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Oakwood clears first hurdle to build hospital in Canton

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

No one can doubt Oakwood's persistence.

The Dearborn-based health care system has moved a step closer in its multi-year quest to build a medical facility in the southwest part of the township.

The Canton Planning Commission has pushed forward Oakwood's plans to construct a facility on the west side of Beck Road just north of Michigan Avenue.

In recommending that the proposal go before the township board, the commis-

sion has placed several conditions on the plans, including the expansion of the setback between the facility and neighboring homes from 100 feet to 120 feet.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said other conditions include the creation of an advisory council, which will include township residents, and determining the health care provider's responsibility in paying for any traffic improvements mandated by Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The recommendation to proceed is a victory for Oakwood, which faced strong opposition from homeowners the two

previous times it went before the planning commission. In 2006 and 2007, Oakwood proposed building a new facility on the northwest corner of Beck and Geddes. Hundreds of homeowners came out against the project expressing concerns about traffic and property values.

Oakwood's newest rendition of its proposal could go before the board May 13.

Residents of Meadow Villages, the subdivision which sits opposite of the proposed medical site on Beck Road, have mixed feelings about the project.

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Driving for dollars

School, Dodge dealer hook up for charity

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Field Elementary in Canton Township is among 49 schools across the nation driving for a \$5,000 prize in the National Dodge Journey Drive for the Kids School Challenge to raise money in support of literacy and student enrichment programs.

Nearly 130 parents and friends of Field Elementary took a test drive of the new Journey crossover vehicle in the parking lot Wednesday night, raising \$880 dollars for school programs. Chrysler donated \$5 for the first 100 test drives of any one of the four Journey models supplied by Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth, and \$10 for each drive over 100. The school that raises the most money will receive an additional \$5,000.

Jason Scott, general manager of Dick Scott Dodge, said they've been participating in the Chrysler-run program at Field the past four years.

"I have a couple of kids in the Plymouth-Canton schools district and we want to stay involved in the community and other charitable events," said Scott. "There's not enough money to go around for the kids, so every little bit helps."



Parents of Field Elementary School students were the first to test drive the all-new 2009 Dodge Journey as part of the National Dodge Journey Drive for the Kids School Challenge to help raise money in support of literacy and student enrichment programs.

Ann Marie Rockov, co-president of the Field PTO, called as many people as she could to participate.

"I'm glad they called us back to do it, and \$5,000 would come in handy for the school," said Rockov. "Last year we raised \$600, and we were hopeful of raising more this year."

Field was the first school of the 49 to participate the national contest. David Moraco, who has three children attending Field, said the program allowed him to possibly look for another

vehicle to replace one of his family's two vans and help the PTO.

"The program is great, we sure could use the money for the school," Moraco said. "The kids need books and other things, and we all know how tough the economy is... we're sure not going to get much from the budget anymore. It's nice that the dealership comes in and supports the local schools."

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Alexander Letkemann

Teen murder accomplice gets 20-30 years

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry repeatedly asked Alexander Letkemann at his sentencing hearing Wednesday why he got involved in the murder and beheading of Daniel Sorensen, and why he didn't do something to stop convicted killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz from going through with the killing.

Letkemann's answer? A repeated "I don't know."

He'll have plenty of time to think about it after Berry, pursuant to a plea agreement between

Letkemann and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office for Letkemann's guilty plea to second-degree murder, sentenced the 18-year-old former Churchill High School student from Westland to 20-30 years in prison.

Letkemann was also sentenced to 3-10 years for mutilation of a corpse. The sentences will run concurrently. A felony murder charge against Letkemann was dismissed.

After saying he couldn't "find a reason for myself" why he didn't walk away from the murder, Letkemann apologized to Sorensen's family, who forgave him during their statements to the court.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think the 20-30 year prison sentence for Alexander Letkemann was too severe for his role in the killing of Daniel Sorensen in a Canton garage? Tell us your thoughts by e-mailing editor Kurt Kuban at kkuuban@hometownlife.com or posting a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

Attorneys spar as board approves temple plan

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Frustrated over what he called an ordinance trumping common sense, Chuck Davis offered a simple "congratulations" to attorney Bryan Amann after the Canton Township board unanimously approved the plan to rebuild the Hindu Temple.

"I'm disappointed," said Davis, who lives south of the temple's Cherry Hill Road location. "I thought there would be more latitude for common sense, but the decision was driven by the ordinance. But I'm not bitter or mad — (the board) did what they thought was right."

In handing down its decision Tuesday, one homeowner muttered the word, "Unbelievable," while Amann, who represents the temple, said the lawyer for a group of dissenting homeowners was trying to "twist and contort" the township's ordinance.

In return, attorney Thomas McGraw, who represents 32 homeowners near the temple, said Amann has a "flippant attitude" regarding the request to move the temple.

McGraw, who insisted the concern was not over the temple itself but its placement, told the board that when he met with Amann

earlier this month, he was offered a compromise of moving the worship center 100 feet north and 30 feet to the east. When he failed to respond to the offer within the requested 48 hours, McGraw said the temple no longer wanted to discuss the building's location.

Referencing the planning commission's approval of the project in February, McGraw pointed out that when a commissioner asked Amann if the building could be moved, he said no.

"Are they allowed to change their minds?" McGraw said. "Do the planning commission's questions mean anything?"

McGraw then asked the board to approve the project, but with the conditions that the building is moved. Carol Rosati, special counsel to the township, cautioned against McGraw's request.

"I'm having some difficulty with adjacent property owners redesigning development plans," she said, noting that the proposal is in compliance with all ordinance requirements.

After the board's approval of the plans, McGraw said the homeowners have the right to present their case to the township's zoning board of appeals and are considering their options.



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Health fair

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital is hosting its annual community health fair on April 27. The Hindu Temple of Canton, Oakwood Healthcare System and the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origins (MAPI) are sponsoring the event.

Community members will have the opportunity to participate in free health screenings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hindu Temple, 44955 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

The health fair will feature free screenings for:

Blood pressure check-ups and health related discussions with Oakwood primary care physicians. Please bring your medical records and a list of your current prescriptions.

Blood screenings to test for: Diabetes, Cholesterol levels, Hemoglobin (to measure your risk for anemia), Prostate specific antigen (PSA) (to check protein levels produced by your prostate) the higher a man's PSA level, the more likely it is that cancer is present).

Overnight fasting is required, with no food after

midnight permitted. The minimum age for the blood test is 25 years or older.

A bone density measurement test is available to women based on a recommendation from a primary care physician at the health fair.

Those in attendance will be able to talk with a variety of specialists including cardiologists, urologists, OB/Gyns, rheumatologists, endocrinologists, internists, ophthalmologists and dentists. Informational booths will address such topics as hormone replacement therapy, breast cancer, mammography, prostate health, cataracts, nutrition, life style enhancements and more.

For details, please call (734) 981-8730.

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Bronze award

As part of their Bronze Award, members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 764 invited the Girl Scout population at Eriksson Elementary to attend a presentation by Ron Blauet, education director for the Michigan Humane Society. The troop also collected donations of supplies for the MHS and presented skits on canine communication. Ron Blauet (top row left) Mary Jo Buford, Hannah Demby, Madelyn Momano, Patchouli Pritchison, Katlyn Blassic, Sue Momano and Taylor Kearly (bottom row left), 'Chip' T. Dog Blauet, Gina Tortorici and Alexandria Buford were among the participants in the presentation. The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn.

effective negotiating techniques, how to understand the fine print in new car ads, when it makes more sense to lease than buy, how to save even more money if you get an employee discount, and more.

For more information or to make a reservation call Tom Swan at (248) 784-7360.

Robert Kennedy Jr. to speak

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will speak to area Rotarians about environmental concerns and world peace during a keynote address this month at The Presidential Peace Forum in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The conference will take place April 25-27 and is aimed at increasing awareness about Rotary's role in promoting peace. It will include a parade of international flags, an ecumenical faith service, a concert, and panel discussions centered around the forum's theme, "Peace Is Possible." Wilfrid J. Wilkinson will speak at the opening ceremony.

Kennedy was named one of Time magazine's "Heroes for the Planet" for his success in helping Riverkeeper lead the fight to restore the Hudson River. The group's achievement helped spawn more than 160 Waterkeeper organizations across the globe.

Other speakers include former UN Ambassador Allan Rock, Jordanian UN Ambassador HRH Prince Zeid Ra'ad and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Lloyd Axworthy.

Organizers are encouraging Rotarians to visit the event's Web site, RotaryPeaceSummit.org, and share stories about how they've worked to foster peace and understanding.

Rotary District 6400 Governor Jennifer Jones, who came up with the idea for the conference, is planning on attendance of 4,000

and has reserved a quarter of those slots for youth participants. The cost is \$175 (U.S.) for adults and \$100 for youths. Rotarians and non-Rotarians can register on the summit's Web site at RotaryPeaceSummit.org.

Elephant and bake sale

The Canton Place Seniors are hosting a White Elephant and Bake sale on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Community Room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and Sheldon). The public is invited to attend. Among the featured items are jewelry and a recumbent bicycle. Homemade baked goods and lunch are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Canton Place Resident Association.

National Prayer Day

Members of the Canton community and surrounding areas are invited to join Canton residents and leaders on Thursday, May 1, from 12:15-1 p.m. for the National Day of Prayer. The rally will be held outside at the Veteran's Memorial Flagpole on Veterans Way behind the Canton Municipal Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Tens of thousands of prayer events are planned across the country to honor the 57th annual National Day of Prayer. For information, call Jane Terkoski at (734) 495-3219.

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Canton rec trails get boost

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You might say these are the best of times for the supporters of recreation trails in Canton. Canton officials are nearly ready to unveil the first phase of the Lower Rouge Recreation Trail that is being built along the Lower Rouge River just north of Michigan Avenue. Canton is planning a grand opening of the trail (and trail head) on River Day, which will take place June 7. The first phase of the trail will be about 2 1/2 miles long, from the ITC corridor (near Lilley) to just east of Sheldon Road.

Ultimately, plans are for the trail to connect the area around the Summit near Canton Center Road all the way to the recreational trail that runs along I-275, which is in the midst of current and planned repairs.

Canton recently received some good news from the state to help them finish the trail sooner rather than later. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund has awarded Canton a \$350,000 grant to build six foot bridges that will span the river along the trail.

According to Bob Belair, a township engineer who is overseeing much of the trail project, Canton Leisure Services has about \$200,000 in additional matching funds to go towards the project. In addition to the bridges, which he said would most likely be constructed sometime next year, the project will also include interpretive signs and possible fishing areas.

In the meantime, progress is also being made in cleaning up Canton's portion of the I-275 bike path. Last weekend, Canton and a group of volunteers cleaned up trash along the trail. On Saturday, a group called Friends of the I-275 Bike Path will hold another clean-up. According to the group's leader, Dave Duffield, volunteers are needed to help trim back brush, scrape weeds out of pavement cracks, and other general trail maintenance.

The group will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 3950 S. Lotz (Lotz and Michigan Avenue) at the east most end of the parking lot.

Duffield, a Northville resident, said most of the work will be to remove an invasive plant called phragmites, which has taken over the

I-275 BIKE PATH CLEAN-UP

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trail near Michigan Avenue.

"When you ride through the area in the summer, it feels like you are riding through a field of sugar cane," he said.

Duffield has been working with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), which owns the trail, to improve it. The trail was built in the 1970s and is in need of work. He said MDOT has plans to repave the trail in phases.

The trail runs about 40 miles, he said, from Farmington Hills down to Monroe.

"This is an important resource," Duffield said of the trail. "With gas prices surging towards \$4 a gallon, nothing would make me happier than to see the bike path as busy as I-275 itself. I try to tell people all the time, you can use this trail to get to work. I do it every day. It can be done."

Duffield said there will be a few bonuses for volunteers on Saturday. A pizza lunch will be provided, and massage therapy students from Schoolcraft College will be offering free massages to volunteers. There will also be several raffles, including a raffle for a three-month YMCA membership.

And, if you're looking for some star power, Duffield said *Detroit Free Press* columnist Mitch Albom will also be on hand helping out volunteers.

For more information, contact Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or e-mail him at dduffield@lmb.org.



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The home, located on North Pointe Court in Canton, burned late Sunday night into early Monday morning.

Fire rips through Canton home

The Canton Fire Department is still investigating a late night blaze that ripped through a two-story home on North Pointe Court.

Canton Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher played down reports that the home "exploded" as premature but said the damage to the two-story, single-family home is extensive.

"We don't have damage estimates, but it's significant," he said. "The home isn't livable."

The fire erupted shortly before midnight Sunday. No one was in the home.

Rorabacher said the homeowners are believed to be on vacation. "We are still trying to get a hold of them," he said.

At the house, which sits just east of Beck Road, several windows have been boarded up and the charred frame of the roof

above the foyer has been exposed.

Rorabacher said the flames were most intense in the home's basement.

Nardeep Bains lives a few homes away from the destroyed house and said she's met the homeowners in passing.

"They are a nice family," she said. "Luckily, they weren't home."

- By Tiffany L. Parks

Pioneer student faces expulsion for copycat bomb threat 'hoax'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Pioneer Middle School student has been suspended after admitting to writing a message on a boys' bathroom wall that indicated a bomb would go off at the school.

Pioneer Principal Phil Freeman said the unidentified student was in the office at 10:30 a.m. Monday morning and by 11 a.m. he confessed to the writing on the wall.

"The number one thing we can do at Pioneer to ensure the safety of students is to know our children well," said Freeman. "The initial investigation was centered on the handwriting, and by knowing our kids we were able to question him. We were able to focus our investigation and get the child to confess to the hoax."

"He gave us information on when and where he did it, and gave us information no one else was given," he said. "When we asked 'why,' he said he read about the incident at Central (Middle School) and wanted to see if he could get away with it."

A similar threat was found written on a boys' bathroom wall at Central April 3. The same kind of precautions were taken by Plymouth and Michigan State police; however, the person responsible for that incident has not been identified.

Freeman said the Pioneer student has been suspended and faces expulsion.

"He caused a situation that could have been worse," said Freeman. "We want to send a strong message to him and other students this won't be tolerated."

Freeman said the message was discovered after school on Friday by another student. "We did a cursory check of the building Friday, and the State Police went through the school with the dogs on Sunday," said Freeman. "They didn't find anything and we secured the building overnight."

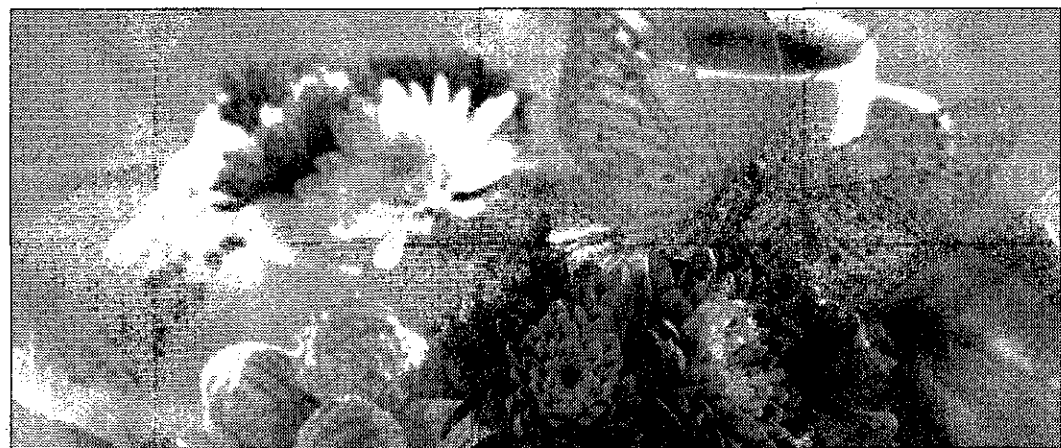
"We had only two doors open for students when they arrived for class, their backpacks were checked and they were immediately sent to their homerooms," he said.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said school officials took the necessary precautions.

"The school did all the right things to ensure the safety of students and to make sure it doesn't happen again," Tiderington said.

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While some homeowners said they were indifferent, another woman, who declined to give her name, said she opposes the project and questions why Oakwood has chosen a location less than a mile south of the Beck and Geddes intersection.

"True, it's closer to Michigan Avenue, but we have all of the same concerns," she said. "The traffic has already gotten worse since Target opened (on Michigan Avenue) so I have to wonder, do we really need this and what is it doing for us?"

But not all are against the plan.

Kanan Suleiman has lived in Meadow Villages for five years and praised Oakwood's efforts

to build in the township.

"I love it," he said. "Our economy is down so low that I thank the hospital. This is going to bring more people here to work and buy homes."

If approved by the board, the medical campus would be built in phases with a six-story patient tower coming at a later date.

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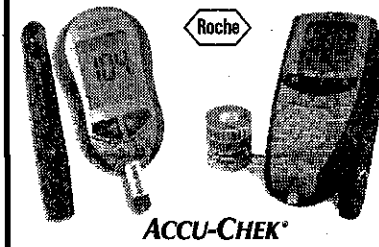
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Investors, be wary of practices

Last week I watched a network news program which ran an exposé concerning the sale of investment products. The product highlighted was the sale of annuities but in effect, it could have applied to just about any investment.

The gist of the exposé was that investment products were sold merely to generate a commission as opposed to doing what was appropriate for the investor. The show highlighted



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

the deceptive sales tactics that financial salespeople will use in order to convince someone to invest.

The deceptive sale tactics included misrepresentations about the product

and in some cases outright lies. Unfortunately, the exposé was not an isolated case but rather something that happens frequently. That is why it is important for investors to be educated and always on guard.

The unethical sales practices take on many different forms. They were creative but at the same time meant to deceive investors. For example, one story showed that in order to gain credibility, the financial salesperson co-authored a book. However, the financial salesperson never authored the book. Another practice designed to give the salesperson credibility was to claim they were interviewed on a national radio show. The implication is they must have some expertise to allow them to be on a national radio show. First, it is important to recognize that the radio show they used was nothing more than an "infomercial."

I do want to mention that my radio show is not an infomercial. I have never and will never charge anyone to be interviewed on my show. In addition, unlike many weekend radio shows, I do not buy air time for my show.

Government regulators do not have the resources to prevent unscrupulous sales tactics. It's up to you and me. Avoid seminars and sales presentations that are meant to sell a product as opposed to educating investors. In addition, before you buy, make sure you know what the surrender fees are and how long.

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

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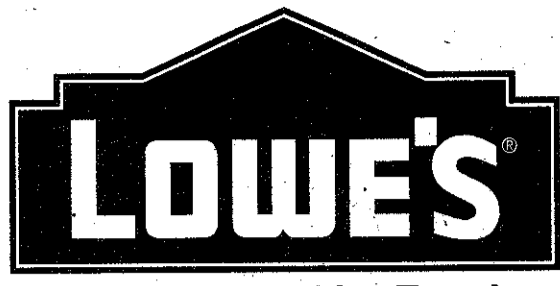
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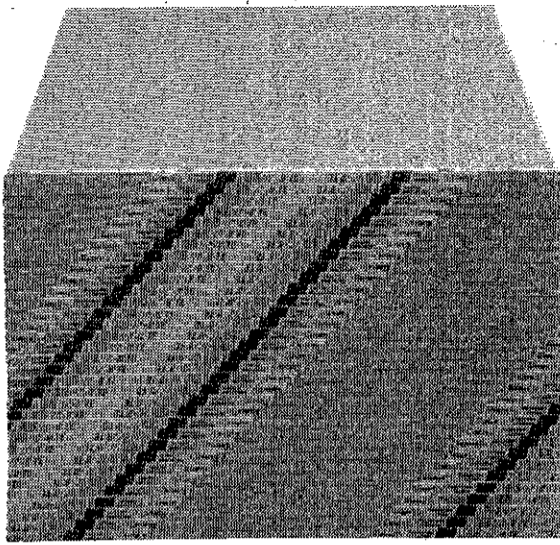
Schools throughout the area were invited to produce a 30-second public service announcement video focusing on teen issues.

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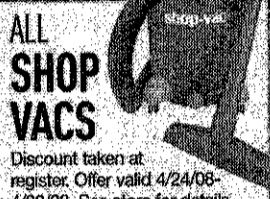


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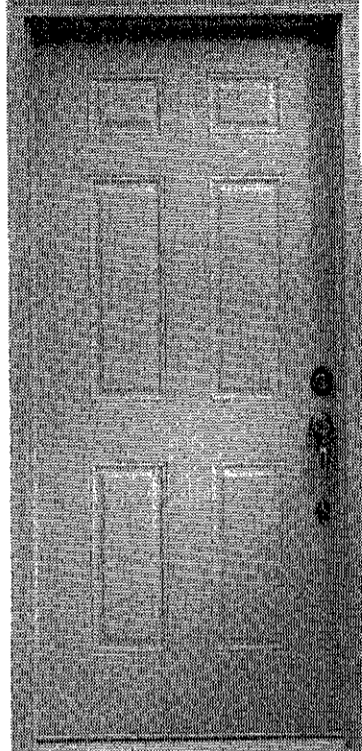
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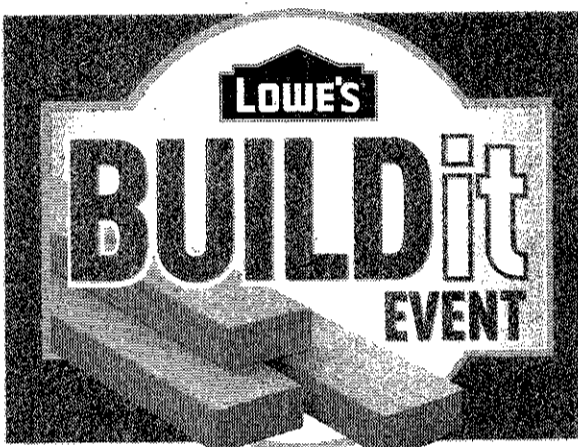
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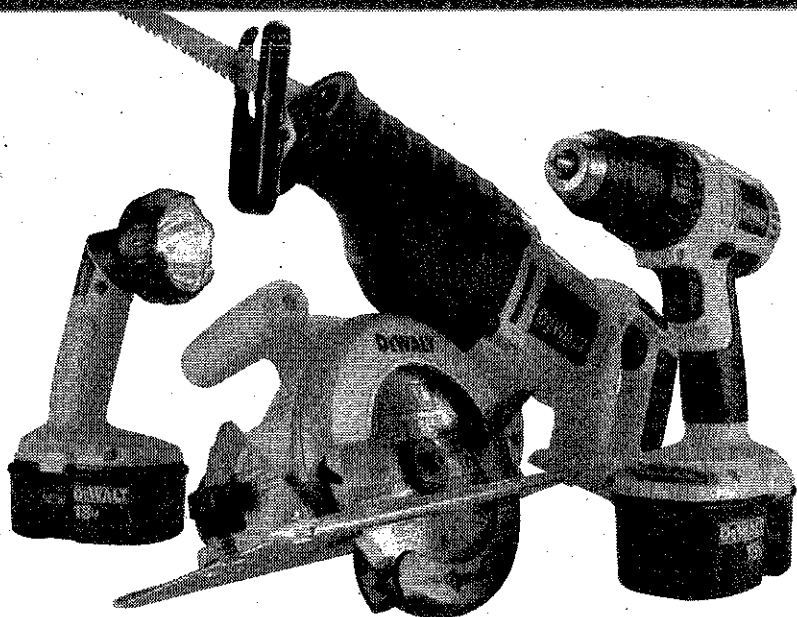
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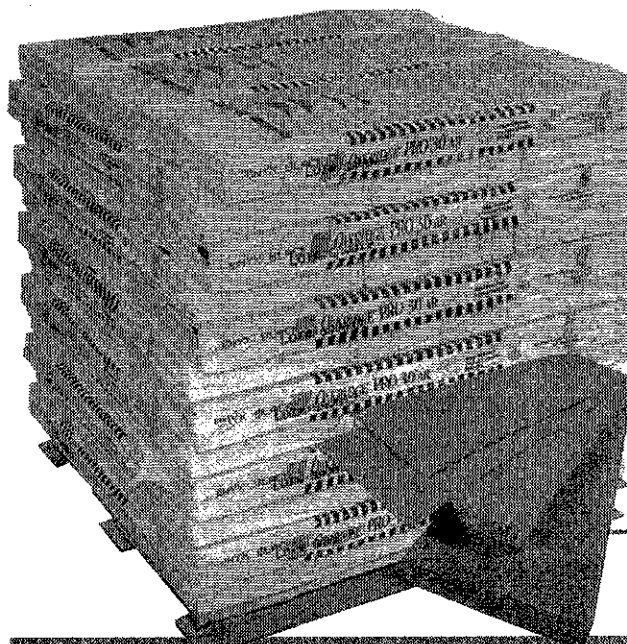
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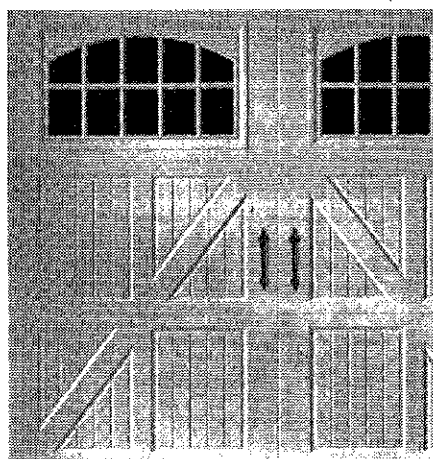
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Pay equity not just a woman's issue

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A number of organizations brought their message of pay equity to Lansing Tuesday for Equal Pay Day.

