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Oakwood gets nod to proceed with hospital campus

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Just before the Canton Township Board cleared the way for Oakwood to move forward with its efforts to build

a medical campus in Canton, staunch critics of its previous proposal to build in the township welcomed the health care system to the community.

"We do welcome you, Oakwood," said Canton resident Kiki Gleneski, one of Greene, told Oakwood offimany who led the push last year against the Dearbornbased company building at Beck and Geddes.

Gleneski, along with Planning Commissioner Greg

cials they were pleased to see the company's plans to construct a campus on the west side of Beck Road, just north of Michigan Avenue, get the green light.

In approving the Dearbornbased health care provider's preliminary planned development district (PDD) request, the board agreed to modify some conditions that were placed on the proposal by the Canton Planning Commission.

While Oakwood agreed to establish an advisory council that will include township

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Basking in the sun

Is there a nicer time of year than spring? Justin Hajduk took advantage of the mild weather last week and wet a line in one of the lakes at Heritage Park. He said he fishes in Heritage Park a couple times a week. We should all be so lucky.

Judge: Convicted teen 'would KIII again

Jean Pierre Orlewicz enters the courtroom for his sentencing. He was sentenced to life without parole on the first-degree and felony murder charges, plus 50

months to 10 years for mutilating a body.

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Calling his actions "evil" and expressing gratitude for the jury that convicted him, Wayne Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry did the only thing she could do under Michigan law following Jean Pierre Orlewicz's conviction last month.

She sent him to prison for the rest of his life. Berry on Monday sentenced Orlewicz, the 18-year-old from Plymouth Township, to life sentences without possibility of parole on the first-degree and felony murder counts on which a jury last month convicted Orlewicz in the stabbing, beheading and dismemberment of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge. And, while Orlewicz stood silently before her, speaking only to answer questions, Berry

had plenty to say. "It's still hard for the court to fathom why someone would do something as heinous and evil as what you have done," Berry told Orlewicz. "There is a difference between mental illness and evil ... your actions are tantamount to evil.

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No big surprises: Candidates set for Canton board race

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There were no last minute surprises Wednesday at the Canton clerk's office. According to Clerk Terri Bennett, no big names waited until the last minute to file before the 4 p.m. deadline to run for a seat on the Canton Board of Trustees. The slate is now set for the Aug. 5 primary election.

Bennett, a Republican seeking reelection, is the only member of the board running unopposed.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, a Republican who is term limited, is running for township supervisor. Political newcomer David Marsh, a Democrat, will be LaJoy's oppo-

There are six Republicans and

one Democrat who have filed to run for the four trustees positions, including two incumbents --Republicans Karl Zarbo and Todd Caccamo. The other Republicans running are Michael Andro, John Anthony, Fred Bolden, who organized the first Liberty Fest parade, Pat Williams, and Jaldhar Prasad. Fyed Taj is the only Democrat to get his name on the ballot for

The Aug. 5 primary election will determine which four Republicans will be on the November general election ballot.

The race for township treasurer may be the most interesting. Current Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter has decided not to run for re-election. Current Trustee Melissa McLaughlin and

Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks, who are both Republicans, are vying for the office. Both women are well known and have deep ties in the community. The Aug. 5 primary will determine which one will be on the November ballot and likely be unopposed because there isn't a

Democrat in the race. Todd LaJoy, the other current trustee, is running for the 21st State House seat currently held by his father, Phil LaJoy. He is being opposed by Canton resident Dian Slavens, the wife of current Wayne County Circuit Court judge and former Plymouth-Canton school board member Mark Slavens. Dian Slavens is running as a Democrat.

And speaking of Mark Slavens, he is running as an incumbent for a three-year term on the 3rd Circuit Court bench, along with Muriel Diane Hughes.

Since there are two seats open, he is running virtually unopposed. Two Plymouth Republicans, Abe Munfakh and Jerry Vorva, who is a former state representative, have filed to run against Northville Democrat Marc Corriveau for his 20th State House seat, which he won two years ago. Munfakh, a former Plymouth Township trustee, also filed to run for township supervisor in Plymouth, and will have to withdraw his name from one of the races by Friday. Canton Democrat Kevin McNamara, who is the Wayne County Commissioner for District 11, will have a Republican opponent in Canton resident Steve Johnson.

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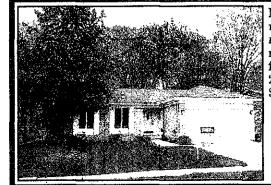
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Positive parenting seminar

The Canton Police Department and Canton Leisure Services are partnering together to present another Positive Parenting Seminar on Monday, May 19, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Parents are encouraged to attend this informative parenting seminar together with their kids age 9 and older. Community Relations Sgt. Deb Newsome will present safety information geared specifically toward kids on Web sites, messaging and chat rooms. MySpace and Facebook will be discussed as well.

Parents attending the presentation are welcome to bring their younger children to enjoy activities and Summit facilities free of charge. Child care will be provided in the following manner: Ages 3 and under will be supervised in the Kids Corner; ages 4-6 may swim as long as an older sibling is present (otherwise, an alternative activity will be provided) and ages 7 and older are welcome to swim. Ages and activity intentions will be asked upon registration. After the seminar, parents are invited to join their kids for some fun.

The seminar is free of charge, but seating is limited. Plymouth-Canton residents interested in attending should stop by or call the Summit front desk at (734) 394-5460. by May 15 for reservations.

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The anniversary party will include a catered dinner, pop/ coffee, raffles and 50s and '60s music by Canton's own Fairview featuring Ron and Albert Muniz on guitar and lead vocals, Chat Atwell on bass and Karl Zarbo on drums.

The Canton Lions Club is involved in many note-worthy local and world-wide community service projects such as: Liberty Fest and Relay for Life Pancake Breakfasts, August's Corn Roast, White Cane sale and collecting glasses for Third World Countries. All donations will be given back to the community and/or to the blind and hearing impaired.

To secure your reservation, please make checks payable to the Canton Lions for \$25 per person and mail to Nancy at 42764 Woodbridge Road, Canton, MI 48188 by May 15. For more information, please call (734) 981-0486 or e-mail nrybar@yahoo.com.

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On Sunday, May 18, the Main Street Car Wash in Plymouth will be donating all the proceeds for that day to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, which represents Plymouth and Canton. The Veterans will be wetting down

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and drying off cars. Owner Phil Pursell has been doing this for years. All the money donated this day will go to help all veterans.

Chamber computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering an "Intro to MS Publisher" course presented by Canton Computers on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, from 6-9 p.m. at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office located at 45525 Hanford Road in Canton. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2008. These classes are open to Chamber members and to the public.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

To register, contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040. Registration deadline is Friday, May 16. All 2008 seminars and computer training courses are proudly sponsored by Telcom Credit Union.

