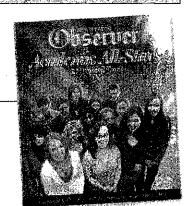


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## Dead girl's grandfather: Foster care system to blame

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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If all were right with his world, Ken Newman's youngest grandchild would have turned 4 years old on Wednesday.

But instead, all he has left of Allison, a child who shares his last name, are memories and frustration over her September 2006 death and the Canton woman found guilty of killing her. Carol Poole.

"I have my good days and I have my bad days but I think about that baby every day," said Newman of Westland. "If she was here, she would be more spoiled than her sister and her sister is pretty spoiled."

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said he's too busy to be anything other than a cool grandfather and leaves the heavy stuff to his wife, Debbie.

"They call me papa," he said, grinning. "I'm the Yes' guy. My job is to spoil."

Newman, who speaks with pride about his family, said he had a feeling Poole wasn't a good foster mother for Allison and says he struggles with not moving fast enough to get the child out of her care.

"I told my wife two nights before Allison was killed that if anything happened to that baby we were going to have to live with it, and we are," he said. "I can't get how (she died) out of my head and I

would love to be able to change things." Despite the ag problems of

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as at the hospital and he yed; everything was going t good," he said, noting that ison initially went to go e with his daughter, Rebecc Worden, and her husband.

Ken and Debbie already had custody of the oldest daughter of their son and Hirsch.

When Allison was about six months old, she was taken away from the Wordens because they had allowed the infant to visit her parents at

"Protective Services never told her she couldn't take Allison over there," Newman says while slapping his kitchen table fc emphasis. "(Hirsch) had kie sed dope and (Kenneth) was in rehab, but (Protective Services) made a rush to judgment. People like to say that the system failed Allison. The system didn't fail Allison, the system killed Allison.

Cicing confidentiality, Maureen Sorbet, a spokeswoman for the Department of Human Services, declined to comment on Allison's removal from her family.

"We can't discuss the

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**BILL BRESLER! STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Allison Newman's grandfather, Ken Newman, discusses his granddaughter's death in his Westland home. His son and the girl's father, Kenneth Newman, stands in the background.

### **Building** a better minnow trap

Retired engineers design trap for anglers to catch their own bait

> BY KURT KUBAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What is a retired Ford engineer to do with his time? For Canton's Ken Champagne, just relaxing on the couch all the time wasn't really an option.

Champagne, 64, hooked up with another retired engineer, Ed Rychcik, 68, of Allen Park, and the two decided to start their own business. The two longtime fishermen developed a minnow trap they swear outperforms many bait traps currently on the market.

The idea for the company goes



Business partners Ken Champagne, of Canton, and Ed Rychcik show off their new minnow trap, which they began selling earlier this year.

back several years. The two men worked together at one of Ford's Dearborn facilities for about a half dozen years and developed a friendship. Champagne started taking Rychcik up north to his family cottage on Lower Herring Lake near Frankfort. Rychcik, who is an avid fisherman, often complained to Champagne because none of the

local bait shops had decent minnows to fish with.

Why not just catch our own minnows right out of the lake.

Champagne thought to himself. He remembered the glass minnow trap his father owned years ago, and he began to think about how he could develop something similar. In December, he began to design

a trap made of plastic, and he modeled it after the old glass traps manufactured in the late 1800s though the 1950s like the one his father owned. After a few tries, he came up with a successful design that has a small hole on one end. To catch the fish, you place the trap on the

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## Homebuyers can get on the bus to find foreclosures

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Added Value Realty will extend its foreclosure bus tours to home buyers starting May

The Livonia-based company began doing tours for investors a year ago and is now branching off into those wanting to make a foreclosed property their new home.

"Unfortunately, some people are getting bad information so we are trying to help them do it right," said Realtor Mandy Melone. "When I was talking to one (potential homebuyer) about preapproval, she said

'What's that?' and I said she definitely had to come. We are going to talk about everything."

The tour is expected to include about 10 foreclosed properties in Canton and Plymouth.

Standing outside a twostory, bank-owned property on the corner of Morrison and Keystone in Canton, Melone said the home is priced at about \$140,000.

"That's too much money for an investor, but it's perfect for a homeowner and there are so many homes out there just like this," she said.

In a departure from the twoday bus tours offered to inves-

tors last year, the home owner version will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to having a home inspector along for the tour, participants will learn about financing programs.

"There are so many programs out there that can help people," Melone said. "I just hate to see people pay more than they have to.'

Melone said in order to attend the tour, which is free and includes lunch, participants must be preapproved for financing.

We will never see a market liké this again, I hope, so we are trying to help people get a good deal," she said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Realtor Mandy Melone is planning to take buyers on a bus tour of foreclosed homes, including this home in Canton.

For more information or to register, call Melone at (734) 968-8869 or visit www.addedvaluerealty.com.

## Sessions to give glimpse of government's inner workings

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

Ever wonder about the inner workings of township government or what elected officials do?

If so, the Canton's Inside and Out informational sessions may be for you.

**Township Supervisor Tom** Yack joked that in its "dark past" Canton had a citizen's academy for the police department and believes now is the ideal time to revisit the initiative.

"We are in a pretty active campaign season and there are a lot of people out so we want to give residents solid information," he said, adding that the sessions could also be helpful to candidates running for local office.

Inside and Out will consist of three, three-hour sessions on consecutive Wednesdays beginning May 28. The sessions will take place at 7 p.m. in the Public Safety **Emergency Operations** Center.

Yack said he will offer a presentation on the history and structure of the township in the first session. The order of the June 4 and June 11 sessions has yet to be finalized but they are expected to include information on key township departments including finance, the clerk's office, leisure and municipal services and public safety.

With regard to finance, topics are expected to include bonding, revenue sharing and special assessment districts.

'We have a lot to cover so

#### **CANTON'S INSIDE AND OUT SESSIONS**

When: 7 p.m. on May 28, June 4, and June 11 Where: Public Safety **Emergency Operations Center** at Canton Administration Building at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road To register: Classes are free. but registration is required - call (734) 394-5185.

the challenge is to make it interesting because we don't want people to feel like they are in class," Yack said. "We will discuss how the Canton government is organized and its duties, responsibilities and services."

Yack said the sessions will also offer detail on the purposes of the township's various councils and committees for those interested in serving.

"We will take all the possible information and get down to the most important pieces," he said, noting that participants can submit questions in advance by sending a message to tyack@ canton-mi.org.

The sessions are free but registration is required. Those that complete the series will be presented with a certificate at a Township Board meeting. For more information or to

register, call (734) 394-5185.

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remains hospitalized after he was struck by a vehicle late Saturday night while attempting to cross Ford Road.

According to preliminary investigations, it appears that the man, whose identity has not been released, was in the crosswalk on Ford at Haggerty at about 11:30 p.m. when he was hit by a driver traveling east on Ford.

Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said the driver, who was released at the scene after talking with police, may have had a green light.

The pedestrian, who is in his mid 20s, was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor and has not been able to speak with Canton police.

It is unknown if his injuries are life threatening.

### E-waste collection day

The Wayne County Department of Environment, in cooperation with Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, will be offering a free e-waste collection on Saturday, May 10 from 8 a.m.-noon at the Canton Township Department of Public Works building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road.

This free event is open to all Wayne County residents and is an excellent opportunity to properly dispose of outdated electronic equipment.

Items being accepted at the e-waste collection include computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, mouse, cell phones, copiers and fax machines. Items not being accepted include televisions, VCR/Cable boxes, boxes, manuals and soft-

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#### Singsation 2008

The PCEP Choirs annual spring concert, Singsation, will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 20 in the Salem High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 at the door or \$4 in advance through the choir office located in room 1603 at Salem or by calling (734) 416-7765.

For more information visit www.pcepchoirs.org.

This year's Singsation concert will feature students performing challenging choral works by Moses Hogan, Arthur Sullivan, and John Rutter as well as popular music from the Broadway musicals Sweeney Todd, Rent, Hairspray, Grease, and Children of Eden. In addition, solos will be performed by graduating seniors in the choir program.

The combined PCEP choirs will also proudly present the world premiere of new choral work commissioned by the PCEP choirs this spring.

> "My new biggest friend Sleeps with

### Robofest champs

The Dawq Botz team of Canton won the Junior Exhibition competition at the World Robofest 2008 Championships held at Lawrence Tech April 26. Here the team of sixth-graders (from left) Bilal Murtaza, Brendan Noble, Stephen Bonello, Humza Shaukat and Breana Noble accept the first place trophy from Lawrence Tech President Lewis N. Walker. They also won an NXT Robot donated by Lego Education. Robofest is a competition of autonomous robots – programmed to act independently and not radio-controlled – that encourages students to learn principles of computer science, math, technology and physical science. The team members attend Canton Charter Academy, with the exception of Murtaza, who attends Keystone Academy in Belleville. The team built an automated pet feeder named S.E.A.D. (Super Electronic Animal food Dispenser).

Entitled "Song to Tradition," this new work has been crafted by renowned composer Ruth Elaine Schram with lyrics by Chicago area poet Dennis Neumann.

This song will also be performed by the choirs at the high school spring commencement ceremonies.

#### Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its next

networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m., May 14 at Summit on the Park in Canton. Guest speaker will be Dave Wieme, communication director of Palace Sports & Entertainment.

Cost of the lunch is \$20. Reservations are required by Friday, May 9, and can be made by calling the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040. The luncheon is being sponsored by TDS Metrocom and Schoolcraft College.



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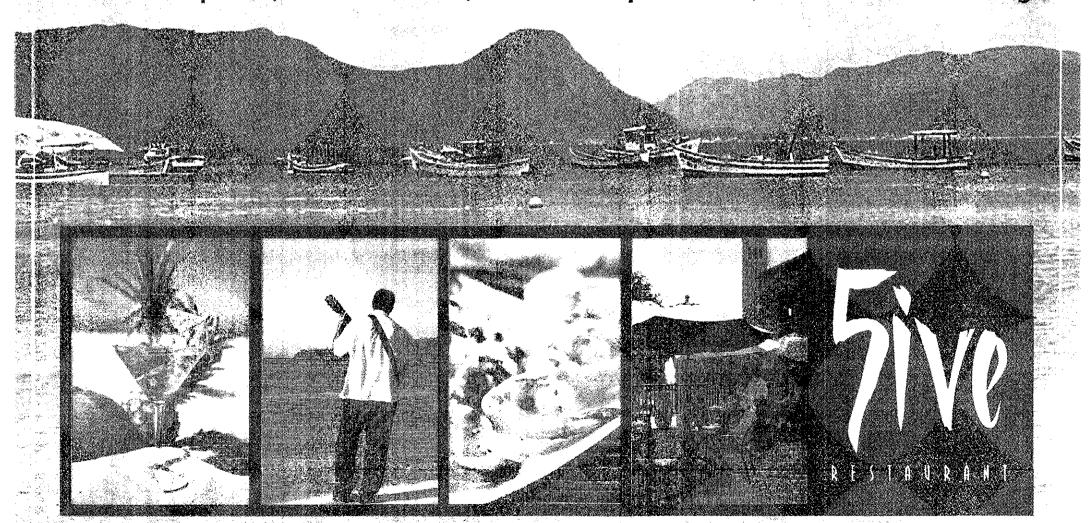
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lake bed, put some food in it to attract the minnows, and wait for them to swim in.

"They're too stupid to get out," said Champagne, who grew up in Garden City.

According to Champagne, there are several benefits to using a minnow trap over buying minnows at a bait shop.

"The advantage is you catch minnows in the same lake you are fishing in," he said. "Plus they will live a lot longer than ones you might buy at a bait shop.'

There is also a major benefit to the environment. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been implementing regulations on bait shops and minnow dealers to prevent the spread of fish diseases, including the deadly VHS (viral hemorrhagic septicemia). Catching your own bait in the lake you are fishing in will prevent the spread of the disease.

The two men have a manufacturing facility in Westland, where they assemble the minnow traps themselves by hand. And Rychcik points out that all the parts are made in the U.S.A.

Earlier this year, the men took their prototype trap, along with others on the market including the wire mesh traps available at most stores, and field tested them. They said their product

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"At that point I said to myself. 'Boy, this is a great device.' And I thought if we can bring the price down enough for people to afford them, it would be feasible to start a company," said Rychcik, who does most of the marketing for the company.

After a few design changes, they were able to bring the cost down to about \$20. They currently have the traps at Jay's Sporting Goods in northern Michigan, and are working with Dunham's to sell the product. Ultimately they hope to have it at Cabella's and other major sporting goods stores.

This is exactly the kind of stuff we did at Ford — look at a product and improve it, and do it

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## **Voters favor Schofield, Gabriel for school board**

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school board incumbent Cindy Schofield handily won a third consecutive four-year term Tuesday night, while voters chose newcomer William Gabriel to replace a departing

Schofield and Gabriel, victors in unofficial vote totals, will help steer a 13,800-student district that Superintendent Greg Baracy said is facing serious funding shortfalls he blamed on "Michigan's budget crisis."

With combined tallies reported by city clerk offices in Westland and Wayne, Schofield accumulated 1,431 votes and easily outpaced four other candidates. School board newcomer Gabriel, who is a Westland planning commissioner, clinched a four-year term and garnered 982 votes compared to 927 for Shawna Walker, 816 for Brian Mulligan and 678 for Jennifer Finley.

Gabriel will replace departing board member the Rev. Terrance McClain, who decided not to seek re-election.

Only 18 Canton voters cast ballots Tuesday in the three Canton precincts within the Wayne-Westland district. Schofield received the most votes with 6, followed by

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Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart, who oversaw the election in Canton, said voter turnout was about 4.3 percent district wide, something she attributed to voter apathy in the election.

Gabriel

"It was abysmal," she said. Schofield was congratulated by board colleague Martha Pitsenbarger as vote totals came in at Westland City Hall. They already knew Schofield had won in Wayne, where she lives.

"I'd like to thank the citizens of Wavne-Westland for the confidence they have shown in me by re-electing me to my position," said Schofield, who works for a family owned rental property management business in Westland. "I look forward to continuing to work with my fel-

low board members." Schofield and Gabriel will join board holdovers

Pitsenbarger, Steve Becher, Skip Monit, Ed Turner and Fred Weaver.

Gabriel, whose background includes airlines management, is a former Westland Library Board member who now serves on the city's planning commission.

"I feel like school is just about to let out (for the summer) for the students, but I'm going into a four-year school board term myself," he said. "I've got a lot of homework to do."

Gabriel had extensive backing from Westland city officials, and he said some residents told him they wanted Westland to have more representation on the school board. His election will leave the seven-member board with three Westland members, compared to what had been

"I have confidence in my abilities," Gabriel said, adding that he hopes to contribute to a board that he said has been effective.

Earlier Tuesday, Baracy, the

Wavne-Westland superintendent, said the school board will face major issues related to inadequate state funding. He said the district already has made some budget cuts without hurting programs, but he is worried the situation could

change. "If the state doesn't start funding our schools ASAP, we will have to make program cuts," he said, predicting that

"we're a year away from cuts." The Wayne-Westland board oversees a \$118 million general fund budget and another \$30 million in special funds.

State funding hasn't nearly kept pace with inflation at a time when the district's fuel costs have soared 48 percent since last September, Baracy

"Every district in the state is having serious, serious problems as it relates to funding," he said.

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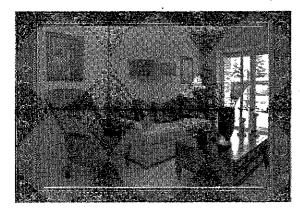
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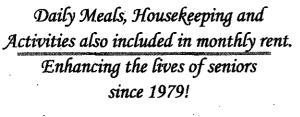
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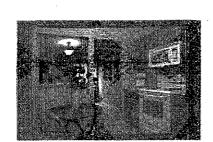
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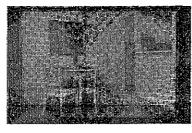
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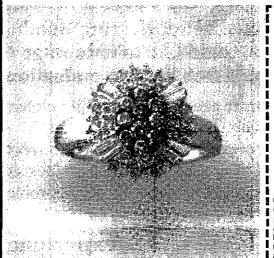
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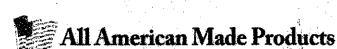
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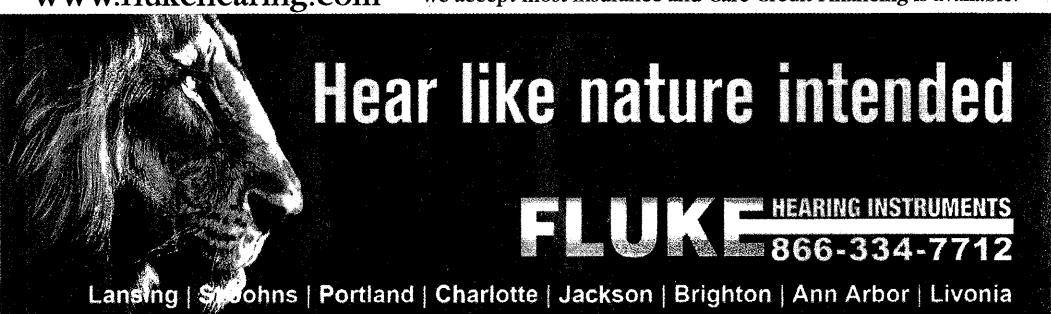
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Schoolcraft graduate Andrew Brown

Saturday at the Compuware Sports

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Arena in Plymouth Township.