"Pay equity is a simple matter of fairness and justice," said Mickey Edell of Canton, state president for the American Association of University Women. Edell moderated a press conference to bring the pay equity message to the forefront. The event is nationwide.

She noted women in 2001 with a bachelor's degree age 25-34 earned \$32,238 a year compared to \$42,292 for men, a 24 percent gap. April 22 represents the day into the next year women must work "to achieve equity with men," said Edell, a Plymouth-Canton schools' speech and language pathologist. "So almost four months."

The organizers gave members of the House of Representatives and Senate in Lansing cookies with a bite out of them (a cutter was used) to demonstrate women's pay shortcomings. Organizers also wore red, to show women are in the red.

"I find that younger people, and women, are particularly surprised" pay equity's still an issue, Edell said. She's met with women engineers who realize their pay lags compared to male colleagues.

In Edell's field of education, pay is determined by a union contract so there's not as much disparity.

The Lansing press conference in the Rotunda Room included AAUW, the National Organization for Women, Women Work, the Pay Equity Network, Michigan Women's Commission, and the Business and Professional Women.

There's been legislative action at both the federal and state levels. In Michigan, both SB 417, introduced by Sen. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor, and HB 4625, introduced by Rep. Joan Bauer, D-Lansing, have been referred to committee. Organizers hope that the press conference on Tuesday encourages legislators to take action.

AAUW has a long history of involvement in pay equity beginning with its 1913 report on United States Civil Service job classifications and compensation in Washington, D.C., Edell said. AAUW has supported federal pay equity legislation since it was first introduced in 1945.

In 2007, AAUW released "Behind the Pay Gap," a report that indicates that one year out of college women earn only 80 percent as much as their male colleagues and 10 years after graduation earn only 69 percent as much. She noted women earn only 67 cents to a man's dollar in Michigan, ranking near the bottom in equity nationwide.

"It's not just an issue for women but it's an issue for families," Edell said. "Obviously if income is less there's less to invest in the future."

The Business and Professional Women organization's also been active in pay equity for years, said Marilyn Alimpich of Plymouth, secretary of Plymouth BPW. "If somebody isn't earning a full wage, it's hard to pay for things," said Alimpich, who recently retired from the Social Security Administration after a 34-year career.

There are a lot of single women, many with children, Alimpich said, and women's Social Security earnings are impacted by disparity. Plymouth BPW has a lot of retirees now, but they remain concerned about younger women.

"This is an issue that's been going on for all our working lives," Alimpich said. "It's still a fight to be won."

Alimpich's full career was in government, so she faced less disparity. She has a 24-year-old niece wrapping up college and would like to talk in depth with her to see how she perceives the issues. Title IX took away the disparity in high school and college sports for women, she noted. "Some of them may not be cognizant of what awaits them in the workforce," she said of younger women.

Sen. Hillary Clinton's presidential bid is a good sign, Alimpich believes, but women still have a long way to go to achieve equity.

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Host families needed

The Canton Rotary Club's outbound 2008-09 Youth Exchange Student Eileen Colwell (center), with her mother Mary Colwell (right) and Rotary President Sue Kowalski, will be leaving for a year of high school in Denmark in August. The Canton Rotary Club will also be hosting an inbound exchange student from Santa Cruz, Bolivia, who will be arriving in the Canton area in August. The Canton club is looking for two host families for our incoming student Laura Aviles. Host families have the opportunity to make a lifetime friendship with this new member of their family. Laura will attend high school in the Plymouth-Canton School District, and she will have her own spending money and medical insurance. The Canton Rotary Club will be a ready source of help to the host families all year. Interested host families should call Sue Kowalski at (734) 968-1436 or (734) 455-4802.



ACCOMPLICE

FROM PAGE A1

"I can't find enough words to say how sorry I am for what I did," Letkemann said. "I'd like to thank the Sorensens for their forgiveness. I'm grateful I'm going to have a second chance." The forgiveness came during tearful statements by both James and Kimberly Sorensen, the parents of the victim. Kimberly Sorensen, who noted her son's penchant for thinking of others ahead of himself often led him "to make foolish decisions," called the months since his death "surreal." "The enormity of how my life will change has yet to strike me," she said. "Those who truly loved Dan will always love him, and they'll miss him for as long as they live. My two best friends are (husband) Jim and Dan, and one of them has been taken from me for the rest of my life."

James Sorensen told of the last father-son moment he shared with Daniel, weeks

before his death, when the son took the father for a ride in his new truck. Daniel would always be, James Sorensen said, "my little boy."

"I'll never see that big ol' grin that would light up my soul," James said. "He is gone, and the hole in my heart is so big, it will never be filled."

Kimberly Sorensen pledged her forgiveness to Letkemann, and her husband thanked him for the testimony that ultimately helped convict Orlewicz.

"It would be easy to justify hating (Letkemann), and I don't think anyone would fault me, but I don't hate him," James Sorensen said. "In an act of courage that will send him to prison for many years, (Letkemann) stepped forward to accept responsibility for what he did. I thank you, Alex, and I forgive you."

Letkemann's father, Pete, took exception to an insinuation from Berry that Letkemann and other teenagers testified during Orlewicz's trial in order to get a deal from prosecutors. The elder

Letkemann said his son is truly remorseful, even if he couldn't voice it in court.

"Alex thought anything he said would sound lame," Pete Letkemann said. "The Sorensens are amazing in their forgiveness. It means a lot. Alex always wanted a shot at redemption, and now he's going to get it."

Prosecutors agreed to the plea deal in exchange for Letkemann's testimony against Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teenager convicted last week of killing and beheading Sorensen, then disposing of his body in a Northville Township field and tossing his head in the Rouge River.

Orlewicz, 18, faces a mandatory life sentence without possibility of parole when he's sentenced May 12. Assistant prosecutor Robert Moran, who prosecuted Orlewicz, said Letkemann's testimony was a key element in Orlewicz's conviction.

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'Dining' winner gets to 'unwind' with Daniels

Stacy Duff of Livonia had the chance to say thank you to Trudi Daniels and the morning crew at WRIF-FM (101.1) who help her unwind on the way to work.

"I thank Trudi for helping me forget my 40-minute trek to work everyday. Each day I listen to her and laugh with the crew and unwind," Duff wrote in her winning entry.

"She simply makes my day better. I love her spirit, her ability to fit in and keep up with the guys! When it's tough to get through the news on an ordinary day, she makes it tolerable and in her own way relatable. I assume WRIF listeners are predominantly men, but I listen everyday and truly look forward to leaving the morning home chaos (I have three little girls to get off to school everyday) just to hear her! WRIF rocks!"

Duff dined Monday with Daniels at the Farmington Hills Buddy's Pizza.

Daniels and Duff were picked up at their respective offices by All Class Transportation & Limousine Services and arrived in style to walk the red carpet at Buddy's. Daniels said she felt like she has a new girlfriend: "It was like I already knew her when she was picked up in the limo."

After a mini-makeover from Sebastian of I Design Hair Spa in Dearborn, Duff received a makeup application by Hiba of I Design Hair Spa and an \$100 gift certificate



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Trudi Daniels of WRIF (right) and Dining With The Stars winner Stacy Duff of Livonia exit their limousine to walk the red carpet into Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills for dinner.

to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield. Buddy's Pizza made a \$500 donation to The Salvation Army in Daniels' honor.

The pair shared pizzas, wine, salad and lots of conversation. They were treated to a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

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Duff, a quality assurance analyst at Bridgeway Services, Inc. in Taylor, was selected from among five finalists for Dining with the Stars. She's mom to three girls — Hailey, 11, Gabriella, 7, and Alexis, 4. Her husband is Capt. Michael Duff of the Southfield Fire Department.

Daniels, the popular news host of the *Drew & Mike Show* on WRIF, is the winner of *Hour* magazine's Sexiest Voice Contest and the recent host of the WRIF Rock Girl Competition. She describes herself as "a wife and mom who enjoys inline skating and scuba diving."

Her favorite music? "I still love Stevie Ray (Vaughan) — he's immortal — the (Red Hot) Chili Peppers and, of course, my iPod is crammed with AC/DC! Favorite new album is *Stadium Arcadium* and best new song, *Worldwide Suicide*," Daniels said.

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OUR VIEWS

Committee's reversal on supervisor's pay is certainly puzzling

After an internal committee looking at the compensation for Canton's elected officials reversed course on its recommendation for the supervisor's pay, we can't help but scratch our heads.

The committee, which includes Trustees Todd LaJoy and Todd Caccamo, Clerk Terry Bennett, Finance Director Rick Eva and Executive Director John Santomauro, originally recommended lowering the supervisor's pay from \$127,073 to \$108,669; the salary for the clerk and treasurer from \$103,070 to \$98,700; and salary for trustees from \$12,537 to \$12,000.

When the committee first presented its recommendations to the full board of trustees in early April, it was met with some criticism, especially about the supervisor's pay. Supervisor Tom Yack, who is retiring at the end of the year, said he agreed there should be some reduction, but reducing the position's salary by 13 percent was too much. He also said six merit positions, including fire chief and community engineer, would draw a higher salary than the supervisor if the recommendation were adopted.

"The supervisor is the CEO of the organization, moderator of board meetings, the community's chief spokesperson and representative at a variety of community events. The responsibility and time commitment of the supervisor's position overshadows that of any other professional or elected position," Yack wrote in response to the committee.

Yack was also backed up by Trustee Melissa McLaughlin.

On April 15, the committee again came before the board and decided to change its recommendation on the supervisor's pay, bringing it up to \$115,366.

The reversal, as well as this whole process, begs a few questions. Did the committee cave in to Yack? If Yack and the other board members agree there should be a reduction in salaries for elected officials, why have they consistently voted to increase their own salaries, including a 3-percent increase less than six months ago?

From our standpoint, it sure looks like the committee caved in to political pressure.

For the record, we don't disagree with Yack's reasoning that the supervisor is the "CEO" of the township. But it must be remembered that under Yack's leadership over the course of the last two decades, more and more responsibility to run the day-to-day operations of township government was turned over to department heads and staff, and the township has attracted some very capable professionals to fill those positions. Yet to then turn around and use them as the benchmark for your own salary, seems to borrow a word from Yack, "illogical."

It's not like Canton officials haven't had their share of raises in recent years. Yack's salary alone has risen from \$88,862 in 2001 to \$127,073 for 2008.

So it's not surprising the committee decided it wanted to look at reducing salaries. But we thought the whole point was to re-examine salaries, to take the politics out of it, and base the recommendations on a formula. Now the whole process looks pretty arbitrary.

"This is what we thought the public could stomach," Caccamo said about the reversal.

The public or the powers that be?

Going green doesn't have to cost towns a lot of green

"It's not easy bein' green," as Kermit the Frog used to sing. That's why we applaud local municipalities that have taken steps to protect the environment.

Some, like Berkeley and Ferndale, have established volunteer groups to identify ways they can conserve energy, increase recycling, reduce greenhouse gases and adopt other environmentally friendly practices.

These committees, among other tasks, are charged with finding green initiatives that cost little to implement, such as installing bicycle racks and recycling bins for plastic water bottles in downtown areas.

Being green can be expensive, at least initially. With declining state revenue sharing and property tax revenue, many communities don't have money for costly changeovers. Researching green initiatives also takes time, which short-staffed city or township departments don't have.

Citizen committees who care about the environment do the work for free, and they can recommend a range of green initiatives from those that cost nothing to those that are worth saving for.

Other communities don't have committees, but they're still environmentally responsible.

It isn't easy being green -- but it's the right thing to do. And local municipalities leading the way are doing it at little or no cost.



LETTERS

Oakwood objections irrational

The author of the letter "Stop Oakwood plan" (April 20) seems to think that he is speaking for the citizens of Canton in the matter of Oakwood Hospital's attempts to build in Canton and I seriously doubt that he is.

The original proposal that Oakwood presented was to build in a residential area and the people from the surrounding subdivisions objected and the proposal was defeated as it should have been. The second proposal is to build in an area zoned appropriately and should win quick approval.

I find it ironic that the proposal by St. Joseph to morph into a full size hospital on Canton Center Road did not raise a peep out of anyone which leads me to believe that objections to Oakwood's proposal are somehow biased.

Having a major hospital like Oakwood in Canton is a huge plus for the citizens of Canton as well as the surrounding area. Anytime Canton is a "destination" whether for shopping, health care, dining or some other reason, it is good for our community.

I would like to thank the Canton government for keeping the welfare of the entire community in mind when making important and many times, controversial decisions instead of reacting to the disenchanted and in many cases irrational, few.

Janusz M Szyszko
Canton

Another Oakwood supporter

I really feel we need to give Oakwood Hospital a chance to present their new proposal to the township. They are now considering land that is zoned industrial and will have a major entrance from Michigan Avenue. What exactly is the problem? We OK two of just about every retailer in our community (Kohl's, Wal-Mart, Meijer, Home Depot, etc.), yet we are hostile to a hospital that will provide more positive economic and social impact to our community. We need to look at this objectively.

The objections from a letter writer do not make much sense to me. There is not any more "noise, traffic and congestion" to a hospital than there is to let's say IKEA, Lowe's and J.C. Penney on Ford Road. Hospitals are good for the community. The medical professionals employed will more likely live in our community as well which in turn, will add to our "tax base." Is the vacant land worth more to our township treasury than a medical development? Also major medical emergencies can be treated closer to home. This may one day save your life.

Count me in as an "unabashed supporter" for an Oakwood Hospital in Canton.

Khalil S. Kandah
Canton

Clyde home worth saving

Hats off to the Canton Township Board of Trustees for voting to save the Hugh Clyde home. It seems like now days all that new residents want to do is tear down the old so they can build something new. Saving homes like this shows our children what it was like to live decades ago. So if we have to plant a few less flowers or buy one less work of art for Ford Road for projects like this, then so be it.

Robert Denstedt
Canton

Job was a joy

I recently ran into someone that I had worked with extensively at The Salvation Army in Plymouth and was reminiscing about all of the different programs we had worked on together.

It was then that it occurred to me that I had left so quickly that I never had a chance to say a proper thank you to all those who had made such a difference to me during my time there.

Of course, all of my wonderful bell ringers are top of mind. I was often asked how I could get people to stand in the freezing cold, for hours, ringing a bell, for free! I would always answer "that is just how people in this community are." I had many people who came back, year after year, to do just that. You know who you are and I hope you know that I could never thank you enough for giving so much of yourselves.

I thought how often while I was working at the Plymouth Corps that someone would walk in with food to donate. Just people who knew of the need and went and bought food to give to Tammy in the pantry. Even though it happened weekly, I was amazed every single time. The generosity was astounding.

I remember when Katrina hit and destroyed so many lives. I remember working with Cassie in the front office without a break as people waited in line to hand us money to send off to the devastated areas! These people told of how happy they were to help. Some had tears in their eyes. That is just how the people in this community are.

I thought of the countless volunteers who would come year after year to help with distribution of Easter Baskets, Thanksgiving boxes or Christmas toys though the toy shop. These people were there simply because they cared. Just like the Kiwanis, Rotary, Goodfellows, Lions, Optimists and the Plymouth Community United Way, the Plymouth Y.M.C.A. and the countless churches that support the work of the Army.

You made my job a joy. It has been a privilege working with each and every one of you.

Kelly Boeffer
former Red Kettle coordinator
Plymouth Salvation Army

Detroit's failure

Detroit Public Schools not only has the distinction of graduating the lowest number of students among our nation's 50 largest school districts -- it has held this egregious distinction for the past three years. Supt. Connie Calloway's "Turn Around School" plan is simply and disingenuously more lip service and spin from a woman who has continued to make the district's chronic corruption and fraud, and not her students' achievement and literacy levels, the centerpiece of her five-year contract.

Connie Calloway's turnaround plan that currently includes the closing and reopening of only five schools is not even a drop in this leaking bucket that in less than 10 weeks will see fewer than 25 percent of Detroit's Class of 2008 graduate.

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

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

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

Marcie Lipsitt
Franklin

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Recall efforts equal nothing more than politics as usual

Think Michigan legislative politics are all sweetness and light these days, following last year's partisan bruising budget wars?

If so, you might want to take a look at what's going on in the 17th state House District. It consists of Redford Township, southeast Livonia and north Dearborn Heights. That's the turf that the current Speaker of the House, Andy Dillon, calls home. But it's also the site of an increasingly ugly campaign to recall the 46-year-old Democrat from his seat.



Phil Power

Words like "thug," "liar" and "criminal" are flying around freely, and wads of money are being spent. The recall, one of several mounted by the Michigan Taxpayers Alliance, is supposedly in response to Dillon's vote last fall to increase the state income tax to overcome a billion-dollar-plus deficit in the state's budget.

Initially, six representatives and four senators, including both Republicans and Democrats, were targeted for

removal.

But it now looks as though Dillon is the main focus of the recall movement. That, in turn, raises the prospect that the right of recall is being manipulated for purely partisan purposes. The Michigan Constitution says that valid signatures of 25 percent of registered voters who voted in the last election for governor are enough to force recall of a sitting lawmaker.

In the case of the 17th district, that comes to around 8,720 signatures, due by May 1. Recall advocates are led by former state Rep. Leon Drolet, now a Macomb County commissioner, and Rose Bogaert, of Dearborn Heights. She is chairwoman of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association and Taxpayers to Recall Andy Dillon.

Bogaert says her group wants to collect at least 10,000 signatures, to make sure it has a cushion; some names are always certain to be invalid or duplicates. According to three sources (who asked for anonymity for fear of harassment), the pro-recall people started out paying \$2 for every signature. That went to \$4 each, then \$6. Now the going rate appears to be \$10 per name.

That's a lot of dough! If they're aiming for 10,000 signatures, that's going to cost a cool \$100,000, not counting other expenses like postage (fliers have been mailed to all houses in the district), newspaper ads, office and legal expenses.

That's big money. All things considered, I wouldn't be surprised if total campaign costs come to more than \$250,000.

So where's all this money coming from? Democrats and Dillon supporters talk darkly about far right-wing, out-of-state moneybags. Lending credence to this suspicion is the fact that the national anti-tax guru — Washington-based Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform — is a member of Drolet's board.

Two long-term Lansing lobbyists, who wouldn't go on the record, told me the big GOP money is behind the effort, "because it will be a big feather in their hat if they knock

off the Democratic Speaker of the House." They also mention House Minority Leader, Rep. Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, although he denies being involved.

When I asked Bogaert directly about the money, she wouldn't tell me. "Companies, individuals," she said. "You can't increase business taxes by 22 percent and expect them to be happy about it."

But why won't she tell me who's paying? "It would give our opponents a leg up on us."

Drolet says his campaign has more than 300 donors, almost all of them from Michigan. With the fog machines turned on full blast, I expect we'll never know for sure where the real money is coming from.

I'm also told that petition circulators are being devious, asking voters if they "want to reduce their taxes" by signing, or even "cut gas prices." One source claimed circulators said the petitions supported stem cell research and universal health care. For the record, Michigan election law (168.957) requires signatures not be obtained "through fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation."

One man named Hugh H. Jordan III wrote a letter to the editor of the *Redford Observer* that said, "One of the petition signature collectors came to my door a few days ago and said to me, 'Sign this petition to lower your taxes.' Thankfully, I knew that the petition was actually intended to recall Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, and I declined to sign."

But even though there may be a bull's-eye pinned to his behind, Dillon is fighting back. He's dispatched people to shadow petition circulators. "I feel bad for the folks in my district," Dillon told me. "If petitions were being gathered based on what I truly did, that would be fine. But they're not."

"And there's an election this November; if people don't like what I've done in office, they can chuck me out then and there." Without spending a pile on special elections, either.

What he didn't add is that even if he wins, he'll be gone forever two years after that, thanks to the curse of term limits.

Term limits are bad enough, but I've always thought that threatening to recall elected lawmakers because they cast a certain vote is awfully close to blackmail. Recalls, if they succeed, solve nothing; special elections cost thousands of dollars and newly elected legislators who come in as part of a recall have no idea what they're up to before they face a regular election in November.

And it seems perverse that local voters could be stampeded by a bunch of noisy activists into reversing course just 17 months later.

Recalls — perhaps especially the one now under way against Dillon — only fuel the kind of hyper-partisan warfare we all have come to hate. Whether you agree with the way he votes or not, Dillon has been an able legislator. He fully deserves to remain in office at least until his term expires in January. And neither he, nor we, should have to put up with any of these silly and obvious recall games.