For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber. com.

Rotary raffle

The Canton Rotary Club will host a fund-raising dinner from 6:30-9:30 p.m., June 2 at bar, and a chance to network

Serving his country

U.S. Marine Dennis Speck, a former Canton resident who graduated from Canton High School, is currently serving in Afghanistan. As part of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Speck, 24, is a platoon commander for 1st Battalion 6th Marine Regiment Bravo Company 3rd Platoon. According to his parents, Howard and Rosemary Speck, they are presently outside the wire (not in a guarded compound) and are engaging the Taliban. Before heading to Afghanistan in March, Speck graduated from the United States Naval Academy, but he opted to be a Marine officer and his homeland base is Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. According to his father, Speck enjoyed his time in high school, especially Mrs. Hilfinger's American history class. He would love for students to write his son. Letters can be sent to: Lt. Dennis J. Speck, B Co, 3rd Plt, BLT 1/6, unit 73135, FPO AE 09510-3135.

Summit on the Park. The event with fellow business people will feature a raffle with prizes, a full dinner, entertainment, silent and live auctions, cash

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Cost for the event is \$150 for a ticket entitling you to all events of the evening. There will be a minimum of 20 winners, and a maximum of 120 tickets sold. For more information, contact **Canton Rotary Club Directors** Michelle Burger at (734) 812-

2517 or Larry Oldford at (734)

Kiddie Kampus

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department is offering, for the first time, Kiddie Kampus Summer Preschool.

Classes will be taught by certified teachers at Hoben Elementary School. Two three-week sessions will be offered with morning and afternoon class options.

For more information, call (734) 416-6190 or visit the Web site at web.pccs.k12. mi.us/earlychildhood.

Symphony fund-raiser

The Plymouth Symphony League launches its 2009 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale.

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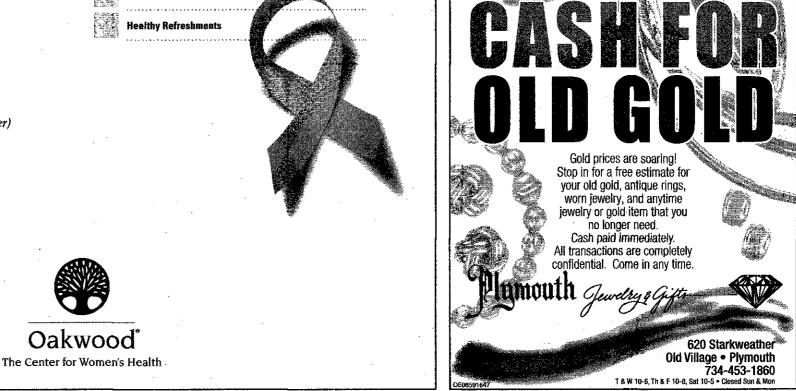
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Garrow takes

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residents, it took issue with

the commission's mandate of a 120-feet buffer surrounding the property. At the company's request, the board agreed to allow variance with the setbacks from 50 feet to 120 feet.

We felt the 120-feet was excessive," said Douglas D. Welday, Oakwood executive vice president and chief financial officer. "Nothing has been finalized so the (buffer) could be bigger than 50 feet but we wanted to establish a minimum."

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the next step in the process involves a moredetailed proposal being bounced back to the Planning Commission.

Oakwood, which has proposed having some housing and commercial use on the site, is promoting the multiyear, multi-phase project as an economic engine and said the investment could reach \$400 million.

While he praised Oakwood's plans as an asset to the community, Trustee Todd Caccamo questioned whether the advisory council would be pointless talk or if resident concerns would be taken into consideration.

"I don't want to destroy even one homeowner's perception of Canton," he said, adding that the board must balance the good of the community with the good of individual residents.

Welday said the health care provider's plans will be flexible and that Oakwood intends to work with homeowners.

Arlene Ladell, Chatterton Square resident, said she

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was leery of the modification to the 120-foot buffer requirement.

This will be in my backyard. That 120 feet means everything to me," she said. "To say it's inappropriate, that's because you don't live there.

Ladell, who is the homeowner association president whipping of Chatterton Square, said she would like to be included in the advisory council.

Canton resident Carolyn Summers is a nurse recruiter for Oakwood and said while she understands the homeowner fears associated with the project, she believes the final project will flow with neighboring homes.

"This is the best possible use of the area," she said, referencing the warehouses that were previously slated for the parcel.

Summers said she was raised across the street from Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and that the facility was embraced by the neighborhood.

Trustee Todd LaJoy applauded Oakwood's dedication to Canton and urged cooperation with residents.

"Don't underestimate their voices," he said. "You have already demonstrated you are willing to listen."

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

On Sunday, mothers were praised for the sacrifice of allowing their abdomens, as well as everything else, to swell in order to bring forth new life.

On Monday, Jennifer Garrow of Stroller Strides was back to some of those same women into pre-baby

shape. "We were back at it," the Canton woman chuckled.

"Everyone had cheesecake and spoiled themselves on Sunday."

Garrow, a mother of two young sons, Carson, 4, and Brendan, 2, created a franchise of the national exercise company two years ago.

Mall.

"Women get a lot of attention when they are pregnant," she said. "But as soon as the baby comes, the mom falls back and that's the start of her not putting herself first. A lot of new moms feel guilty about taking time away from their babies to exercise."

That's where Stroller Strides hopes to come in. Founded in 2001 by a San Diego woman, the program

incorporates children in the effort to drop pounds and tone. Garrow offers classes in Canton and Ann Arbor and

infuses lunges, squats, jogging and bicep curls with walking. To keep the kids happy, the group sings songs and the children can blow bubbles.

"When I went to my first class, I thought we were just going to walk around the mall

and chit chat," she smirked. "After it was over, I vowed I would never go back because I thought they were trying to kill me. This is a real work out."

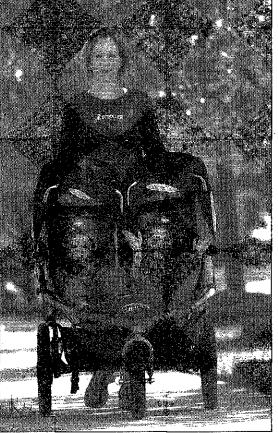
Even so, Garrow said the classes are appropriate for women of all fitness levels.

'We can make modifications," she said. "We have people come that don't exercise to those than run marathons."

Garrow, who started out with four women and now has a group of 40, admits that some pregnancy weight can be stubborn but said she's baffled by introduction of "mommy packages" offered by cosmetic surgeons.

"It's a quick fix," she said. "Moms need energy and stamina and moving around will help give it to them. Women are being conditioned to believe that going under the knife is the only way to tighten, tone and lose weight following pregnancy and this simply isn't true."