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Schoolcraft College graduate Patricia Manning smiles as she receives her degree from Schoolcraft College president Dr. Conway Jeffress during graduation ceremonies Saturday.



Students from the Wayne County Regional 5-08 police academy salute during the national anthem of Friday's public safety programs graduation at Schoolcraft College.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft College celebrated its 43rd commencement at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

More than 1,300 students were eligible to receive diplomas in the ceremony, with about 420 students participating in the actual

Nancy L. Gioia, director, Sustainable Mobility Technologies and Hybrid Vehicle Programs for Ford Motor Co., gave the commencement address. Andrew Brown, president of college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for community colleges, also addressed the graduating class.

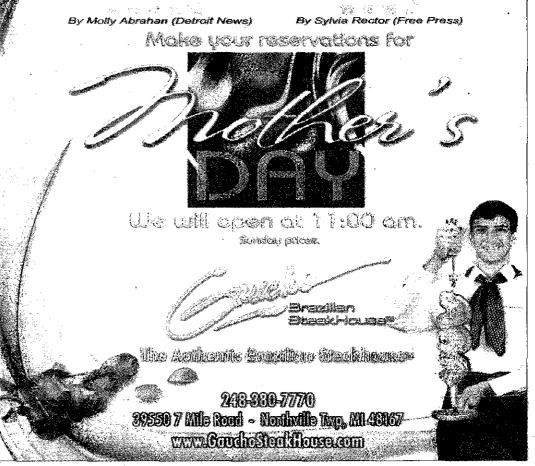
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TElaine Hill of Southfield has the hood of her graduation gown put on by Dan Milewski of Schoolcraft College during graduation ceremonies Saturday.

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was asked about what I thought of Israeli bonds as an investment. Since this week marks Israel's 60th anniversary, I thought it would be a great time to discuss bonds and, in particular, Israeli bonds.

From an investment standpoint, a bond is an obligation - an obligation to repay the face amount of the bond plus interest. Therefore, in any bond obligation, one of the first issues is the strength of the issuer of the bond; in other words, the quality of the bond.

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sidered high-quality. With regards to the interest rate, there are a variety of different bond programs. Some of these obligations pay interest on

a regular basis, while others are zero coupon bonds which mean that you receive your interest upon maturity of the bond. If you compare other high-quality investment grade obligations with Israeli bonds, you will see that Israel bonds are paying competitive rates of return.

The key elements when you

consider investing in a bond are its quality, maturity and interest rates. However, there is another intangible when it comes to Israeli bonds. Most investors, when it comes to bonds, do not really care as to how the proceeds from the bonds are used. Many people who invest in Israeli bonds do take into consideration the quality of the bond and the return on investment; however, they also factor in what the bonds are being used to finance. Israeli bonds are used by the state of Israel to build the infrastructure of the Jewish state. Therefore, many investors and individusupport for the state of Israel purchase Israeli bonds, not for the investment value, but as an expression of solidarity with the state of Israel. There are very few investments that you can make where the motive may not be primarily financial in nature and at the same time receive a fair rate of return.

For investors who wish to purchase Israeli bonds, whether it is to show support for Israel, for the financial rewards or even for both, we are lucky enough to have an Israeli bond office in our community. Its phone number is (248) 352-In addition, to find out more

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ent types of Israeli bonds with different maturities and face amounts.

There is no one bond that

other. Like all investments, the key is which one bests suits your individual situation.

The Detroit area has had a history of purchasing Israeli bonds. Most people assume that Israeli bonds are only purchased by people who are Jewish because of their natural attraction to Israel.

However, what may surprise you is the number of Israeli bonds that have been purchased by non-Jews, corporations, unions, pension plans and by nonprofits.

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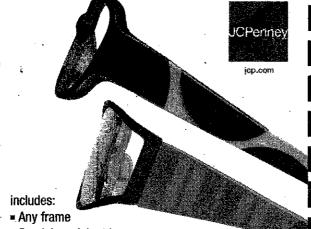
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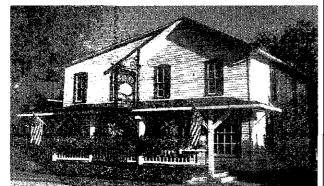
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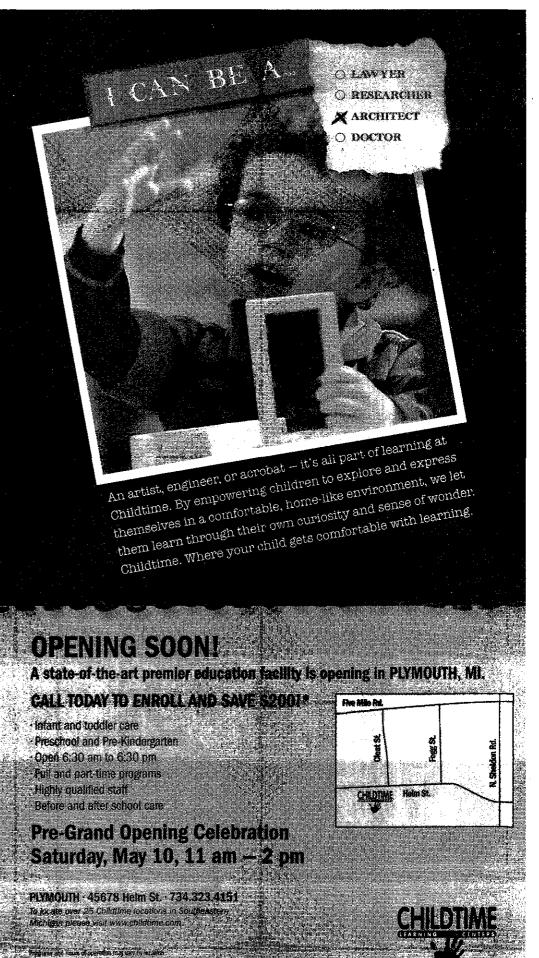
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specifics of any case," she said. Eventually, Allison, a bouncy, bright-eyed girl, landed with Carol Poole, one half of the Canton couple that had been granted custody of the toddler. Nine months later, she was buried at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

During her trial, the state described Poole, 42, as a manipulator and said she had been abusing Allison since July 2006.

Poole, a management

recruiter, admitted she used bad judgment after Allison suffered her fatal head injuries, but maintained that the child died accidentally when she fell 12 feet over a balcony during a twirling game.

"I loved my daughter," Poole said at her sentencing in February. "I will never forgive myself for failing Allison."

With Poole sentenced to a minimum of 20 years in prison on a second-degree murder conviction, Newman said even though he's relieved Poole isn't walking the streets, her prison term hasn't provided him with closure.

"I try real hard to pray about

this," he said. "I know I'm supposed to forgive her, but I

The Newmans planned to commemorate Allison's birthday by going to the cemetery.

"We think she was going to look just like her sister," he says while placing two ceramic coffee mugs decorated with the faces of his two granddaughters side by side. "I always think about these two getting older together and I know they would have been close."

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## Parents upset by proposed changes in special ed staffing

BY HUGH GALLAGHER OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Pam McLean's daughter Ally, 12, started at Old Village School in Northville she was 3 years old. She couldn't walk, communicate or feed herself. She wasn't toilet trained.

"Now she can do all those things," said McLean of Plymouth.

But she and other parents are concerned that a proposal to increase the number of students per teacher for the severely cognitively impaired and the severely multiple impaired will jeopardize their children's safety and reduce their chance to learn. The Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency is proposing changing the teacher/student ratio for severely multiple impaired from 1 to 9 to 1 to 30 and the aide ratio from 2 to 9 to 1 to 10 and changing the teacher ratio for severely cognitively impaired from 1 to 12 to 1 to 30 and the aide ratio from 2 to 12 to 1 to 10.

The proposal does not affect autistically-impaired, moderately-impaired or trainable programs. The plan does make small changes in programs for the emotionally impaired, hearing impaired, visually impaired and in speech and language services. State law limits the number of students per teacher to 12 for severely impaired children, but RESA can request a waiver from the state Superintendent of Public Instruction Michael Flanagan.

A meeting is scheduled tonight by the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee to take public comment on the proposals, which were announced to parents on April 24. The changes can be read at www.

PUBLIC HEARING

What: Hearing on RESA staffing proposal

When: 6 p.m. Thursday, May 8 Where: 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne

resa.net. RESA is accepting comments through May 15 by e-mail at proposedchanges@resa. net, by fax at (734) 334-1494 or by mail at Proposed Rule Changes, Wayne RESA, 33500 Van Born Road, PO Box 807, Wayne, MI 48184-2497.

Mark Francis, RESA director of special education and early intervention, said Wednesday that special education programs are facing difficult budget problems. "We are looking at funding we receive from the state and federal government and it has gone flat, I to 2 percent over the last three years. Costs are up 5 to 8 percent," he said.

He said the proposals were an attempt to get ahead of the issue and to avoid having to go to local districts and get the money from them.

"Tve read the e-mails. We take this seriously," Francis said. "If there is enough concern, we have to take a step back and make recommendations."

Francis emphasized that these changes will not be implemented in the coming school year if approved. Safety is a key concern for parents.

"They are putting 30 children in one classroom," said McLean. "I cringe at the potential safety issues that can come up."

McLean said Old Village was built in 1905 and that children have to be helped down stairways. She said some children are in wheelchairs.

Leslie Terrian of Livonia is worried that her son, Ben, 10, could have a seizure and not receive proper attention.

"If he gets a seizure, an adult staff member has to give him an injection of Diastat. How can they take care of Ben if they have 29 other kids."

Ben has cerebral palsy and seizure disorder.

Francis said that all 30 students would not be in a single classroom. He said about 10 would be in a classroom with a teacher and para-pro and other students would be with therapists and in physical education, music therapy and other programs. "There are a lot of adults in the program," he said.

But as concerned as parents are about safety, it is the loss of individual attention that worries them most.

"During much of the day our kids will be basically unsupervised," said Jo Ann Johnson of Plymouth, whose son Randy, 12, attends Old Village.

"These kids are still learners," said McLean. "The state of Michigan has been in the forefront of special education. These kids do learn." The parents were enthusiastic about what the schools have accomplished with their children. "Best story: When Ben started at the school he was 5, he would only eat pureed baby food," said Terrian. "They taught him to eat. Now he can eat cheeseburgers to salads and he loves to eat. We owe everything to that school. Now that won't happen with 30 kids in the classroom.

Johnson said her son has learned to walk up and down stairs, dress and undress himself and be independent.

"Education would be compromised," she said. "I can't say enough positive things about this school."



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### Time for state to add light at Ford/Ridge

How many more fatalities will have to occur before the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) decides to add a traffic signal at the intersection of Ford and Ridge roads? While we're hoping the answer is none, the state seems to be dragging its feet on the issue.

According to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, township officials have been leaning on MDOT to put a light at the intersection for nearly a decade. Yack says that is especially the case now that Canton Charter Academy, which is located on the northwest corner of the intersection, is trying to double in size to accommodate a waiting list of about 1,200 children.

While there are rumors that the project is being stalled by Plymouth-Canton Schools officials and/or the PCEP teachers union, township officials swear the main reason they have not approved the charter school's expansion plan is because it might create a dangerous traffic situation at an intersection that is already considered dangerous, especially by people who live in the vicinity.

A couple weeks ago, we were reminded just how dangerous when a 48-year-old woman died after suffering major injuries when a 17-year-old Plymouth girl pulled out in front of her. The girl was traveling south on Ridge, stopped at Ford and then proceeded to cross Ford. She didn't see the woman who was traveling along Ford while riding a motorcycle.

People who live in the area or travel past the intersection say that is exactly the kind of accident that occurs there — drivers on Ridge trying to cross Ford. When traffic is heavy on Ford, people will take chances to cross because they get tired of waiting.

When you look at the statistics, there aren't that many accidents at the intersection - only eight in 2007 and only seven so far this year. In fact it ranks as the 36th most dangerous intersection in Canton — others along Ford have far more accidents.

The problem is that when accidents do occur they are usually serious, because the speed limit along Ford there is 55 mph.

Since Ford Road is a state-owned road, only MDOT can decide to put a light at the intersection. When considering adding a light to an intersection, the agency factors in things like the number of accidents, the seriousness of accidents and the volume of traffic. They should also take into account that there is a school located there.

MDOT officials say they are aware of the situation, and that safety is as much a priority as moving heavy traffic. If that is indeed the case, then it is time for them to add a light at Ford and Ridge.

### Academic All-Stars represent the best our area has to offer

Congratulations to the 2008 Observer Newspapers Academic All-Stars - 17 students from Farmington, Farmington Hills and western Wayne County who are among the brightest and best soon-to-be graduates of

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Read all about them and 27 other runners-up in the special Academic All-Star section inside today's Observer. All of the students — All-Stars and runners-up — are intelligent, motivated and eager to expand their world. They are generous with their time and talent. They act locally, but they think globally. They are eager to make their communities, the state, the nation and the world a better place. They are grateful to their teachers and parents who have mentored them along the way.

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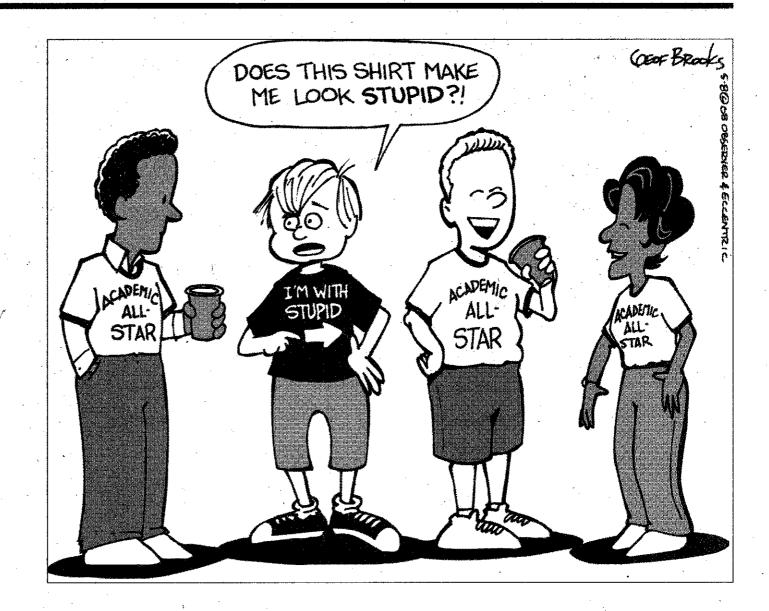
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### **LETTERS**

#### **Correct the problem**

I drive through the intersection at Ford Road and Ridge every day on my way to work at Domino's Farms. It is one of the most dangerous intersections on my trip. During rush hour, it is all but impossible for traffic on Ridge to cross Ford Road in a safe manner. My guess is that the traffic turning into the school (Canton Charter Academy) during the morning drop-off and pick-up times also screens a good bit of Ford Road from the view of anyone traveling southbound on Ridge Road and attempting to cross. Is this the reason the girl from Plymouth didn't see the motorcyclist? Was the parade of mini-vans blocking her view?

I have always wondered why the light for the school was placed where it is rather than at the intersection, and why the main drive for the school empties out onto Ford Road rather than Ridge.

Let's correct this problem before there's another.

Jayne MacDonaid

### Intersection is scary

I live on Ridge between Ford and Hanford and have for over 32 years. As you can imagine, I have seen a lot of changes in our area since I moved there. I raised three children (who still live in the area) who all learned to drive on our rural roads, as well as Ford Road. I would not want any of them to be learning to drive today and have to pull out onto Ford Road from Ridge. It is so dangerous and difficult to get just that right window to be able to pull out with cars making left turns onto southbound Ridge and cars coming east on Ford at high rates of speed. People tend to take chances they wouldn't normally take to either get across or turn onto Ford Road. My daughter and her family also live on Ridge and my granddaughter just got her driver's permit. I don't even like to think about her trying to access Ford from Ridge. It's scary!

My nephew was in an accident on that very corner several years ago. He was in a coma for a couple of weeks. We thought he wasn't going to survive. Thankfully, he did but his girlfriend did not. She was killed instantly.

With all of the talk of expanding (doubling) the size the National Heritage Academy, that will only double the problem.

Please don't wait until more lives are lost to make a decision — the time is now. A light at Ford and Ridge is needed

Linda Brancheau

### Traffic light is answer

Let's get real. The Ford/Ridge intersection is a death trap. I avoid it as much as possible. It is impossible to make a left turn from north Ridge onto west Ford at most times of the day. The speed limit is not the problem. A traffic signal is the only answer. I bet every person who travels on Ridge and wishes a difference it makes. How many fatalito turn onto Ford Road has looked at the traffic light at Charter Academy School and the subdivision and said, "What a stupid place for that traffic

signal." Please move it to Ridge at Ford. One death for certain, but how many "near misses" over the past year — too many to count.

Let me rant about the traffic light at Beck and Ford also. Why does it take 20 full minutes to move 1/2 mile on south Beck at Ford during rush hour? How about left turn arrows installed at the lights! All intersections should have left turn arrows. Please Canton, get with MDOT and make some very necessary changes to move traffic and save lives.

**Craig Chismar** 

### Too many accidents

I am writing regarding your consid-My heart goes out to the family of the eration to put a traffic light at Ford and woman who died in last week's accident. Ridge. I know first hand how dangerous his other complaint about American this intersection is. My parents and sister's family both live on Ridge just west of Ford. I grew up there. I have seen a lot of accidents happen there. Some of them fatal. One gruesome accident that I came upon a few years ago happened to involve my young cousin and his girlfriend. She was killed by an oncoming truck as my cousin was trying to cross Ford. I have had some near misses there myself.