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Pressure mounting on China to alleviate tensions in Tibet

Great teachers open eyes. That is what my fourth-grade teacher did many years ago for me. She helped me be a life-long learner about all things Chinese. I continue that dream today.

The teacher came to mind as I recently sat in a typical Tibetan yak herder's home. We were a few hours drive outside of Lhasa, the capital of the Tibet autonomous region in China. Tibet is a Buddhist kingdom, part of China that sits on the rooftop of the world at 12,000 feet above sea level.



Tom Watkins

We arrived at a home in the village of Dangxiang, after a four-hour ride in a minivan that never went faster than 40 mph.

After leaving the highway, we bumped along a dirt road. We passed more yaks and children who seemed to mingle together as naturally as if they were from the yak family.

I was taking in the sights and sounds of a yak herder's yard, where I saw what I later learned was yak dung stacked up like firewood and several dogs yelping. The yak-woven covering of the door was thrown open. With Tibetan words rapidly rolling off his tongue, and with a wave of the arm and grasp of our hand in welcome, we were pulled into the yak herder's home. Once inside his home, the yak herder presented me with a "hada." This gift giving is a common practice among Tibetans to express their best wishes. The white hada, a long narrow scarf made of silk, embodies purity and good fortune.

The home was bright, colorful and smelled like "yak." Yaks are an important source of food, clothing, transportation and dung for fuel. Yak tea was poured as our host tossed a couple of extra yak dung chips into the fire to heat the home. We washed our hands in a bowl on the floor filled with mountain stream water.

Soon hot bowls of noodle soup with yak meat appeared, along with a young boy and his two sisters from the kitchen next door. Our yak tea cups never got close to empty. Later, yak cookies and yak dumplings were added to the luncheon mix for variety.

During a break from our meal, I wandered next door to find the "wife," a beautiful Tibetan woman. She was busily making the next part of our meal.

Standing on the Tibetan plateau alongside thousands of yaks, with the wind howling between the mountain ranges, is a

grand way to make you realize how large is the world in which we live. We drove away, waving to our new Tibetan friends.

Since returning to Michigan, the roof has been blown off Tibet. The eruption of violence is a stunning show of defiance against 57 years of Chinese rule.

While in Lhasa, my thoughts returned to my mom's old pressure cooker with the little weighted "jiggler" that allowed just enough steam to escape to keep the contraction from exploding. The tension and pressure from the China-Tibet politics has been hissing for decades.

Chinese officials will tell you Tibet has historically been part of China. Their efforts are to bring the Tibetan people out of the dark ages and to enable them to benefit from the Chinese economic boom. The Tibetans will respond that the Chinese military overran their country and are occupying Tibet with the goal to dilute, if not eliminate, their cultural identity.

The exiled spiritual leader of Tibet, the Dalai Lama, has called what is transpiring in Tibet as "cultural genocide." The Dalai Lama is determined to pursue the "middle-way" policy that "takes into account the benefits to all parties involved, rather than one party alone."

The Dalai Lama is not demanding independence for Tibet, but rather the autonomy promised to practice religion and to maintain cultural heritage. The Dalai Lama has threatened to resign should Tibetans continue to use violence in their protests.

I am fearful for the young Tibetans I met and left behind on Beijing Street in front of the Potala. As a freedom-loving nation, we must continue to speak out about the oppression of the Tibetan people and call on the leaders of China to show restraint and open dialogue. Many have called for a boycott of the Beijing Olympics. I concur with the Dalai Lama that this would be ill-advised.

Let's continue to engage China at all levels while putting a spotlight on the concerns of the Tibetans. From the Olympic view, a spotlight will shine on all things Chinese: the good, the bad and the ugly. It is through the lens of engagement that change will take place. If not, as any great teacher will tell you, the pressure cooker will certainly blow.

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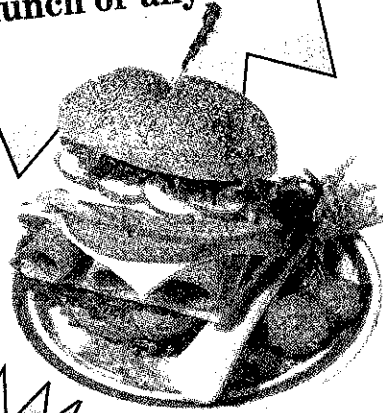
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Ex-Chief Thomas pumped for NFL Draft

Believe it or not, I have something in common with Devin Thomas.

No, I don't run a 4.4 40-yard dash like the former Canton High School gridiron star.

And, no, I don't have biceps the size of bowling balls like the ex-Michigan State All-Big 10 wide receiver.

Our common bond is this: When we were younger, Thomas and I both made it a habit to watch the NFL Draft every April and dream of the day the NFL commissioner would call our name out and reveal to the world which team had selected us with its first-round pick.

Sometime Saturday afternoon, that dream is about to become a



Ed Wright

reality for one of us and — surprise! — it's not me.

'Mock' speed

Depending on which mock draft you believe (see box on page B2), Thomas, who graduated from Canton in 2004 and left MSU in January following a record-breaking junior season, will be selected in the first round — anywhere from No. 11 (Buffalo) to No. 21 (Washington).

While he didn't admit to having a hunch as to where he'll end up, Thomas knows one team that won't select him.

"If Detroit takes another receiver," he said, chuckling, "that city will go *cra-zee!*"

Thanks to the incredible display of skills he put on at the NFL Draft Combine in February, Thomas's stock has risen faster than fuel prices at the corner gas station.

Some skeptics questioned the ex-Chief's decision to forgo his senior season at MSU for the big bucks of the NFL when he revealed his plans in January.

But no one's doubting Thomas now.

"Ever since I was in middle school, I've watched the NFL Draft because I always wanted to see where the college guys

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OBSERVER FILE PHOTO

Former Canton football player Devin Thomas, pictured during his high school days in a playoff game against Detroit Catholic Central, is expected to be selected in the first round of Saturday's NFL Draft following a record-breaking season at Michigan State University last fall.

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Boston runners

Several Plymouth and Canton residents competed in Monday's Boston Marathon. Following are their places and times:

■ **Plymouth:** Dean Brown (1,837th place in 3:06.57); James Dawson, Jr. (2,698th in 3:13.09); Terry Rush (4,881st in 3:26.30); and Kimberly Bedgian (2,383rd in 3:41.01);

■ **Canton:** Chris A. Woodring (3,234 in 3:16.27); Paul Lipinski (3,921st place in 3:20.36); and Julie Scordino (2,133rd in 3:38.54);

Wildcat golf outing

The 7th Annual Plymouth High School Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, July 19, at 1:30 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, which is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth.

The format will be a best-ball scramble with a shotgun start.

The \$100-per-golfer fee includes dinner and a hot dog at the turn. Individuals can attend just the buffet dinner for \$40.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100.

For more information, contact Lisa Goble at (734) 207-8889 or at Rgoble64@aol.com.

The registration deadline is July 7.

Rotary golf outing

The 11th Annual Plymouth A.M. Rotary Golf Outing will be held June 3 at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. Money raised from this event are used to fund the club's yearly budget, which in turn contributes to numerous global and local charitable causes.

The cost to golf in the 18-hole scramble format event is \$165 per golfer or \$600 per foursome. Hole sponsorships are also available.

For registration and sponsorship information, visit www.plymouthrotaryam.org or e-mail Tracy N. Danner at tnd@azl-law.com.

2008 Bolger/Mangan City Meet



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Sprinters from Salem, Canton and Plymouth are pictured during the opening second of the 100-meter dash at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan City Meet. Plymouth's Stephanie Okolo won the event in 12.7 seconds.

Canton boys reclaim city championship

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The boys' version of Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan Memorial City Track & Field meet was won by the deep red "C".

Despite placing first in just five of the 17 events, Canton reclaimed the city title it relinquished for the first time last year to Plymouth when it amassed 70 points, 15 more than runner-up Salem. The defending champion Wildcats registered 50 points.

Canton coach Bob Richardson credited his team's depth for its gold-medal finish.

"Last year Plymouth beat us and our guys had a year to think about it and they put it all together today," said Richardson. "We have a very large, deep team and it showed today. We didn't take a lot of firsts, but we had a lot of seconds."

"All three teams turned in fantastic times. There were personal bests all over the place."

The weather for the annual event — warmer-than-normal temperatures and partly sunny skies — couldn't have been much better, Richardson noted.

"Somebody was smiling down on us today," Richardson said.

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Determan leads Rock girls to title

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Canton and Plymouth girls track & field teams were singing the blues following Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan Memorial City Meet.

The Salem blues. The Rocks clinched top honors in the

much-anticipated annual event by winning the 1,600-meter relay to finish with 74 points, eight more than runner-up Plymouth. Canton placed third with 35 points.

Along with winning two of the four relays, Salem earned firsts in five other events. The winners' top point-earner was Kelly Determan, who crossed the line first

in both the 1,600-meter run (5:40.5) and the 800 (2:31.8).

Other blue-ribbon efforts for the champs were registered by Deja Wright (400), Madeline Vala (300 hurdles) and discus thrower Ashley Benton.

The Wildcats stayed hot on the Rocks'

Detroit Ignition forward Ryan Mack (left) and La Raza de Monterrey's Carlos Pichardo battle for a loose ball during Sunday afternoon's MISL semifinal game at Compuware Arena.



GREGORY SHAMUS

24-karat heartbreaker Monterrey's 'Golden Goal' stuns dominant Ignition

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In just over 11 minutes Sunday afternoon, the Detroit Ignition saw its fortunes shift from complete domination to ultimate dejection.

A low, sizzling 30-foot shot from the right wing off the foot of La Raza de Monterrey's Byron Alvarez found a small crevice between the outstretched arms of Ignition goalkeeper Danny Waltman and

the left post to give Monterrey a victory in the Major Indoor Soccer League semifinal series-deciding "Golden Goal" mini-match.

Immediately after the ball crossed the goal line, Alvarez ripped off his jersey and was mobbed by his teammates as he acknowledged the small contingent of Monterrey fans who attended the game.

The sudden-death "Golden Goal" session was made possible over the previous two hours

during which the Ignition dominated their visitors from south of the border, 21-2, in Game 2 of the Series that was played before an announced sell-out crowd at Compuware Arena.

Monterrey captured Game 1 over the No. 1-seeded Ignition, 15-11, on Friday night in Monterrey.

The winners earned a berth in Saturday's MISL Championship Series Final in

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would go and listen to how they'd get analyzed by the guys on ESPN," Thomas said Monday afternoon, not long after he held his final pre-draft workout for the Baltimore Ravens.

"I'm usually pretty good at holding my emotions back, but when I hear my name called Saturday, I might crack a little."

Through thick and thin

After the sweat-paved path he's followed to the NFL's doorstep, no one would blame Thomas for shedding some tears of joy once he's selected.

He's overcome some obstacles that would have made many people pack it in.

After graduating from Canton, Thomas spent a season at Coffeyville Community College due to shaky grades in high school.

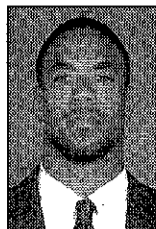
After getting his academic habits straightened out and putting together some electrifying statistics at Coffeyville, Thomas signed with MSU in 2006.

Following a disappointing sophomore season with the Spartans during which he caught just six passes, Thomas burst onto the national scene this past fall when he hauled in 79 aerials for 1,260 yards and eight touchdowns.

At times, Thomas's trail to stardom was like Cedar Point's steepest roller coaster — up and down, up and down.

But last year was more like the Top Thrill Dragster — a pure adrenalin rush.

"It's been all about persever-



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Devin Thomas

ance and staying motivated," said Thomas, when asked how he defied the odds and ascended to a position only one of every 1,000 little-league football players reach.

"The key was staying focused on what I wanted to achieve. I played with a lot of guys in high school and at Coffeyville who were very talented, but they lost their focus somewhere along the line."

Talented and humble

I don't know Thomas well, but I'm convinced his personable, unselfish demeanor won't be altered much — if at all — by the number of zeroes on his soon-to-be envied paychecks.

"I'll probably get a new vehicle — maybe a Benz or something — this summer," he admitted. "After that, I want to help out my parents and settle down in a house in the city I'll be playing in."

He emphasized that his No. 1 priority will be making sure his four-month-old son, Devin, Jr., is well taken care of.

"He already has some pretty big muscles," said Thomas, laughing.

The big day

So on Saturday, like always, Thomas and I will both be watching the NFL Draft with dreams of being selected.

However, only one of us will be doing so in a luxury hotel located in Miami's trendy South Beach area with super-

WHAT THE EXPERTS ARE SAYING

Where will ex-Canton football star Devin Thomas be selected in Saturday's NFL Draft? Here are a few opinions from the national media (and one local writer).

Peter King, Sports Illustrated — 11th pick to Buffalo. King says: "He's a 6-foot 2, 4.45-ish deep threat with good hands. It may take him a year, but he should be a good pro."

Don Banks, Sports Illustrated — No. 11 to Buffalo. Banks says: "The Bills have the need for a big receiver opposite Lee Evans and Thomas has emerged as the guy whose value is deemed suitable for this high draft slot."

Pro Football Weekly — No. 19 to Philadelphia. "A big player who can help open up the offense..."

Sports Xchange — No. 19 to Philadelphia.

Pete Prisco, cbssportsline.com — No. 21 to Washington.

Clark Judge, cbssportsline.com — No. 20 to Tampa Bay.

Ed Wright, Plymouth-Canton Observer — Cincinnati will cave in to Chad Johnson's trade demands, move up to the middle of the first round and select Thomas to fill the shoes of the departed Johnson.

agent Drew Rosenhaus in the room.

And — surprise! — it won't be me.

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Salem's Kordick dims Northern's lights

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When everything seemed to be crumbling around Salem pitcher Chris Kordick Monday afternoon during the first inning against Walled Lake Northern, the sophomore right-hander didn't panic.

Instead, Kordick displayed the poise of a senior and was rewarded with a complete-game 6-2 victory over the visiting Knights in a key W.L.A. Lakes Division showdown.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 4-4 overall and 2-1 in the division. Northern slipped to 7-4 and 2-1, respectively.

"The first inning was an abomination with errors, balks, a lot of mistakes, but Chris kept his cool," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger, referring to the Knights' two-run first.

"He pitched very well and only ended up throwing 79 pitches in seven innings. He struck out two guys in the seventh inning, so he was still throwing well at the end."

Kordick struck out four and walked just one Northern batter.

The Rocks seized the lead for good in the third with four runs. Mat Woster, Sam Ott and Joe Posler all contributed clutch hits in the frame.

The winners added single runs in the fifth (Dana Lorber singled and eventually scored on a Kordick single) and the sixth, when Woster tripled and was plated by Ott's RBI single.

Ott finished 3-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored. Other multi-hit performers for Salem were Woster, Heath Parling, Posler and Kordick.

W.L. WESTERN 5, CANTON 4: On Monday at Western, the Warriors broke a 4-all tie when Andy Buchanan led off the bottom of the fifth with a triple and scored on a fielder's choice. Senior Erik Wright pitched the first four innings for the Chiefs, yielding four runs and four hits before giving way to Dane Staples, who turned in two solid innings of relief.

Dan Stoney and Alex Dixon continued to swing hot bats for Canton. Stoney was 3-for-4 with an RBI double and a run

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scored while sophomore sensation Dixon went 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI.

The loss dropped Canton to 5-5 overall and 0-3 in the W.L.A.'s Western Division. Western is now 6-2 and 3-0, respectively.

CANTON 10, GRANDVILLE 3: On Saturday at the Milan Invitational, senior right-hander Will Tidwell dominated state power Grandville, striking out seven while walking just one in a complete-game effort.

PLYMOUTH 12, GRANDVILLE 11: On Saturday at the Milan Invitational, the Wildcats put together a dramatic five-run seventh inning to record the comeback victory. Luke Merandi earned the win in relief, working the final two innings.

Plymouth led 7-0 after two frames, however, Grandville knotted the score with a seven-run third. Grandville then scored single runs in the fourth and sixth and two in the seventh before the Wildcats' remarkable rally.

Hitting stars for Plymouth were David Harvey (three runs, RBI), Garrett Rebain (three runs), Brad Lineberry (2-for-5, two RBI), Matt Priebe (3-for-3, five RBI), Ronnie Goble (two RBI), Kyle Sanders (2-for-2) and Merandi (1-for-3, two RBI).

MILAN 5, PLYMOUTH 3: On Saturday at the Milan Invitational, the hosts built a 5-0 lead over the first four innings and hung on for the triumph. Ryan Spencer started and suffered the loss for the Wildcats, who received key offensive contributions from Rebain (2-for-3), Lineberry (1-for-3, RBI) and Goble (1-for-3, two RBI).

PLYMOUTH 7, A.A. PIONEER 2: On Saturday at the Milan Invitational, the Wildcats never trailed after plating a pair of runs in the first and second innings. Rebain earned the mound victory with 5.1 solid innings of work (five hits, four strikeouts, two earned runs). Sanders picked up the save with 1.2 innings of hitless relief.

Offensively, the Wildcats were paced by Harvey (2-for-3, RBI), Lineberry (3-for-4, two RBI, run), Priebe (1-for-2, RBI) and Merandi (RBI).

Plymouth out-hit the Pioneers, 8-5.

PCA 6, BAPTIST PARK 5: John Slater tossed a complete-game six-hitter, striking out eight, to tame the Chargers. Slater also excelled at the plate, going 1-for-2 with a double and a run scored.

Mitch Geracz proved to be the offensive spark plug for the winners with three walks and two runs scored. The Eagles received seven hits from seven different players.

AGAPE 7, CALVARY CHRISTIAN 6: On Tuesday at Griffin Park in Canton, senior Jared Miller scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth when he came home on a wild pitch. Miller was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. He then stole second and third. Calvary intentionally walked the next two batters before the game-deciding errant pitch.

Calvary lost despite out-hitting Agape, 9-8.

Brandon Pierson earned the win for the Wolverines, striking out nine while walking just one in a complete-game effort. Miller (2-for-4, two runs) and Mark Mullett (3-for-4, two RBI) paced the winners' offensive attack.

On Saturday, the Wolverines split a double-header with Westland Huron Valley, dropping the opener, 9-8, before bouncing back to claim the nightcap, 23-3.

Miller (3-for-4, two RBI) and Ethan Walker (2-for-4) sparked at the plate in the loss.

The Wolverines plated 11 seventh-inning runs to win Game 2 by a lop-sided margin. Pierson notched the mound win with three innings of solid work.

The Walker brothers — Ethan and Daniel — closed out the game.

Pierson swung a hot bat in the 20-run win, going 4-for-6 with three runs and three RBI. Cameron LeRoy (3-for-5, two RBI) and Iy Majeski (3-for-4) also punished the Huron Valley pitchers.

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Milwaukee against Baltimore. The Blast ousted the Wave in a two-match sweep.

Ignition coach Bob Lilley lamented his team's misfortune in the wake of a sequence of events that saw his team soundly outplay Monterrey at the both ends of the field for 60 minutes before succumbing to Alvarez's heroics with 3:51 left in the first overtime.

"It's very frustrating to lose because I thought we outplayed them in seven of the eight quarters in the two games," said Lilley, whose

team led 11-6 after three quarters of Game 1 before faltering late. "I thought the guys played great tonight. The (game-winning) goal was nobody's fault. The guy just made a great play."

Waltman was spectacular in the losing cause, stopping 23 shots, including four from point-blank range in the "Golden Goal" period.

The Ignition couldn't capitalize on two golden opportunities in overtime. With 11:27 left, Josh Rife hit the crossbar with a 20-yard laser.

Just under two minutes later, Birmingham native Ryan Mack controlled a pass from Worteh Sampson, but his hard

shot from 18 yards out sailed high and wide left.

Detroit roared to a 7-0 first-half lead thanks to a two-pointer from Jamar Beasley, Mack's successful penalty kick with 6:33 left in the half and a triple from Rife at the 2:16 mark of the second quarter.

The hosts led 13-2 with 15 minutes to play thanks to third-quarter goals from Hewerton Moreira, Droo Callahan and Vahid Assadpour.

Beasley, Callahan and Mike Apple found the back of the net for the Ignition in the final quarter.

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PCA's Carnevale too fast for Baptist Park

PREP SOFTBALL

On Saturday, in the first game of a double-header, Plymouth Christian Academy defeated Taylor Baptist Park, 4-3, behind a stellar outing from senior Kristie Carnevale, who tossed a three-hit complete game with eight strikeouts and zero walks.

The victory improved the winners' record to 3-2 overall and 2-0 in the MIAC Red Division.

The Eagles scored twice in the first on hits from Autumn McKenzie and Megan Greve. They extended their advantage to 3-1 in the fourth on Kristin Slater's RBI single.

Baptist Park knotted the game at 3-all in the top of the sixth, but PCA won in the bottom of the inning when Bethany Hale singled and

eventually scored on a passed ball.

"Kristie pitched great," said PCA coach Dan Hammar. "Thanks to hard work, she's really improved since last season. She's only walked five batters in five games. Last year, she may have walked five batters in one inning."

PCA 13, BAPTIST PARK 3: In the second game of Saturday's double-header, Carnevale limited BP to five hits and two walks while striking out 10 in a five-inning, mercy rule-shortened game.

The hitting stars for the winners were McKenzie (2-for-3, double, three RBI), Carnevale (3-for-4, double, two RBI) and

Hale (3-for-4, double, three RBI).

"The girls really came to play today," said Hammar. "The first game was very important because it counted in the league standings and Baptist Park had their No. 1 pitcher out there. We never let down even a little today, which was nice to see."

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 17, PCA 8: On April 17, the Eagles lost despite a 3-for-4, three-RBI effort from Carnevale, who struck out nine and walked two in a solid effort on the mound.

"Even though we lost, I'm encouraged because that's the first time we've scored more than five runs against Southfield Christian in five years," said Hammar.