Garrow has classes six days



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a week and the township sessions take place in Heritage Park or Summit on the Park. Individual classes start at \$15 and packages are available.

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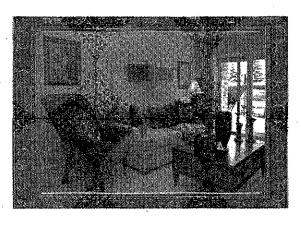
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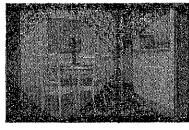
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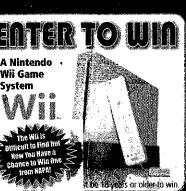
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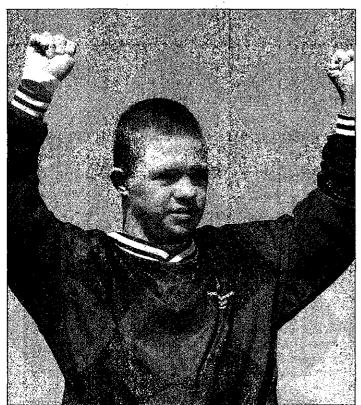
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Special Olympics 'the most fun' in sports



Brendon Jones, 12, raises his hands to the crowd as he takes the podium to receive his first-place ribbon from the 50-yard dash during Special Olympics held Friday at Livonia Franklin High School.

BY REBECCA JONES OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Eddie Roulo had his own cheering section, and he didn't let fans down, easily winning the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:15 in Friday's local Special Olympics, held at Franklin High School.

The 19-year-old from Jo Brighton School in Wyandotte is training for the 1,500meter run in the state Special Olympics in three weeks.

Friday's games included 326 athletes from Area 23, which includes all of Wayne County except for the City of Detroit, said event coordinator Terry Jobbitt. Events included bocce, long jump, wheelchair games, swimming and track and field.

The Special Olympics have been taking place at Franklin for the past 22 years, with the help of Student Congress and 180 student volunteers helping to keep scores and hand out ribbons.

Kamille Smith, 28, took



Michael Pilotto, 30, of Canton lets a throw fly as he takes part in the javelin throw during Special Olympics events held Friday at Franklin High School in Livonia.

third in her group in bocce. She practices every Tuesday at her old school, Stevenson Junior High in Westland. She celebrated with her mom afterward.

In the pool, 87 athletes swam it works out very well," she in a number of heats.

Laura Casey, 22, of Grosse Pointe Park took first in the

25-meter breaststroke and 4x25 relay. A swimmer for 15 years, she works out every Tuesday and Thursday at her local community center.

"My mom is my coach, so said, adding that her team has grown from 15 to 30 members in the past year.

"It's awesome. The volunteers are very, very nice. Hopefully, more people will join," she said.

Steven Kujawski, 19, also of Grosse Pointe, came in first in his freestyle event. He calls himself a tri-athlete in swimming, basketball and bowling.

He earned a gold in the state games in basketball earlier this year.

Kujawski said he loves Special Olympics. "It's the most fun I've ever had in sports."

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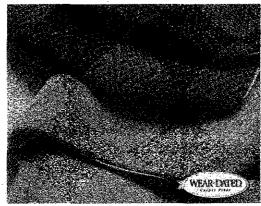
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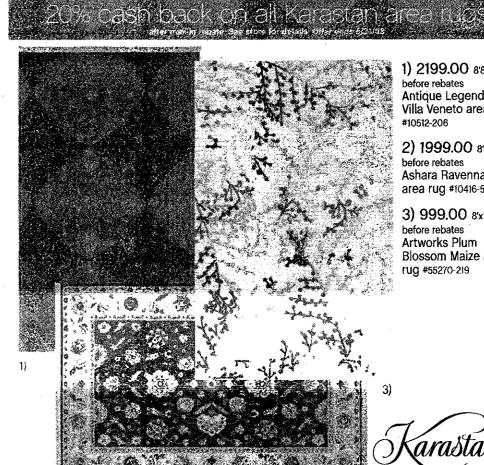




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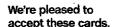
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James Sorensen of Westland, with wife Kimberley, fights back tears during his statement at the sentencing of Jean Pierre Orlewicz. convicted of killing their son, Daniel.

"I'm grateful the jury convicted you," she added. "I'm grateful you are going away for the rest of your life. I believe you would have killed again."

Orlewicz repeatedly stabbed Sorensen in his grandfather's Canton garage Nov. 7, then burned his fingertips with a blow-torch in an effort to hide the identity. He then beheaded Sorensen and dumped his body in a Northville Township field, setting it on fire. He then dumped Sorensen's head in the Rouge River.

Orlewicz claimed selfdefense, but a jury didn't buy it and, after some 12 hours of deliberation, found him guilty on all counts April 16.

Orlewicz's attorney, James Thomas, said he'll appeal. 'We have issues (to appeal)," Thomas said. "We had a position in this case it was self-

defense. We still think that." Sorensen's parents, James and Kimberly Sorensen of Westland, never believed that defense, and nothing has happened to change their mind. Orlewicz's former co-defendant, Alexander Letkemann of Westland, described the crime in horrific detail during the trial, after having pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the case.

Letkemann is serving a sentence of 20-30 years. The Sorensens have forgiven him his role and, at his sentencing last month, praised Letkemann's decision to "accept responsibility" for his actions. They had no such kind words Monday for Orlewicz.

Even a person who takes a life in self-defense will express horror and remorse," James Sorensen said. "There has been

no remorse, no sorrow ... only the arrogance of not wanting to be punished for his actions. When he was caught (Orlewicz) took the ultimate act of cowardice and refused to take accountability.

James Sorensen said he'd heard "the pundits" on television saying 18 years old is too young an age to send someone away for the rest of their lives.

"I disagree," Sorensen said. "The heinous nature of this crime shows Mr. Orlewicz should never be allowed to live among us again."

Still, Kimberly Sorensen admitted she can't conjure up any hatred for Orlewicz.

(Orlewicz) threw everything away when he decided my son's life was not of any value," she said. "The lives he has affected, the pain and terror he brought upon my son ... I look at this young man and I can't bring myself to hate him.

"I hate what he did," she added. "This has altered our lives for the remainder of our days."

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School board closes out year of budget, hiring decisions

It was a pretty busy year for the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education, with budget problems, the loss of their popular superintendent and a variety of other issues with which to deal.

The district opened the year in the

aftermath of two failed bond proposals, faced with making some personnel and budget cuts. That's nothing new; the board has cut some \$12 million from its budget over the last five

But the board also started the year

knowing it had to replace retiring Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan, the popular face of the district. The board hired a search firm to handle the process.

As a result, the board found their man: Craig Fiegel, voting unanimously to hire the superintendent

of Evergreen Park (Ill.) Elementary School District 124.