The problems with this intersection

The northbound Ford Road traffic usually travels through there at about 60 mph (I do it myself). People don't usually start slowing down until after Ridge. Those trying to turn onto Ford or cross Ridge have a hard time judging how fast the oncoming traffic is going. This can be extremely dangerous.

The second thing is that east and westbound Ridge traffic turning onto Ford can be very busy at times especially during rush hour. A lot of people have a hard time determining who has the right of way while they're trying to either cross Ford or turn onto Ford. I am an experienced 40 year old that grew up there and still has trouble with this. Does the person opposite you, who is turning right or going straight, always have the right of way even if you arrived at the stop sign first? No one ever seems to know. Often times everyone waves each other to go, then they all end up going at the same time.

This intersection is very frustrating and frightening at times. There have been too many lives that have been lost there. How many more will there be before we take action? I strongly urge you to consider this traffic light. Please help keep my family members safe.

Michelle Toal Canton

### Traffic light makes difference

Considering the speed limit on Ford Road and the increased amount of traffic on Ridge Road — it has become a dangerous intersection. Look at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge — they have finally installed a traffic light and what ties do we need to get a light?

**Lisa Letherwood** 

#### Plymouth Hindus are tolerant

This is in response to the letter of Robert Denstedt of Canton ("Move the temple," May 1). I am very surprised that for a person of his age and experience, he is not well informed.

I would like to point out that America belonged to someone else, before he and others came here. In truth, America is a land of immigrants. People were welcomed with open arms to this country, because there was a need for skilled and educated people, especially in the '60s and '70s. In a way, everybody, not just war veterans, have worked hard, in their own way for the welfare of this country and also to build a life and community of their own.

That being said, I want to address religious groups not naving any oppor tunity in foreign lands. Taking India alone, there are 30 million Christians in India today. There are churches at almost every corner of every street in every state in India. I, being a Hindu, have attended services in the churches while growing up, without any bias. In fact, Indian government gives grants to build churches and other religious places. Hindu religion is a tolerant one. Our philosophy is such.

Robert Denstedt's idea of having a designated area for all religious buildings (assuming that he is including churches also in his suggestion) is not a practical one because people want churches in their own neighborhood. Also, to destroy and rebuild all the places of worship is not cost effective.

The Hindu community of Canton is building a place of worship with their hard-earned money and by abiding the rules of the township and by cooperating with the community. I am saddened to know that people like Robert Denstedt are so vehemently opposing the construction of a beautiful temple. It is not a problem but blessing to have the grace and presence of God among us and in the midst of this lovely community.

Janaki Mahadevan

Canton

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### QUOTABLE

"I think everyone should vote and express their opinions. It's appalling to see how many people you know who don't vote. I try to inform myself as much as possible so I can vote accurately."

– High school senior Eric Piwowar, 18, of Canton, on why he registered to vote when municipal clerks came calling at the PCEP high school campus last week

### Proposed RESA staffing changes pose risk for special ed students

ichigan special education question of the day, Part 1: How many Michiganians are aware of their Intermediate School District (ISD) Plans and "alternate" Special Education Plans? Part 2: How many Michiganians know that our



Marcie Lipsitt

state superintendent of public instruction has sole authority over better than 90 percent of public education and the decisions that directly impact our 1.8 million students and their teachers?

Parents and teachers should be shocked into action on the Wayne County RESA proposal that if passed will warehouse 30 students with

severe multiple or cognitive disabilities per teacher and three aides. However, all parents need to understand that Michigan intermediate school districts are allowed to alter the Special Education Administrative Rules through waivers and one insidious and egregious special education rule, R 340.1832e (ISD Alternate Plans), and both approvals go through the very same non-elected individual - our state superintendent of public instruction, currently Mike Flanagan.

Michigan's special education class sizes, teacher caseloads, age-spans of students and their number of school days are in an absolute free-for-all in school districts across this state and, frankly, our legislators, policy makers and Gov. Jennifer Granholm don't care.

The educational lives of 250,000 students with disabilities and approximately 3,000 in our severely multiply-impaired and severely cognitively-impaired programs are at risk and being lost to absolute neglect. Better than 26 percent of Michigan's students with disabilities are dropping out of school after entering the ninth grade. Just think about that as we come to the end of yet another mediocre at best and abysmal at worst, 2007-08 school year for Michigan's students with disabilities and especially those in our poverty-ridden communities like Hamtramck, River Rouge, Highland Park, Flat Rock, Detroit, Pontiac, Saginaw and Flint.

Former Gov. John Engler devastated Michigan's students with disabilities with his Executive Orders of 1996 (EOs 1996-11 and 1996-12) that stripped our elected state Board of Education of 100 percent of its authority over all of special education and gave sole and dictator-like authority to the

state superintendent of public instruction. Former Supt. Arthur Ellis crafted and

former Supt. Tom Watkins promulgated very quietly and against the wishes of the Michigan Association of Education (MEA) and American Federation of Michigan Teachers (AFT-Michigan) this vile rule, R 340.1832e, that overrides all of Michigan's state-imposed special education rules that govern class size, teacher caseload, age-span and number of school days.

So while the Wayne County RESA is proposing to warehouse 30 of its most fragile students at one time (current state rules R 340.1738 and R 340.1748 allow no more than 12 students) in one classroom, to one teacher and three aides (kind baby-sitters at best), you have ISDs like Oakland Intermediate Schools that allows students age 3-13 and 14-25 in one classroom at one time.

Parents pick your evil - or lesser evil, if such a condition exists in our abysmal special education classrooms across Michigan — but recognize that most of our children with special needs are in special education warehouses where the "I" in their "individual education plan" is forever lost; academics are on no one's priority list and social skills, life skills and an adult future that includes maximum productivity and true quality of life is almost as rare as winning the Michigan lottery.

Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Michigan's 1.8 million students that include 250,000 with disabilities and approximately 3,000 in severely cognitively and severely multiply-impaired programs matter to their families, themselves and to Michigan's ill and dehydrated economy.

Lend your support and speak up against these proposed changes — and Michigan's broken and failing public education system - by e-mailing your concerns to: Supt. Mike Flanagan at flanaganmp@michigan.gov; Gov. Jennifer Granholm's senior education advisor Chuck Wilbur at wilburc@michigan. gov; House Education Committee Chair Tim Melton at timmelton@house.mi.gov; Senate **Education Committee Chair Wayne Kuipers** at senwkuipers@senate.michigan.gov; state **Board of Education President Kathleen** Straus at StrausKN@aol.com; and your legislators - e-mailing the Wayne RESA is not even a start.

Marcie Lipsitt of Franklin is with the Michigan Alliance for Special Education.

## It's time to end our dependency on oil

n 1961, President John F. Kennedy pledged that America would land a man on the moon within a decade. On July 20, 1969, eight years after the president made that pledge, man landed on the moon.

And that was a mere 66 years after the first airplane lifted off the ground, something that

had not been accomplished in the previous 5,000 years of recorded history.

Yet here we sit today facing gas prices that are on their way to reaching \$4 a gallon. And what do our worthless leaders in Washington do about this situ-

Greg Kowalski

Nothing. It's not my fault, they say. It's not my fault, the oil producers say. It's not my fault, the oil refiners say. And we

have a president who doesn't even know what the price of gas is. I am not an expert on chemistry or physics.

But I do like to study history, and the man landing on the moon pledge - and its fulfillment - stands out as to just what we are capable of doing when we are determined to do it. Consider that in 1961 computers were bulky,

rather uncommon devices, yet they were essential in achieving a moon landing. New computers had to be devised and scaled down to proportions manageable for a small space capsule. And that was just one of myriad problems that had to be overcome. Yet it was done. It took a monumental effort costing some \$27 billion, but

Today, we can manufacture synthetic diamonds. We can make synthetic rubies. We can even make synthetic oil. But for some reason, we can't make a practical synthetic gasoline that would, once and for all, free us from the for this seemingly perpetual dependency on oil.

About 60 years ago, some scientists proposed that a full effort should be made to develop nuclear fusion reactors as a way of providing a limitless supply of cheap energy.

Fusion reactors, unlike the nuclear reactors

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we now have, work by fusing atoms in the same manner that the sun does. The amount of power is inexhaustible and, unlike the nuclear reactors of today, fusion reactors don't produce toxic radioactive waste. But the utility companies didn't want to invest in expensive nuclear fusion technology when cheap, profitable dirty reactors could be built right then.

Think about that when you pay your next heating and electric bills.

Could private industry come up with a practical synthetic gasoline? Maybe. But it won't for the same reason it wouldn't support nuclear fusion. It would be extremely costly and the returns might not be sweet enough.

NASA was charged with the task of landing a man on the moon, and did its job. Why not charge the Department of Energy with the task of developing a synthetic gasoline and give it the same resources, proportionally, that were given NASA? Instead of spending billions of dollars on Iraq, we might spend it on something to benefit the American people.

At some point we will have to address this problem anyway. There is a limited supply of oil in the earth. Why not start trying to solve it

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### Canton 1, Plymouth 0



Plymouth's Jill Brennan barely eludes the tag of Canton third baseman Heidi Lucke during a bang-bang play late in Monday's cross-campus showdown between the two PCEP rivals.



### Chiefs' Dunleavy outduels Patterson in a classic PCEP pitching showdown

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Canton's softball team didn't need any hits to beat Plymouth Monday afternoon, but the Chiefs sure did need Amy Dunleavy.

Dunleavy, a sophomore hurler, spun a four-hitter at the Wildcats to lead Canton to a tension-packed 1-0 victory.

Plymouth senior pitcher Meghan Patterson suffered the loss despite no-hitting the Chiefs.

The victory improved the Chiefs' record 8-8 overall and 3-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Plymouth slipped to 11-7 and 3-3, respec-

tively. Canton manufactured the game's lone run in the sixth on a pair of walks, an error

and two fielder's choice plays. Dunleavy struck out seven, including two in the top of the seventh. She walked two and kept the 'Cats off balance most of the

Patterson was equally brilliant, striking

out three while walking three. "Our other two pitchers have been out a while, so Amy's been carrying the load," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "What a

### SHOWDOWN AT MASSEY

What: Annual under-the-lights softball showdown between PCEP rivals Salem and Canton; When: Thursday, 7 p.m.

Where: Massey Field, located on Plymouth Rd., just east of downtown Plymouth;

How are teams doing: Salem is off to a blistering 15-4 start while the Chiefs are 8-8 following a thrilling 1-0 victory over Plymouth on Monday;

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kid. She did a heckuva job today. She's been keeping us in ballgames. She plays very hard and, for a sophomore, you can't ask for anything more than that."

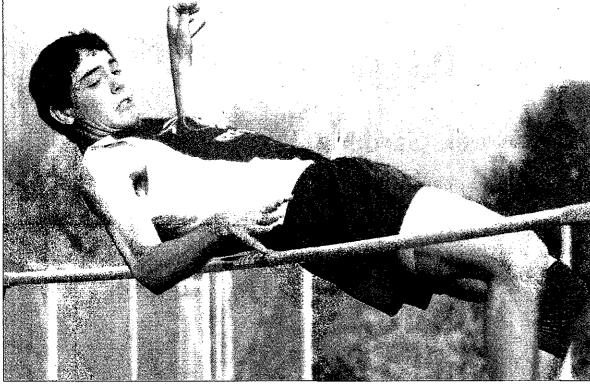
Canton loaded the bases with nobody out in the sixth when Dunleavy — the team's lead-off batter — walked, Lauren Leskovitz reached on an error and Miranda Rysdorp reached on a fielder's choice play.

The next batter, freshman Kaitlin Mattson, ripped a hard grounder between second and third, but Plymouth shortstop

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Canton sophomore pitcher Amy Dunleavy delivers a pitch during Monday's thriller against Plymouth. Dunleavy allowed just four hits in the Chiefs' 1-0 triumph. Her counterpart — Plymouth's Meghan Patterson — no-hit the Chiefs.



### **Spartans sprint to Observerland title**

BY DAN O'MEARA **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Coach Scott Shaw hopes a repeat victory by his Livonia Stevenson team in the 38th annual Observerland Relays is a harbinger of good things for the Spartans.

Stevenson won the boys track and field competition for the second straight year and fifth time overall Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Spartans, who had five first places, racked up 91 team points and won the meet by 20 points over Northville.

The top five included Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (67), Farmington Harrison (45) and last year's runner-up, Livonia Churchill (44).

The Spartans will return to the PCEP stadium in coming weeks for the Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 regional meets. "It's nice to win this here," Shaw said. "We have a lot to look

forward to with the regional and league meets (at the same

"Hopefully, this gets things started for us. We had some

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#### Anthony excels

Canton graduate Sarah Anthony, the daughter of Daniel and Nancy Anthony of Canton, has earned a varsity letter as a freshman on the Albion College softball team.

Anthony played in 20 games for the Britons, posting a .283 batting average with five doubles and six RBI.

She pitched in five games, finishing with a 2-1 record.

#### Hoop camps

The following three girls basketball camps will be offered this summer through Community Education:

■ A Canton girls basketball camp (#146) will be offered at Canton High School from June 16-20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Girls entering seventh through ninth grade this coming fall are eligible to participate.

■ A Canton and Salem girls basketball camp (#143) will de neid at Canton High School June 16-20 from 1-3 p.m. for girls entering fourth through sixth grade in the fall of 2008.

■ A Canton and Salem girls basketball camp (#144) will be offered July 14-18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Salem High School for girls entering sixth through eighth grade in the fall of 2008.

For more information on these camps, contact Community Education at (734) 416-2937.

### Girls track times

All Observerland girls track-and-field coaches are encouraged to e-mail their athletes' best times and distances in all events to ewright@ hometownlife.com so that Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright can compile a girls track leaders standings.

The deadline to appear in next Thursday's leaders is Tuesday, May 13, at 9 p.m.

Salem's Zack Gaskell keeps his eyes on the bar as he looks to clear 6' 2" in the high jump during Saturday's Observerland Relays.

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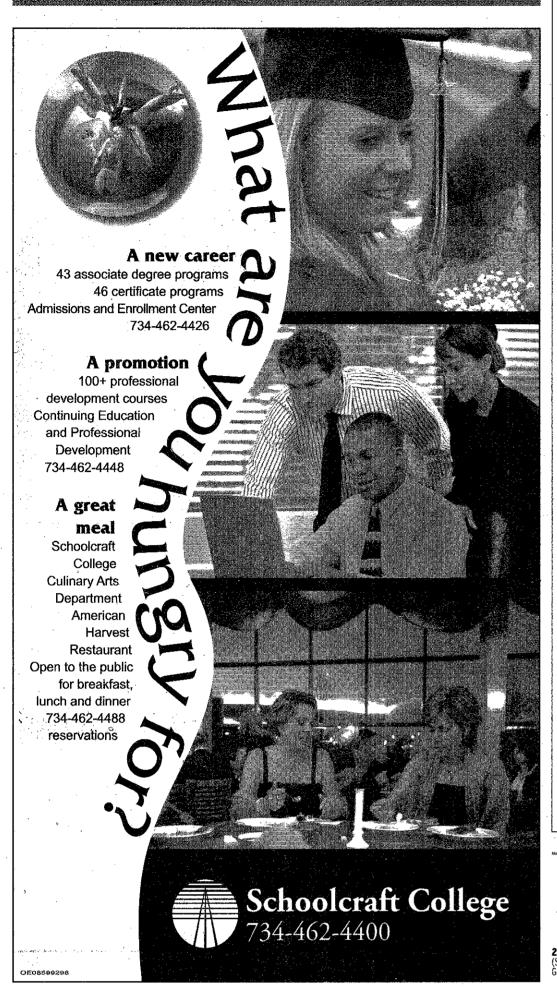
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Pictured from left are Eurostar gymnasts Hannah Tackett, Caitlyn Webb, Madison Torok and Jessica Liubakka. Not pictured are Taylor Reickhoff and Taryn McLaughlin.

## Eurostar gymnasts bring home gold at state meet

Several members of the Plymouth-based Eurostars Gymnastics team excelled at the Level 6 and 7 state meet April 12 and 13 in Kalkaska.

In the Level 6, 12-yearold age group. Hannah Tackett of New Boston placed first on beam with a 9.50, third on vault with a 9.425, first on bars with a 9.30, second on floor with a 9.40 and first in the allaround with a 37.625.

In the Level 6 14-yearold-and-up age group, Jessica Liubakka of Canton placed second on beam with a 9.425, eighth on vault with a 9.175, eighth on bars and fifth in the all-around

with a 35.95. Liubakka is a freshman at Plymouth High School and has a 4.0 gradepoint average.

In the Level 7 14-yearold-and-up age group, Madison Torok of Westland placed fourth on beam with a 9.40, 11th on floor with a 9.15 and had a 9.1 on vault. Torok is a freshman at Livonia Ladywood High School.

In the Level 7 11-year-old age group, Caitlyn Webb of Canton placed first in three events: bars (9.625), beam (9.725) and floor (9.625). She placed second on vault (9.40) and was first in the all-around with a 38.425. The state champion is a

sixth-grader at Central Middle School in Plymouth and has a 4.0 grade-point average.