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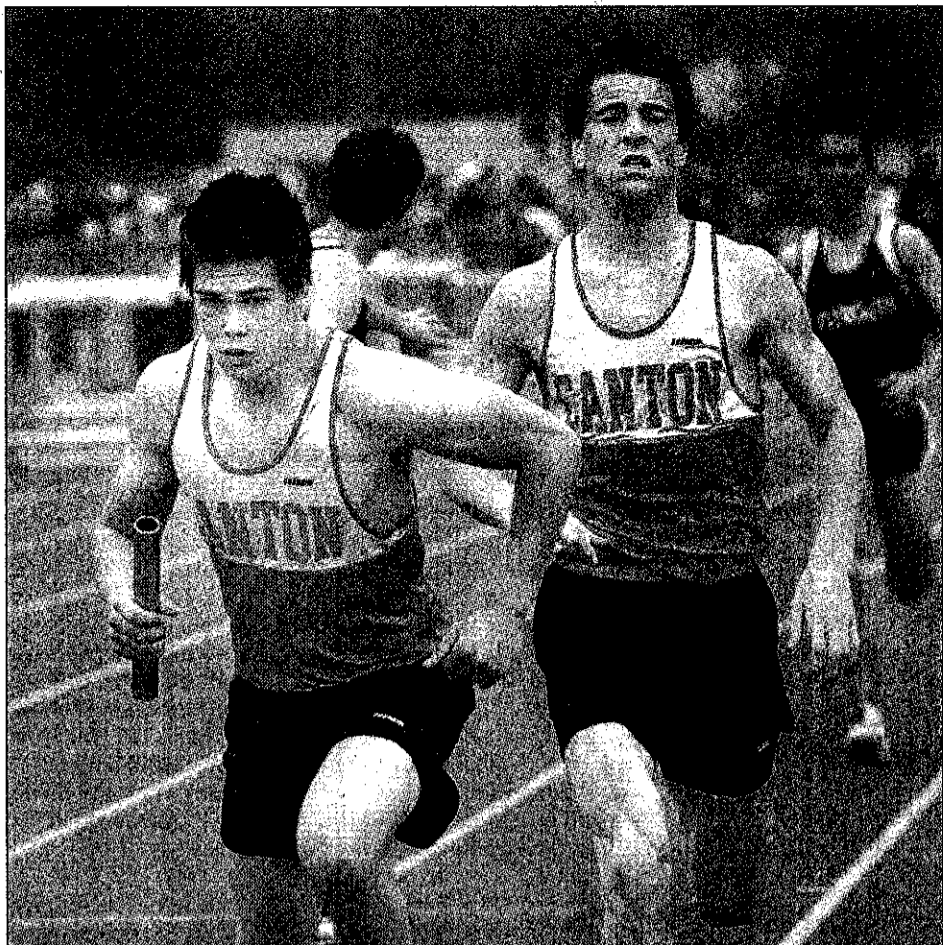
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Canton's Josh Hurst takes the baton in full stride from teammate Keith Zech in the 3,200-meter relay at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan City Meet. The Chiefs won the event in 8:18.5.



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Several Chiefs brought a smile to Richardson's face Tuesday, including senior speedster Eric Piwovar, who has overcome a string of debilitating leg injuries to place first in the 200-meter dash and second in the 100. Other first-place Canton showings were turned in by pole vaulter Chris McGinnis (13 feet, 6 inches), discus thrower Jason Foster (125 feet), 300-meter hurdler Sherif Hassanien (39.9 seconds) and the 3,200-meter relay quartet of Scott Zech, Keith Zech, Josh Hurst and Paul Rakovitis. The runner-up Rocks were sparked by distance standout

Kevin deBear, who won the 1,600-meter run in 4:33.0 and the 3,200 in 9:58.7; and field-events star Jace Bearden, who won the long jump (20-8) and the high jump (6-4). Mike Hanchett (400), Kyle Wallath (800) and Connor McKinney (100) all took first in their respective events for the Wildcats. Plymouth also broke the tape first in three of the four relays.

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FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 70; 2. Salem, 55; 3. Plymouth, 50.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Scott Zech, Keith Zech, Josh Hurst, Paul Rakovitis), 8:18.5; 2. Plymouth, 8:33.5; 3. Salem, 9:00.7.
100 high hurdles: 1. Mike Giles (S), 15.9; 2. Tim Belcher (C), 16.7; 3. Scott O'Connor (S), 16.9; 4. Sherif Hassanien (C), 18.1.
100 dash: 1. Connor McKinney (P), 11.2; 2. Eric Piwovar (C), 11.5; 3. Rico Tyus (P), 11.5; 4. Anthony Mullins (S), 11.5.
800 relay: 1. Plymouth, 1:33.5; 2.

Canton, 1:33.9; 3. Salem, 1:36.4.
1,600 run: 1. Kevin deBear (S), 4:33.0; 2. Derek Hoerman (C), 4:36.9; 3. Josh Hurst (C), 4:39.7; 4. Mike Charara (S), 4:40.5.
400 relay: 1. Plymouth, 44.2; 2. Canton, 44.6; 3. Salem, 45.5.
400 dash: 1. Mike Hanchett (P), 52.6; 2. Stephen Telenko (S), 52.9; 3. Jordan Wisniewski (C), 53.3; 4. Ken Lomski (P), 53.9.
300 hurdles: 1. Sherif Hassanien (C), 39.9; 2. Tim Belcher (C), 40.2; 3. Scott O'Connor (S), 41.2; 4. Mike Giles (S), 43.0.
800 run: 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:02.9; 2. Scott Zech (C), 2:06.1; 3. Justin Huey (P), 2:06.4; 4. Keith Zech (C), 2:06.5.
200 dash: 1. Eric Piwovar (C), 23.3; 2. Pat Patin (S), 23.7; 3. Ryan Randall (C), 24.0; 4. Ocie Lewis (C), 24.2.
3,200 run: 1. Kevin deBear (S), 9:58.7; 2. Duncan Spitz (C), 10:03.1; 3. Craig Cowing (S), 10:11.2; 4. Jason Smith (S), 10:13.9.
1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth, 3:33.4; 2. Canton, 3:35.7; 3. Salem, 3:37.9.
Discus: 1. Foster (C), 125 feet; 2. Courtney Frazier (S), 124.9; 3. Choma (P), 113.7; 4. Cory Gomoll (P), 109.0.
High jump: 1. Jace Bearden (S), 6-4; 2. Gaskell (S), 6-2; 3. (tie) Spreitzer (C) and Zech (C), 5-6.
Long jump: 1. Jace Bearden (S), 20-8; 2. Ocie Lewis (C), 20-7; 3. Connor McKinney (P), 20-5; 4. Brandon Roberts (P), 19-0.
Pole vault: 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 13-6; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 13-6; 3. Eddie Koelzer (C), 11-0; 4. Gage Hermann (C), 10-6.
Shot put: 1. Dana Baltazar (S), 46-7; 2. Ed Merhl (S), 44-10.5; 3. Richards (P), 44-1; 4. Cory Gomoll (P), 43-2.

'Cats, Chiefs fare well at Elks Relays

The Plymouth and Canton boys track-and-field teams both turned in stellar efforts at Saturday's Dearborn Elks Relays, which were held at Dearborn High School. The Wildcats placed fourth in the 12-team event with 25 points. Canton was sixth with 19. Adrian won the competition with 47 points, five more than runner-up Novi Catholic Central. Plymouth set school records in the 1,600-meter relay as the foursome of Malik Rich, Kyle Wallath, Ken Lomske and Mike Hanchett blazed around the oval four times in 3:31.9. Coach Kurt Britnell's 400-meter relay quartet of Connor McKinney, Hanchett, Rico Tyus and Rich also set the school mark of 43.1 seconds in that event. Plymouth also placed fifth in the high jump

with a combined effort of 16 feet, 6 inches. Canton placed second in the pole vault, high jump and 6,400-meter relay. Rocks in Mansfield Salem's boys track-and-field team traveled to Mansfield, Ohio last weekend for the Mansfield Invitational, a 73-team, two-day event. The Rocks' points came in the 6,400-meter relay when the foursome of Alex Lang, Mike Charara, Matt Devey and Craig Cowing placed fourth with a time of 19:40.1. Other strong efforts were turned in by high jumper Zack Gaskell (6 feet), 110-meter hurdler Mike Giles (16.3 seconds), 1,600-meter runner Kevin deBear (4:39.0); 200-dash runner Pat Patin (24.33) and Cowing in the 800 (2:13.5).

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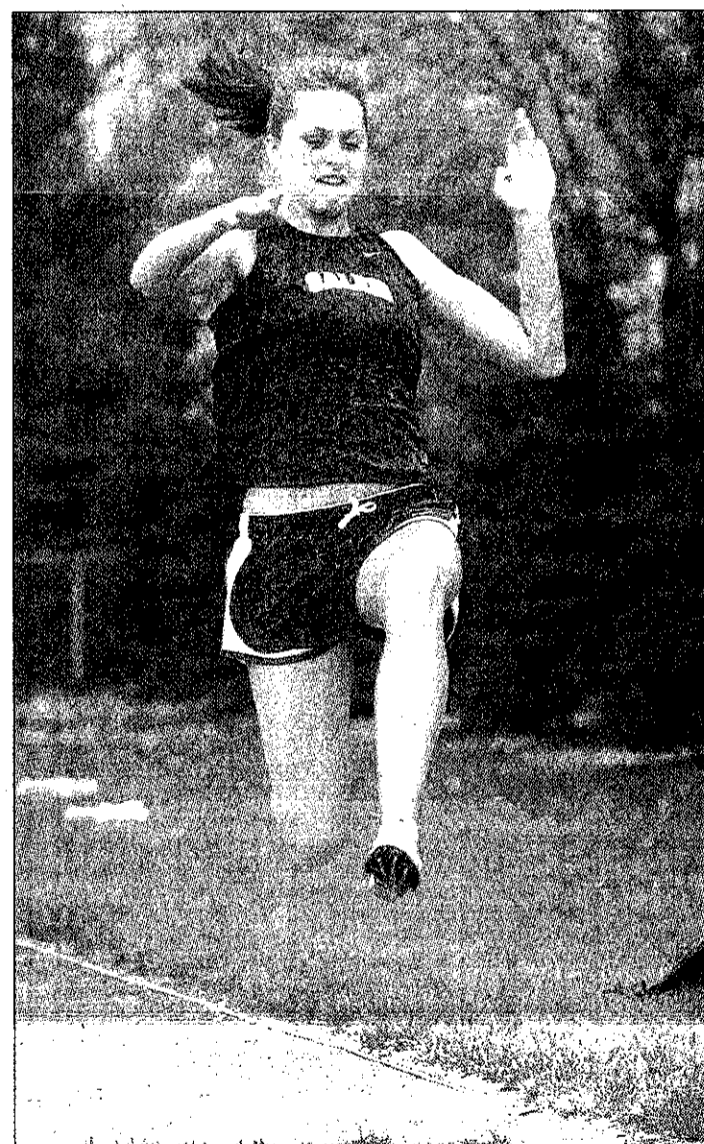
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Salem's Caitlin Heaney gives it her full effort during the long jump at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan City Meet. The Rocks won the meet.

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trail all afternoon by earning six individual firsts and a pair of relay victories. Stephanie Okolo was the Wildcats' lone double-winner as she captured both the 100 (12.7) and the 200 (26.7). Plymouth also received first-place efforts from long-jumper Jill Morton (15-10), shot-putter Tyler Buchanan (29-5.75), pole-vaulter Beah Knisely (8-6) and 3,200-meter runner Molly Slavins (11:58.4). Earning first-place points for the Chiefs were 100-meter hurdler Ashley Hoener (17.5) and high jumper Lindsay Lipa (4-11).

100 high hurdles: 1. Ashley Hoener (C), 17.5; 2. Madaline Vala (S), 18.0; 3. Mandy McManus (P), 18.7; 4. Jenna Hamed (P), 20.0.
100 dash: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 12.7; 2. Deja Wright (S), 13.0; 3. Lindsay Lipa (C), 13.2; 4. Ciara Williams (C), 13.4.
800 relay: 1. Salem, 1:51.8; 2. Canton, 1:53.7.
1,600 run: 1. Kelly Determan (S), 5:40.5; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 5:42.5; 3. Victoria Tripp (S), 5:54.4; 4. Paula Green (P), 6:08.7.
400 relay: 1. Plymouth, 51.7; 2. Canton, 51.8; 3. Salem, 57.3.
400 dash: 1. Deja Wright (S), 1:03.6; 2. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:04.3; 3. Rochelleau (S), 1:05.0; 4. Schmidt (C), 1:06.6.
300 hurdles: 1. Madeline Vala (S), 51.0; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 52.4; 3. Ashley Hoener (C), 52.4; 4. Jenna Hamed (P), 54.3.
800 run: 1. Kelly Determan (S), 2:31.8; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:34.2; 3. Eileva Mema (P), 2:39.4; 4. Abigail Gozalski (C), 2:39.7.
200 dash: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 26.7; 2. Deja Wright (S), 28.2; 3. Kacie Parker (P), 28.9; 4. Paige Regular (S), 29.1.
3,200 run: 1. Molly Slavins (P), 11:58.4; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 12:51.9; 3. Kelly Determan (S), 13:05.4; 4. Lauren Ahearn (P), 13:07.8.
1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 4:22.2; 2. Canton, 4:24.2; 3. Plymouth, 4:31.5.
Pole vault: 1. Beah Knisely (P), 8-6; 2. Emily Voglewede (S), 6-0; 3. Leah Hunter (C), 6-0; 4. Megan Paruta (S), 6-0.
High jump: 1. Lindsay Lipa (C), 4-11; 2. Kelly Determan (S), 4-6; 3. Y. Belikov (S), 4-3; 4. Candy Knisely (P), 4-3.
Long jump: 1. Jill Morton (P), 15-10; 2. Linda Ling (S), 15-3; 3. Paige Regular (S), 14-9; 4. Ciara Williams (C), 14-6.
Discus: 1. Ashley Benton (S), 89-9.5; 2. White (S), 85-10; 3. Fellows (S), 77-11.5; 4. McLeay (P), 76-3.5.
Shot put: 1. Tyler Buchanan (P), 29-5.75; 2. Douglas (C), 29-0; 3. McLeay (P), 29-0; 4. Fellows (S), 26-10.5.

BOLGER/MANGAN MEMORIAL CITY MEET
TUESDAY AT PCPEP VARSITY TRACK
GIRLS RESULTS
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 74; 2. Plymouth, 66; 3. Canton, 35.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth, 10:25.6; 2. Salem, 10:41.7; 3. Canton, 10:47.1.

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Thursday, April 24
 Franklin Road at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
 PCA at Parkway Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 25
 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 26
 Milan at Salem (DH), 11 a.m.
 PCA at Lake Orion Baptist (DH), 4 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 24
 Franklin Road at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
 PCA at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 25
 Canton at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 26
 Canton and Plymouth at Chelsea Invitational, TBA
GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, April 25
 Livonia Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 26
 Canton at Brighton Tournament, TBA
 Salem at A.A. Huron Invite, 8 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, April 24
 Plymouth at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
 Salem at Livonia Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 25
 Salem at Raider Relays, 4 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
Friday, April 25
 Livonia Stevenson at Canton, 3 p.m.
 Salem at Plymouth, 3 p.m.
PREP LACROSSE
Thursday, April 24
 Canton at Hartland, 6 p.m.
 Salem at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at South Lyon East, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 26
 Ypsilanti at Canton, 3 p.m.
 Belleville at Salem, 1 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Friday, April 25
 A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 7 p.m.

TENNIS RESULTS

CANTON 4
W.L. CENTRAL 4
(MONDAY AT CANTON)
No. 1 singles: Erica Rouleau (WLC) defeated Ashley Madou, 6-1, 6-1. **No. 2:** Janelle Burdiss (C) def. Stephanie Indianer, 6-4, 6-2. **No. 3:** Sarui Yoshida (WLC) def. Johanna Alexander, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4. **No. 4:** Lis Slusher (WLC) def. Janelle Karinemi, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Sara Johnson-Madison Bartlett (WLC) def. Gunjan Malhotra-Katie Schwenn, 6-4, 6-3. **No. 2:** Amy Provost-Emily Misko (C) def. Nicole Melita-Alicia Segnitz, 6-4, 6-4. **No. 3:** Jessica Reed-Kathleen Marcinkowski (C) def. Mackenzie Conn-Angela Stawasz, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4. **No. 4:** Megan Luong-Vicki Chen (C) def. Melissa Kosky-Rena Molnar, 6-3, 6-2.

SALEM 8
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 0
(MONDAY AT CHURCHILL)
No. 1 singles: Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Lucy Kioko, 6-1, 6-1. **No. 2:** Allie Carpenter (S) def. Katelyn Forster, 6-4, 6-2. **No. 3:** Liz McKinley (S) def. Kelly Houghan, 6-2, 6-0. **No. 4:** Linda Ling (S) def. Jessica McClain, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Kelly Feiner-Jenna Zuccarini, 6-1, 6-0. **No. 2:** Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Lauren Vella-Mikki Fata, 6-3, 7-5. **No. 3:** Emily Hayter-Jennifer Hunsaker (S) def. Danielle Vasko-Cortney Bennett, 7-6(3), 7-5. **No. 4:** Amanda Emmons-Alex Lamb (S) def. Brianna Devlin-Vai Rose, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Salem, 4-1.



College-bound pitcher

Canton senior William Tidwell recently signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Hillsdale College beginning with the 2008-09 season. Tidwell, a first baseman and pitcher, is currently 2-0 for the 5-5 Chiefs. He's also lettered in basketball and football.

Canton lacrosse team sinks Lakeland, 8-3

Canton's boys lacrosse team used a balanced scoring attack to defeat host Huron Valley Lakeland, 8-3, Monday night. "It took a while to get the feel of the turf — we had some unlucky bounces — but we stayed with them and came alive in the third quarter," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. After scoring three first-quarter goals, the Titans were shut out by Canton keeper Justin Scott. Canton cut its deficit to 3-2 at the half thanks to goals from Kyle Dunleavy and Scott Wisniewski. The Chiefs grabbed the lead for good thanks to third-quarter net-finders from Wisniewski, Mark Barath and Joey Underwood. Joey Underwood and Jake Underwood (two) added insurance goals in the fourth quarter. W.L. NORTHERN 13, PLYMOUTH 11: On Monday, the host Knights jumped out to a 3-0 lead and hung on for the dramatic victory. Northern led 4-3 after one quarter, 6-5 at the break and 9-7 with 15 minutes to play. Plymouth tied the game momentarily at 10-all in the fourth thanks to goals from Connor Martin and John Olevnik (two). The Wildcats' goal-scorers were: Patrick Downey (two), Martin (two), Olevnik (two), Ryan Renault (two), Norm Freda, Chris Hoffman and Pat Smiatacz. Downey (two), Freda and Martin were all credited with assists. "Well, it was another one of our trademark shoot-out games," said Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "We can score in bunches, but we have difficulty in stopping the other team." "The team fought the entire game -- we did not give up at all, even when we were down three early. We had some momentum in the second half, but we didn't make Northern pay for their stick penalty." **PCS LADY WARRIORS 14, HARTLAND 5:** On Monday, the Lady Warriors turned a tight 4-2 halftime lead into a rout thanks to Chelsea Olson's four goals. The victory improved the Lady Warriors' record to 5-1. "During half-time, I didn't have to say much — the captains took over motivating the team by letting them know they were playing Hartland's game and not at the speed we play," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "I was pleased that we were able to turn it up a notch even though we were missing our leading scorer, Kate Spangler." Also netting multiple goals for the winners were Lauryn Ebersole (three), Morgan Franke (two) and Jessica Murray (two). Single-goal scorers for PCS were Megan Burke, Laura Hahn and Natalie Sitko. Three goalsaw play between the pipes for PCS: Caitlin Andrews, Lauren Miller and Nicole Rottell.

Notification is given that The Huntington National Bank, 17 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on April 24, 2008, as specified in 12 CFR Part 5, for permission to establish a branch at 47152 Michigan Ave., Canton, Michigan 48188. Popular name: Canton - Michigan & Beck. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Licensing Manager at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 440 South LaSalle Street, Suite 2700, Chicago, IL 60605 or mail to: CustomerAssistance@occ.treas.gov within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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RADIO SYSTEM EVALUATION PROJECT * CONSULTANT SERVICES

Proposals 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 proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of 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 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed qualifications at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 2008 for the following:

ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATION OF CELL BLOCK AND BOOKING AREA

Qualifications 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.

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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 8, 2008 for the following:

FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS SERVICE & EQUIPMENT

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- April 15, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Brad Sharp, Deb Bilibrey-Honsowetz, Abe Vinitiski, Sean Fletcher **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE** Discussion on Strategic Plan, Master Plan, Bartlett-Travis House, Revisions to Park Ordinance and Phase III Summit Expansion. **Item 2. ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION** Discussion on proposed new term compensation package for elected officials. Other: Supervisor Yack stated there will be a Board meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. First Floor, Board Room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188 **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter at 9:15 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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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 Masonry Wall Repairs at Field Elementary School**. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or (248) 427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the location above. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.** This Bid Package will consist of ONE bid division - **Bid Division #106: Masonry**.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2008 for the following:

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Proposals 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 proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of 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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City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

This is to give notice that the Plymouth City Commission will hold a hearing on a request for issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate at its regular meeting on Monday, May 5, 2008. The public is invited to provide comments or other information on this request, either in writing or in person, at this hearing.

The request is from Packaging Corporation of America, 1900 West Field Court, Lake Forest, Illinois, 60045 for their property located at 936 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, Michigan more specifically identified as follows:

TAX ID #49-008-02-0006-001: Lots 6 to 15, inclusive, except the west part thereof measuring 18.2 feet on the south line of lot 6 and 29 feet on the north line of Lot 15, also adjacent vacant valley, also Lots 16 to 21, inclusive, also the west one-half of the adjacent vacant street, Auburn Addition to Plymouth Heights, T1SR8E L31P58WCR.

The Certificate would allow tax abatement on new manufacturing equipment with an estimated cost of \$5,875,000. The certificate would result in the abatement of one-half (1/2) of the property taxes which would otherwise be levied, except for the State Education Tax, on the estimated State Equalized and Taxable Valuation of \$2,937,500, for a maximum period of ten (10) years.

This notice is given pursuant to the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act (P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended - MCLA 207.551 et seq.), which provides that the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad-valorem property taxes in the City of Plymouth shall be notified of a request for issuance of an IPT Certificate, and shall be given an opportunity for a hearing before the City takes action on the request.

Linda J. Langmesser
 City Clerk

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Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bid securities may be in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. **Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly.** These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
 Steven Sniedeman, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING FY2008 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On May 13, at 7 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the CDBG Advisory Council recommendations for the FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2008 CDBG program. The project and project funding recommendations are: First Step, \$28,695; Growth Works, \$6,225; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, \$7,360; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$1,940; Revival Outreach Center, \$2,000; Leisure Services arts education project, \$1,225; Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Canton Township Sheldon School site improvements, \$45,000; CDBG program administration, \$70,000; Affordable Housing Contingency, \$170,860; Construction Contingency, \$20,000. The FY 2008 CDBG allocation is \$359,835. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

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Prep golfers ready to hit fairways after long layoff

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you think your golf off-season seemed to drag on forever, you should get a load of the one the area's high school boys golf teams were forced to endure.

Local prep golfers have been idle — at least in terms of competing at the high school level — since the fall of 2006 thanks to the change of seasons that affected six sports.

Whoever can shake off the rust the fastest will be the teams that should contend for a conference title.

Following are previews on the area's boys golf teams.

CANTON

The Chiefs have a nucleus of six solid linksters, according to coach Tom Alles.

"We're pretty balanced so far," said Alles. "We don't really have a No. 1 guy, but we have six solid players."

The team will be captained by senior Clark Albers, who qualified for the Division 1 individual state meet as a junior. The straight-driving Albers was also a key contributor to the Chiefs' hockey team in the winter.