More recently, the board is dealing with another \$3 million in cuts to the

Here's a look at the seven board members making all these decisions:

Judy Mardigian

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Residence: Plymouth Township Family: Married to husband Si Nahra for 25 years. We have a son Charlie junior at MSU and daughter Sandy, who is a senior at Salem High School. She will be attending Albion College this fall.

Education: B.A. social science from Michigan State University.



University. I am co-owner of Health Decisions, Inc. We are a Michigan firm specializing in Administrative Overpayment and Dependent

■ When were you first elected? I joined the board in 1998 through an appointment to fill the seat vacated by Jack Farrow. I have been elected three times since. I am currently board president and the most senior hoard member.

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■ What originally made you want

I developed an interest in PCCS when my children first entered the school district. I was an involved parent, co-chairing the Class Size Action Partnership for several years. I also served on the district's Citizen's Finance and Long Range Planning Committees prior to running for the board.

I decided to run again because of my desire to see that the children of our district to get the best education possible. Given our state's economic climate, state funding for public schools has not been keeping pace with inflation. It takes experience and creative minds to make sure that cuts stay as far away from the class room as possible. I have found school board to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. ■ What are the big issues your

board faces?

Two: 1) Continue to raise academic achievement for all students. We have made tremendous progress, but need to focus on achievement with all students, especially those with special needs or students that are struggling. Our new state graduation requirements for the class of 2011 will stretch our students to attain higher levels of achievement.

While this is a very good thing, it will require extra instruction for many students.

2) Attaining a balanced budget. Years of inequitable funding from the state, and funding that has not kept up with the rate of inflation, has made our district's finances very challenging. We made \$12 million in cuts over the past five years and expect to cut another \$3 million in 2008-2009. With solid leadership from our administrative team and board, we may possible attain or come very close to a balanced budget next year.

■ Where were you on moving the election?

. I was in favor of moving to oddyear elections and holding them with Schoolcraft College because it saved the district money (a twothirds reduction over 2007 election

November elections have a tendency to be very full ballots. My concern (shared by the Michigan Clerks Association) is that School Board elections would be placed at the bottom of the ballot, and many people would not make their way to the end of the ballot. We also expect the legislators to act on this issue very soon.

■ What did you think was the most important attribute for the new superintendent to have, and why do you think Craig Fiegel has

I believe a superintendent needs to have a strong knowledge and demonstrated competency in key areas of school operations such as curriculum /instruction, finance, housing and construction and community relations.

Some superintendents stand apart from others because of their personal qualities such as honesty and integrity. Dr. Fiegel certainly has a strong background in the key areas, but more importantly, he is very well regarded and respected by those that have worked with and been served by him.

■ What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love spending time with my family. I also love cooking, gardening and outings with my friends. What's the last good movie you

Bonneville. Not many people saw it. Wonderful movie about friendship and promises kept, starring Jessica Lange, Joan Allen and Kathy Bates. It was a hoot!

■ If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be?

Right now, improve the economy, everywhere, but especially in Michigan. Michigan offers a wonderful quality of life but needs to be rejuvenated through economic diversification and promotion of tourism, our "North Coast." It breaks my heart to see so many of our children grow up and have to move away from their families in order to get a job. So many families are struggling in this economy as evidenced by jobless rates, foreclosures and lack of health care. We can and should be doing better here

If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person, who would it be?

My mom, Louise Mardigian. I lost her too early in life and would love to sit down with her at her kitchen table, over a cup of coffee and talk for hours. She was someone really special.

Tom Wysocki

■ Residence: Plymouth ■ Family: Wife Edie, son Joe Wysocki, daughter Erin (Mike)

■ Education: BS, ChE, Wayne State University,



■ When were

you first elected? 2001 ■ What originally made you want to run?

I had been very active with the Wysocki Plymouth Canton **Band Boosters**

since 1996. In 2000 and 2001 I had been going to School Board meetings to lobby for additional funding for the band programs. I also served on the Educational Specifications Committee for the new high school (now Plymouth High School). I was interested in expanding these interests to a district level and thought if Roland Thomas was not running for re-election, there would be a good chance of getting elected. I learned a lot in my first term and thought I could be more effective in a second

■ What are the big issues your board faces?

Funding is the main one and it impacts almost all the rest.

■ Where were you on moving the

election? I was not in favor of moving the election. My position was to keep the annual elections to give voters more opportunities to vote. Your vote counts and you should use it as much as you can. I am in favor of driving the municipalities, who now run the elections, to bring down the cost of elections.

■ What did you think was the most important attribute for the new superintendent to have, and why do you think Craig Fiegel has

Dr. Fiegel demonstrated a very collaborative style in his interviews and in his interpersonal relationships. The emotions of the people I met in his current district confirmed that this is the person we need for Plymouth-Canton. He will invest himself in our district and it should pay huge dividends.

■ What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to recreationally read but it will be in bursts, completing one or two books and then taking maybe several months before I latch unto another book. I read the newspapers every day and technical information related to my profession and school board matters nearly every dav. I also do some writing, publishing newsletters to a select group of people and I've written a book, not published, on water chemistry for fossil fueled power plants. I also like to golf and used to play softball. I enjoy listening to Broadway show tunes and I do watch dvr'd American Idol shows. I've downloaded Brooke White to my iPod. I like to fish but only from a little row boat on a nice calm, clear day. I always enjoy watching the Tigers play, no matter how good or bad they are at the time and I really enjoy swimming in Lake Michigan. Last but not least, I love to spend time with my wife.

■ What's the last good movie you

Ironman, and 12 O'Clock High before that.

■ If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be? That the anger people feel could not lead to violence, injury, and

even death. ■ If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person, who would it be?

Nancy Eggenberger

■ Family: Husband John, children Maricat (a freshman Plymouth); Brian (an eighth-grader

■ Education: BA in elementary education, minor in humanities and history-Alma



Eagenberger

College; Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Development emphasis in Staff Training - the University of

Development and Michigan: M.A. in guidance/counseling, emphasis in College Student Personnel-Eastern Michigan University

Elected in May 2007. ■ What originally made you want

to run? I ran because I was interested in being a part of picking the new

superintendent for the school district. I also felt the school board was a logical next step in my involvement in the school district.

What are the big issues your board faces? The budget is the biggest issue

the school board faces. ■ Where were you on moving the

election?

I voted to hold the elections every other May.

What did you think was the most important attribute for the new superintendent to have, and why do you think Craig Fiegel has

I think it is important the superintendent have the ability to listen, then synthesize the information and make a decision based on what is best for the children of this district. Based on the answers he gave in the interviews, I believe Craig Fiegel

■ What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to spend time with my family and read

■ What was the last good movie The last movie I saw was 27

■ If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be?

I have no idea ■ If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person, who would it be?

