, bachelorette party, wedding and reception during Royal Oak's Bridal Bliss 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, April 26. During the day-long event, more than 25 local businesses will offer discounts, packages, consultations and more for the bride and her entourage.

Guests can also enter to win one of three Downtown Royal Oak Shopping Sprees worth \$200-\$500. For more information and a complete list of activities and participating businesses, call (248) 246-3065 or visit www.downtownroyalok.org.

CORRECTION

In our recent Observer & Eccentric Wedding Guide, incorrect information was given for Meadow Brook Hall & Gardens.

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