Another senior who should contribute plenty to the Chiefs' fortunes this spring is Kendall Persons, who has improved markedly after spending most of his junior season on the junior-varsity squad.

PREP GOLF PREVIEWS

Canton's two key juniors are Jeremy Lindbauer and Andrew Rickerman, both of whom earned varsity letters as sophomores.

Rounding out the core of the team's line-up are sophomores Zach Conrad, who was the medalist at the season-opening Brighton Invitational on Monday; and Brendan Muir, who Alles expects big things from this season.

PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats are blessed with a deep and talented roster as they head into the 2008 campaign.

"It will be very competitive this year to earn one of the 12 varsity spots for each match, however, I believe that each young man has the ability to do so," said Plymouth coach Chris Moore.

Leading the Wildcats will be seniors Kyle Eisiminger and Kyle Sanders, both of whom earned varsity letters as juniors. Other key returners include Nate Conroy, Andrew Overmeyer, Ryan Bauer and James Bryans.

"Each of these returners has the ability to shoot some low scores," Moore said.

Other returners include Tyler Bergquist, Justin Smith and Max Pardikes.

New-comers who could make an impact on the squad include Trevor

Bidwell, Zack Vojcek, Justin Bauer and Nick Conroy.

The Wildcats' roster is filled out by: Tyler Sanders, Jay Thomas, Mike Runyan, Justin Congdon, Donald Henry, David Titus, Joe Klonowski, Mark Thompson, Tommy Dean and Andrew Kwiciczen.

SALEM

Pacing the Rocks' attack will be proven seniors Tyler Jeleniewski and Joel Cheesman, both of whom have had a taste of playing in the Division 1 state tournament.

"I'm expecting a lot of consistency out of those two," said Salem coach Rick Wilson, whose team finished 6-5 last season.

The team's No. 3 player is expected to be sophomore Aaron Thompson, who earned a varsity letter as a freshman and has "really improved" since the fall of 2006, according to Wilson.

A trio of juniors figure to play key roles: Eddie Mazorwic, Adam Powers and Matt Snidebush. Freshman Josh Perrin and juniors Chris Leib and Alex Murray will also provide the Rocks with plenty of depth.

"Northville should be strong again along with Livonia Churchill, Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Northern," said Wilson, when asked to assess the race for the Western Lakes Activities Association crown.

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Canton's Conrad sparkles at Brighton golf tourney

Judging by his performance at Monday's Brighton Invitational, the future is bright for Canton sophomore golfer Zach Conrad.

Conrad earned medalist honors at the talent-rich event as he fired a career-best 71 before besting a pair of other golfers in a playoff.

Overall, the Chiefs placed fourth in the 19-team field, which pleased coach Tom Alles.

"It was a very encouraging way to start the season, especially for Zach," said Alles. "He said it's the lowest round he's ever shot. He's capable of shooting a good round every time he goes out there."

The tournament was played at Oak Pointe Country Club in Brighton.

Saline won with a score of 298. Canton was fourth with 305 while Plymouth netted 16th with a 340.

In addition to Conrad, scoring for Canton were Andrew Rickerman (78), Brendan Muir (77), Jeremy Lindbauer (79) and Clark Albers (82).

Plymouth's scorers were Kyle Sanders (79), Kyle Eisiminger (84), Nate Conroy (88), Andrew Overmeyer (89) and James Bryant (92).

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PLYMOUTH'S SCORERS: Ryan Bauer, 38; James Bryans, 39; Kyle Eisiminger, 41; Andrew Overmeyer, 41; Kyle Sanders, 43; and Nate Conroy, 48.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 1-0; Western, 1-1.

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Baseball Crusaders clinch WHAC title

Canton's Shawn Little drove in two runs with a first-inning single Sunday to jump-start Madonna University's baseball team to a doubleheader sweep against Aquinas College to clinch the 2008 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship.

Host MU took game one 2-0 before closing out the sweep with a 3-0 win in the night cap. With the wins the Crusaders are now 29-12 overall and 16-4 in WHAC play. The Saints fall to 14-23 overall and 6-12 in loop action.

In the opener, Madonna scored all of the runs it would need in the third inning as Drew Adamiec (Walled Lake) led off with a single.

Levi Cheshire (Troy) followed two batters later with a double to move courtesy runner Mike Ganser to third for Little, who delivered a single to left that scored both Cheshire and Ganser for a 2-0 MU lead.

Madonna starter Eric Wendling had allowed just three hits heading into the top of the seventh but back-to-back walks forced head coach Greg Haeger to go to his bullpen and bring in closer John McCracken to try and nail down the save.

McCracken did just that, as a pair of fielder's choices erased two Saints and McCracken took care of the final out himself, striking out pinch hitter Kennon Less for the

third out and his team best seventh save of the season.

Wendling picked up his third win of the season against just one loss. Marc Sobota took the loss for AQ, falling to 0-3. Cheshire was the only Crusader with multiple hits while Little provided the RBIs with his pair.

GAME TWO

The night cap saw Madonna put up a run in the bottom of the first inning as Cheshire hit a one-out triple to the base of the wall in center and came home on a single by Farmington's Kevin Zerbo for the 1-0 lead.

Crusader starter Richard

Lindquist worked himself out of trouble in the second, using a strike out and a fielder's choice to overcome a single and an MU error to keep the game 1-0 in favor of Madonna.

After Lindquist allowed back-to-back hits to open the sixth, Haeger again went to the pen and brought in Carl McDevitt (Canton). The senior righty used two fielder's choices — the first erased the lead runner, Less and the second erased Kevin Scholten — before Todd Peters grounded out to Pat Kenny at third to end the inning and keep it 1-0 MU and give McDevitt a hold.

The Madonna bats gave the

pitching staff a little insurance in the bottom of the inning as Little led off with a single to left and stole second.

After Kenny was given the intentional free pass, Dave Herrick (Westland/Livonia Churchill) singled to score Little and make it 2-0. Zack McMillin singled home Kenny for a 3-0 MU lead heading into the seventh.

Haeger called upon McCracken for the second time on the day and the senior induced Jon Good into a ground out and struck out pinch hitter Jon Welton and Jon Morse for the final two outs to give the Crusaders the WHAC title, their third in four seasons.

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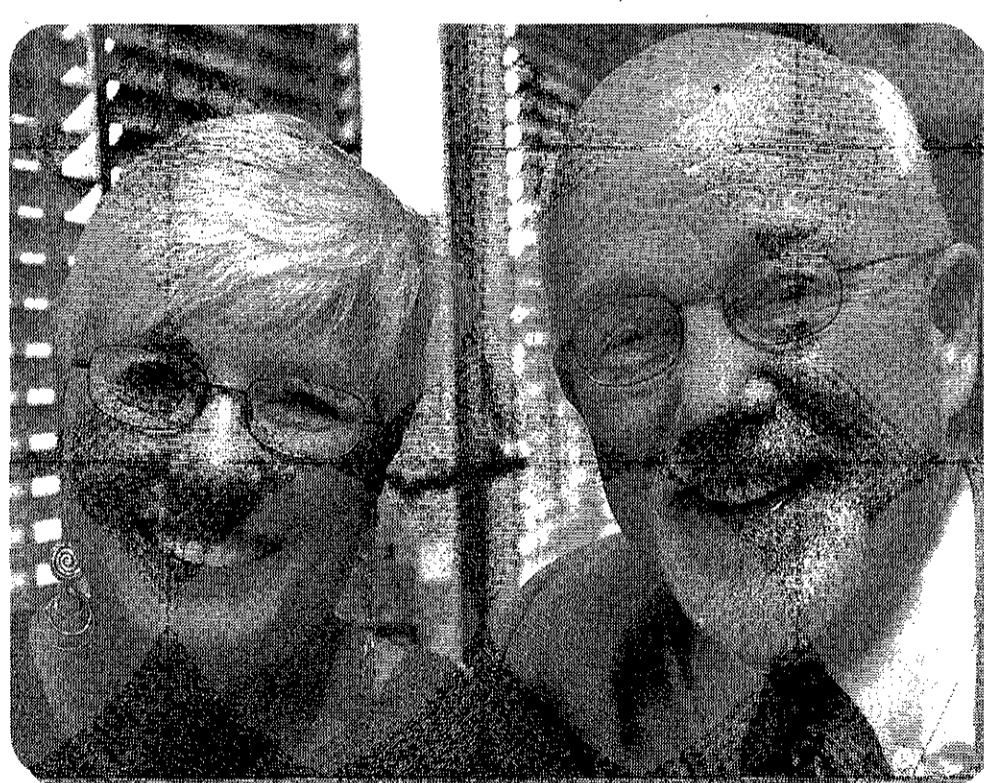
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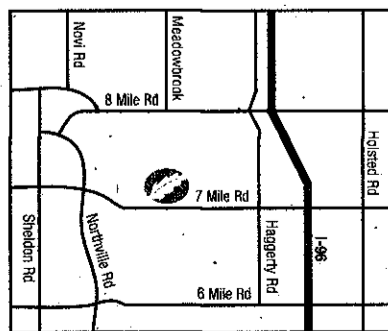
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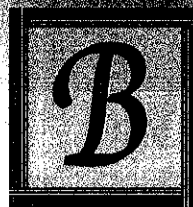
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BBB warns against small business loan scams

BY JULIE BROWN
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Better Business Bureau officials, citing the current credit crunch, are seeing small businesses forced to search for alternative funding sources. The BBB warns that business owners are becoming victims of fraud when using the Internet for loans and grants.

BBB Serving Eastern Michigan spokesman Tim Burns said, "The scam artists are always looking for a way to take current affairs and events and use them to their advantage. They're working that angle to make an easy buck."

Dishonest lenders can make a Web site look legitimate when it's not, noted Clawson resident Burns. He recommends potential borrowers check with the BBB "to see if there has been a pattern of complaints against them."

He and colleagues have been seeing people having difficult times in this economy. "When they have a hand stretched out to them, they're looking at it as an opportunity."

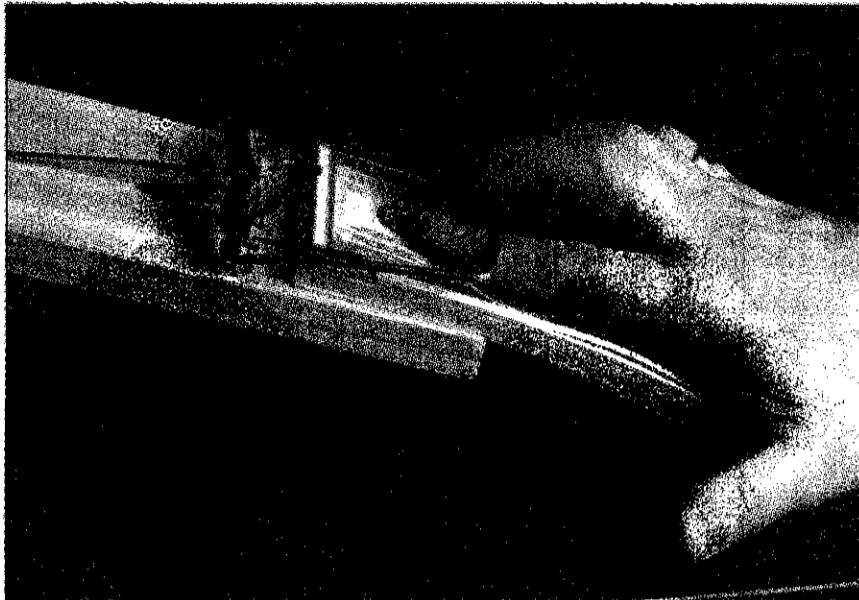
If you pay upfront, most likely you won't get anything back in return, Burns warned.

Watch out for people who want to avoid normal channels of a loan application, he said, and watch out for unsecured loans. If you have trouble getting a credit card for your business through traditional channels and then get an offer, "you have to check and see what's going on."

"The Internet provides a perfect stage for fraud because bad actors in the loan industry can easily portray a professional image that provides unsuspecting small business owners with a false sense of trust," Burns said.

Clarence Sanders, who owns an insurance agency in Southfield, signed up for the National Small Business Alliance, a problem area seen recently by the BBB. "They said I had a certain amount of time to study the material. I asked for my money back and never heard another word from them," Sanders said.

"I would highly recommend they stay



away from it," Sanders said of advice he has for other businesses. He reported his problem to the BBB but didn't get a refund that had been promised.

Following are examples of recent loan and grant offers BBB has identified as taking advantage of small business owners locally and nationwide:

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS ALLIANCE

The BBB has received more than 1,100 complaints from 49 states and the District of Columbia about the National Small Business Alliance (www.natsba.com). Complainants state they were initially contacted by phone or e-mail and told they were preapproved for a credit line of \$8,000 for a one-time membership fee of \$99 to \$149. Despite what complainants were led to believe by representatives of the company, the "credit line" is not a small business loan, but rather, is collectively comprised of coupons, discounts, and offers made by participating vendors to purchase goods and services such as computers or travel arrangements using credit terms. Complainants say the company continues to deduct money from their bank account without their permission and does not refund money as promised.

The National Small Business Alliance currently has an "Unsatisfactory" rating from the BBB for its continued failure to resolve the pattern of deceptive marketing, misrepresentation, false advertising, and unauthorized debits.

BBB advises: Small business owners should be extremely cautious when providing bank account numbers and insist on reviewing all details of any offer before making a buying decision and signing a contract. Prior to entering into an agreement, small owners can always check out a potential creditor, partner or vendor's reliability report with BBB. BBB Reliability Reports™ are free and available online at www.bbb.org.

"It's more of a coupon for businesses they're associated with," Burns said of the National Small Business Alliance. Those promised a refund locally he's checked with haven't received it.

"That's one example of many that are out there that people should be aware of," Burns said.

CAPITAL FUNDING PROGRAMS, OTHERS

In 2007, and so far in 2008, BBBs across the U.S. have received hundreds of complaints from small business owners who were burned by online offers to

receive government grant money. Using spam e-mails to drive traffic to professional looking Web sites, fraudulent companies have promised to help small business owners rake in thousands of dollars in government grants to start or expand their businesses. As part of the scheme, small business owners have been required to pay several hundred dollars via wire or money order, but then never heard from the phony companies again.

Capital Funding Programs (www.capitalfundingprograms.com), purportedly of Champlain, N.Y., is one such company. Since September of 2007, 34 victims from 23 states have filed complaints with the BBB after losing more than \$400 each.

BBB advises: Business owners can research free information on government grant programs at the U.S. government Web site, www.grants.gov. If a company does qualify for a grant of some type, the U.S. government does not request payment as part of the application review or grant award process.

"They're not providing anything of value that you couldn't get on your own," Burns said. Don't wire money or send via money order, as such transactions are hard to trace and/or cancel, he recommended.

"Those are the red flags," he said of such transactions. "You should be cautious."

For more information on the businesses mentioned in this release or additional BBB advice on how small businesses and consumers can avoid fraud when seeking loans and grants, on- and off-line, go to www.bbb.org. The phone is (248) 644-9100, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

"You can talk to one of our consumer agents who can handle inquiries," Burns said. You can also enter company information into the automated system, or look it up on the BBB Web site 24 hours a day.

"We know the economy's tough." The BBB works to make sure problems don't become worse, Burns said.

Redraft documents, boost funds

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Robert Meisner

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the board additional latitude with respect to collecting monies to protect the integrity of the community. You should engage in an attorney familiar with community association law to assist you in redrafting your documents, including the ability to increase the revenue for the association.

Q. Are you aware of a question concerning whether condos, co-ops, etc., are subject to the Michigan business tax classifying the assessments as "gross receipts," and whether it requires the association to pay taxes on it? Do you have any information?

A. The question is up in the air, and preliminary discussions with the state have suggested that it may be wrong in regard to assessing co-ops. As to condos, to the extent that they were incorporated under the 1982 Nonprofit Corporation Act, there may be no wording exempting them from application to the tax. The state has been asked to issue an opinion on this. You are advised to consult and contact your legislators to make sure that condominiums and co-ops are exempt from having to pay any Michigan business tax.

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.

Stoskopf takes helm for BIA, AAM

On April 9, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) welcomed Michael C. Stoskopf as their new executive vice president. He was selected by a search committee responsible for identifying only the seventh executive officer in BIA's 80-year history. The position had been filled by Irvin H. Yackness from July 1951 until his death in July 2007.

"In Michael we have found a dynamic leader to guide our members and this industry toward a positive future," said Peter Burton, Burton-Katzman Development, BIA past president and search committee member. "He has the clear vision, compelling energy and extensive experience that will help us face the challenges of economic recovery and growth. We are fortunate to have him on board."

"As a Michigan native," said Stoskopf, "I have a strong sense of pride in our state and everything it has to offer. While the challenges we face are taking their toll, residential construction and remodeling are a vital engine for leading Michigan's economic recovery. BIA members will be at the heart of this recovery."

Stoskopf has more than 22 years of business management, business development and marketing experience. The past seven years have



Stoskopf

been spent in the construction industry, most recently with Granger Construction in Lansing, Mich. "Beyond the friendships and professional relationships I developed across Michigan while at

Granger, I have also gained a much deeper appreciation for the professionalism, skill and quality that Michigan's construction industry — both residential and commercial — offers its clients," he said. "The most exciting aspect of my new role is having the opportunity to lead an experienced staff and engaged membership focused on proactively addressing the economic challenges and exciting trends that will reinvent the home-building and the light commercial marketplace for the better."

Prior to joining Granger's management team in 2004, he held various positions with the Lockheed Martin Corp., the MITRE Corp. and the U.S. Air Force. He earned a B.S. in applied mathematics from Michigan State University in 1985. Stoskopf originally hails from St. Clair Shores.

While at Granger, he was involved with the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, MichBio, Michigan Association of Physical

Plant Administrators, Construction Owners of America Association, National Association of Industrial and Office Properties and the Lean Construction Institute.

"My career has taken me to six different states where I've been both a renter and a homeowner. I've also seen firsthand how different locales have redefined themselves as the result of economic downturns. I'm counting on these perspectives to help me in guiding our Associations' membership toward better times," he said.

Stoskopf currently lives in the Lansing area with his wife of 22 years, Wendy, and their two children, ages 14 and 16. When he is not working he enjoys time with his family, travel and sports. "I love to play hockey, basketball and golf and I am a lifelong fan of Detroit's sports teams."

"BIA and AAM have a legacy of doing many great things for their members and the industry they serve," he said. "I look forward to working with the Association Board, Executive Committee and staff to establish and communicate the vision and strategies that will benefit our membership and their customers for years to come. As one staff member aptly summed it up, 'We're helping people make their dreams come true!' he added. "Who wouldn't want to be part of that?"

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| 864 Annie Lang Dr | \$172,000 |
| Northville | |
| 17540 Maple Hill Dr | \$318,000 |
| 20121 Silver Spring Dr | \$108,000 |
| 16322 Westminister Dr | \$345,000 |
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| 45920 Ashford Cir | \$525,000 |
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| 47625 Cheltenham Dr | \$140,000 |
| 24972 Hadlock Dr | \$762,000 |
| 25766 Laramie Dr | \$395,000 |
| 41046 Malott | \$196,000 |
| 42185 Park Ridge Rd | \$187,000 |
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| 24982 Samoset Ct | \$545,000 |
| 21147 Victoria Rd | \$85,000 |
| 27231 Victoria Rd | \$85,000 |
| 49650 W Nine Mile Rd | \$115,000 |
| 45797 Willingham Dr | \$415,000 |
| Plymouth | |
| 413 Ann St | \$375,000 |
| 415 Arthur St | \$475,000 |
| 252 Blanche St | \$170,000 |
| 47911 Brewster Ct | \$300,000 |
| 9097 Cobblestone Cir | \$365,000 |
| 40647 Crabtree Ln | \$209,000 |
| 432 N Evergreen St | \$200,000 |
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| 19980 Norborne | \$99,000 |
| 19905 Seminole | \$125,000 |
| 11335 Woodbine | \$93,000 |
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| 435 Amelia Cir | \$418,000 |
| 529 Whipple St | \$88,000 |
| Westland | |
| 1751 Ackley Ave | \$108,000 |



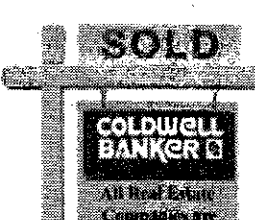
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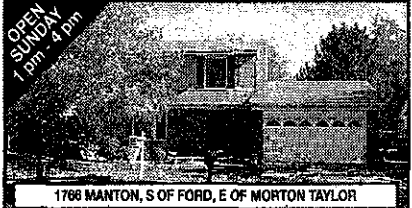
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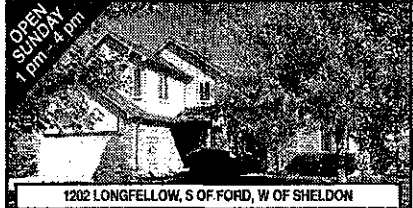


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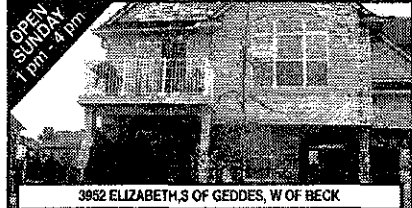
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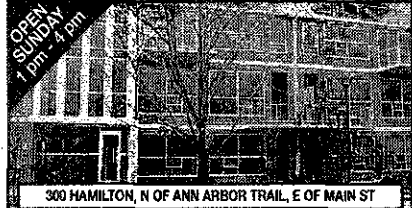
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3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/open flr plan, lg kit overlooks FR w/frpl, LR w/bay window, 1st fl Laun, 2 car garage, part finished bsmt w/4th bd or study, & great neighborhood.
\$188,900 (P-766MA)



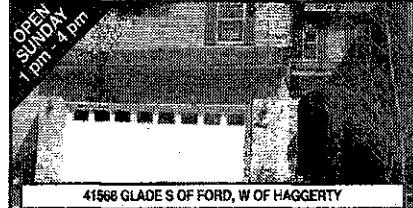
NO PLACE LIKE HOME...
Spacious 3 bd colonial in desirable Canton sub. Newer flr to ceiling windows in 2 story GR, inviting kit w/abundance of counter space, large lot, new roof, warranty, & more.
\$184,900 (P-202LO)



WHAT A DEAL!!!
Beautiful end unit w/2 bd, 2 baths, Great Rm w/cath ceil, roomy maple Kit w/all appl's, outstanding Master w/bath & WIC, 2 car Garage, & great location.
\$120,000 (P-952EL)



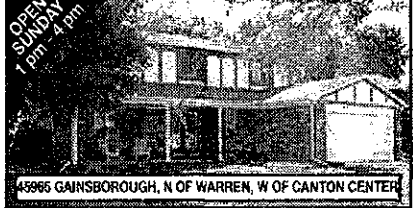
AWESOME LOFT LIVING
Downtown Plymouth condos w/soaring ceilings, granite island Kit's, all appl's, balcony & terrace's, tile baths, 1-3 bdrms, & still time to choose colors.
Starting at \$199,900 (P-300HA)