In the Level 7 12-yearold group, Taylor Reickhoff of Plymouth placed sixth on the vault (9.325), 10th on bars (9.20), ninth on beam (9.05), fourth on floor (9.475) and sixth all-around with a 37.05. Reickhoff is a seventh-grader at West Middle School in Plymouth.

In the Level 7 13-year-old group, Taryn McLaughlin of Plymouth placed fourth on beam (9.425) and seventh all-around with a 36.975. McLaughlin is an eighth-grader at Central Middle School.

#### **TENNIS RESULTS**

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No. 1 singles: Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Jessica Novák, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Alli Carpenter (S) def. Morgan Greig, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Liz McKinley (S) def. Robbie Tomlin, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Linda Ling (S) def. Samantha

No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Áriel Rojo (S) def. Madelynn Bevill-Kara Windsor, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Kelsi Thomas-Jessica Greggi, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Jennifer Hunsaker-Jaclyn Hoover (S) def. Nancy Watson-Xiyan Wang, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Large Cabbing Pethon Holler (S) def. Ingrica Curb. Historia Paker

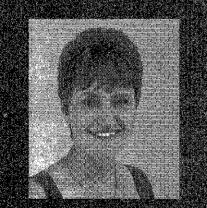
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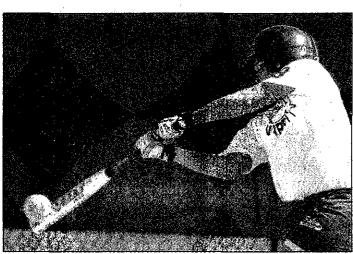
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Salem's Heidi Schmidt, pictured above taking a rip at a pitch during a game earlier this season, played a key role in the Rocks' title-earning performance at Saturday's Salem Invitational.

### Red-hot Rocks roll to 3rd straight Salem Invitational championship

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Salem's softball team has not only hosted its own early-May invitational the past three years, the Rocks have also owned it.

On Saturday, the Salem earned its third consecutive Salem Invite title by edging Lincoln Park, 1-0, as freshman pitcher Briana Lee tossed a four-hitter and blasted a solo home run for the game's lone

"It was a pitchers' dual and a defensive battle to the end," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "Both teams were making great plays in the field and both pitchers threw well. We only had two hits and Briana struck out 10, so it was pretty equal to say the least. One hit was all it took.'

The Rocks advanced to the final by going 3-0 in the roundrobin preliminary games.

In the opener, Salem routed Redford Union, 5-0, as Lee yielded just one hit while striking out five. Salem's top hitters were Heidi Schmidt (two doubles and two RBI) and Lizzy Mazorowicz, who went 2-for-3.

In Game 2, Salem toppled Holt, 3-1, as Lee registered a one-hitter while striking out 11. Salem opened the scoring in the fourth when Kelli Janiczek reached on an infield hit, Mary Johnson singled and Lizzy Mcloud brought home Janiczek with a sacrifice.

Salem scored its other two uns in the fifth on RBI hits from Mary Cox (double) and Janiczek.

Christina Parsons and Janiczek both ripped a pair of singles while Heidi Schmidt

and Mary Cox clouted doubles. Schmidt earned the mound win in Game 3, yielding eight hits and three walks in a complete-game effort. The Rocks gave Schmidt plenty of early support by scoring seven first-

inning runs. Schmidt went 3-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI while Cox contributed a double and single. Emily Pitcole, Emily Meade and Mazorowicz also ripped hits for the winners.

**SALEM 9, STEVENSON 6** (9 innings): On Monday at Stevenson, the Rocks won a marathon contest to improve their record to 15-4 overall and 5-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

The hitting hero for the Rocks was Emily Meade, who knocked in the game-winning run with a ninth-inning single that scored Kelli Janiczek.

The Rocks received some insurance when the next batter, Lizzy Mazorowicz, doubled in Meade and Mary Johnson.

Briana Lee earned the mound win for the rocks as she yielded 11 hits and one walk. The Rocks drilled 11 hits.

Two weeks earlier, Salem defeated the Spartans 1-0 in a pitching-dominated showdown.

'What a game!" said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "Let's just say that Stevenson was trying to redeem themselves from the first time we played them and they were a much-improved offensive team.

The Rocks' potent offense was sparked by Heidi Schmidt (3-for-6), Janiczek (3-for-5), Meade (2-for-2), and Mazorowicz, who ripped three hits. "It was a nice, hardfought division game," said Southerland. "We started out in a bit of a fog, but the girls fought back and realized how important this division win is, not to mention Stevenson is in our District, so it's a good feel-

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Stacey Klonowski vacuumed it up and fired the ball home to get the force on Dunleavy.

After the next batter popped up to third, Canton junior outfielder Sam Podorsek walked on a 3-2 pitch to bring home the contest's lone run.

Plymouth appeared to take

a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Klonowski walked with two outs and came all the way around on Amanda Burnard's long single that rolled to the fence.

However, the run was wiped off the board when the Chiefs appealed that Klonowski missed third base and the umpire agreed.

"Meghan threw a great game," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "She dominated

the plate and kept them offbalance. Our defense was sound until the end when we broke down a little.

"That hurt when they took that run away from us. What happened was Stacey tripped over the base, but she didn't

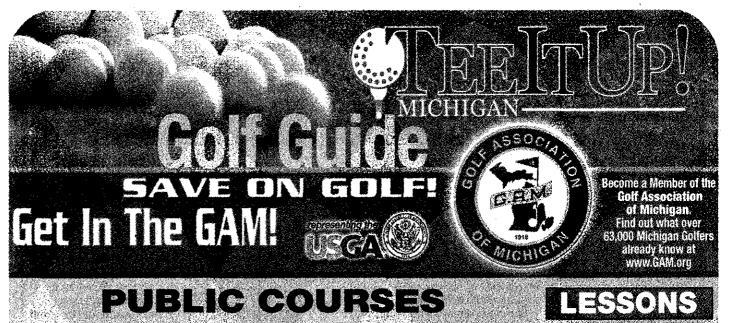
"I thought we played great and we're getting ready for Districts.'

The Wildcats mounted a mini-rally in the seventh when pinch-hitter Ally Ciotti singled with two outs. However, Dunleavy induced the next hitter to ground out to shortstop Shelby Anthony.

Anthony was solid the entire game, accounting for five put-outs.

Plymouth's hits came off the bats of Burnard, Jill Brennan, Klonowski and

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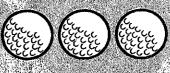
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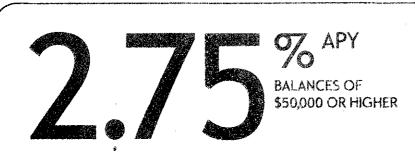
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### Chiefs 10th at U-D Jesuit tournament

Canton's boys golf team placed 10th at the 16-team U-D Jesuit Spring Classic played Sunday on the Fox Hills Golden Fox Course in Plymouth Township.

Scoring for the Chiefs were: Andrew Rickerman (79), Brendan Muir (81), Clark Albers (84), Zach Conrad (84) and Jeremy Lindlbauer (86).

"The weather was great and the greens were fast," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "Unfortunately, we did not get enough players to break 80, which we needed to do to be closer to those teams that finished near the top." CANTON 155, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 163

May 5 at Idyl Wyld

Canton scorers: Zack Conrad, 35 (medalist); Aaron Blase', 39; Andrew Rickerman, 40; Brendan Muir and Jeremy Lindlbauer, 41 each; Clark Albers, 42.

Franklin scorers: Jordan Chisholm, 38; Justin Adams, 40; Tony Semonick, 42; Dan Ostrosky, 43; Josh Stokes, 44; Chris Grund, 46. Dual match records: Canton, 4-1 WLAA; Franklin, 3-3 WLAA. SALEM 148,

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 159** May 5 at St. John's G.C. Salem scorers: Patrick Doty, 35 (medalist); Tyler Jeleniewski, 37; Aaron Thompson and Adam Powers, 38 each; Joel Cheesman, 40; Alex Murray, 42.

John Glenn scores: Andy Myers, 37; Dan Tamaroglio, 38; Josh Duprie, 41; D.J. Loney, 43; Connor Monroe, 49; Alex Richette, 51. Dual match records: Salem, 3-4 WLAA; John Glenn, 1-6 WLAA. LIVONIA CHURCHILL 158,

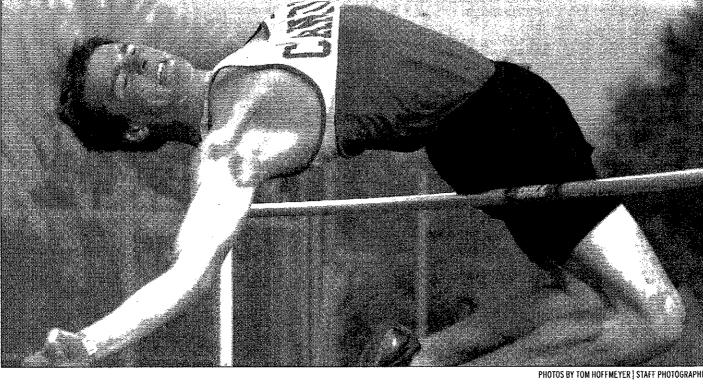
SALEM 161 May 1 at Whispering Willows Churchill scorers: Josh Proben, 38 (medalist); Kevin Robinson, 39; Adam Yarber, 40; Matt Charnley, 41: Thomas Wagner and Dan Bostick

Salem scorers: Adam Powers, 39: Aaron Thompson, 40; Tyler Jeleniewski and Joe Cheesman, 41 each; Matt Smidebush, 47; Eddie

Dual match records: Churchill, 4-3 overall, 4-3 WLAA; Salem, 2-4 overall, 2-4 WLAA. PLYMOUTH 155, **LIVONIA CHURCHILL 156** April 29 at Fox Hills (Woodlands) Plymouth scorers: Kyle Sanders, 37 (comedalist); Kyle Eisiminger, 38; Andrew Overmeyer, 39; James Bryans, 41; Trevor

Birdwell, 42; Ryan Bauer, 45. Churchill scorers: Dan Bostick, 37 (comedalist); Josh Proben, 38; Erik Newman, 40; Adam Yarber and Kevin Robinson, 41 each; Ryan

Dual match records: Plymouth, 3-2 overall, 3-2 WLAA; Churchill, 3-3 overall, 3-3 WLAA



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Canton's Keith Zech makes an attempt at 6 feet, 2 inches during the high jump competition at Saturday's Observerland Relays.

Plymouth's Ben Ambrose stretches

during the pole-vault event during

he came out and set a personal

"I had him in weight class.

I talked to him about running

track, and he was interested

in coming out. He's been a big

The Spartans also won the

long jump, led by White's meet-

best jump of 21 feet, 7.5 inches,

"A very big surprise was our

shot and discus guys got second

field events," Shaw said. "The

the 800 relay and the sprint

medley relay.

Saturday's Observerland Relays.

best. It was the first real big

meet he's run for us.

out as he makes an attempt at 13 feet

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injuries and, hopefully, everybody is getting healthy and peaking at the right time."

Stevenson senior Myles White set a meet record in the 110meter high hurdles, winning the event in 13.87 seconds in a close race with Northville's Cavan Corcoran, who ran 13.90.

The old record of 14.1 seconds was shared by Wayne Memorial's Ken Riley (1995) and Livonia Churchill's Ryan Kearney (1998).

Corcoran helped the Mustangs win the shuttle hurdle relay in a meet-record time of 59.9, eclipsing the 20-year-old standard (1:00.3) set by Wayne Memorial's Wendell Smith, Pierre Hixon, Shayler Barnes and Corey Wilson in 1988.

Stevenson junior Nick Anagnostou produced one of the surprises of the night, according to Shaw, by winning the 100meter dash in 10.89 seconds. "He's a first-year track guy,"

Shaw said. "He's a soccer player; we got him out for track, and he's doing a heckuva job for us. 'We didn't expect him to step

in and win the hundred. There were two kids in that race who had run under 11 seconds, and

and third, and we didn't necessarily expect that.

"Those were some big points. Our long jumpers did a nice job. All of them (including Nate Sergison and Will Burek) were over 20 feet. We came out of the field events in good shape."

The Spartans did that (and still won the meet) despite not scoring in one of their better events — the high jump.

Mitchell White and Pat York, who have jumped 6-8 and 6-4, respectively, are two of the area's top jumpers. But a third member of the relay failed to qualify, and Stevenson couldn't get into the top six with only a two-man

"We thought we might win it and came up with zero," Shaw said. "Our shot and discus guys (Matt Broome, Chris Golonka and Zach Whalen) made up some ground for us."

Derek Buskey, Austin White and Nate Sergison were on the winning 800 and sprint medley relay teams. The fourth member was Myles White in the 800 and Mitchell White in the sprint

Depth was a key factor for the Spartans, who scored in 12 of the 16 events, according to Shaw.

We were real happy (with the 400 relay)," he said. "There were a lot of good teams in there. We were seeded sixth or seventh and ended up second.

"A big event was the shuttle hurdles. We didn't even enter it last year, and this year we were third; so that was a big event."

The order of finish for the other teams was Salem, 34; Canton, 31; Westland John Glenn, 24; Redford Thurston, 22; Plymouth, 20; Livonia Franklin, 17; Wayne, 14; Farmington, 12; Garden City 3; and Lutheran Westland, 1. Clarenceville, Redford Union and Plymouth Christian didn't score.

Northville won four events: high jump, distance medley, shuttle hurdle and 1,600 relays, and CC took first place in the shot put, 6,400 and 3,200 relays.

John Glenn won the discus, Churchill the pole vault and Franklin the 400 relay. Salem's Kevin deBear won the individual 1,600 run in 4:35.88.

Shaw added he will apply different strategies for the league and regional meets.

"The regional to us is more about kids getting the opportunity to qualify for the state meet," he said. "We probably won't run kids in four events just to win. We'll let them do one or two and take their best shot.

"In the league meet, we ask more of the kids. They may not run their best times, but they'll place and get some points."

#### **OBSERVERLAND RESULTS**

38TH OBSERVERLAND RELAYS
BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET
May 3 at Plymouth-Canton
Team standings: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 91
points; 2. Northville, 71; 3. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 67; 4. Farmington Harrison, 45; 5. Livonia Churchill, 44; 6. Salem, 34; 7. Canton, 31; 8. Westland John Glenn, 24;9. Redford Thurston, 22;10. Plymouth, 20; 11. Livonia Franklin, 17; 12. Wayné Memorial, 14; 13. Farmington, 12; 14. Garden City, 3; 15. Lutheran Westland, 1; 16. Livonia Clarenceville, Redford Union, Plymouth Christian, O.

**RESULTS BY EVENT** Discus: 1. John Glenn (T.J. Arancibia, 144-4; Zack Bozigian, 140-6; James Kelly, 139-2), 424-4; 2. Catholic Central, 388-4; 3. Stevenson, 362-10; 4. Salem, 354-2; 5. Churchill, 339-5; 6. Garden City, 336-9. Best throw: Mike Martin (CC), 150-6.

Shot put: 1. Catholic Central (Nick Landry, 40-3.5; Mike Still, 43-3; Mike Martin, 57-6.25), 141-0.75; 2. Stevenson, 129-2.75; 3. Salem, 127-0; 4. Thurston, 123-7; 5. Churchill, 122-2.5; 6. Plymouth, 121-1.5. Best throw: Mike Martin (CC),

High jump: 1. Northville (Eric Franceschi, 6-4; David Brown, 6-0; Carl Reid, 5-8), 18-0; 2. Harrison, 16-9; 3. Salem, 16-8; 4. Canton, 16-6; 5. Churchill, 16-5; 6. Plymouth, 16-3. **Best jump:** Eric Franceschi, Northville, 6-4. Long jump: 1. Stevenson (Myles White, 21-

7.5; Nate Sergison, 20-2.75; Will Burek, 20-1.25, 61-11.5; 2. John Glenn, 59-10.25; 3. Harrison, 58-11.25; 4. Thurston, 57-8; 5. Plymouth, 57-7.25; 6. Northville, 57-5.25. **Best jump:** Myles White, 5tevenson, 21-7.5. **Pole walth:** 1. Churchill (Joe Tasper, 14-0) Pole vault: 1. Churchill (Joe Tesner, 14-0;

Derik Peterman, 13-6; Chris Barnard, 10-6), 38-0; 2. Northville, 34-6; 3. Canton, 34-0; 4. John Glenn, 33-0; 5. Plymouth, 32-0; 6. Garden City, 32-0, **Best vault:** Tesner, Churchill, 14-0. **6,400-meter relay:** 1. Catholic Central, 18:47.98; 2. Northville, 18:50.96; 3. Salem, 18:51.97; 4. Canton, 18:55.76; 5. Plymouth, 19:16.57; 6. Farmington, 19:19.92.

110 hurdles: 1. Myles White (Stevenson), 13.87; 2. Cavan Corcoran (Northville), 13.90; 3. Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 14.55; 4. Renaldo Powell (Wayne), 14.61; 5. Scott Sansovich (Catholic Central), 15.16; 6. Bryan Janzen (Harrison), 15.24.

Distance medley: 1. Northville (Habib Khan, Ali Arastu, Nick Kolbow, Nitin Jacob), 11:06.1; 2. Churchill, 11:16.8; 3. Stevenson, 11:17.9; 4. Catholic Central, 11:18.7; 5. Franklin, 11:19.9; 6. Lutheran Westland, 11:26.3.