I would enjoy having a one hour conversation with many different

John Jackson

■ Residence: Plymouth ■ Family: Wife Jean, married for 30 years; son Pat, 25, and daughter Polly, 20, students at Eastern Michigan.

■ Education: B.S. in business

administration, Central Michigan ■ When were you first elected? Appointed June

■ What originally made vou want to run? I have always had a strong interest in developing our youth.

Jackson

This includes Scouts, Sunday school teacher, youth athletic teams, PTO and booster groups. I've also served on a number of Boards in the past. With this in mind, I felt the School Board position was a great way to continue

■ What are the big issues your board faces?

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The biggest issue is continuing the record of increased student achievement with inadequate funding from the State.

■ Where were you on moving the election?

This was a tough decision. I continue to feel the move to odd year May was the best option but odd November was a very close second choice.

■ What did you think was the most important attribute for the new superintendent to have, and why do you think Craig Fiegel has

Personal Accountability. If I could name more than one, it is the strong message we heard about his ability to work well with others even

with difficult issues.

■ What do you like to do in your spare time?

Play golf and tinker with small projects around the home. I received a fishing pole for Christmas so I hope to get a chance to use it when nice weather finally arrives. What's the last good movie you saw?

Forbidden Planet at the Penn Theater. My wife and I are regulars for the Thursday classic movie

■ If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be? The method for funding schools in Michigan

■ If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person, who would it be? Stephen Covey

Dianne Gonzalez

Residence: Plymouth Township ■ Family: Married to Leo Gonzalez since 1995; three children, Mitchell, 10, Christina, 8, and

Education: BA Education, Leadership, attended Wayne State Law School (no degree)

■ When were you first elected? May 2, 2006 ■ What originally made you want to run?

I started attending school board meetings as a community member as a result of potential redistricting of a friend's neighborhood from our elementary school, Once I attended, I became very interested in the whole spectrum of issues the school board discussed. I knew I had to run when I had to miss a meeting and I wondered what had been discussed.

■ What are the big issues your board faces?

The biggest issue is maintaining academic excellence in an era of

declining funding. ■ Where were you on moving the election?

I wanted to change the election date to odd year May in order to save \$75,000 annually for the district. I think it is a good interim step and I suspect the state may step in and change this before we have another election.

■ What did you think was the most important attribute for the new superintendent to have, and why do you think Craig Fiegel has it?

To me it was most important to have someone with a strong financial background to help us with our budget issues.

■ What do you like to do in your spare time? I love to spend time with my fam-

ily and I love running. We did the Turkey Trot in downtown Detroit in 2007 as a family. It was a great moment. A cold one, but really fun. ■ What's the last good movie you

Horton Hears a Who. The movie had a great message.

■ If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be?

I would wish that as a society we held all children to the light and appreciated them with the same fierceness that people feel toward athletic events and superstars. It would make for a better world.

■ If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person. who would it be?

In a perfect world, someone inspirational like Maya Angelou or Oprah Winfrey. But in reality, with our schedules as hectic as they are, one quiet, quality hour with my husband while we are both fresh and awake would be great!!

Steven Sneideman ■ Residence: Canton

■ Family: Wife, Kelli; daughters



Sneideman

Emily and Maggie ■ Education: My highest level of education is an

M.B.A. from New York University. ■ When were you first elected?

2006 ■ What originally made you

want to run? My work is global, not local. I looked for a way to volunteer my time that would allow me to become more in touch with my community. This

position has enabled me to do that. ■ What are the big issues your

board faces? Financial issues are the biggest. We have a good handle on how to maintain and increase student achievement. We have made great strides in that area. However, the lack of sufficient state funding makes all district activities (which benefit our students) difficult to maintain.

Where were you on moving the

election? I began my 2007 Observer editorial by stating that I know politics play a part in school board elections and activities. However, I don't believe that political parties (Democratic or Republican) should be involved, since board members don't run attached to a party. Even year November elections would incent political parties to become involved in School Board elections as they could successfully fund candidates who would then be indebted to those parties. I am glad we found a solution that saves the district 2/3 of the election costs, yet still maintains the credibility of the elections and continues to allow local citizens to run successfully without big time funding.

What's the most important attribute you want the new superintendent to have? Someone who is a good listener and is not afraid to make difficult decisions.

■ What do you like to do in your spare time?

With extended periods of free time I love to travel with my family. Last year we were lucky enough to go to Paris. This year we plan to go to the National Parks out west.

■ What's the last good movie you Michael Clayton. It's a great per-

formance by George Clooney.

■ If you had the power to change one thing, what would it be? Add more tolerance to our world. People, understandably, see things from only their own view point. I would love there to be a way for peo-

for a while. If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person,

who would it he? If he were still alive, my greatgrandfather. He came over from Eastern Europe in the early 1900s as a teen and lived to be over 100 years old. I was very young when he

died, and did not know him well. Barry Simescu

■ Residence: Plymouth ■ Family: Wife Dorothy, who is a special education teacher in South Redford, and two sons, who both graduated from Canton High School

Education: I graduated from

School in South



Simescu

Redford and also from Michigan Tech with a B.S. in civil engineer-**When** were you first elected:

Thurston High

I was elected in May 2004. ■ What origi-

nally made you want to run? I had been interested in giving back to the community for some time. I felt that 2004 was a good year to run with Liz Givens deciding not to. ■ What are the big issues your

board faces? I think that the most difficult decisions we have to make is to balance the budget and still maintain

student achievement. ■ Where were you on moving the election?

I am disappointed in the legislature getting involved in this issue and wish that they would allow August elections, which I think is the best alternative. Since that is not allowed at this time I voted to move to the odd May option.

■ What did you think was the most important attribute for the new superintendent to have, and why do you think Craig Fiegel has it?

I was looking for a superintendent that had excellent communication skills in working with all facets of the district.

■ What do you like to do in your

In my spare time I like to golf, ski and read. (What spare time?) ■ What's the last good movie you

The last good movie I saw was

Charlie Wilson's War. ■ If you had the power to change

one thing, what would it be? I would like to see a better way to fund public education!

■ If you could sit down for a onehour conversation with one person,

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Bowling benefit to raise money for scholarships

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Trish Geick and her husband Paul are looking forward to Bowling for Brian, their annual benefit in honor of their 18-year-old son who died July 3, 2005, eight days after a heart transplant. So far the Canton couple has been able to help four students pursue their dream of going to college with proceeds raised at the event. The third annual day of

fun takes place Sunday, May 18, at Oaklane Bowling Alley in Westland.

Last year the Geicks raised \$4,000 for scholarships that went to Megan Luther (Eastern Michigan University) and Kelsie Michalsen (Western Michigan University) through the Educational Excellence Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports educational programs in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools including special education.