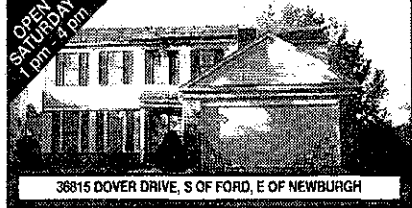
BEAUTIFUL CANTON CONDO
Over 2000 sq ft w/3 large bdrms, 1st fl Master w/bath, all bdrms have private bath, huge bonus room, 2 car Garage, 2 story Great Rm w/frpl, large bsmt, & quiet Deck.
\$194,500 (P-568GL)



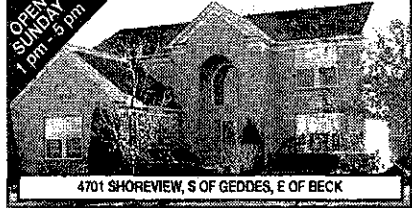
PARK LIKE SETTING
A premium tree lot tucked away in a great Bloomfield sub. Well built home w/hwd floors, wet plaster, built-ins, 2 Patios, & situated on almost an acre.
\$430,000 (P-674CO)



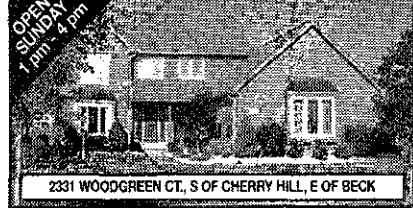
BETTER THAN NEW
Recently renovated col w/Ply Can schools. Shows like model w/tear off roof, gran counters, newer furn, C/A, humidifier, carpet, & more. Close to pool & clubhouse w/tennis.
\$223,850 (P-955GA)



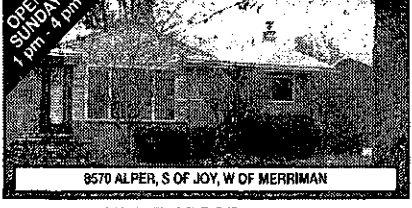
MOVE RIGHT IN!
Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial featuring a 2 car Garage, nice landscaped yard w/shed, close to schools & shopping, good floor plan, & a privacy fence.
\$203,900 (P-815DO)



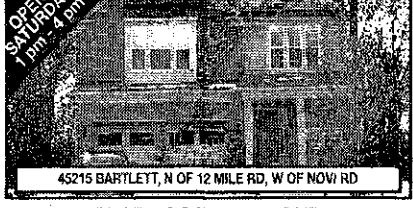
CANTON WELCOMES YOU
Lovely 4 bd colonial w/neutral décor, open floor plan, hwd flrs, formal LR/DR, large Fam Rm w/frpl, brick paver Patio, close to xways & Summit Park. A must see!
\$269,900 (P-701SH)



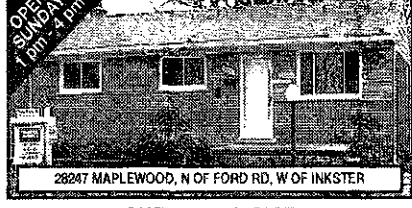
GREAT LOCATION
Ready to move in to, located on a quiet cul de sac lot. Over 30k in upgrades, beautiful 4 bd home, 3 car Garage, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR/DR, large bsmt, & motivated Seller!!
\$279,000 (P-331WO)



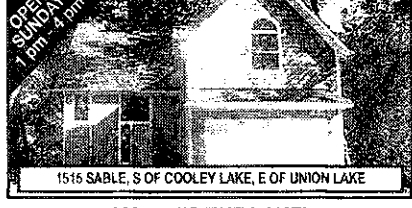
GREAT OPPORTUNITY
Brick ranch in Westland w/Livonia Schools. 3 bd, 2 bas, part finished bsmt, hwd flrs, newer roof, fresh paint, Garage, & appl's stay. Price to sell.
\$122,000 (P-570AL)



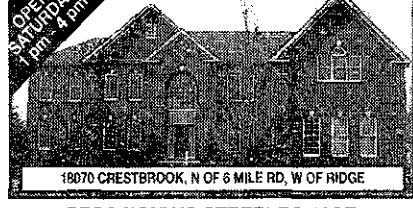
BEST LOCATION IN SUB
Awesome location backs to woods. Grmt isl kit w/corain, butlers pantry, & stain steel appl's. Glamour BA w/Jacuzzi tub, mstr w/cath ceil, upgraded crpt, W/O bsmt, & more.
\$429,900 (P-215BA)



CHECK THIS OUT!
Buy this home and get a week stay at a beachfront Ft. Myers FL. Condo! When you get back you can move right in to this 3 bd, 2 bath brick ranch w/too many updates to list!
\$139,000 (P-247MA)



MOVE TO THE LAKE!
Here's an opportunity you can't afford to miss! Over 2800 sq ft, newly built, 4 bd, 2.5 BAs, maple cab's, GR w/frpl, mstr w/sit area & BA, 1.3 acre lot w/privileges to all sports lake.
\$300,000 (P-515SA)



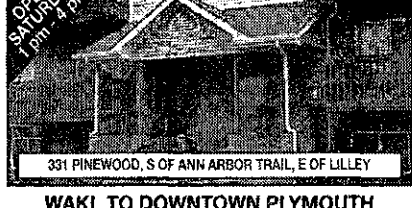
PRESTIGIOUS STEEPLECHASE
5099 sq ft home is definitely a 10! 4 bd, 4 BA, gourmet Kit w/granite, conservatory, den, FR, crown moldings, dual staircases, daylight bsmt, & backs & sides to protected land.
\$725,000 (P-070CR)



BETTER THAN NEW!
Very updated 3 bd bungalow w/new roof, siding, windows, exterior doors, Kit, bath, furnace, A/C, beautiful hwd floors, close to schools, parks, & Rec Center.
\$108,900 (P-948GL)



NEW CONSTRUCTION
Stunning Northville Hills home feat: Maple Kit w/granite & ss appl's, 2 Master Suites, walkout bsmt w/frpl, 2 story Fam Rm w/frpl, 3 car Garage, & so much more.
\$679,900 (P-746ME)



WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Great 2 bd condo w/fresh paint, vaulted ceilings & skylights, new carpet, snack bar in Kit, Fam Rm, dining area, small animals welcome & unbeatable location.
\$116,500 (C-331PI)



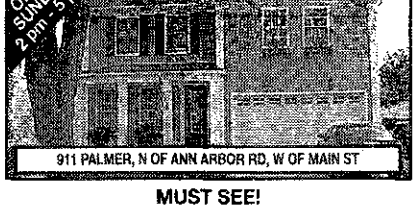
MUST SEE!
3 bd brick ranch w/2 fireplaces, dual staircase, 2 Kit's, newer windows, 2 grills for outside entertainment, hwd in most rooms, & nice Farm Hills location. Seller must sell!
\$235,000 (P-961GR)



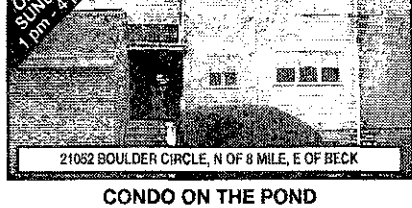
LOVELY TRI-LEVEL
3 bd, 2 bath tri-level w/newer Kit cabs, both baths updated, freshly painted, over 1500 sq ft, 2 car Garage, and Immed Occup.
\$135,000 (P-913CH)



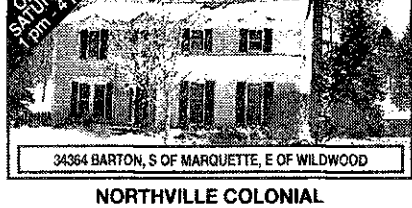
WELL MAINTAINED
3 bd brick ranch in lovely area featuring spacious rooms, hwd under carpet, extra insulation, finished bsmt w/glass block & bath, lots of closets, & appl's stay.
\$115,000 (P-130JA)



MUST SEE!
Stunning downtown Plymouth home w/custom features t/o. 3 bd, 3 bath, Maple Kit w/granite, Master w/tray ceiling, prof landscaping, & endless quality features t/o.
\$349,900 (P-911PA)



CONDO ON THE POND
Imagine the view! Precious 2 bd, 2 bath condo w/very open floor plan, Great Rm w/frpl, walkout to scenic pond, welcoming décor, & so much more.
\$144,900 (P-052BO)



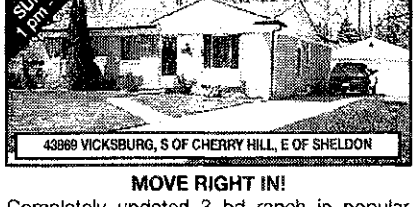
NORTHVILLE COLONIAL
Fabulous 4 bd home w/great floor plan, Fam Rm w/frpl & door to Deck w/hot tub, private fenced yard, granite Kit, fin bsmt, large Master w/his & her WIC's, & so much more.
\$305,000 (P-550SC)



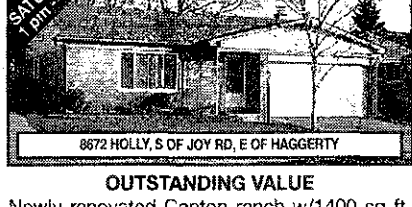
WALK TO THE LAKE
This Walnut Lake estates 3 bd ranch is just a short walk from the lake. Freshly painted, new roof, bright Kit, & great lot. Move right in!
\$199,900 (P-185LA)



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)



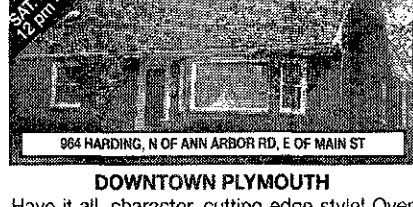
MOVE RIGHT IN!
Completely updated 3 bd ranch in popular sub. New Carpet, Pergo, Fam Rm w/frpl, private court location backing to commons area, & so much more.
\$159,900 (P-869VJ)



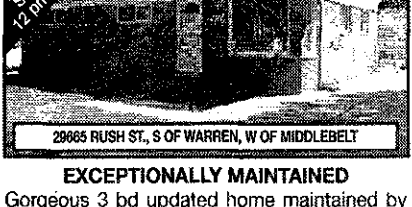
OUTSTANDING VALUE
Newly renovated Canton ranch w/1400 sq ft, hwd flrs, modern black & white Kit, freshly painted, tastefully decorated, Fam Rm w/frpl, 2 car Garage, & more
\$175,900 (P-672HO)



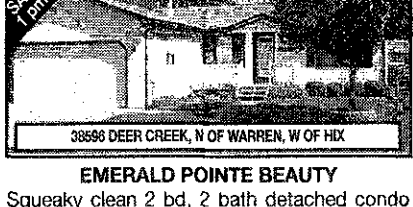
BEAUTIFUL CONDO
In walking distance to everything! Completely updated Kit, baths, furnace, C/A, hwh, interior doors, crown mldg, finished bsmt, 2 bd, 2.5 baths, & neutral décor.
\$189,900 (P-153FA)



DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Have it all, character, cutting edge style! Over 2000 sq ft, bright, updated 4 bd, 3 bath cape cod w/vaulted ceilings, skylights, chef's Kit w/granite, 1/2 acre lot, & great location.
\$375,000 (C-964HA)



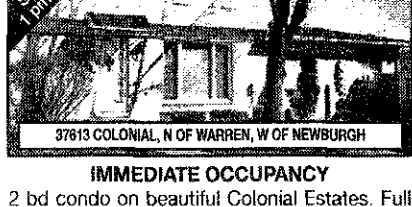
EXCEPTIONALLY MAINTAINED
Gorgeous 3 bd updated home maintained by longtime owner. Open floor plan, updated Kit, new furnace, carpet, paint, Fam Rm w/frpl, large fenced yard, & oversized Garage.
\$115,000 (C-665RU)



EMERALD POINTE BEAUTY
Squeaky clean 2 bd, 2 bath detached condo near shopping center & xways. Great Rm, formal DR, island Kit, open floor plan, Deck, 1400 sq ft, & home warranty.
\$125,900 (C-596DE)



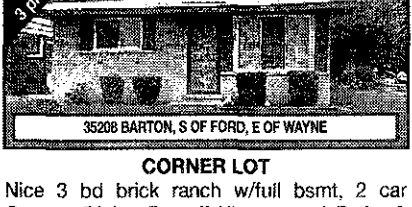
WELCOME HOME!
Popular Belmont model offering 4 bd, 3 ba, island Kit, formal LR/DR, prof fin bsmt, prof landscaped, stamped concrete Patio, & 3 car Garage.
\$424,900 (C-874LI)



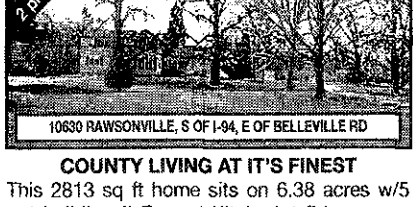
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
2 bd condo on beautiful Colonial Estates. Full bsmt, large LR, Dining Area, 2 car Garage w/opener, C/A, & ceiling fans. Appliances stay!
\$114,900 (C-613CO)



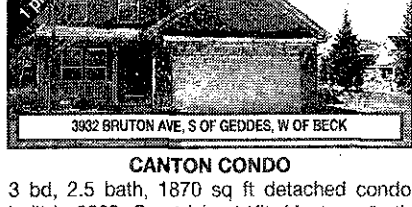
GREAT BUY
Relocation forces sale on this great Plymouth colonial w/4 bd, 3.5 bath, island Kit, 2 tier Deck, oversized Master Bdrm, Patio, finished walkout bsmt, & more.
\$371,500 (C-854CH)



CORNER LOT
Nice 3 bd brick ranch w/full bsmt, 2 car Garage, Dining Rm off Kit, covered Patio, & more.
\$99,500 (C-208BA)



COUNTY LIVING AT IT'S FINEST
This 2813 sq ft home sits on 6.38 acres w/5 out buildings!! Remod Kitch, 1st fl laun, new windows, in-law quart's, Fam Rm w/frpl, large Master, & much more.
\$289,000 (C-630RA)



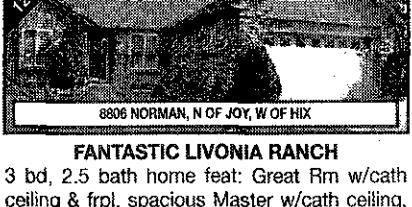
CANTON CONDO
3 bd, 2.5 bath, 1870 sq ft detached condo built in 2002. Great island Kit, Master w/bath & WIC, Din Rm, Fam Rm w/frpl, Patio w/elec awning, & more.
\$210,000 (C-932BR)



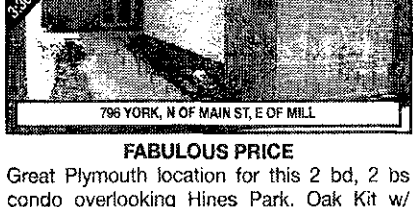
GREAT HOME
Don't miss this one! 3 large bdrms, 2 bas, spacious LR/DR, updated oak Kit, 2.5 car Garage, fenced yard, full bsmt, close to schools, & immed occupancy.
\$113,000 (C-562WA)



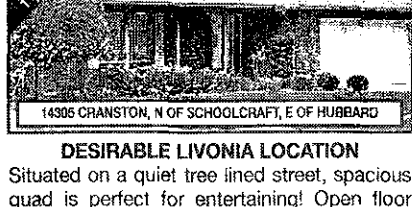
GORGEOUS LIVONIA RANCH
Beautiful in & out! Refinished hwd, new roof, updated bath, fin bsmt, vinyl windows, large Deck, spacious fenced yard, updated elec, fresh landscaping, & quick occup.
\$168,500 (P-142OR)



FANTASTIC LIVONIA RANCH
3 bd, 2.5 bath home feat: Great Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, spacious Master w/cath ceiling, large Kit w/nook, 1st fl laun, newer roof, 2 car Garage, large Deck, & fenced yard.
\$206,000 (P-806NO)



FABULOUS PRICE
Great Plymouth location for this 2 bd, 2 bs condo overlooking Hines Park. Oak Kit w/appl's, LR w/frpl & drwl to Deck, Master w/double closets, 1 car Gar, & immed occup.
\$139,000 (P-796YO)



DESIRABLE LIVONIA LOCATION
Situated on a quiet tree lined street, spacious quad is perfect for entertaining! Open floor plan, formal LR/DR, updated maple Kit, Fam Rm w/frpl, bsmt. Garage, & much more.
\$219,900 (P-305CR)



STATELY PRESENCE
Beautifully situated on corner lot backing to golf course. Open flr plan, dream Kit, Master w/bath, intercom system, maintenance free Deck, 3 car Garage, & too much more to list.
\$425,000 (P-333IV)



SHARP RANCH
Westland 3 bd home offering full bsmt, 2 car Garage, C/A, covered Patio, appliances, close to everything, & so much more.
\$129,900 (C-348WI)

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LOVELY COLONIAL NESTLED ON A 1.5 ACRE PARKLIKE SETTING
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GREENOCK CAPE COD DEEP IN SUBURBS
4 BED/4.2 bath/over 3,500 sq. ft., backs to protected woodlands/wetlands, finished walkout w/fam.rm./study, totally remodeled kitchen \$50,000+ w/cherry cab's/granite counters/wet bar, new neutral carpet t/o, multi-tier deck, newer roof tear-off, big backyard. \$375,000 (jgrov) Call 1-800-946-4837 x-770

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"Mold in Homes, Defensive Briefing" presented by Matt Bezanson, a professional home inspector, will cover how to separate fact from hype, how to protect yourself from liability. It is sponsored by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 guests. Call (800) 747 6742 or visit www.REIAofOakland.com.

BIA

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

will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law and Lien Procedures." Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "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. Fees are \$15 per person for PMC, AAM and Building Industry Association members, \$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 Emagine 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. 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. Fees, including a continental breakfast, are \$10 for BIA or AAM 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 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. 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, 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.

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FARMINGTON ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
36520 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, between Drake and Halsted. Friday, April, 25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday, April, 26, Bag Day, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Clothing, tools, toys, books, sports equipment and much more!

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LIVONIA - ST. ANDREW EPISCOPAL CHURCH 16360 Hubbard Rd. (First signal light W. of Merriman, btwn. 5 & 6 mile). Fri. April 25, 9am-4pm. and Sat. April 26, 9am-1:30pm. \$3.00 bag sale. 12:30-1:30.
Redford Altersgate Church Annual Spring Rummage Sale. April 26th, 9-2pm. 10000 Beech Daley, Plymouth & W. Chicago.
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FARMINGTON HILLS 30251 W. 13 Mile Rd. (btwn Orchard Lake & Middlebelt) DETROIT BAPTIST MANOR Vintage Collectibles & Bake Sale, Sat., April 26, 10am-3pm

FERNDALE Huge One Day Only Garage Sale: Saturday, April 26th, 2008! 2134 Maplelodge Street, Ferndale, MI. Furniture, Books, Clothes, Vases, Kitchen/Office Supplies, Lamps, and much, much more!

GARDEN CITY - BIG SALE Thurs-Sat., April 24-26, 9am-5pm. 30084 Beck, Ford & Middlebelt area. Household, golf clubs, boat, truck camper.

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LIVONIA - 2 Family Thurs-Sun, 10-5, 18531 Pershing, W/Inkster, S/7 MI. Armoire, desks, couch, table & 4 chairs.

LIVONIA - 28 Family Golfview Meadows/ Burton Valley Sub Sale, Sat., April 26, 9-5. Enter at Wayne or Country Club, E/ Levan, southside of 6 Mile.

LIVONIA - FUND-RAISING GARAGE SALE Fri-Sun, 9-5pm. 32421 Allen Court, S. of 5 Mile, W. of Merriman. Furniture, toys, housewares, clothing including plus sizes, & much more!

LIVONIA - Huge Sale Thurs-Sat., April 24-26, 9-4 pm. 18718 Golfview, S. of 7 MI., E. of Levan. Furniture, toys, household. Don't miss!

LIVONIA 14199 Berwink St., between Schoolcraft & Lyndon, w/Merriman. Multi-Family, Thurs-Sun. 9am-3pm. TV, furniture, glassware & more

LIVONIA Appliances, sinks, lights, antiques, clothing, desks, misc 19239 Glen Eagle, 7 & Newburg. April 24-26th, 9am-5pm.

LIVONIA Country items, lot of quilt books & magazines, vases, tall quilt, lot of misc. Sat. & Sun., 10-4pm. 27842 W. Chicago.

LIVONIA ESTATE SALE The entire contents of a three bedroom house, full basement and garage. Includes furniture, men's clothing, electronics, tools, garden equipment, appliances, pool table, Ford Explorer. Everything must go! Thurs, Fri, Sat, 9:00-4:00. 27714 Clarita, Numbers at 8:00

LIVONIA Four Families Sale. Thurs-Sun, 9-4pm, 34695 Bridge, N/ of 7 mile. Furniture, clothing, freezer and household items.

LIVONIA Huge Garage Sale, American Legion, fund raiser for Relay For Life. Sat., April 26th, 7am-4pm., 9318 Newburg Rd.

LIVONIA Huge Sale - 16564 Fairway, Fri. & Sat., 9am-4pm. Household Items, Toys, Books, Electronics, Some Clothes, Furniture & Much More!

LIVONIA Nottingham West Sub-Wide Garage Sales - located between 6 Mile Rd & Curtis, Wayne Rd & Country Club. April 24 - 26.

LIVONIA Six family garage sale, April 25 & 26, 10-4pm. 29979 Lyndon, W. of Middlebelt. You Name We Have It!

LIVONIA Thurs. & Fri. May 1-2, 9am-3pm. 33158 Allen, off Farmington & Lyndon. Huge 4 family sale! Furniture, toys and too many things to list!

NORTHVILLE April 24 & 25, 10-4pm, April 26, 10-2pm. 124 N. Center St., Garage sale in my bsmt., Retail store, BIG SALE! 50-75% off merchandise. 248-380-7059

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PLYMOUTH Methodist Church 4222 12-7pm, 4/23, 9-5pm. 4/24, 9-3pm. \$4 Bag Sale 3-5pm, on 4/24. 45201, N. Territorial, 1 MI E. of Beck

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Fri-Sat, April 25-26, 10-4
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Chef is flattered by McCain's use of her recipe

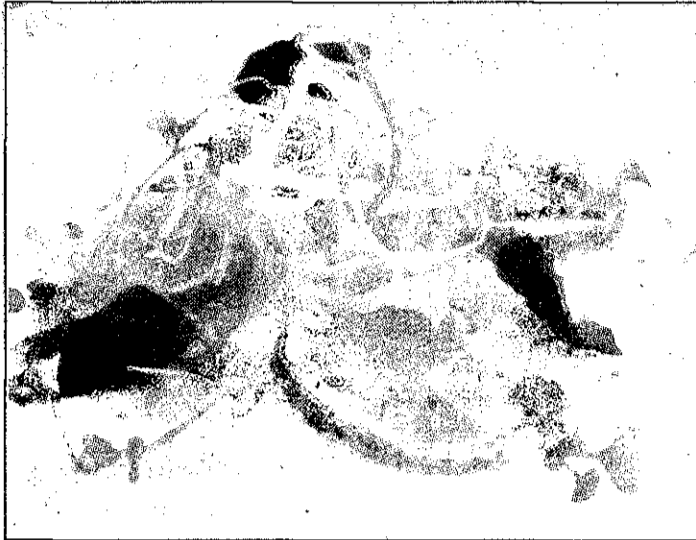


PHOTO AND RECIPE FROM "GETTING THIN AND LOVING FOOD"

Kathleen Daelemans created Ahi Tuna with Napa Cabbage Salad for her second cookbook, "Getting Thin and Loving Food."