800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Derek Buskey, Austin White, Nate Sergison, Myles White), 1:31.02; 2. Harrison, 1:32.37; 3. Catholic Central, 1:32.76; 4. Canton, 1:32.91; 5. Farmington, 1:33.1; 6.

1,600 rum: 1. Kevin deBear (Salem), 4:35.88; 2. Mark Waterbury (Churchill), 4:36.5; 3. Austin Zebrowski (Catholic Central), 4:37.27; 4. Jacob Schofield (Wayne), 4:38.39; 5. Jon Zurek (Northville), 4:40.5; 6. Brian Chambers (Garden City), 4:48.74. **3,200 relay:** 1. Catholic Central (Zach

Oleski, Scott Hoffman, Brandon Schneider, Alex Toloff), 8:24.2; 2. Canton, 8:28.7; 3. Plymouth,

8:29.4; 4. Northville, 8:43.9; 5. Salem, 8:44.2; 6. Stevenson, 8:44.5.

100 dash: 1. Nick Anagnostou (Stevenson), 10.89; 2. Chris Pride (Harrison), 11.0; 3. D.J. Freeman (Wayne), 11.18; 4. Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 11.29; 5. Eric Piwowar (Canton), 11.24; 6. Darall Myreo (Franklin), 11.29 Darell Myree (Franklin), 11.29.
 Sprint medley: 1. Stevenson (Nate Sergison,

Austin White, Mitchell White, Derek Buskey), 2:2992; 2. Churchill, 2:30.02; 3. Farmington, 2:30.62; 4. Harrison, 2:32.79; 5. Canton, 2:32.82; 6. John Glenn, 2:36.02. Shuttle hurdles: 1. Northville (Eric Franceschi, Cavan Corcoran, Evan Gerish, Ali Arastu), 59.9; 2. Thurston, 1:02.3; 3. Stevenson, 103.8; 4. Franklin, 1:05.3; 5. Catholic Central,

1:06.2; 6. Farmington, 1:07.2. 400 relay: 1. Franklin (Darell Myree, Isaac Cadet, Mike Baumgardner, Paul Voegele), 44.4, 2. Stevenson, 44.5; 3. Harrison, 44.8; 4.

Churchill, 44.9; 5. Farmington, 44.9; 6. Catholic Central, 45.0. 1,600 relay: 1. Northville (Habib Khan, Ali Arastu, Aaron Chew, Cavan Corcoran), 3:28.2; 2. Catholic Central, 3:28.4; 3. Stevenson, 3:32.3; 4. Harrison, 3:33.0; 5. Plymouth, 3:33.1; 6. Canton,







#### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-April 29, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, April 28, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter (arrived 7:09 p.m.), LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Director Faas, Tom Casari Others Present: Cathy Nagy, Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company, Paul Wyzgoski, Dickinson-Wright Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. ACTUARIAL VALUATION OF CANTON TOWNSHIP RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN. (FBD) The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has released Statements No. 43 and No. 45, which require Governmental units to have an actuarial calculation prepared to determine its liability associated with Post Employment Benefits other than Pension (OPEB). A review of these findings were presented for decision on the Township's course of action. Item 2. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT POLICY AND PROCEDURE. (FBD& MSD) A special assessment district (SAD) is a designed area where a majority of the property owners agree to allow a governmental agency to levy a special property tax in exchange for a specific service. With an SAD, the governmental agency agrees to pay for the cost of the service "up front" and the property owner agrees to pay back his or her share over a period of years in the form of a special property tax. The Board reviewed the draft policy and procedure and had discussion on the documents involved with the SAD process. Adjourn Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor -Terry G. Bennett,

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

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> Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk City of Plymouth

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## Posler silences Chargers' bats in crucial Lakes Division battle

**BY ED WRIGHT**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

That was no ordinary Joe pitching for Salem's baseball team Tuesday afternoon against Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division rival Livonia Churchill.

Rock junior right-hander Joe Posler continued to establish himself as one of the WLAA's top hurlers when he turned in an extraordinary effort in Salem's 2-0 triumph over the host Chargers.

Posler limited Churchill to just two hits in seven innings to improve to 4-0 on the season.

The win was a pivotal one for coach Dale Rumberger's squad, which now leads the Lakes with a 5-2 record – one game better than Churchill and a half-game ahead of John Glenn, which plays its seventh division game against Livonia Stevenson this afternoon.

"Joe was definitely on his game today, but he has been all season," said Rumberger of Posler. "He only faced 25 batters and threw 81 pitches in seven innings. It's the kind of game we've come to expect from Joe. He was totally in control the entire game. He just doesn't make many mistakes."

Churchill starter Jeff Dwyer also pitched well, scattering 10 hits and bearing down with men on base.

"We had a hard time getting the big hit today," said Rumberger. "But it's a big win because we're at least in a tie for first and our destiny is in our own hands."

The game's only two runs
crossed in the Salem third when
Matt Woster singled, Sam Ott
reached on an error and Andrew
Grabowski brought them both

around with a two-out single.
Salem, which is now 12-7
overall, received multiple-hit performances from Heath Parling (3for-4) and Grabowski (2-for-3).

for-4) and Grabowski (2-for-3). Posler struck out six and walked

NORTHVILLE 12, CANTON 2: On Tuesday at Canton, the stateranked Mustangs broke open a close game with five runs in the fourth inning to improve to 21-1 PREP BASEBALL

overall and 6-1 in the WLAA's Western Division.

The Chiefs slipped to 10-8 and 1-6, respectively.

David Uberti earned the win, yielding just three hits over the first six innings.

Canton senior Erik Wright suffered the loss after giving up four earned runs in four innings. Wright struck out four.

The highlight of the afternoon for the Chiefs was Daniel Stoney's two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth. Sophomore center fielder Kevin Delapaz added two hits and Will Tidwell contributed a double to the Chiefs' cause.

**AGAPE 10, MACOMB CHRISTIAN**2: On Tuesday at Griffin Park in Canton, the Wolverines improved to 6-4 overall and 3-3 in the MIAC Red Division with an impressive victory over the visiting Crusaders.

Senior right-hander Jared Miller picked up the mound win by tossing a complete-game four-hitter. Miller struck out II Crusaders.

Offensively, the winners were led by Ty Majeski (3-for-4, RBI) and Daniel Walker, who went 2-for-2 with a pair of walks.

The Wolverines tallied four runs in the fourth and three in the fifth and never looked back. Agape outhit Macomb, 8-4. Both teams committed one error.

PLYMOUTH 2, CANTON 1: On Monday at Plymouth, the Wildcats scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to pull out a dramatic victory.

The win improved the Wildcats' record to 12-6 overall and 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities
Association's Western Division.

The Chiefs slipped to 10-7 overall and 1-5 in the division.

Senior reliever Kyle Sanders picked up the win for the Cats after retiring the only batter he faced in the top of the seventh.

Plymouth starter Cliff Buttermore worked the first 6.2 imnings, yielding five hits and six walks while striking out two. Canton senior right-hander Will Tidwell suffered his first loss of the season despite giving up just eight hits and three walks in 6.1 innings.

"Any time you see a 1-0 on the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh, you know you've been watching a quality high school baseball game," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "We were fortunate to get out of a few jams throughout the game. Cliff Buttermore did a masterful job of battling throughout the game. Although he didn't get the win, this was his game without a doubt.

"Will Tidwell was outstanding for Canton. He was around the zone all day and he pitched his heart out as well. My hat is off to him. It was a shame one team had to lose."

**SALEM 16, LIVONIA STEVENSON**1: On Monday at Salem, the Rocks rolled to a four-inning, mercy rule-shortened triumph by racking up 16 hits and riding the strong pitching of junior Dave Hales, who yielded just four hits and struck out five.

Leading the winners' hit parade was senior outfielder Justin Horger, who went 3-for-3 with four RBI and three runs scored. One of his hits was a home run over the left-field fence.

The victory improved Salem's record to 11-7 overall and 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. The Spartans slipped to 4-14 and 0-7, respectively.

Other key contributors to the Rocks' robust offensive attack were Andrew Grabowski (3-for-3, four RBI, two runs), Joe Posler (3-for-3, RBI double), Heath Parling (2-for-3, two RBI, two runs, Justin Bashi (2-for-3, three RBI, three runs) and Sam Ott (2-for-3, RBI, two runs).

"Andrew Grabowski has been hurt most of the season, so it was nice to see him get back in the line-up and contribute," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger.

Salem plated two runs in each of the first two innings; nine in the third and three in the fourth. AGAPE 4, LUTHERAN SOUTH 1: On Monday at Griffin Park in

Canton, the Wolverines won despite registering just four hits. Brandon Pierson threw a com-

Brandon Pierson threw a complete-game two-hitter, striking out nine while walking six.

Agape, which improved to 5-4, wiped out a 1-0 deficit with a single run in the second. The Wolverines took the lead for good with a pair of runs in the third and an insurance marker in the fifth.

Spearheading the winners' offense were Kevin Reith (1-for-2, RBI, four stolen bases) and Ty Majeski, who went I-for-3 with two runs scored.

#### 'Cats win Holt tourney

Plymouth captured first place in Saturday's four-team Holt Invitational when it dominated the host Rams, 11-0, in the championship contest.

The Wildcats advanced to the finals by knocking off Union City, 15-4, in the semifinal round.

Junior pitcher Brad Lineberry earned the win in the title game when he tossed a complete game three-hitter. Lineberry walked two and struck out seven. Sixty-three of Lineberry's 96 pitches were strikes.

Senior lead-off hitter David

Harvey was the offensive catalyst for the Wildcats as he went 2-for-4 with five runs scored and a pair of RBI. Both of Harvey's hits were doubles.

Three other Plymouth players also knocked in a pair of runs: Garrett Rebain, Ronnie Goble and Travis Mewton. Both Goble and Matt Skubik joined Harvey in the two-hit club. Michael Rose scored twice and added an RBI.

Senior right-hander Dan
Nadratowski earned the mound
win against Union City as he
yielded just three hits and three
walks while striking out eight.
Plymouth scored at least two
runs in every inning but the fifth
in the six-inning, mercy ruleshortened game. The winners'
big frames were the first and
second when they tallied four
runs to grab an 8-4 advantage.

Pacing the offensive attack were Harvey (2-for-3, two runs, RBI), Lineberry (2-for-2, two runs, two RBI), Mewton (2-for-2, two runs, two RBI) and Rose, who had a hit, two runs and an RBI in just one official plate appearance. Nadratowski helped his own cause by going 1-for-3 with two runs.

Steve Ostrowski also notched a hit and two runs for Plymouth, which improved to 11-6 with the two wins. Eagles split

Plymouth Christian Academy advanced to the championship game of Saturday's Lutheran Westland tournament before falling to the host Warriors, 11-5.

Senior right-hander Trevor Zinn tossed a complete game for the Eagles. He also excelled at the plate, blasting a solo home run in the top of the fourth.

Kevin Bottorff followed Zinn's round-tripper with a single, advanced to third on Brent Zinn's double and scored on Charles Cane's sacrifice fly.

Brent Zinn was then plated by Josh Lowman's single. The loss snapped a four-game

winning streak for PCA.

"Every time we would score,

Latheran Westland answered," said PCA coach Joe Bottorff. The Eagle advanced to the title

tilt by out-slugging Washtenaw Christian, 15-4. Bottorff earned the win with a

complete-game six-hitter. Bottorff struck out six and walked four, and went 3-for-3 at the plate with an RBI and a pair of runs.

Brent Zinn clouted a long home run and singled twice. Trevor Zinn went 3-for-4 with three runs.

Other key contributors were Lowman (two singles), Reid Barber (single, double) and Cane, who ripped a single and a triple.





### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The County of Wayne will hold a public hearing on an application for the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley (NHV/RV) sanitary sewer system to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the funding assistance through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The County is proposing improvements to the NHV/RV interceptor system. The Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 10, 2008 at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, Michigan 48135-1709.

The proposed project consists of short term corrective action plan improvements that will reduce infiltration and inflow into the interceptor system and correct structural deficiencies visually identified during sewer televising. Improvements include rehabilitation of portions of the interceptors, overflow regulator structures and upgrades to the manhole structures.

If the SRF application is successful, the County plans to begin construction of the above noted improvements in 2009. Sanitary sewer service for customers will be unaffected by the proposed improvements. Construction activities will be localized to the subject facilities, with little or no impact to traffic.

The estimated annual cost per household, for residents of the service area, is presented below:

Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	AnnualCost Cost per Household
Canton	\$1.57	Dearborn Hgts	\$2.97	Garden City	\$4.08
Inkster	\$5.06	Livonia	\$6.14	Northville	\$5.83
Northville Twp	\$2.08	Plymouth	\$5.12	Plymouth Twp	\$1.70
Redford Twp	\$5.28	Romulus	\$0.66	Van Buren Twp	\$1.06
Wayne	\$7.83	Westland	\$4.35	Oakland City (Novi)	\$3.05

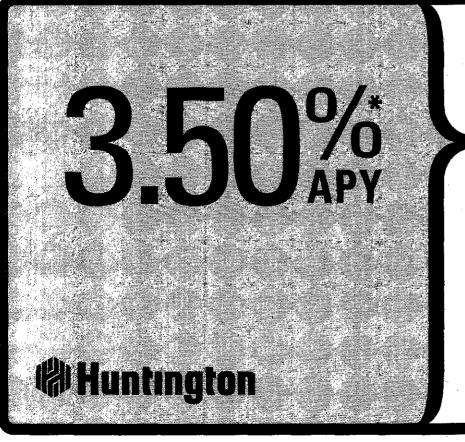
Executive summaries of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office for the following communities: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Romulus, Van Buren Township, Wayne, Westland and Novi. The complete project plan is available for inspection at OHM – 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI and Wayne County Department of Environment - 415 Clifford, 7th Floor, Detroit, MI, beginning on May 9, 2008.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 10, 2008 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written questions should be sent to:

North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley SRF Project Plan c/o Wayne County Department of Environment 415 Clifford, 7th Floor Detroit, MI 48226 Attention: Sue Ann Hanson

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## Late goals result in 1-all tie between Chiefs, 'Cats

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Based on the entertaining rivalry the Plymouth and Canton girls soccer teams have established over the past four years, it would be a huge surprise if one of their twicea-spring matches didn't go down to the wire.

Monday night's showdown between the Wildcats and Chiefs epitomized the rivalry's intensity as the two teams battled to a 1-1 draw.

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The match was scoreless until just under five minutes in the second half when Kelly Dobbs controlled a pass from Kasey Webb and drilled the ball between diving Canton keeper Bre Bellovary and the far post.

The Wildcats' celebration was short-lived, however, as Canton's Lisa Pierce scored off a free kick from just beyond the 18-yard box

The tie left Plymouth with a 3-5-3 overall mark and a 3-3-1 record in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Canton is 6-4-4 and 4-1-2, respectively.

"Our defense did a super job tonight," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "All four of the girls back there - Meeghan Hughes, Jessica Heck, Katie Krajewski and Carlee Barackman — were solid, Jennifer Babcock played outstanding in the

"During the first half, they outplayed us and we were lucky it was 0-0. But in the second half, we had a lot more quality scoring opportunities. Kelly Dobbs hit the post on one shot about five minutes before she scored."

Neschich also complimented the play of freshman net-minder Marissa Williams.

"She was solid between the pipes, especially in the first half when Canton put a lot of pressure

SALEM 2, STEVENSON 1: On Monday at the PCEP varsity turf stadium, the Rocks prevailed thanks to goals from Ariel Dews and Taylor Burgoon.

Jill Behrman assisted on Dews' net-finder while Lindsay Newton was credited with a helper on Burgoon's goal. Shannon Merritt scored the lone Stevenson goal with six minutes left.

The victory improved Salem's record to 6-5-3 overall and 4-3 in The Spartans slipped to 3-3-1 in

They threw everything at us toward the end, but our girls came up big when it counted," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "They had a free kick from about 20 yards out with a few minutes left, but our keeper, Kristin Dondzilla, did a great job of getting everybody organized and setting up a wall."

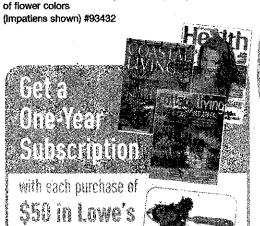
Dondzilla was credited with seven saves.



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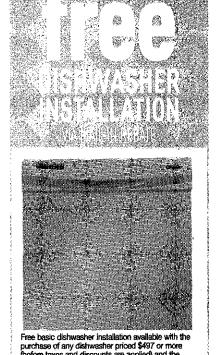
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### **Canton lacrosse** team humbles Railsplitters, 11-2

The Lincoln Railsplitters proved to be no match for Canton's lacrosse team Tuesday night as the Chiefs rolled to an 11-2 victory.

The first-year program is now

Canton defenseman Dakota Dark-Bird PREP LACROSSE proved to be the catalyst as he lit up the scoreboard first

with a first-quarter net-finder. The Chiefs led 6-0 at the half. Other goal scorers for the winners included Matt Rodgers (five), Jake Underwood (three), Scott Wisniewski and Mark Barath.

Joey Underwood registered three assists for the Chiefs. Defensively, Canton received strong efforts from captains Justin Scott and Mac Ganzak, who intercepted several passes and vacuumed up numerous ground balls. Back-up goalie Sean Walsh played

On Monday, the Chiefs dropped a 6-5 decision to unbeaten and state-ranked South Lyon.

well in relief of Scott in the fourth

"The boys played a great game," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. "I asked for 100 percent from them and they gave me 110 percent. It was a well-played game on both ends of the field."