Proceeds from the first Bowling for Brian in May 2006 went to Sorin Oprican (Schoolcraft College).

'It's a nice way to remember our son," said Trish Geick. "Our son was born in the spring. We do it in May because he would be in college right now and all the college kids are home and can come.

"Each year the response gets bet-

In addition to bowling three games, participants have a chance to win door prizes, take part in a raffle or bid on silent auction items, each valued at over \$100.

Brian liked bowling.

"Brian had strokes when he was little and had a right side deficit but could bowl. He took an independent study right before he died, bowling," said Geick.'

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Hidden in these many observances is one that's important, but doesn't get the recognition it rightly deserves - National Police Week. This is the week and today (May 15) is the day that was set aside by President John F. Kennedy in 1962 to honor police officers who serve and those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Police officers play an essential role in safeguarding our rights and freedoms by protecting us against violence and disorder, deception and oppression. There are plenty of hazards. In fact, a police officer dies in the line of duty every 57 hours in this country.

Thankfully, Canton Township didn't lose an officer in 2007. That cannot be said for other communities. According to preliminary statistics from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and Concerns of Police Survivors, 186 officers were killed nationwide in 2007. Outside of 2001, when 239 officers died -72 in the 9/11 terrorist attacks -2007 is the deadliest year for American law enforcement since 1989.

The number of officers killed by gunfire and in trafficrelated incidents reached a record high of 81. Sixty-nine officers were shot and killed, including a shooting that killed three Odessa, Texas, police officers.

Police work isn't a glamorous job, and it takes a special kind of person to be able to deal with the good, the bad and the ugly in a community. The job is fraught with hazards and sacrifices the police officers encounter on a daily basis.

We may not always agree with what our police officers do — we doubt there is anyone who is in agreement with they ticket they've gotten — but we need to acknowledge that they do provide a vital public service. We can walk down our streets, live in our houses and shop at our neighborhood stores in relative peace and tranquility because of them. And if that peace and tranquility is disrupted, they are there to set things right.

We ask residents to join us in applauding the work of our Canton Township police officers and to pray they will continue to be safe from harm. It is not an easy job, someone has to do it, and we think we have the best people doing that job here in the Canton community.

Big effort needed to keep spring rites safe

Thousands of area teens in the coming weeks will participate in the traditional rites of passage of prom and graduation.

Spring is a time of celebration, and our young people have every right to enjoy themselves at prom and graduation parties. These events mark the last time many of them will be together, before they head off into the scary world of adulthood.

As parents, the best gift we can give our graduates and their friends is a safe and healthy environment for the celebrations. All too often, parents either look the other way when alcohol is present at these parties or, in the worst-case scenario, actually furnish booze for the bash.

These graduates may look like full-grown adults on the outside, but many times they have not reached a level of maturity to deal with alcohol use. It is not enough to simply remind our teens that underage drinking is against the law and send them on their way.

Parents need to have frank discussions about the consequences of using alcohol and, worse, drinking and driving. For underclassmen, being caught in possession can bring school suspension and a quick end to a high school sports career. It can also lead to problems when applying for college.

Parents need to ask questions when their son or daughter heads off to prom or a graduation party. Will the party have adult supervision? Is drinking permitted in the home? Is there an after-party scheduled and, if so, where?

Most important, parents can help their teens avoid potentially dangerous situations by assuring them that if they find themselves in trouble, they can call for a ride home with no questions asked and no attached lecture.

If a teen feels they will be punished for drinking, or being at a party where alcohol is being served, they are less likely to reach out to a parent for help. Knowing ahead of time they will be supported will go a long way toward ensuring your teen makes the right decision and makes that critical phone call.

Spring is a time for new beginnings. Teens and their parents need to work together to guard against a tragic ending.



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LETTERS

What is there to fear?

I feel compelled to once again address the May 1 letter by Robert Denstadt. I seriously object to the underlying xenophobia that informs Denstedt's opinions. This fear of foreigners has reared its small-minded head too often during the deliberations over Canton's new Hindu temple. But what is there to fear?

This temple is a house of worship and a cultural center, not a disco or a bar! The surrounding subdivision also looks out on a Methodist church, yet Denstedt didn't suggest, as he did for the temple, that it be moved to the edge of town "in one spot of the township for all who want to live here." I know that Methodist church is a modest building, but there would not be this order of outcry even if it were a towering cathedral, complete with bell towers and chant-

Let's face it, the outcry is over the "otherness" of a temple. Denstedt says it "saddens" him to see people "from another land ... purchase land on American soil and build a temple." Unless he is a Native American, then Mr. Denstedt, along with most of us Americans, also came from another land at some point. Should not his forefathers have been able to purchase land and build a house or church? Should only certain of us have that same right? Who. then? Only whites? Only Christians? I don't think I want to hear him answer that. Well. I am white, Christian, and a naturalborn American, and it saddens me when people confuse "American" with haters.

Terrill Samimy

Invest in new energies

Greg Kowalski made a great point in his column ("It's time to end our dependency on oil." May 8) when he called for an Apollo-like effort to develop an alternative to gasoline to power our cars and trucks. The quickest way to do this is to have Congress force the auto companies to revisit the Energy Act and increase the new fuel efficiency standards from 35 to 45 miles per gallon by 2015. With assistance from the U.S. government this can be achieved with existing and developing technologies such as hybrids and electric plug-ins.

If we were able to put a man on the moon within a few short years, if we could develop a nuclear bomb within a few short years, if we were able to rally the industrial forces in our country to defeat fascism within a few short years during World War II, there is nothing preventing us from developing the means to overcome our addiction to fossil fuels within a few short years.

If we end this oil war in Iraq, we can take the hundreds of billions of dollars saved and put it toward the goal of achieving greater energy efficiency and the development of clean, renewable, climate friendly energy sources. Maybe this will happen once our "Petroleum President" leaves office.

The longer we wait, the worse the energy crisis will become. Someday, a few years from now, we may be looking back on \$4 per gallon gas as the good old days

Thaddeus J. Hejka

Still good kids

This is just a note to let you know there are still good — really good — teenagers

Yesterday, while I was very busy taking care of my 91-year-old mother, who has dementia, I received a phone call from my grandson, Tyler Randazzo, saying he forgot to take his medication that a.m., and wold I please go to his house, find it, and bring it to him. I did and, joking, said, "You owe me a grass cutting job."

When I returned home 13 hours later from taking mother shopping, to lunch and a hair appointment, Tyler had taken a special bus to my house and already had fixed my lawn mower (it wouldn't start) and was cutting the grass.

I was surprised, to say the least. Next, there was a "free" bike sitting on my neighbor's yard. He took it, cleaned it up, walked it to the gas station and put air in the tires. I thought he did this so he could have something to ride at my house. No! He did this to give it to a man in his neighborhood who had recently had an accident involving his bike, and he has no money for a new one.