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Daelemans doesn't mind that her Ahi Tuna with Napa Cabbage Salad made it on the family favorite recipe list of Cindy McCain.

The wife of presidential hopeful John McCain, offered a list at his campaign Web site, which included three recipes from the Foodnetwork.com.

But apparently the recipes were not credited to Food Network, nor to the original creators, Daelemans included.

Call it Salad-scam. Or The Great Tuna Tale.

Daelemans, host of the former *Cooking Thin with Kathleen Daelemans* show on



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Kathleen Daelemans

the Food Network who has also appeared on NBC's *Today Show*, doesn't understand all the hub-

bub.

"It's extremely flattering, but it's silly, and you kind of laugh at it when you look at all the serious issues (in the presidential campaign)," Daelemans said by telephone from her Sylvan Lake home.

But the recipes were made to appear that they were Cindy's original recipes, media outlets reported early last week. And technically, stealing a recipe is like copying a report from a classmate or stealing a song from a musician heard performing in a bar.

But really, she's not mad. "I don't think (Cindy McCain) had anything to do with it,"

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ACCENTS

LEARN ABOUT SOLAR

"See, touch and feel" solar energy and learn how it works at an Earth Day Open House April 26 sponsored by Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton. Mechanical Energy Systems is located at 8130 Canton Center Rd., in Canton. Open house hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m..

Utilizing renewable energy can help reduce dependence on imported fuels, offset greenhouse gas emissions, diversify the energy supply, improve air quality and stimulate the Michigan economy through the creation of new jobs in the manufacturing and installation of solar energy systems, according to Joe and Donna Napolitano, owners of Mechanical Energy Systems.

According to Martin Kushler, director for the Utilities Program for the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, Michigan has the eighth highest energy cost burden in the nation. Energy use in Michigan totaled over \$20 billion annually in the year 2000, and is now likely in excess of \$30 billion and growing.

Attendees will have an opportunity to see the extraordinary impact of a natural daylighting system in an office environment, feel the sun's energy through a working solar hot water heating system, view a solar powered attic fan demonstrating conversion of sunlight to electricity, and experience the warmth of a solar thermal space heating system.

Other solar and alternative energy applications will also be on display, including a wind turbine.

For more information on the open house, call (734) 453-6746, or visit their website at www.by-solar.com.

FARMERS MARKET OPENS

The Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market opens Saturday, May 3.

Area residents can enjoy the vibrant colors, aromas and flavors of southeast Michigan's growing season at the market, located at the corner of East Third and Water Street, just one block east of Main Street.

The market is open 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, May 3 through Oct. 25.

The market features only Michigan-grown (or made) products including vegetables, fruits, flowers, container gardens, fresh cut flowers, herbs, homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, honey, maple syrup and organic, locally roasted coffee.

Opening day festivities include free donuts and tote bags, while supplies last, music, hands-on children's activities and a drawing for a gift certificate.

The Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market is sponsored by the Rochester Downtown Development Authority, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Chrysler.

For more information about the market, visit www.DowntownRochesterMI.com or contact the Rochester DDA office at (248) 656-0060.

Archive and access files online with free storage services

Question: Last week you wrote about online backup services, but all of them cost money. Where can I find online storage that's free?

Answer: There are loads of sites that let you park files online without spending a penny. However, most of them are exactly that: online hard drives. The advantage of a backup service like MozyHome or Carbonite is that it comes with software that automatically uploads new and changed files.

With basic online storage, there's no synchronization: It's up to you to pick and choose which files to upload, and when.

Let's say you want to back up your photo library (always a good idea). Services like MediaMax (mediamax.com), ADrive (adrive.com), and MyBloop offer more than enough free storage space for most users (25 gigabytes, 50 gigabytes, and unlimited, respectively).

However, after you perform the initial upload of your photos, it's up to you to remember to add new ones. If you're not diligent about it, this can quickly turn into an organization hassle.

I'm not saying you shouldn't take advantage of these freebie storage options—quite the opposite. But you should be aware of their limitations if you're planning to use them for backup purposes.

You should also be aware that because they're free, they could vanish at any time, taking your files along with them. All the more reason to have multiple backup destinations, as I've discussed the last two weeks running.

Question: I use Quicken 2005, and I just received a notification that Intuit is discontinu-

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Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Big House wines tout cell blocks

Soledad, Calif., is located in that state's central coast where wine grapes are grown in abundance. However, Soledad is best known for its large penitentiary. So it seems fitting that a winery located there makes wines under the Big House brand and wine-maker Georgetta Dane is known as "the warden."

Most of the Big House wines are

a blend of different grape varieties because Dane believes that the sum is more expressive than the individual grape components. Dane approaches blending like a perfume designer, basing blending on aromas. Big House White (\$10) is principally a blend of chenin blanc and sauvignon blanc with additional varieties blended to add aromas and top notes. Each vari-

ety is cool fermented in stainless steel tanks with a yeast selected to enhance the grape's most favorable characters, then blended to achieve the best balance of aromas and flavors.

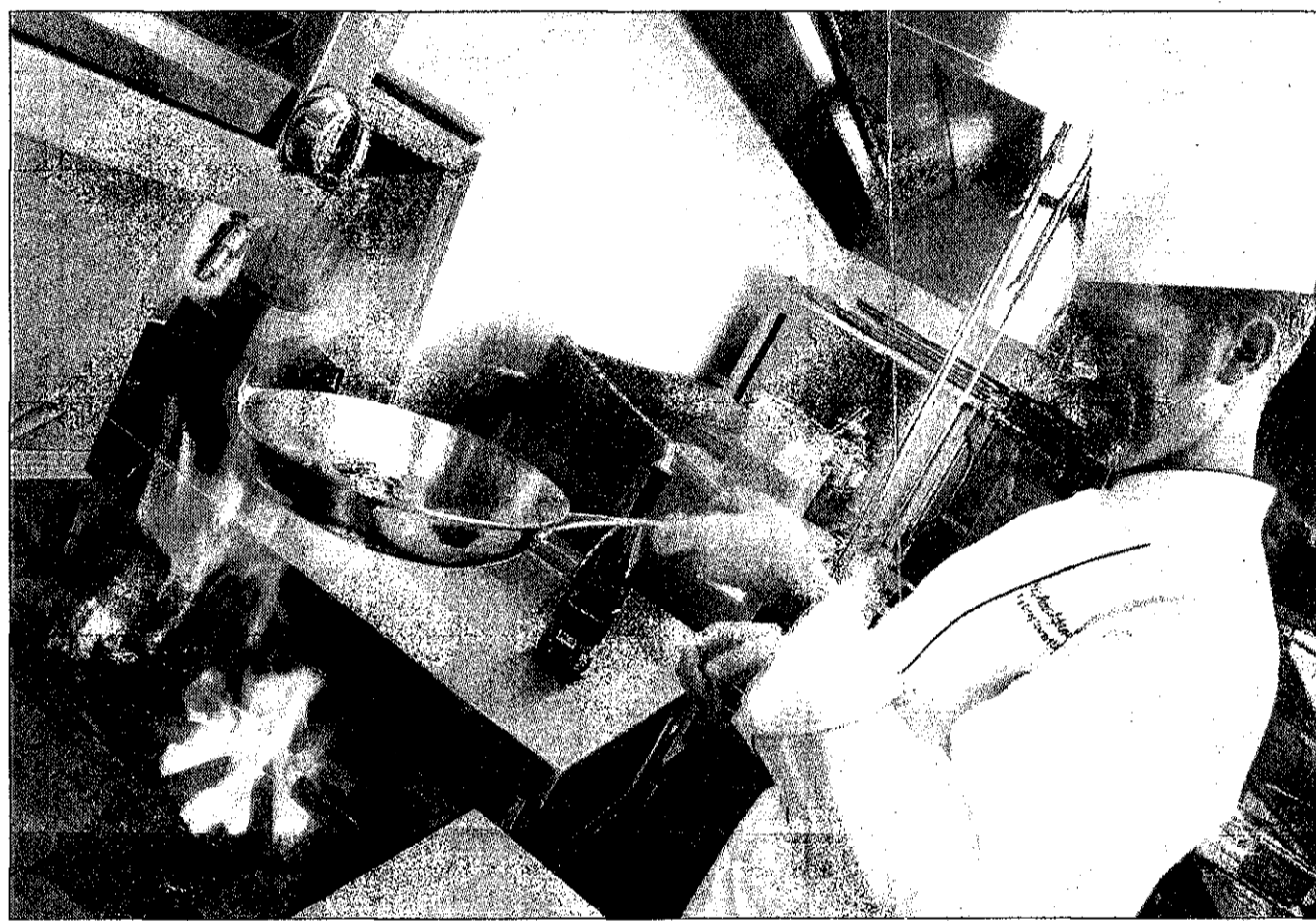
The Big House Rose (\$10) is a blend of 10 different grape varieties while the Big House Red (\$10) contains about 20 varieties. Syrah and petite sirah are the base while

Mediterranean varieties like barbera, sangiovese, montepulciano, malbec and petit verdot add depth and complexity.

UPPER CELL BLOCK

Now that Dane has been able to 'free the grapes,' she has added an upper cell block that includes The

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PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Iridescence head chef Adam Hightower, a native of Rochester Hills, sautés mushrooms in the Detroit restaurant's kitchen.

New heights

Rochester Hills native glows at Motor City's Iridescence

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Long before he put the shimmer into Detroit's revamped Iridescence restaurant, head chef Adam Hightower knew his career would begin in the kitchen. Growing up in Rochester Hills, Hightower said, he preferred watching *Julia Child* rather than Saturday morning cartoons. His earliest memory involves cooking up scrambled eggs for his younger brother - when he was just 4. "I grew up around food," said Hightower. "I traveled the world with my parents."

And he discovered early on he wanted to be a chef. After his first trip to his father's native Hawaii, Hightower also knew he intended to live there. Though his family didn't buy into these announcements when he was young - "They laughed," he said - Hightower managed to achieve both.

As a junior attending Rochester Adams High School he simultaneously enrolled in Livonia's Schoolcraft College - where he eventually earned his degree in culinary arts. What began as a quest to purchase a car quickly developed into a culinary mission.

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More than meat and potatoes, this Beef Tenderloin dish is featured at Detroit's Iridescence.

A simple repair? No, it's another recall

Our daughter Hollie moved into a brand new condo just over three years ago in the Walled Lake area and married Virgil, an up-and-coming executive in the business world. He is just a jewel of a guy who has become very close to his father-in-law, which allowed him to call me a few days ago at 6:30 in the morning.



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

"Joey, there is no hot water coming out for my morning shower. What do I do?"

I said (as any good father-in-law would): "Virgil, you go to work and I'll come over and fix the problem because it's probably just the thermocouple that has to be replaced."

Most of you know that the thermocouple is the part that the pilot flame hits and keeps the flame constantly on. It costs between \$5 and \$10, is available at all hardware stores and I've changed many in my lifetime. Not a big job at all! I removed the thermocouple

and it was a big pain. I had to remove the whole burner assembly at the bottom of the hot water heater to get the part out. Once it was removed, I visited a local Home Depot store and went to the plumbing aisle. A nice woman and gentleman told me that my thermocouple was no longer available. They directed me to two hardware stores and a plumbing supply house.

No one stocked this thermocouple. This thermocouple uses a left-handed thread that screws into the gas valve control. I soon learned that all of these thermocouples were recalled from the market throughout the United States.

The next morning, after Virgil and Hollie went through another cold shower, I called some plumber friends who directed me to a company that repairs these American hot water heaters still under warranty. The repairman replaced the whole burner assembly and charged a flat rate of \$125 for service and labor. The parts were covered by the warranty.

Virgil and Hollie now have hot water again in their condo, but I've been thinking of the other 200 or so condo own-

ers who probably have the same hot water heater in their homes. I'll bet they don't have a clue as to what to do when the problem hits them.

I also found out that a settlement was approved on Oct. 11, 2007 on a class action lawsuit against Whirlpool, American Hot Water Co., A.O. Smith Corporation, and Lowe's HIW Inc. hot water heaters sold by these companies from 2000 through 2006, which have a defective thermocouple assembly.

Imagine six years of producing these hot water heaters, which means several million of them currently in homes across America and homeowners unaware of the problem. Well, you can still get into the class action suit and file a claim but it must be done before June 28, 2008. Contact www.waterheatersettlement.com Stay tuned.

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

HIGHTOWER

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"I've cooked my entire life," said Hightower. His earliest restaurant jobs included delivering pizza and working in the kitchen at Max & Erma's in Rochester Hills - all while he was still in school.

At Schoolcraft College, Hightower honed his skills with guidance from teacher and mentor Dan Hugelier. "He's the Michael Jordan of chefs," said Hightower, who crafted his own food philosophy based on Hugelier's motto "Simple food done right." Hightower lives by the adage "Simple food done perfect."

Hugelier said Hightower was simply "born to be a chef." "Beyond his natural gifts, he has heart, is a top rate human being and like a son to me," said Hugelier. "Adam knows how to work past the hurt - a full dining room, board full of tickets, orders backed up, and most people would fold. Adam's the guy that can bail you out."

Hugelier used words like honest, hardworking, sincere and talented to describe the young chef. "Hightower can cook better than most, but never stops wanting to improve," he said. "Simple food done perfect is what any good chef strives for. It takes years to learn it. Fast rising chefs don't know it. They look in the mirror too much, make weird foam and towers of ahi tuna with strange wasabi glaze.

"Adam is a solid cook. Don't expect anything different. I'm very proud of him." It's true Hightower's not one to follow food fads or trends because, he said, they don't last. "Simple food done perfect will always exist."

Once armed with his degree, Hightower traveled extensively and - at age 21 - took his first executive chef position at The Creek Country Club in Long Island, New York. Never one to stay in one place for long, he moved on to other positions in Florida - first the Boca Raton Country Club and later the Ritz Carlton in Naples. "Originally my goal was 10 states in 10 years," he said. "I only wanted to work with certified master chefs." Hugelier was one of 65 certified master chefs in the world at that time (today Schoolcraft has four of them on staff) and Hightower intended to continue on that path professionally. "I wanted to be as well-rounded as I



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Iridescence head chef Adam Hightower is a Schoolcraft College graduate and native of Rochester Hills. His passion for food is reflected in the menu at the recently revamped restaurant at the Motor City Casino.

CHEF HIGHTOWER'S TOP FIVE GO-TO INGREDIENTS

- Here's a list of five unique ingredients at Detroit's Iridescence Restaurant:
- Molokai Potatoes, they're purple and hail from Hawaii.
 - Hamachi, Japan's most prized fish.
 - Lemongrass
 - Ti Leaf, Hawaiian greenery used for color and presentation.
 - Truffles and Truffle Oil

Hightower couldn't pass up the opportunity to return to his hometown and make a difference. Once he saw the design for the stunning restaurant, his fate was sealed.

Executive chef Greg Carroll considers Hightower to be a "cutting edge" chef. "He's very passionate about food," said Carroll. "We're thrilled to death to have him here." He said Hightower excels in preparing seafood and his tapas menu allows the chef "an opportunity to show off."

To Hugelier, Hightower remains "one of the best young chefs to ever work with me." He incorporates the best elements of the places he's lived and visited into his menu, whether it's red snapper from Florida or purple Molokai potatoes from Hawaii. In the three short months since Iridescence reopened in its new top-floor location within Motor City Casino and Hotel, it's become a destination restaurant. "We have a great clientele," said Hightower. "People are coming from the suburbs of Detroit. People are traveling."

That excitement might be attributed to Hightower's hands-on approach in the kitchen.

The food must be fresh, local, organic and exciting, he said. Most any night you'll find Hightower saucing and perfecting each dish before it's delivered to a diner at the restaurant. He's available to answer questions and said he loves interacting with his clientele.

"I don't want to change the way Detroit dines," said Hightower, "I want to enhance the way Detroit dines."

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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 tour season runs from May through October. Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary also welcomes volunteers for estate gardening, greenhouse management,

the Wildflower Rescue Program and Gatehouse admissions center. Call (248) 645-3149.

Temple Israel Home Tour

Sisterhood's 15th annual house tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 28, tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the tour, for more information about tickets, call (248) 661-9182.

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's 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 sweeping staircase, gourmet kitchen and wonderful architectural details from the 1940's. 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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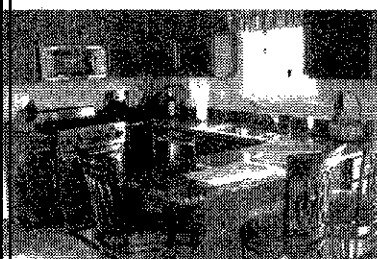
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FOOD CALENDAR

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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 Healthy but Yummy (learn about whole grains), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 28; Authentic New Orleans, 7-9 p.m. April 30; Learn to Prepare a Mother's Day Brunch, 7-9 p.m. May 5; 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.community-house.com.

Green Street Fair

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

Chocolate Cake Bake-off

Hosted by The Henry Ford, contestants are invited to enter chocolate cake recipes with the winner's recipe featured in the Henry Ford's Museum Chocolate Cafe in time for the summer exhibit, Chocolate: The Exhibition, May 31-Sept. 7, four finalists will be chosen and invited to participate in a live competition in Henry Ford Museum on May 29, e-mail publicrelations@thehenryford.org.

TECH

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ing online services and tech support for the product. What gives?

Answer: Believe it or not, this is standard practice: Intuit routinely discontinues products that are two versions old.

This is also known as "sunsetting," which means putting old software out to pasture because it's no longer current. It's also a lovely excuse to strong-arm customers into buying the newer version.

If you're thinking about switching over to Microsoft Money, don't bother: It's the same deal there.

Your personal-finance software will still work, but you won't be able to download transactions from your bank, pay bills online, or take advantage of other

online services. Tech support goes out the window, too.

Unfortunately, there's not much you can do about this annoying, unfair situation, other than to contact the company and express your displeasure. You can also try Quicken Online, which costs \$2.99 monthly and shouldn't ever "expire." Grumble, grumble.

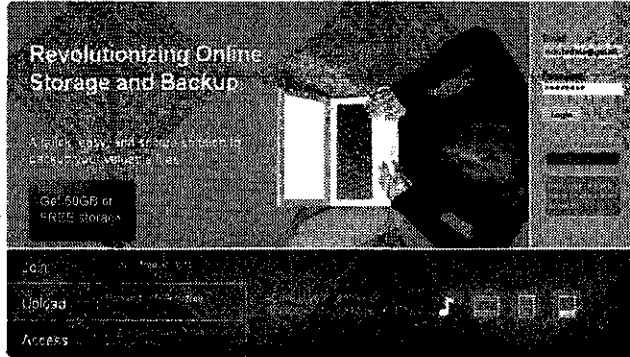
Question: How can I save money on printer ink and paper?

Answer: Everyone could use less paper in their lives. It's good for the environment, easier on your filing system, and just plain cheaper.

Start by getting a duplexing printer, one that can print on both sides of a sheet of paper (effectively halving your overall output).

Monochrome lasers like the Lexmark E250d (\$199), Brother HL-5250DN (\$249),

ADrive



Web service ADrive offers a whopping 50 gigabytes of free online storage, but it's not ideal for backups because it can't sync with your PC.

and HP P2015d (\$399) can output doubled-sided documents—something to consider the next time you're shopping for a printer.

In the meantime, opt for electronic output instead of paper. There are many ways to "print" documents as PDF files you can store on your hard drive; find out more in

this online tutorial: <http://tinyurl.com/5cnoock>.

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Daelemans said. "She probably didn't even know the recipes were up there. But there's absolutely no hard feelings." (The recipe was removed from the Web site and the mix-up was blamed on a McCain intern.)

The recipe itself is a "super simple salad," Daelemans said. She prefers to keep it like a slaw. "It has a lot of fresh ingredients in it — lime juice, cabbage, carrots and cilantro."

For Daelemans, the recipe brings back fond memories of a culinary assistant.

Daelemans developed the recipe with her sous chef, Miho Mizuno, while they were working on Daelemans' second cookbook, *Getting Thin and Loving Food*. Mizuno moved to the United States from Japan, immediately after her father lost his battle with colon cancer. Her mother had died in a car accident.

"A twist of fate brought her to my doorstep when I was in desperate need of a culinary assistant," Daelemans wrote on her Web site. "I had 200 recipes due for 'Getting Thin' and another 75 for a show I was working on for the Food Network (*Cooking Thin with Kathleen Daelemans*)."

ANI TUNA WITH SPICY NAPA CABBAGE SALAD

- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 medium Napa cabbage
- 1 bag shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup basil leaves, torn into quarters
- 1/2 cup mint leaves, torn
- 1/2 cup cilantro leaves, roughly chopped
- One pound tuna steaks (or chicken breasts or lean steak)
- Coarse-grained salt and black pepper
- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil

In a large salad bowl, whisk together lime juice, fish sauce, sugar and sesame oil. Taste and adjust seasonings. Cut cabbage in half lengthwise. Place cabbage, carrots, basil, mint and cilantro into the bowl with dressing. Toss to combine.

Season fish with salt and pepper on both sides. Heat olive oil in a 12-inch nonstick pan over medium-high heat. Add fish to pan and cook until rare, about 2 minutes per side. (Alternatively, cook until done to your likeness.) Slice thin and distribute among four serving plates. Serve with a generous portion of Napa cabbage slaw.

Recipe courtesy of Kathleen Daelemans, Getting Thin and Loving Food, 200 Easy Recipes to Take You Where You Want to Be, Houghton Mifflin Co., New York, 2005.

Miho was also diagnosed with colon cancer, stage four.

"The work was a godsend, a diversion and Miho's last great culinary adventure," Daelemans remembered. "For a while, she was allowed to forget she was dying of a terrible disease. And I was too." Daelemans hosted Food Network's *Cooking Thin* for three seasons.

Prior to that gig, she lost 70 pounds while developing the menu for Cafe Kula at the Grand Wailea in Maui, Hawaii. She was named one of the Top Ten Rising Star Chefs by John Mariani. She also worked with Judy Rodgers at Zuni Cafe.

This summer she will be shoot-

ing a new Detroit-based PBS food show, *Just Be Licious, Just Be Quick*. She expects it will be shown next winter.