After the Lions staked themselves to a 2-0 lead, Canton's Jordan Emery cut the Chiefs' deficit in half off an assist from Joey Underwood, who finished with three assists.

The Chiefs trailed just 4-2 at the half thanks to a Wisniewski goal.

Trailing 5-2, Rodgers recorded consecutive net-finders to make it 5-4. Jake Underwood scored in the fourth to knot the game at 5-all, but the Lions roared back with a late score to pull out the dramatic victory. Scott was spectacular between the pipes for the Chiefs. Ganzak, Sam Kokoszka and Dark-Bird also sparkled for the Chiefs.

"The boys played out of their minds tonight," said Riley. "The defense was great!"

PLYMOUTH 10, HURON VALLEY 8: On Monday at the PCEP junior varsity stadium, the Wildcats overcame a four-goal deficit to post the impressive win and snap a sixgame-losing streak. HV dropped to 2-8 with the setback.

"Wow — what a comeback," said Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "The crowd got their money's worth, that's for sure. Our defense was stellar in the first half. Our kids really stepped it up - Ben Burkman, Ronny Lowe, Alex Miller and our seniors, Paul Gustafson and Aaron Uller really played well.

"Toufic Saati was great in net as well. It was truly a team effort tonight."

A six-goal fourth quarter was the key for the Wildcats. John Olevnik netted the game-winner at the 4:05 mark while Patrick Downey added an insurance marker with 1:23 left. Tony McLaughlin and John Olevnik scored goals in the first quarter to knot the game at 2-all. Patrick Downey and Connor Martin tallied net-finders in the third, however, the 'Cats trailed 8-4 with 11 minutes to play.

Not to fear: Olevnik, Downey, Martin and Pat Smiatacz recorded fourth-quarter goals to tie it at 8all before Olevnik and Downey's late heroics.



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### State effort aims to help residents keep homes

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm April 2 signed legislation aimed at preserving the American dream of homeownership for Michigan families in jeopardy of losing their homes to foreclosure. The governor was joined by lenders from the Michigan Credit Union League, the Michigan Bankers Association, and sponsoring legislators from across the state for bill signings in Grand Rapids, Jackson, and Detroit.

"These new tools will help protect families from losing their homes and work to stabilize Michigan's housing market," Granholm said. "I applaud the leadership of our legislators and our many partners in the lending community, including bankers, credit union lenders, and mortgage lenders, for making these tools a reality.'

The bills create two new refinancing options to protect home ownership - an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) refinancing option that will help citizens get into fixed-rate mortgages and a "rescue" program that helps those who have been behind in their payments in the past, but are current now. The new tools are part of the "Save the Dream" initiative that makes housing counselors available to homeowners and raises awareness about avoiding foreclosure. The Save the Dream products and programs are operated and funded entirely by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

We believe our Save the Dream program will help curtail the foreclosures our Michigan communities," MSHDA Director of Homeownership Mary Townley said. "This new legislation gives us an important tool to add to our existing homeownership counseling and foreclosure prevention activity. Putting the counseling together with the ability to refinance



home loans for safer, more secure long-term, fixed-rate mortgages offers a sense of real hope to some very desperate homeowners.

The new Save the Dream tools are:

- The Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM) Refinance Program that will assist homeowners who have an ARM in refinancing to a 30-year, lowerinterest, fixed-rate conventional loan;
- **■** The Rescue Refinance Program that will assist delinquency on their mortgage and who are at risk of losing their home will have a chance to get into a more affordable 30-year, fixed

rate, conventional loan. Both initiatives are targeted at existing homeowners. To qualify for one of the new loan programs, homeowners must meet the same

income and sales price limits that other MSHDA loan products require. Household income must be under \$108,000, and the purchase price of the home cannot exceed \$224,500. The initiatives will be funded by taxable bonds, and homeowners will be responsible for the full value of their refinanced mortgages. The original mortgage does not have to be a MSHDA loan; however, the homeowner must meet MSHDA requirements for the refinance product. This qualifying information is available from approved lenders and

directly from MSHDA. For more details on the Save the Dream refinance programs and other services, a visit to www.michigan. gov/mshda will take seekers to MSHDA's home page and the Save the Dream icon

where up-to-date information about the loans, services, and MSHDA-approved lenders and certified counselors is available. There is also a consumer hotline that helps callers find a counselor locally. That tollfree number is (866) 946-7432.

MSHDA is a quasi-state agency that provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve safe and decent affordable housing, engage in community economic development activities, and address homeless issues. MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds and notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. For more information on MSHDA programs and initiatives,

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visit the Web site at www.

michigan.gov/mshda. The bills signed April 2 are: HB 5443 sponsored by state Rep. Steve Tobocman, D-Detroit, HB 5446 sponsored by state Rep. Bettie Cook Scott, D-Detroit, SB 948 sponsored by Sen. Tupac Hunter, D-Detroit, SB 950 sponsored by Sen. Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit, SB 951 sponsored by Sen. Buzz Thomas, D-Detroit, and SB 1133 sponsored by Sen. Randy Richardville, R-Monroe. The bills were given immediate effect.

According to the MSHDA:

- A third-quarter report by the Mortgage Bankers Association shows that Michigan home foreclosure rates are among the highest in the nation.
- Many experts have suggested that due to the subprime mortgage effect, foreclosure filings could double in 2008.
- A significant portion of the increase in foreclosure filings will likely come from the approximately 212,000 subprime mortgages in Michigan.
- RealtyTrac reports Michigan's foreclosure activity increased dramatically during 2006 and 2007 and is expected to get worse with the rate resets and economy-driven losses associated with future defaults on mortgage loans
- Foreclosure filings in Michigan rose during 2006 from 35,635 in 2005 to 80,919 in 2006. These numbers continued to rise to 124,561 through Nov. 30, 2007
- There are multiple stages of the foreclosure process, the filing number may double-count households that are going through foreclosure. However, these aggregate filings have gone from 1 in 119 households (2005) to 1 in 36 households (2007).
- In Michigan, the number of home sales due to foreclosure climbed from 1,108 in 2005 to 14,961 during 11 months of 2007.

### Disabled parking issue takes expertise

Q. One of our members who is disabled is threatening to sue the association under the Fair Housing Act for assigning him a parking spot that was farther from his building than another handicap spot. When the member first complained about his parking assignment, it was the first time the association board had dealt with a complaint or request from a disabled member. The board doesn't know exactly what to do and doesn't know whether it has any responsibility. What do you think?

A. The board should hire an engineer to evaluate whether new handicap spaces can be created and to otherwise gather information on whether or not there are other disabled members who may seek



Robert Meisner

handicap parking spots. If there are other disabled members and they are faced with competing claims, the board may be in the position to have to give priority to one of the other members who has lived in the community the longest. In a recent case in New Jersey, the court held on similar facts that the board had provided reasonable

accommodations to the member who sued to provide him an equal opportunity to enjoy his dwelling. The court felt that the decision to assign his handicap space was not arbitrary considering the limited number of handicap parking spaces and realizing that seniority was a "rational method of determining priority between two disabled members.

Q. How do you suggest that the board of our community association avoid defamation lawsuits regarding communications to the homeowners? What is exactly meant by defamation?

Defamation is communication of a statement that makes a false claim, expressly stated, or implied to be factual, that may harm the reputation of an individual. In a community association context, defamation lawsuits typically arise when an association distributes information on delinquent co-owners. It is my belief that you can distribute the names of members who are delinquent in their payments, but you should be extremely careful about how you do so and consider the ramifications if you do so. First, print only the facts that you can verify. For example, specify the date when the member became delinquent. If you simply state the member is delinquent and the member becomes current in his payment obligations by the time the community newsletter and meeting minutes are printed and disseminated, you will have published something factually untrue. Never specify the amount that is past due; if you are off by even a penny, you may have published an untruth. And finally, don't publish delinquency under a headline that has a negative connotation. So if you decide to publish delinquencies, which I am not generally in favor of, do so under a neutral title such as "delinquencies."

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50660 Amberley Blvd	\$168,000
2068 Antique Ct	\$450,000
44176 Arlington Rd	\$199,000
1973 Ashbourne Dr	\$436,000
42123 Briarcliff Ct	\$213,000
4199 Elizabeth Ave	\$128,000
48266 Greenwich Ln	\$260,000
47060 Hidden River Cir	S \$420,000
7406 frongate Rd	\$204,000
1442 Kensington Dr	\$293,000
1999 Knollwood Dr	\$136,000
2336 Leigh Ct	\$265,000
7760 Oxford Dr	\$565,000
47639 Pembroke Dr	\$143,000
3684 Riverside Dr	\$195,000
380 Roosevelt St	\$191,000
45183 Saitz Rd	\$221,000

352 Sheffield Ct	\$158,000	
51042 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$253,000	
2334 Stanton St	\$300,000	
2904 Stanton St	\$282,000	
43709 Yorktown St	\$160,000	
Farmington H	lls	
31290 Applewood Ln	\$220,000	
28618 Grayling Ave	\$110,000	
35035 Hillside Dr	\$121,000	
23015 Potomac Cir	\$249,000	
28590 S Harwich Dr	\$364,000	
35562 Springvale St	\$260,000	
35501 Vicksburg St	\$225,000	
Garden City	,	
33522 Alvin St	\$119,000	
7027 Cardwell St	\$135,000	
238 Henry Ruff Rd	\$120,000	
33121 Kathryn St	\$100,000	
29012 Sheridan St	\$135,000	
Livonia		
12001 Arcola St	\$113,000	
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Milford	*	
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51008 Richard Dr	\$350,000
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A free homebuyer seminar will be held 6:45 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the Northville District Library 212 W. Cady St., Northville. Seating is limited, and RSVPs are needed. Whether you are a first-time home buyer or looking to buy up, you will learn about programs that can help you buy your first home, even if you think you may not qualify for a mortgage. Get answers to questions about the buying process ... including financing, efficient house hunting, market trends, and free take-home information to help you get started. Call Michael Fischer at GMAC, (734) 454-3600, or Brett Phillips at RE/MAX, (734) 459-7646. You can also send e-mail to BrettPhillips@remax.net or Michael. Fischer@GMACM.com.

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#### BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "The

ABCs of Collection" on Tuesday, May 13, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will be presented by Ron Rich of Ronald B. Rich & Associates, Topics include: proper format for creating credit applications; collections process; making the phone call: when to initiate liens and when to go to arbitration or court. Registration fees, including a continental breakfast, are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

**■** Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 14, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association

Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction will instruct on the subiect of Water Efficiency using materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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

The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement

in sales and marketing efforts. The Million Dollar Circle awards will was also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity. Registration fees are \$55 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, nonmembers and guests. For registration information,

call (248) 862-1033. **■** Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar on Friday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information specifically geared for maintenance and service personnel, housekeeping, grounds, vendors and part-time staff.

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

**■** Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Condominium Flexibility: Cleaning Up After The Flood' on Tuesday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The inherent flexibility of the Michigan Condominium Act makes it possible to reposition and reformat existing residential projects. Topics include: using expansion, contraction and convertability rights to your advantage; developer retained rights; successor developer liabilities and rights; association administration in the stalled project; and escrow and lien issues peculiar to the Condominium Act.

Speakers are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman of Freeman Cotton & Gleeson, PLC, Greg J. Gamalski of Giamarco. Mullins & Horton, PC, and Phil Seaver of Seaver Title. Fees are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information,

call (248) 862-1033. **■** Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 28, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway,

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**■** Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a twoday "Green Building for

Building Professionals" course on Thursday and Friday, May 29-30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations

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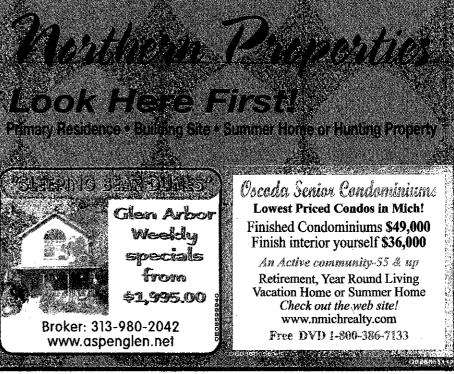
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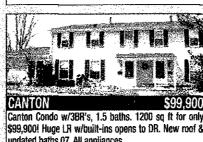
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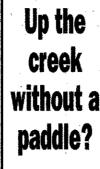
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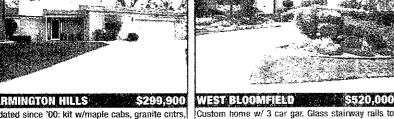
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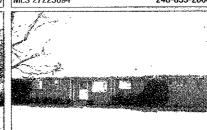
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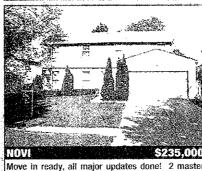
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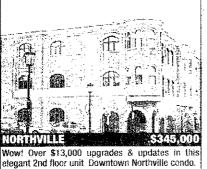
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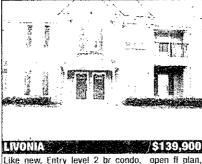


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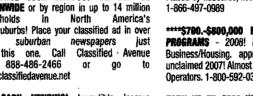
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Advertising Feature

**CAReport** 



By Dale Buss



Chrysler's advertising campaign for its new Dodge Journey crossover has greatly boosted initial online interest in the vehicle, according to an analysis by Edmunds.com. But the new omnibus marketing effort launched by Ford recently, Drive One, isn't packing nearly the same punch.

Those are the conclusions of research by David Tompkins, executive director of business solutions for Edmunds.com, based in Santa Monica, Calif., using consumer visits to the New Vehicle Detail Pages (NVDPs) of the site in April, in the immediate wake of the launches of the two advertising campaigns.

#### **Promising Journey**

"Journey [advertising] is a hit," Dr. Tompkins said. "We're seeing their traffic up 80 percent after the first week and up nearly 90 percent [from the same base] during the second week" on Edmunds.com's NVDPs. He noted that online response to the Journey campaign stems from "a combination of their ads online offline. But it's a successful start.'

Deborah Meyer, Chrysler's Chief Marketing Officer, said that the "memorability and likeability" of Journey TV ads "has been really strong," according to the company's internal research. "And brand recall is ramping up quickly," she added, "which is important since Journey is a brand new

Meyer said that Journey's various advertising streams "have raised awareness for Journey by 32 percentage points after just the first week."

Dr. Tompkins believes that some of the specifics of the Journey ads "resonate" with consumers, including Chrysler's orientation in the spots toward highlighting the vehicle's floor plan and certain flexible features. "Also, the crossover segment is a pretty hot one right now."

Ford sees its Drive One

building effort.

campain, as in the photo on the

right, as a long-term brand-





TV ads for Dodge Journey, like the Water Slide spot on the left, are creating awareness.

Indeed, the timing for the introduction of the Journey crossover couldn't have been much better for Chrysler. In just its third month on the market, Journey sales totaled nearly 7,000 units in April. In addition to tapping into torrid consumer demand for crossovers in general, Chrysler executives are counting on Journey to pick up some sales from former customers of the company's short-wheelbase minivans, which they discontinued with the introduction of new minivans last year.

#### **Broader Target**

But Tompkins said that one of the disadvantages for the Ford Drive One campaign initially is that "it's a broad campaign across the whole brand, so it's harder to be specific.

Edmunds.com NVDP visits for Ford Focus and Fusion models each have increased by about 10 percent to 15 percent in opening weeks of the ubiquitous Drive One campaign, Tompkins said. But consideration for other Ford vehicles, as measured by NVDP visits, was down for the first two weeks. The increased interest in Focus and Fusion persisted despite falling overall interest in the brand.

"In the current environment, people are very focused on things like miles per gallon," Tompkins explained. Specifically, Ford's promotion of the electronics-networking system, Sync by Microsoft, in its Focus ads is helping that vehicle as well. 'isn't this a wonderful brand?' type of advertising isn't doing as well," he said. "People want to know money is tight."

Tompkins noted that the response to the Ford campaign "has to be considered disappointing" in part because the NVDP measure isn't very demanding of consumers. "We're just talking about people seeing a Ford commercial and looking [at an NVDP] out of curiosity," he explained. "We're not requiring them to go out and

Nevertheless, Ford marketing executives have said that they were pleased with initial response to the Drive One campaign, which features real Ford

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Ford. Another 20 percent said the commercial didn't change their minds about Ford. But another 20 percent said that the ad did change their minds - and 15 percent said that the campaign might.