What a thoughtful, unselfish act from a boy 13 years old. Tyler Randazzo is a great

> Sandra Oakley Plymouth

Oliver North is hero

This is concerning columnist Kurt Kuban's comparison of Col. Oliver North and you know who ("Rev. Wright and Col. North sure know how to play to an audience," May 1). I could dig up comparisons between Kuban and Michael Moore, but what would that prove. Wouldn't that be divisive? The colonel served in Vietnam honorably and was a leader of men with a very low casualty rate. What the heck, you wouldn't be interested in that or the many times he has gone to Iraq at great risk to

I get tired of picking up a paper and reading all that's wrong. Why can't the press report and let me make my own judgment? The column about this benefit should have been about how these brave men received Col. North, and then tell one of their stories. Just saying I support the troops isn't enough, but it gets Kuban off the hook. About the facts he left out - the British intelligence thought Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. Bill Clinton threatened to bomb Iraq over the imagined weapons and John Kerry and almost every official that voted to go.

This is not about Kuban. It is about the truth that the club he belongs (the press) seems to worry more about circulation. Col. North also belongs to a club — the U.S. Marines. Talk to one sometime. Now that's a story to write about.

> **Larry Gossett** Redford

In their honor

On May 5, 1868, Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed Memorial Day a national holiday. It was first observed on May 30, 1868, with the placing of flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. "Since the 1950s on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American Flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery."

Although there are communities who still have Memorial Day parades, like Dearborn, Plymouth, and Garden City, many more merely give lip service to the holiday. Graves of our soldiers are neglected. This year, let us turn the tide and decorate soldiers' grave sites with flowers and flags. Let us observe the "National Moment of Remembrance," the resolution that was passed in Dec. 2000, and pause whatever we are doing at 3 p.m. local time to voluntarily and informally observe in our own way a moment of remembrance and respect, and quietly listen to the play-

Although Memorial Day should be a day of deep reflection, it can also be a day of celebration. Celebrating our freedom and honoring those who made that freedom possible is not a contradiction. It is a marriage of sadness and happiness — sadness for those who have died for our country and happiness for the gift they have given us, the gift of freedom.

Throughout our nation's history, our brave men and women have fought valiantly to the death so that we might have life in the "Land of the Free." So before we enjoy those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" and "take time to sit back and unwind," let us remember the ones who lie sleeping in the dust. Let us not leave one soldier's grave undecorated. Like my friend, Leroy Rouster, said, let us all be "patriotic."

Last Memorial Day, May 25, 2007, Gov. Jennifer Granholm praised the bravery of thousands of Michigan citizens serving in the armed forces. In her radio announcement, she honored the families of Michigan soldiers who died in active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. She said, "The fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters of these heroes have experienced incalculable loss but they are proud of the sacrifice that their loved ones have made ... Memorial Day is our time to salute these fine Michigan citizens - just as we should do every day of the year."

Erika Martin Dearborn Heights

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"Cancer is one of those diseases that has touched every family. When you speak with the survivors, you realize that they are what it's all about - the hope and support."

- Canton resident June Waldbauer discussing Relay for Life of Canton, an American Cancer Society fund-raiser that will take place in Heritage Park this weekend

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Blogging just first step as our Web site goes more interactive

guess the days of the ink-stained wretch are a thing of the past. That is a term that has commonly been associated with newspaper employees for many years. But media companies like the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, and our parent company

Gannett, are increasingly turning to the Web to reach our readers. Let's face it, as much as



Kurt Kuban

people like myself love to have an actual newspaper in our hands while eating breakfast or dinner, a new generation is turning to the Web for their news. That's probably a good thing, from both the perspective of the reader and companies like

ours because news happens in real time, not on a newspaper's deadline schedule.

In addition to getting important news stories to you more quickly, the Web opens all kinds of new doors for us. We are still committed to our core mission, which is to provide our readers with important local "news you can use." Our new Web site, which premiered late last week, provides us with many new ways of doing just that.

In addition to carrying all the news stories you can find in the Canton Observer, our new site features community forums and blogs that will let readers like you interact with the site and get in on the action. Our reporters can't be everywhere, and we realize oftentimes people in the community are a great source of news stories. Our site allows people to post the news that is important to them.

This week, I officially started a blog on our Web site. I would have never believed it myself a couple years ago. I've always been one of those guys that would rather get out and get my hands dirty than be sitting behind a computer communicating in cyber-

But I have seen the light - or the future. I have come to realize they are a unique way to communicate with people who have similar ideas and concerns - a way to pass on information. Isn't that what newspapers have always been about? Now we can do it at nearly lightning speed.

I have decided to use my blog, which I have called "Clearing the air by Kurt Kuban," to write and communicate about environmental issues that impact our great state of Michigan.

In addition to being a journalist, I have been involved with efforts to clean up our environment, including being a volunteer/ coordinator for Rouge Rescue, which has allowed me to meet many, many people out there who have begun to educate themselves about issues impacting the environment. And not just so-called tree-huggers. I'm talking about school teachers, religious leaders and their congregations, business owners, and stay-at-home mothers who are concerned about the well-being of their children.

I hope my blog can be a place that we can share information about our environment, including the air that we breathe, the water that we drink, and the natural world around us. I hope people who have similar concerns will post comments and use this as a forum to discuss issues that are important to them. And if you disagree with what I have to write, let me know. I'm a big believer in debating issues. Usually I do it live and in person. Now I get to do it in cyberspace.

Better yet, you can set up your own blog on www.hometownlife.com. Signing up is easy and quick, and when you've done it you'll have a whole new universe for your stories, videos, pictures and opinions. We only ask two things, really: 1) Keep it clean and 2) Use it as often as you'd like.

To check out the blogs, visit the site and click on "Voices & Views" and then on "Blogs." There you will see our staff blogs and community blogs written by people just like you.

Well, hopefully I'll see you in cyberspace sometime soon. And for our readers who aren't quite sure how to turn on a computer, or don't mind getting a little newspaper ink on their hands, we'll still be printing the Canton Observer twice a week.

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Cheer for the hometeam, read today's



A decades-long dream dashed in a dreary basement

ecently, I experienced something I have waited for my entire adult life: served

I know most folks equate jury duty with a trip to the dentist or getting that annual physical, but not me. Maybe it's due to how I

make my living, but serving on a jury has been a quest of mine

for nearly 30 years. Having covered dozens of trials over the years — from

divorce cases to embezzlement to murder - I've often wondered what it is like being one of the people empowered to decide guilt or innocence. That Joe Bauman is a lot of pressure to place on

a person who may not have a clue as to how our criminal justice system works.

My big chance came recently, courtesy of 16th District Court in Livonia. Since it was district court, I wasn't going to serve on a big felony case, but hey, after waiting all these years, I was ready for anything.