Would she like to prepare the dish for the McCains if they were elected? "I'd love to prepare the dish for them, even if they weren't elected," she said.

As for her politics, Daelemans said she voted for Hillary Clinton. The evening of the interview for this story, she was to eat dinner with her father, a McCain supporter. She wondered whether she could convince him to switch. "Or maybe he'll convert me," she said.

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Organization recognizes Lutheran layman of year

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tom Habitz admits to having tears in his eyes after receiving a phone call that he was selected as 2008 Lutheran Layman of the Year by the Lutheran Luncheon Club of Metro Detroit. The 58-year old Novi man celebrates his award at a banquet Sunday, April 27, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren.

Habitz was recognized for his lifetime of service to the community and Grace Lutheran Church in Redford where he serves on the board of elders and as a communion assistant and lay reader. Under his management of Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia and Glen Eden East

in Macomb Township, the cemeteries have given more than \$500,000 to organizations such as Lutheran Seminaries, Lutheran High School Association, Concordia University in Ann Arbor, and Lutheran Child and Family Services over the last 10 years. He is a member of the chamber of commerce in Livonia and Macomb, and recently volunteered through Livonia for the Here 2 There program of business professionals who speak to students in public high schools about their careers.

Habitz was born and raised by Lutheran parents in Dearborn and attended Emmanuel Lutheran School, Lutheran High School West, Valparaiso University, and Wayne State University College

of Mortuary Science. As a licensed funeral director and later as general manager of both Glen Eden cemeteries, he has comforted families and helped them through their grief for more than 28 years.

"It's my Christian responsibility. It's not just about earning a living for me. It's about giving back to my community and church," said Habitz who was nominated for the honor by Rev. Victor Halboth Jr. of Grace Lutheran Church in Redford.

"Something that has focused me my whole life is a verse from the book of Isaiah, if you believe in Lord Jesus Christ he will walk with you your entire life through the good and bad times. Ultimately you will be with him every day. It affects

how I live my life. You have to do the right thing. It's sort of an acronym for the kids today (who wear the bracelets) What Would Jesus Do. It's true."

Habitz's sons, Tom Jr., and Brent, will both speak at the banquet as will Halboth. Wife Linda will be in attendance as well as stepchildren Gordie, Brandon and Meaghan Engel.

"I'm very humbled," said Habitz. "The award has been given out since mid 1950. Even now there were more deserving people. It's a highlight of my life to be honored by my peers."

Founded in 1948, the Lutheran Luncheon Club of Metro Detroit was organized by a group of laymen who worked in downtown Detroit and wanted to get together for lunch, said Art Fischer,

past president and annual banquet chairman. Over the years they've met at Carl's Chop House and Historic Trinity Lutheran. Today there are nearly 200 members in the tri-county area. Habitz joined the club two years ago.

"We're made up of Lutheran church members who end up doing a lot of work in the church they're a member of, dedicated people who want to serve where they can, sometimes within a mission, sometimes active within their church," said Fischer of Macomb Township. "They're selected with a formula after eliciting nominations from church and club members. We weigh various attributes and qualities and the board selects the winner who has the highest



Tom Habitz has been selected the 2008 Lutheran Layman of the Year by the Lutheran Luncheon Club of Metro Detroit.

level of attributes of service to the community and his church. We want a well rounded individual."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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APRIL

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) 336-3272.

Seder

Hope United Methodist Church, Southfield will join with Temple Israel, West Bloomfield, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in a Seder at Temple Israel to celebrate the freedom for African Americans and Jews. The event will show that the two faiths share a history of slavery, and together they can continue their pursuit for equality and freedom and live in a world where there is no racism, no anti-Semitism, no oppression, and no bigotry. In rec-

ognition of the need for furtherance of understanding and respect for other faiths, Rabbi Joshua Bennett, Temple Israel and the Rev. Carlyle Stewart, III, Hope United Methodist Church will continue the relationship between the two congregations and plan other shared events in the future.

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

Books, DVD's, CD's, & Videos at low prices 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 choirs will move to the sanctuary for their general concert which also features some Church Hill 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 and available by calling (734) 422-1470 as soon as possible as seating for dinner is limited.

Pizza and movie night

For adults with developmental disabilities 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, Livonia. To reserve a spot contact Judy Cook at (248) 442-0307 or elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz before April 27.

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.

Smart discipline

Seminar for parents by Larry Koenig, author of the book Smart Discipline 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, in the sanctuary at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. Cost \$10 before April 27, \$12 at door. To pre-register, call (734) 459-3333

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

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

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

Bucket fillers

Author Carol McCloud visits 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. Elementary age, parents welcome to learn how to carry an invisible bucket to be filled with kindness. Admission \$2 or one canned good. To RSVP, send e-mail to jackie@lahinen.org. For more information, visit www.staidanlivonia.org.

Mass of anointing

St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition to attend the special Mass 1:30 p.m. Saturday,

May 3, at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. All area Catholics interested in receiving anointing should call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, so the church will be able to prepare for the people attending.

Spring fund-raiser

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, 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.

Ladies night out

Deadline is Monday, May 5, for tickets to Ladies Night Out with Teresa Tomeo, well-known syndicated talk-show host and author, 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the Italian-American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. The event is sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Tickets \$20, includes dinner and dessert. Cash bar available. All area women are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, ext. 207.

Clothing bank

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

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday May 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost \$10. Doors open 7:30 PM. Call (734) 261-5716. Cinco 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.

Holy Ghost Outpouring

7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 8-9 (no charge). Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m. May 10, at Marriott Southfield, 27033 Northwestern (\$30 with Prpphetess Dianne Palmer). Call (313) 438-1177 or www.newwinesglory.org.

Evening of evangelization

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office for Evangelization continues its evening series 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Choir concert

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir perform 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 11, at Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. No admission. A freewill offering will be received. The concert is open to the public. For details, call (313) 532-8655.

Spring rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, USA, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-8844.

ONGOING

Reformed Protestant services

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

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kocpzyński, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection is taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

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.

Single Place Ministry

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

Prince of Peace Church

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

Sunday services

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

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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.

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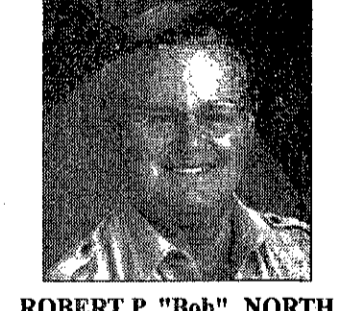
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ELIZABETH N. MATHER
April 22, 2008, age 93. Resident of the Plymouth area since 1926. Employed in sales with Cadillac Drapery for over 25 years. Member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth since 1926 and was very active in civic and church organizations. Beloved wife of the late David. Loving mother of Susan M. (George) Lind, Charles Mather and Balakrishnan Pappoo. Grandmother of Ted Jacka and Michael (Debra) Jacka. Great-grandmother of Joshua, Nicholas and Nathaniel Jacka. Sister of Margaret Jean Fradenburgh, David Nichol and the late Catherine Randall and Christine Warner. Visitation from 10am until time of Memorial Service at 11am on Saturday, April 26, 2008 from the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 West Church Street, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers donations suggested to the First Presbyterian Church. Share your special thoughts and memories at schradler-howell.com

JESSIE F. NEMETH
Passed away on April 19, 2008 at her home in St. Augustine, Florida. Mrs. Nemeth was a native of Toronto, Canada and had lived in Redford Township, Michigan for 63 years before becoming a resident of St. Augustine, Florida 5 years ago. Survived by her sons, Frank, David, and Robert; daughters, Beverly Kedzierski, Joan Hall and Carol Keeler; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Visitation Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile Road (one mile west of Farmington Road) Livonia, Sunday, 12:00 to 2:00 PM.

JANET ALBERTA NELSON SCHUMAKER
Age 78, passed away April 17, 2008, Chelsea, MI. Former resident of Bloomfield Hills, Rochester Hills and Royal Oak and most recently Chelsea, MI. Janet devoted her life to raising her family. After her children were grown, during the 1990's she worked at the Auburn Hills Police Department, the Social Security Administration and the Royal Oak Senior Center. Her family was the center of her life. Survived by her children; Susan Kaminski (Pat), Joan Chaddie, Julie Schumaker (Kevin Dombkowski), and Janet Willard (Mark). Scott Schumaker (Marilyn) and the late Mark Schumaker. And her grandchildren: Laurel and Logan Chaddie, Chris and Elise Dombkowski, Brandon and Brooke Willard, Shannon Zitzny and Hollie Schumaker, and Jack, Max, Sam, and Sarah Schumaker. Arrangements by: A. J. Desmond & sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road, Troy, MI. Funeral Service was held on April 21, 2008. Interment: at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial Tributes may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, Arbor Hospice, or UMRc Towsley Village Charitable Fund.



ROBERT P. "Bob" NORTH
Age 69, a resident of Birmingham for more than a decade, died April 19, 2008 at William Beaumont Hospital after a short illness. He was born on December 9, 1938 in Wakefield, Mass. He grew up in Havana, Cuba before the revolution, attending Rustin Academy there. He also attended Wilbraham Academy (now Wilbraham and Monson Academy) in Wilbraham, MA. He receive a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colby College in Waterville, Maine in 1956. Mr. North spent 33 years working for General Motors in several positions starting in starting in New York. Fluent in both Spanish and English, he then worked for GM in Venezuela from 1963 - 1967, where he met and married Cheryl Kay Neal of Flint, Mich. GM moved Mr. North to Chile from 1967 - 1969 and then back to Venezuela from 1970 - 1978. Still with GM, Mr. North moved back to the Detroit area, settling first in Franklin and finally in Birmingham. He took early retirement and opened his own translation and relocation consulting company, Siboney Inc., helping companies like GM and Daimler-Chrysler smoothly move employees from South America and Mexico to the Detroit area. Mr. North continued to provide these services until his recent illness. Mr. North was a strong supporter of the Birmingham Community House, the Kirk in the Hills Singles Club and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He also served on the Birmingham Jazz Festival Committee, often escorting Spanish speaking musicians while they were here. Mr. North is survived by his son, Scott North (Rachel), his brother John B. North, Jr., sister Janet Tompkins (Ken) and by his granddaughter Madeleine North, 5, who wants everyone to know she will miss him very much. Mr. North is also survived by his cherished companion of five years, Kathleen "Kitty" Walters. Memorial service and eulogies Friday 3pm at the Birmingham Community House, 280 S. Bates St. (248) 644-5832, followed by a memorial reception until 5pm. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

EVERLYN GRACE WRIGHT
Age 85, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away April 21, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

GARY B. McCOMBS
April 20, 2008. Age 62. Beloved husband of Kristi. Loving father of Gary (Davinia) McCombs and Kelli (Matthew) Canales. Proud grandfather of Noah, who says he was a great man, and Riley. Loving son of Bernard and the late Mary Lou. Devoted brother of Michael (Donna) McCombs. Memorial visitation and services were held at McCabe Funeral Home in Canton. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Belleville.

HELEN VENTURA
Passed away April 18, 2008 at the age of 93; formerly of Farmington Hills. Helen was preceded in death by her husband Leo Ventura in 1982. She is survived by her daughters Barbara (the late Joseph) Ciaramitaro and Vivian (the late Philip) Cohen; grandchildren Jennifer Fishera, Dean Ciaramitaro, Alyssa Johnson, Tamara Ciaramitaro, Stephanie Ciaramitaro, Ida Marie (Jim) Rogers and Kristin (Thomas) Cohen-Toth, Gregory Cohen and Jason Cohen. Helen is also survived by her great-grandchildren Angela, Sierra, Hannah and James. A Memorial Mass was held on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. from St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Inurnment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Reflections may be shared by visiting: www.sparksgriffin.com

IRVING R. GREнке
Age 59, April 19, 2008. Beloved husband of Diane. Dear father of Amanda (Douglas) Walker, Jackie, Cory, Bradley and Todd. Papa of Torri, Britanni, William and Joey. Predeceased by his brother David. Survived by siblings Mary (William) DeVier, Duane (Mary), Anne Cemerella and sister-in-law Irish. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were Tuesday April 22 at Santeiu and Son Funeral Home. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

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Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video

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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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St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from

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Prayer breakfast features Michael Card

Christian singer, composer, author and radio host Michael Card will be the speaker Thursday, May 15, at the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast.

The deadline to buy tickets is Friday, May 2.

In a career that spans 25 years, Card has recorded more than 20 albums, written 19 No. 1 singles, authored or co-authored more than a dozen books including Gold Medallion Book Award winner *A Sacred Sorrow*, and hosted two radio programs.

Card's most famous song is *El Shaddai*, which was recorded by Amy Grant as well as by Card. Card's *Heal Our Land* was commissioned as the 1993 National Day of Prayer's theme song.

This year's program, "A Morning Song with Michael Card," begins at 7:15 a.m. in the Laurel Manor Special Events Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road.

Card, best known for folk-style melodies and instrumentation with lyrics that draw on the Bible, is expected to weave

his music throughout his spoken message.

"It is out of community the gospel really comes to life," said Card, on his Web site.

"What greater event is there to attend, than one bringing all segments of the community together to share a meal and be inspired by a message of hope," said Ken McMullen, prayer breakfast chairman and senior communications specialist for Livonia Public Schools.

The 34th annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast is scheduled 7:15-9 a.m. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and include a full breakfast and program. Tables of 10 are available.

For ticket information, call Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427, or e-mail Tickets@LivoniaPrayerBreakfast.org by May 2. Read more about the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast at www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org. For more on Card go to www.michaelcard.com. For music performances, see Card on YouTube.com.

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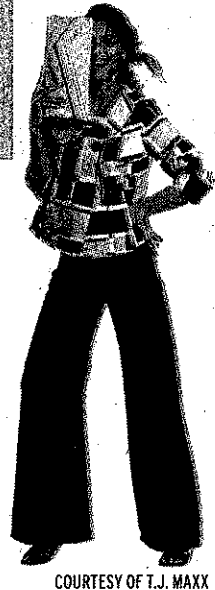
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Badgley & Mischka visit Saks Somerset

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Mark Badgley and James Mischka made a whirlwind trip to Detroit last week, accompanied by their tiny white papillon dog Buck. The famed fashion designers were guests of honor at "Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends" at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, an annual event designed to raise money for breast cancer research.

As Buck lounged backstage in the Fifth Avenue Club, Badgley Mischka presented a glamorous runway show that encompassed their spring Platinum collection, as well as gowns from their primary couture line.

The clothing ranged from flirty cocktail dresses to diaphanous gowns, made from sometimes surprising fabrics and replete with the duo's signature embellishment which included beads, sequins and even bells.

The pair said they are often inspired by their extensive travels.

Their latest fragrance, Fleurs de Nuit, captures a trip to Angoa, India.

"We visited a moon garden full of nocturnal plants, jasmine, mostly white blossoms," said Badgley. "We had never experienced that before. It was so gorgeous."

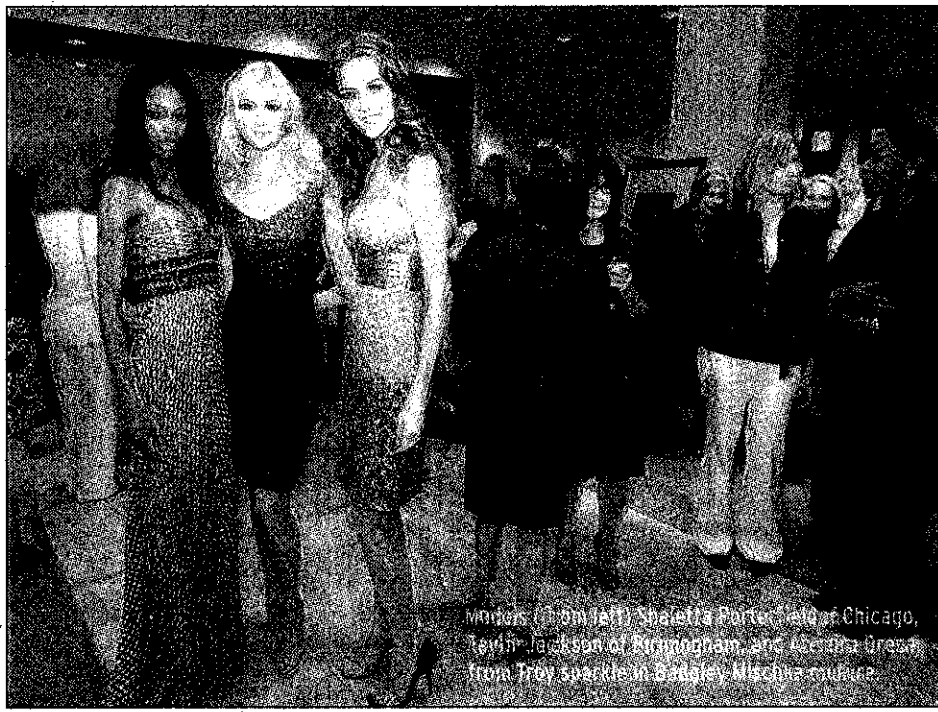
"Spooky too, which was kind of fun," Mischka added.

Staying at Hotel Bel Air in Beverly Hills, they watched old Grace Kelly movies, which informed their latest cruise collection.

And the pair recently staged their first show during London Fashion Week.

"It was really great to dress a whole new customer base," Badgley said.

For Fall/Winter 2008/09, they found



Models from left: Sharietta Parker, Chicago, Leah Jackson of Birmingham and Alesha Green from Troy appear in Badgley Mischka runway.



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Mark Badgley (left, in Gucci) and James Mischka in YSL, at Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy.

muses in Mick Jagger's ex-wives.

"It's a bit of a '70s inspiration. We love the way they put themselves together, they were edgy," Badgley said. "We took Park Avenue out of it."

Here, Badgley and Mischka started their visit with a private dinner party at the Bloomfield Hills home of Annette Adelman, where they arrived to find Badgley Mischka gowns dating back a decade on exhibit around the dining room.

"When they walked in, Mark broke out in a huge smile," said Ken Dewey, director of the Fifth Avenue Club, who helped

BADGLEY MISCHKA ONLINE

For a photo gallery of Badgley Mischka's visit to Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, visit www.hometownlife.com.

mine the closets of Adelman, her mother Miriam Ferber and sister, Shari Kaufman, for the best Badgley Mischka pieces to display. "It was sort of a retrospective."

The following day at Saks, Badgley and Mischka signed fragrance bottles, greeted guests and made a modest appearance on the runway to close their show.

"We're always surprised how close Detroit is to Manhattan," Badgley said. "It takes no time at all to get here."

Badgley and Mischka said they are looking forward to launching their home collection this fall, as well as a diamond collection, which will debut in Las Vegas.

Before they left Detroit, they signed a sketch, which was raffled off for charity.

Event chair Shari Kaufman thanked her friends for coming to the show to contribute to Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, and gave a nod to Badgley Mischka.

"They've helped me through so many fabulous events," she said.

Nordstrom opens to much fanfare in Macomb

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

From free-flowing champagne to the scent of designer perfume, the opening gala for Nordstrom at the Mall at Partridge Creek proved to be a posh affair. On April 16, patrons flooded into the 118,000-square-foot store for a first look at fashions and the sparkling two-level interior. The event was organized to benefit both the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals. It featured live music on both floors — with the band Intrigue performing on the first floor and DJ John Grammatas spinning in the Fashion Lounge upstairs. Rather than displaying the season's best on a traditional runway, organizers carefully placed models on pedestals throughout the store. The fashion vignettes essentially brought mannequins to life.

The fully-stocked fashion retailer showed signs of summer throughout, boasting vibrant colors in every department. In Nordstrom's sprawling shoe department, bright citrus tones were plentiful as were jeweled sandals and flirty wedges. Jewelry displays shined with blue crystals and showed hints of kitsch like Betsey Johnson bangle bracelets in pink or white, with tiny black polka-dots.

The store's center aisles featured long, lavish buffets catered by Opus One, while bartenders behind the store's Ebar slung chic cocktails all night long.

Nearby, cosmetics experts, touted products so new, some

aren't available elsewhere. According to Erin Bell, senior trainer with MAC Cosmetics, an ultra-shiny new addition, Dazzleglass, is available exclusively for Nordstrom at Partridge Creek and won't hit other MAC shelves until May 1.

In Accessories, a virtual wall of sunglasses is sure to catch anyone's eye from the north entrance. It's stocked with sleek Michael Kors styles, signature Pucci patterns, huge jeweled Jimmy Choos, and perhaps the most extravagant — a pair of Michele shades complete with 108 diamonds.

Jessica Lavin, manager of Fashion Accessories and Hosiery at the store, didn't mind modeling whimsical headbands, like those accented with butterfly details by Natasha. She called attention to belts ranging from skinny styles that wrap twice around the waist to wide ones with hefty jeweled buckles. The Royal Oak resident was anticipating the official opening, April 18, and said the outdoor mall was sure to draw in more customers as the weather warms.

On the second floor, the Via C department featured designer labels fit for a celeb. Names like Tracy Reese and Anna Sui — both Michigan natives — figured prominently, as did Alexander Wang and Rag & Bone.

Virtually every designer offered up a cropped trench this season and jewels studied their way onto everything — including a classic white sleeveless shirt by Vera Wang Lavender Label.

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Parisian's new department targets fashion-forward

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

When it comes to fashion, it's great to have One Philosophy.

That's the name of Parisian's newest department, targeting today's young, professional women with the lines BCGeneration, Kensie, Chilli Pepper and Collective Clothing.

Only 10 of 280 stores operated by Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. were slated to get the new department, and Parisians at Laurel Park Place, The Mall at Partridge Creek and Village of Rochester Hills are among the elite.

"It's merchandise that's going to appeal to a whole new demographic," said Jill Engel, Special Event Coordinator for Parisian Laurel Park Place, where the clothing arrived last month. "It's all about being able to turn around and go out after work, taking off your jacket, adding accessories. There are tons of great mix and match pieces."

Engel picked up a black Kensie dress to wear to the store's One Philosophy Launch Party April 26, and said she loves the custom feeling of the lines. "There's tons of crystal buttons and beading, a lot of

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extra detail in these clothes," she said.

At the Village of Rochester Hills, Special Event Coordinator Lynn McCabe said the lines are attracting the young audience they're meant for, including her 21-year-old daughter Marissa.

"My personal favorite is Kensie. The line has a lot of pieces that make it very sassy,

and yet it's more multi-useful. There's some jackets in great colors, with cute ornamentation," she said. "And we have some great sales on it."

McCabe cautions some of the lines run small, and some of the dresses run short.

According to Melissa Condon, Bon-Ton's buyer for One Philosophy who's based in Milwaukee, the lines definitely appeal to trendy shoppers

who pay attention to what's in. This spring and summer, that means high-waisted skirts, wide leg pants, and tunics worn with leggings or skinny jeans.

"And the number one trend this season is dresses, which are updated with beveled bottoms, banded hems, details at the neckline, pleating, gathering, cutouts and ruffles," Condon said.

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