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"It's a little early to declare Drive One a success," admitted John Felice, general marketing manager for the Ford brand, to AutoObserver.
"But the declar foodback has been very positive."

and the advertising has been well received so far."
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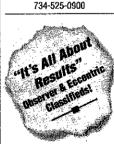
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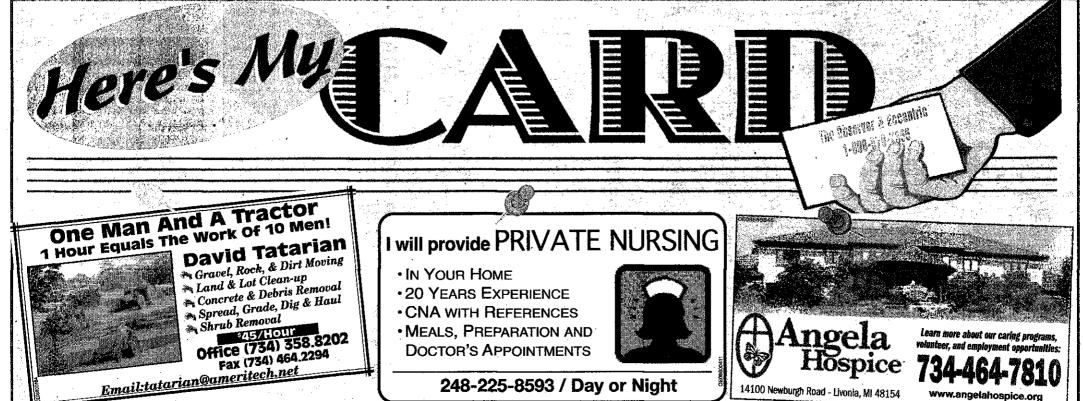
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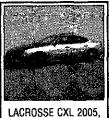
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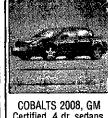
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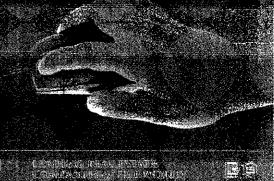


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(28064121)



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734-591-9200 Livonia Newer ranch w/open floor plan backing to commons & assoc fee includ lawn cutting & snow removal. Open GR, 1st fir Indry, eat-in kitchen, mstr w/priv ceram bth, full bsmnt, 3rd bdrm can be DR. New wndws t/o.



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(27215963)

\$112,900



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UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full finished basement. Hot tub, fenced yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks. (28071438) \$143,500



Livonia Spacious brick in quiet location, huge MSTR BDRM, full DR, tiled BAs, newer roof, updtd elect, plumb; 2.5 car det gar w/elec; part fin bsmt, C/A, patio, hrdwd firs, thermal vinyl



WOW! MOVE IN CONDITION Brick ranch with so many updates it feels brand new!!! Full basement, A MUST SEE. 3 bedrooms.



impressive Custom-Bit 4 Bd/3.3 Bath Home on or notes w/ o Car Garage Plus Additional 4-6 Car Garage w/Water & Elec. 2-way staircase; 1 st Fl Master Ste. Fin LL.



Beautiful condo in desirable area. High ceilings, granite surfaces, HDWD Firs. Lots of natural light. Hilltop setting w/ great views. All appl. stay.

(28054045) \$339,754



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248-348-6430 Must see Condo. 3 Bedroom Wonderful condo //in walking distance to dwntwn area. Oper fir plan, new windows & furnace. Updated cab, lots of storage. 1st ftr laundry. Backs to (27212848)



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White Lake 248-684-1065 Lg kit w/ vault ceil, recessed lights & oak cabs. DR w/ D/W to deck. GR w/ vault ceil & gas fp. Fin W/O LL w/ full ba, bar, FR & BR/office.



248-348-6430 White Lake Twp Spacious 3 BR Condo. LR w/fp, bright open kitchen w/ ample space to add bar stools, bsmt w/daylgiht windows, soon to be freshly



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firs, 2 st great room w/views to upper level. First floor laundry. Master bedroom his/hers closets

& garden tub in Mastr Bath. Island Kitchen. (28059776)

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## Install an office suite on your PC for free

Question: I just bought a new PC and need an office suite (for word processing, spreadsheets, etc.). Is Microsoft Office 2007 my only option?

Answer: Absolutely not. If you own an older version of Office.



Rick Broida

one running Windows Vista. Just make sure to download all the latest updates from Microsoft so the program is current in terms of security and reli-

it should work

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On the other hand, you could always download one of two extremely good alternatives both of them free, The first is one I've mentioned before: OpenOffice (openoffice.org).

This amazing suite of programs affords virtually all the same tools found in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and even Visio. It's not quite as pretty, but it should get the job done for most users.

The best news, aside from the fact that OpenOffice is available free of charge, is that it offers full file compatibility with its Microsoft Office counterparts. Thus, you can open, say, Word-formatted documents, save spreadsheets in Excel format, and so on.

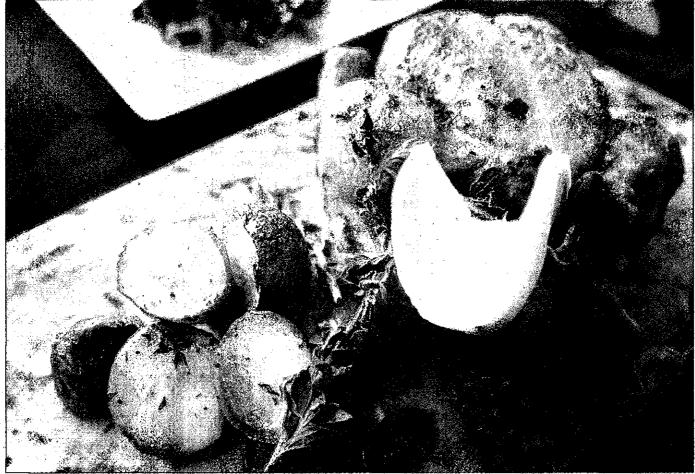
(Actually, OpenOffice doesn't yet support Office 2007 documents-only earlier versions, but the upcoming 3.0 version will.)

Some users find OpenOffice to be overkill. For those folks I'd recommend Lotus Symphony (symphony.lotus. com), which also offers word processing, spreadsheets, and presentations.

Interestingly, Symphony uses the same core software as OpenOffice. But it wraps it in a much prettier, easier-to-use interface. Thus, I'd recommend it for novice users and those who don't need database and drawing tools.

If all you need is a word processor, try AbiWord (abisource. com). It's fast, easy to use, and

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Schellig prepared this chicken with a rub of onion powder, garlic powder, paprika and black pepper.

## Mother's Day: Set her table with roasted chicken and seasonal dishes

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK O & E STAFF WRITER

Cheryl Heppard has always loved food.

She remembers her childhood, growing up in Livonia. Her mother, Cathy Howton, was a stay-at-home mom before she decided to become a nurse. She always had dinner ready at home, Heppard remembers.

"She was a 'meat-andpotatoes' woman," said Heppard, who is a board certified holistic counselor (or health coach) at www. MichiganHealthCoach.com. "She knows the importance of cooking to bring the family together."

Sometimes Cheryl and her mother cooked together. Spaghetti, chicken soup and roasts often filled plates at the

Howton home. Matt Schellig, owner of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham and a Culinary Institute of America graduate, said he enjoyed his mother's scrambled eggs and cheese, a dish he still enjoys to this day. "My mom (Sue Ann Schellig) cooked a great Swiss steak," said Matt. Schellig, always the chef, wants to cook foods his way, so much so that he tried to add to Mom's stir fry by tossing things from the other side of the kitchen into the stir fry, he said with a sly

Schellig and Heppard con-



Cheryl Heppard, holistic counselor at www. MichiganHealthyCoach.com, and Matt Schellig, chef and owner of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham, remember the culinary influences of their mothers.

duct cooking classes at Aunt Olive's twice a month.

As a teenager Heppard enjoyed fast food, pizza and brownies, "everything you eat in high school," she said. She said she was about 20 pounds overweight back then. In her 20s, she turned to a vegetarian diet, but found she was replacing animal proteins with pastas and sugar. "That didn't work for me," she said. "Instead of chicken, we would have pasta, and you can only eat so many beans and lentils each day."

Today she maintains a plant-based diet, with salads and vegetables along with a protein, including chicken and fish, but she avoids red meat. She tells clients to fill up on salad, then eat vegetables and finally eat the protein last.

Heppard's mother died four years ago, but Heppard continues a tradition of motherand-daughter meals with her own 8- and 10-year-olds. "The kids love to peel and chop cucumber," Heppard said. Heppard's grandmother, Evelyn Button, taught Cheryl how to make "awesome" Italian meatballs and eggplant parmesan, Heppard said, and she still lives in Livonia. (Button is an astrologer and once did New Year's predictions for all the zodiac signs in

the Observer & Eccentric.) "A few of (my mother's) recipes I still use, like the chicken soup and spaghetti," Heppard said. "I work toward more of a marinara sauce, and serve the meatballs on the side. And I make it with a lot more onions."

What works for a Mother's

Day or late spring meal? Roasted chicken is great for a meal and leftovers. "You can cook one day, then stretch it into two or three meals," Heppard said.

"Chicken is an easy dish and everyone likes it," Schellig said. "It's good roasted and it's the best way to do it. It's a simple roast with an herb rub. You truss it and roast it." The chicken is neatly and tightly trussed.

We called this recipe 'proposal chicken," Heppard said. Schellig cooks half a chicken per person.

Add that to an asparagus mushroom salad with light sherry vinaigrette, and you're pulling in some local flavors,

Please see MOM, D2

#### **FOOD PICKUP IS** SATURDAY

The National Association of Letter Carriers and Campbell Soup Co. will work together to help Stamp Out Hunger, the nation's largest single-day food drive, on Saturday.

To help Stamp Out Hunger, leave a sturdy bag containing nonperishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, pasta, rice or cereal, next to your mailbox before the time of your regular mail delivery. Food items should be in nonbreakable containers, such as boxes and cans.

For more information, ask your letter carrier, contact your local post office or visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.

#### MAY IS VINEGAR MONTH

The Vinegar Institute encourages everyone to discover the joy of vinegar this May and let their imagination run wild throughout their entire home. White distilled vinegar has secured its position as a must-have household cleaner. And, because it is an all-in-one cleaner, it can take on most any cleaning challenge, no matter the size. With a bottle in your cleaning arsenal, there's no need to worry about harmful effects typically associated with harsh, chemical cleaning agents. Just take a look at some of the many ways to clean while maintaining your eco-friendly mantra.

■ Use full-strength vinegar to banish grease and eliminate mildew.

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■ Use full-strength to clean chrome fixtures and whiten grout.

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freshen a musty closet. ■ Mix with salt and baking soda to unclog drains.

■ Dilute with water to deodorize your garbage disposal.

For more information, visit www.versatilevinegar.org.

## **Bobby Flay** visits Monday

Bobby Flay, the host of numerous cooking shows on the Food Network, including Iron Chef America and Throwdown, will autograph his new book, Bobby Flay's Grill It! at 7 p.m. Monday, May 12, at Borders, 34300 Woodward Ave. in Birmingham.

Flay's latest cookbook is organized by ingredients with chapters covering juicy beef steaks and succulent shrimp as well as less traditional grill fare such as asparagus, fruit, lamb, scallops, potatoes, and squash.

Flay teaches how to cook while also offering an arsenal of ideas for transforming favorite ingredients into something inventive and satisfying, such as Grilled Chicken Thighs with Green Olives and Sherry Vinegar-Orange Sauce or Beer-Marinated Skirt Steak with Pickled Red Onions and Grilled Tortillas.

Flay is also the food correspondent for The Early Show on CBS.



He has authored eight cookbooks and he owns several restaurants. Call (248) 203-0005 for information.

### Compete for Mark of Distinction grants

ast month, Napa Valley's Markham Vineyards upped its participation in a long history of community involvement. The winery's call for applicants



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Markham Vineyards is searching for local leaders who are dedicated to improving their neighborhoods, cities or town. Passionate, inspiring candidates with a project that could make a lasting change in their community can enter at www. MarkhamMarkofDistinction.

In July, 10 finalists and their dream projects will be selected and posted on the Web site. The public will then vote to determine two winners, who will be awarded \$25,000 each to make a lasting local change - a Mark of Distinction - in their com-

Do consider entering the grant competition and bring

Please see WINE, D2

### **WINE PICKS**

In addition to the 2004 Markham Merlot cited in the column, we recommend the following as taste treats: 2006 Redwood Creek \$8

2006 Red Rock Reserve \$12 superb value 2005 Kendall-Jackson \$19 2005 Donati Family Vineyard Claret (43% merlot) \$22 2005 Ghost Pines \$23 2005 Milbrandt Vineyards Legacy

2005 Sbragia Home Ranch Dry Creek \$25 - full throttle with lots of barrel spice notes 2005 Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve \$26

2004 Matanzas Creek \$29 If a retailer does not stock a

specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

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#### **MARKHAM AT 30**

It has been said that 30 is the new 20. So, when we learned that Markham Vineyards was celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, we asked "has it been that long?" It has, and if you've not tried a Markham wine lately, you've not experienced the era of winemaker Kimberlee Nicholls at the helm since 2001.

In its early years, Markham's focus was cabernet sauvignon but the introduction of its first merlot with the 1980 vintage was the start of the image as a merlot winery. "I'm really proud of the success we've had with merlot," Nicholls said.

"It's our flagship wine and I want it to be feminine and fleshy." Nicholls says masculine cabernet sauvignon is fine with her but she wants consumers to be able to tell the difference between the two varietals.

Like its entire wine portfolio, Markham makes high quality Napa Valley wines at very fair prices.

This is so refreshing in an era when it seems that any wine bearing the Napa Valley designation has skyrocketed in price. We recommend the following as best buys from Markham: 2006 Sauvignon Blanc \$15, 2004 Merlot \$23 and 2003 Cabernet

Sauvignon \$29. Buy a bottle (or all three) and while sipping, develop your community project ideas in no more than 300 words. Then, log on to the Web site above and submit it.

You could win this compe-

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

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Heppard said. It's better to buy produce from a local farmer.

"You can go to a farmer's market and it's better because it was picked a day before, rather than being shipped in from another place."

"What a great way to say

'I love you' to your mom, by cooking her a healthy meal," said Heppard. "It's important to cook at home. With restaurants, you don't always know if the chicken has no antibiotics or is hormone free. You don't know how much salt or sugar is used. It's important to take control of your and your family's health."

For more information, visit www. MichiganHealthCoach.com or www. auntolives.com.

### MOTHER'S DAY MEAL

### CHICKEN

Before baking the chicken, brine it overnight in a mixture of 1 cup of salt, 1 cup agave nectar (available at Aunt Olive's and specialty markets) and one gallon water. (See note.)

The following day, rinse the chicken, then rub with a mixture of 1 tablespoon each of onion and garlic powder, paprika and black pepper. If desired, add a pinch of cayenne pepper.

Truss the chicken by tying its legs with butcher's twine or use skewers to hold the legs in.

Bake at 350 degrees for about 11/2 hours, figuring approximately 15 minutes for each pound. If desired, sear the chicken near the end of the cooking by increasing the oven temperature to 450-500 degrees. Watch closely so the chicken does not overcook.

(Note: If agave nectar isn't available, use I cup of sugar.)

### MOREL AND ASPARAGUS SALAD

1 pound morel mushrooms 1 pound asparagus 1 small diced red onion ¼ cup olive oil ¼ cup sherry vinaigrette (see note)

Toss the morel mushrooms and asparagus with a little bit of olive oil, salt and pepper. Roast in the oven at 350 degrees until fully cooked. (The asparagus with have a bright green color and the mushrooms will have lost a significant amount of moisture. Taste a mushroom to see if it is done the way you like them.) Quarter or half the mushrooms and cut the asparagus into 1-inch long pieces. Toss all the ingredients together and serve. This salad also could be

served with a grilled piece of salmon, chicken or beef. Makes one quart of salad. Note: For the sherry vinaigrette, combine ½ cup of sherry vinegar, ½ cup extra virgin olive oil, 1 cup vegetable oil, 1 bunch thyme, and salt and pepper to taste, then whisk.

#### CREME BRULE

Taste to adjust seasonings to your personal preference. Makes 3 cups.

2 quarts cream

3 cups sugar 1 vanilla bean

30 egg yolks 1 cup milk

Combine cream, sugar and vanilla bean in a stainless steel pot and bring to a boil. Whisk the egg yolks and milk together. Temper the cream into the egg mixture. Strain and place in the ramikens. Bake at 350 degrees (on low fan) for 25 minutes or until done.

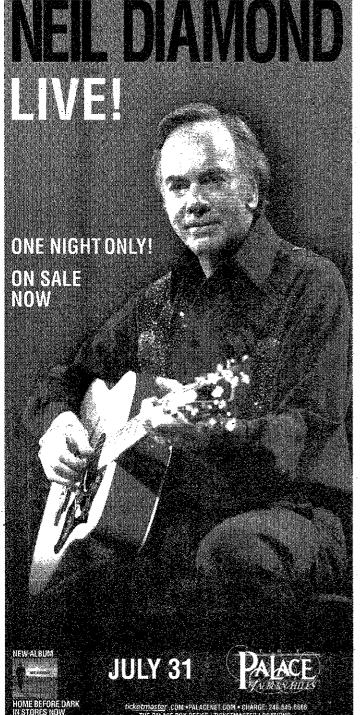
#### DARK CHOCOLATE FONDUE (SIN)

1 pound dark chocolate 3 cups rice or almond milk

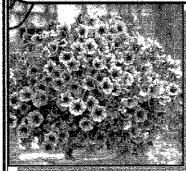
Assorted cut and washed fruit Cut the chocolate into little pieces and place into a double boiler. Bring the milk up to a simmer, then add to the chocolate. Cut and wash fruit, then pat with a dry cloth. (It's best if you let the washed fruit sit on a towel to dry.) Dip fruit into chocolate.

(Note: To make the chocolate sin in the photo, prepare recipe to the point of cutting the fruit and instead, pour chocolate into molds and let harden.)

Recipes courtesy of Matthew Schellig, owner of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham.



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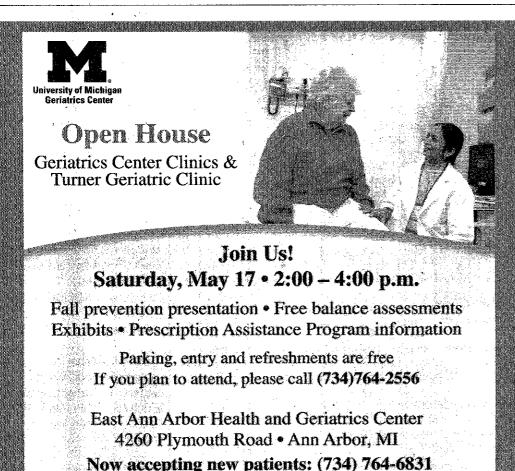


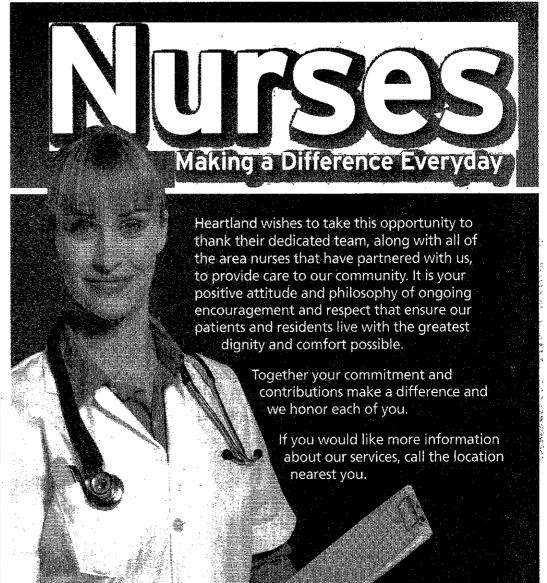
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#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

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

#### Rummage sale

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 Prophetess Dianne Palmer). Call (313) 438-1177 or www.newwineglory.org.

#### Evening of evangelization

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office for Evangelization continues its evening series with Rev. Alex Kratz of the diocesan Mobile Evangelization Team-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, Kratz expands his teachings from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' booklet, Go and Make Disciples. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

#### **Bethany Suburban West**

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.

#### Single mom's luncheon

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11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, north of Five Mile. The lunch is free of charge, but reservations required, Call (734) 427-8743 to leave your name. Free children's activities and baby-sitting will be provided along with a special music presentation, a small gift, and a short message of encouragement for single moms.

#### Choir concert

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir perform 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Máy 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.

#### Prayer vigil

In connection with World Day of Prayer and the Livonia Prayer Breakfast, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church opens its doors to the public 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 15, for a Prayer Vigil at the church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Visit www.christoursavior.org for more information.

#### Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the journey to an emotionally mature church during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in May 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.

#### 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.

#### Flute concert

3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, A Flutist's Travelogue with Holly Clemans, assisted by Darlene Kuperus, keyboards. Program includes works by Bach, Mozart, Telemann, C. McMichael and PDQ Bach, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Freewill donation benefits the 2008 Holy Trinity Worckcamp trip.

#### Living rosary

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia, All area Catholics invited to participate in the ceremony held by candlelight. The ceremony, which commemorates May as the month of Our Lady, follows the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200.

#### Polish festival

5-11:30 p.m. Friday, May 23, 1-11 p.m. Saturday, May 24, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, May 25 (Polka Mass at noon), food, music, games, rides, Vegas Tent, at St. Stanislaus Kostka, 266 Antoine, Wyandotte, Call (734) 285-9509. Memorial service to honor veterans 4 p.m. Sunday.

#### 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.

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Featuring Marie Bellet 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Tickets \$5, refreshments provided. Call (734) 425-5950. Bellet is a wife and mother of 9, who has written and recorded 4 albums of song celebrat-

#### ing marriage and the family. **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

#### Patriotic pops concert 7 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at Ward **Evangelical Presbyterian Church** 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra. Handbells, Ensembles and Children's Choir present American favorites and a salute to U.S. Armed Forces. Child care provided through age 4.

No admission charge. For details, call

#### (248) 374-7400. Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program is currently taking registrations for Summer Camp from June 9 to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia.

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#### **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 Kopczynski, 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. singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

### **Prince of Peace Church**

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

### Sunday services

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

### Tai chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-

10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

### Church offerings

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast

the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

### Church services

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

#### Thursday fellowship dinner All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners

catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.

#### Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730. Thrift store

#### Open Wednesdays 9:30-11;30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St.

#### James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

### Tai Chi class

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

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

#### Living Water series

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

#### Couple prayer series

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

#### **ENDOW**

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

### **ENDOW**

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

Day of service Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

### New schedule

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

### **Worship Service**

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

### Worship

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

### Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at

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

#### Worship service

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

#### F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

#### New worship schedule

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

#### Sunday worship

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

#### Worship services

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

#### Pancake breakfasts

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

#### come. Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call

#### (734) 464-0990. MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.

#### tierhan@gmail.com. **Bible studies**

Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

### **MOPS** groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail. com.

### **LOGOS Youth Club**

Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

### HeartCry

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

### Women of the word

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the

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### BETTYE J. SUSAMI

Age 88 May 3, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Dear mother of Nancy (Roger) Boettcher, Jack (Mary Lou) Susami. Dearest grandmother of Cathy Welch, Carla (Donny) Luberto, Susami-Downing (Ryan), and Molly Susami; and great grandmother of Jordan, Matthew, and Kendall Luberto. Loving sister of Carl Nelson. Funeral services were held at St. John Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, Redford. The family appreciates memorial contributions to the church. Interment Grand Lawn Cemetery. Please share a memory with the family at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

### EVA K. BITTMENN

Age 92, May 4, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Joseph (Ida) Bittmenn and Kathryn (William) Sautter. Grandmother of Rev. David J., Mark (Michelle) and Paul (Carrie) Bittmenn, William (Carol) and Scott (Casandra) Sautter. Great-grandmother of Victoria, Ellyn, Zachary, Nicholas, Samantha and Christina. Services were held on Thursday at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth, Burial in New Jersey. Share your special thoughts

#### LAWRENCE "Larry" **JOLLIFFE**

Larry was born July 25, 1937 in Plymouth, son of Evered and Grace Jolliffe.

He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1947. He was a Army veteran and a graduate of Michigan State University. He retired in 1997 and was a stock broker for over 20 years with First of Michigan. He was a avid golfer, reader and world traveler. His survivors include his sisters Miriam Kovall and Jean Champe, and brother Keith (Ruth) Jolliffe. Services have taken place.

#### O. RUTH CORNELY

Age 85, of South Lyon, passed away at home May 1, 2008. She was the Beloved wife of William F. Cornely and Devoted Mother and Best Friend of Karen Cornely. She enjoyed making many beautiful quilts and gardening her prize flower beds. She made numerous friends over the years with her late husband while living in Pennsylvania, Kansas, Tennessee, and Michigan. A Memorial Service was held on May 7 at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd. Rockville, MD 20852-9813.

#### FRANK (Hank) **MURTLAND III**

Of Farmington Hills, Age 52 passed away of cancer on May 4th, 2008 at home with his family at his side. Hank was born in Cincinnati, Ohio but lived most of his life in Farmington & Farmington Hills. He was a graduate of Farmington High School (1973) and of Michigan Tech University (1980) from which he earned a mechanical engineering degree. Hank was vice president of Turbine Tool & Gage and of TFG Gage Components of Livonia and was actively involved in the operation of both companies. All those who knew Hank were aware of his passion for hunting and fishing. He was always anxious to share his experiences with both old and young alike. Numerous youngsters benefited from his knowledge of the outdoors. Hank excelled in many individual sports such as water skiing, snow skiing and swimming. He was very good on a trampoline and was an avid scuba diver. His love for the water and boating was evident in time spent on Torch Lake and on his boat, "Goosebumps" on the Great Lakes. Hank became involved with the Farmington Glen Aquatic Club as a youngster when he was his father's right hand man and and memories at Schrader-howell.com remained a dedicated member all his life. He served several times as president but was better known for his devotion to preserving and upgrading the club. Hank is survived by his wife, JoAnn, sons Michael and Frank (Cam) daughter Ellee, mother Audrey, all of Farmington Hills, father-in-law Alben Gross, mother-in-law Gertrude Gross, both of Elk Rapids, Michigan, sister Terri (Doug Foster), brother Greg (LeeAnn), nephews, Court, Austin and Andrew, sister-in-law Nancy Allard (Jon), nephews Andrew and Joseph, sister-in-law Lisa Woodley (David) and nephew Logan and niece Natalie and sister-in-law Mary Gross. He is preceded in death by his father, Frank . Murtland, Jr. An open house will be held at Farmington Glen Aquatic 33500 Freedom Road. Farmington, 48335 on Saturday, May 10th from 2 to 6 P.M. An "Honorary Celebration of Hank" will begin at 4 P.M. The family has requested that donations be made to the following: Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute c/o Development Office, 4100 John R., Detroit, MI 48201 or University of Michigan, Department

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### VERONICA BOHEIM

Age 73, Farmington, MI, passed May Farmington, MI

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#### Bible study

Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Focus of study is Romans. Come once or more often. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

**Fellowship Dinners** 6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313)534-7730.

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Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of 1-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

Morning prayers 7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-

#### 6330. J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish

#### Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa. higherrockcafe.4t.com.

#### Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

### Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440. Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call

#### (734) 425-6360.

**Farmington Women Aglow** 

Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. A Christian women's group.

#### **Worship services**

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

#### Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

#### **Celebrate Recovery**

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffèe and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch. org/celebrate.

#### Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

#### **Worship service**

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

#### Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you,

### Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

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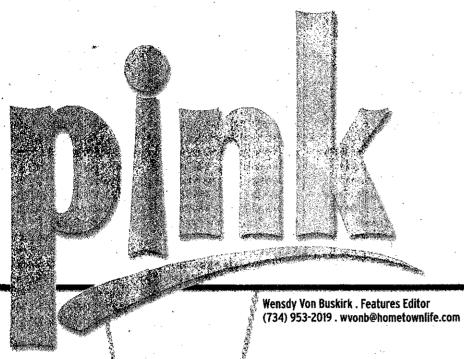
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BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK **OSE STAFF WRITER** 

There's no need to search high and low for the perfect Mother's Day gift when jewelry is enough to charm any mom.

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Here are some suggestions for charming charms found in Metro Detroit:

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These adorable three-dimensional sterling silver charms affix with lobster clasps so they're easy to move and change. Available exclusively in Metro Detroit at Mazzoni Jewelers in Farmington, the German-made charms come in trendy shapes that reflect modern lifestyles. Fashionista moms will love enameled handbags, stilettos and sunglasses, while new moms will treasure a bracelet strung with tiny booties, binkies and baby buggies. And who wouldn't swoon over a string of birthstones representing

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### **TIFFANY LOCKETS**

If it's a Mother's Day to truly celebrate, spoil her by splurging on a luxurious locket from Tiffany & Co. at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Lockets are available in various shapes and sizes, and can be personalized both inside

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#### BY CHERYL HALL LINDSAY

Cheryl Hall Lindsay is director of fashion, public relations and special events for Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection. She's also a wonderful wife and mom. Hubby David, and sons, Alex, 15, and Clark, 12, are Cheryl's top pri-

Yet she manages to stay fabulous, acting as a role model to other working moms throughout metro Detroit and beyond. How does she do it?

Two rules: Don't sweat the small stuff and take time every

day for you. 'You'll feel better, look better, and be ready to do what Moms do best - take care of everyone else!" she said.

In honor of Mother's Day, here are some more of Cheryl's style secrets:

Wear Hi

BCBG tunic tops - there's a style to flatter every age & shape

DON'T Weat 13!

Open-toe sandals without a pedicure -- splurge (husbands, get the hint!) or polish your own toes and go!

Tote III

A Chanel handbag of any kind — you'll always be in style

Kick its

Christian Louboutin pumps you absolutely cannot go wrong

### Face it:

La Prairie Anti-Aging Stress Cream a Mom Must-Have

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"Willy Wonka Junior" at Berkshire Middle School, May 8-11

Mos ki That's easy -

Saks Fifth Avenue, of course!

Drink it!

Champagne celebrate every day

Signature Grille's beef tenderloin, served with a Riverfront Towers view

Use N

The DIA, MOCAD, Cranbrook, Belle Isle, Meadow Brook Hall we are surrounded by cultural jewels

Experie**nce it**l

The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn for an in-town getaway

Accessoriz**e iti** 

David Yurman bangles the more, the merrier

Presn ki

You CAN have it all but you'll have to work for it!



Cheryl Hall Lindsay with sons Alex and Clark.

Jewel H

Judith Ripka cocktail rings pretty colors and so much fun

Smell Iti

Chloe Eau de Parfum heavenly!

Work it:

Your body — walk, jog, swim — just get out and move!

Understand Iti

Groves Water Polo --- or whatever sport your kids play

Do It!

Support "charity:water" --\$5 helps provide life's most basic necessity

Remember H

To say "I Love You" to those you do

### Macomb's Partridge Creek proves shop-a-holics will travel

ll it took was the first sunny day to break 60 degrees and I was ready to motor out to Macomb County to The Mall at Partridge Creek. I headed up -Mound Road to pick up the best shopping partner ever, my



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embarked on the area's newest outdoor shopping mecca armed with credit

mom and fel-

low Rochester

Susan Casola.

Together we

Stephanie Angelyn Casola

cards. With ample parking and stores yet to open in the

sprawling landscape that's curiously close to longtime shopping behemoth Lakeside Mall, it was easy to find a space and walk right in. Partridge Creek is anchored by Saks-owned department store Parisian and new addition Nordstom, which opened to much fanfare April 18.

Outside, a brick path winds

its, way through bustling shops, placed on every corner. There's children's play areas, bocce ball courts, a 30-foot fireplace, a television court, and eateries for famished shoppers. We opted for Bar Louie with its high-backed booths and Texmex inspired menu. But Max & Erma's, Brio, California Pizza Kitchen and P.F. Changs looked equally crowded.

After lunch, we sauntered our way into some triedand-true favorites - H&M for wardrobe staples, SHI by Journeys for a flirty pair of pink and brown canvas flats, Sephora to grab a new concealer, Benefit's Erase Paste, and The Gap for a cheery yellow summer trench. Along the way it's hard to miss the hoards of dog-owners who proudly take advantage of four dog comfort stations and petfriendly environs. We fussed over Fido and took a break for - what else - coffee and chocolate. My mom snagged some plush seats at Moonstruck Chocolate Cafe while I ordered up our cappuccinos and one truffle each. Chocolate is hard to pass up at Partridge Creek, since it's prominently

Nestle Toll House Cafe, a **Rocky Mountain Chocolate** Factory and a Godiva too.

Fully recharged, we perused the country's first freestanding Calvin Klein store, and sniffed heavenly-scented potions at Bath & Body Works. We rotated in and out of dressing rooms at my mom's favorite -Ann Taylor and mine, Banana Republic. And soon enough we were loaded with packages and shopped-out.

But we'll be back. And next time we're planning on manicures and a movie. The Mall at Partridge Creek is located at 17460 Hall Road, on the south side of M-59 between Garfield and Romeo Plank roads. For more, visit www.shoppartridgecreek.com.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola is a selfconfessed shop-a-holic, She inherited that trait from her mother and now channels it into writing about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Shop Around the Corner? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

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

#### Mother's Day Teas

- The Costick Center in Farmington Hills will host a fashion show tea 2-4 p.m. Friday, May 9, with sweets, cosmetic tips, prizes and gifts. One winner will receive a custom makeover. 28600 11 Mile Road, (248) 473-1830.
- The Community House in Birmingham will present a mother/ daughter tea 11:30 a.m. Saturday May 10. The dress-up event includes tea sandwiches, sweets, punch, piano music, dance performance, storytelling and more. Daughters eight and under may bring their favorite doll to compete for best look-alike/dressed-
- alike daughter and doll. Best lookalike mother and daughter, oldest and the youngest grandmothers, and most members of the same family also will be recognized. \$14/children, \$19/adults. 380 S. Bates, (248) 644-5832.
- The Dearborn Inn will host its 8th Victorian Tea to benefit autoimmune research 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 10 with lunch, dessert, music, silent auction, and fashion show of garments from 1860-1940's. Dress in tea attire from your favorite fashion period, and vie for prizes for best ensembles and hats. 20301 Oakwood Blvd., (586) 776-3900
- The Detroit Historical Society Guild will host an etiquette tea party at the Detroit Historical Museum noon-3 p.m. Sunday, May 18 for boys and girls 7-14 and adults. Enjoy desserts, lemonade,

and an etiquette lesson in the new Cadillac Café, \$12 includes etiquette book, (586) 777-5898 Promenade of Hope

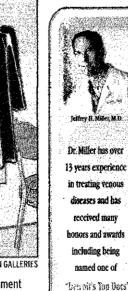
HAVEN's 2008 Promenade of Hope event will echo a plea to end domestic violence and sexual assault at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8. The evening includes cocktails, strolling dinner, fashions by WSU design students, and auctions at the Detroit Newspapers Print Facility, 6200 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Tickets, \$200, call (248) 322-3703.

**Hudson's Print Auction** 

About 60 ads from Hudson's will be included in Swann Galleries' annual spring auction of Modernist Posters beginning at 1:30 p.m. May 12 in New York. The collection of Hudson's posters, circa 1940's, used to promote seasonal specials and sale items at the



now defunct Hudson's Department Stores, are valued \$3,000-\$4,000. Visit www.swanngalleries.com or call (212) 254-4710 to make arrangements to bid by phone, fax or mail.



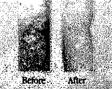
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