Told to report at 8:45 a.m., I arrived promptly at 8:30 ready to go. As I pulled into the lot, I noticed a line outside the courthouse entrance that extended quite a ways down the sidewalk. And it had started to rain.

I took my place in line, and began guessing which of the assembled were defendants, attorneys and fellow jurors. I surmised the young man directly in front of me who casually flicked his still-lit cigarette onto the sidewalk no doubt fell into the defendant category, perhaps on a littering charge.

The line came courtesy of a metal detector at the entrance, which was so sensitive that nearly every person I saw had to be further inspected by a wand-wielding court officer. After a 10minute wait, my excitement grew as I was checked in, handed a badge and a juror's manual, and told to head to the basement, where the jury waiting room was located.

About two dozen people were in the waiting room. It appeared many walks of life and ages were represented by the group, supporting the notion that defendants are judged by a jury of

After what seemed like an eternity (I ignored the suggestion to bring reading materials), a court officer appeared and immediately pointed out to the group that he was not responsible for us being there so don't take it out on him. Obviously, most of the people he has had to deal with did not share my enthusiasm for jury duty.

The officer gave us a quick rundown of the day, and then had us watch a lengthy video where the court magistrate reviewed in great detail the judicial process and what our responsibilities - indeed, obligations - were as jurors. The magistrate addressed the selection process and why (don't take it personally)

some of us likely would be excused by either the prosecutor or defense attorney. If we actually made it onto a jury, we were given a stern warning about not having any contact with the parties involved in the case, and told we could not discuss the trial with anyone until it

The magistrate then (still via video) had us raise our right hands and take what I guess was the juror's oath. The court officer did not appear to be making sure we all were in fact raising our hands and replying "I do" at the appropriate times.

When the video ended, the court officer explained that serving jury duty is a slow process, and urged us to be patient. We simply needed to stay in the room until our name was called. And then he was gone. I looked around the room, determining which of my fellow jurors I would want (and not want) to serve with, and whether I would be picked to serve as jury foreman.

The room grew quiet as the moments passed, with each juror pretty much keeping to herself or himself. I settled in with a threeyear-old outdoors magazine I had plucked form a pile of yellowing periodicals stacked next to the entrance.

I was half through a fascinating article on bow hunting for 1,000-pound moose in northern British Columbia when the officer popped back into the room.

This is it, I thought. I finally get to serve on a jury.

But the officer had something else planned entirely. "Good news!" he exclaimed through a broad

smile. "You are all free to go."

What? Go where? What's he talking about? Before I could utter a word, the officer explained there would be no trials stemming from the day's cases. "They all settled before going to trial so your obligation for the day is done," he said to growing applause. With that, the officer thanked us for our time and wished

us a great rest of the day. And just like that, it was over. No grilling from attorneys, no instructions from a judge, no time spent in the jury box, no haggling over who would be foreman.

I never even made it out of the basement. And it wasn't even noon.

My hopes dashed and my spirit crushed, I slowly ascended the stairs back up to the front desk to return my juror button. Someone behind the counter urged me to "have a nice day," not realizing my day - indeed, my week — had just been ruined by overly cooperative defendants and superefficient prosecutors.

Hopefully, I won't have to another 30 years for that next summons to grace my mailbox.

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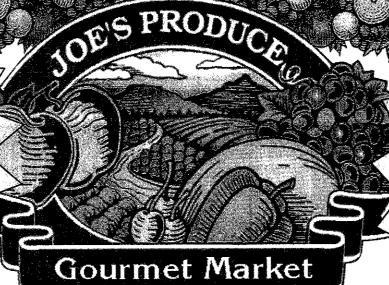
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Canton's Allison Schmitt (second from left) was presented with the Detroit Athletic Club's 'Female High School Athlete of the Year' award Monday night at a lavish banquet held at the DAC. Also pictured are award winners (from left) Mitch Zajac of Holt High School, who won the 'Male High School Athlete of the Year'; Schmitt; former U-M football coach Lloyd Carr, who was presented with a lifetime achievement award; Michigan State goal-tender Jeff Lerg; and U-M hurdler Tiffany Ofili.

Canton's Schmitt receives distinguished DAC award

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF-WRITER

The countless pre-dawn workouts in chlorinated pools, the impeccable work ethic, the numerous sacrifices and the millions of muscle-building strokes she's churned out to reach the pinnacle in the world of amateur swimming are paying off big-time for Canton's Allison

And anyone who knows the talented, yet humble, 18-year-old phenom isn't a bit surprised.

Schmitt, who graduated from Canton High School in January so that she could devote the ensuing months to train for a berth on the 2008 U.S. Olympic swimming team, was named the 2008 Michigan High School Female Athlete of the Year Monday in a lavish ceremony held at the Detroit Athletic

Club in downtown Detroit.

Schmitt was honored along with three other athletes — Holt's Mitch Zajac, Michigan State University hockey player Jeff Lerg and University of Michigan hurdler Tiffany Ofili and retired University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr during the annual Dodge National Athletic Awards banquet, which benefits the March of Dimes.

The winning criteria was based on athletic achievement, academics and involvement in the community.

One of just six female high school athletes to be nominated out of the thousands that competed during the past eight months, Schmitt found out she won the award in an Academy Awardstype announcement in the packed DAC banquet room.

"I was honored just to be nominated

for the award," Schmitt said Tuesday afternoon during a small gap between a pair of two-hour training sessions. "To actually win it, well, I don't really know how to describe how I feel other than privileged.

"I know I've worked very hard the past couple of years, so I guess this is the result of the hard work.'

Last year, Schmitt defied the odds and qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials that are set for late June in Omaha, Neb. In the fall, she was a twotime state champion at the Division 1 state meet, touching first in the 200and 500-yard freestyle events. She was a two-time state champ as a junior as

"If you would have told me when I was a freshman that all this would be

Please see SCHMITT, B5

Lady Warriors dominate on 'Senior Night'

Despite a chill in the air, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team turned in a firedup performance against North Farmington-Harrison Friday night on "Senior Night."

The Lady Warriors cruised to a 12-3 victory to improve their record to

"I can't say enough about how happy I was with the team's performance in this game," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "I saw a lot of hard work come together and that's what I've been preaching - to play as a

"The underclassmen recognized this was a game where you honor the

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graduating class, and you make sure your seniors can look back on this game with warm, positive memories."

Fittingly, seniors dominated the scoresheet for the winners as Kate Spangler led the way with four goals. Seniors Morgan Franke, Jessica Murray, Stephanie Matusiak, Laura Hahn, Amy Coleman and Sarah Pursell also found the back of the net.

Non-seniors Chelsea Olson and Lauryn Ebersole also scored for the Lady Warriors.

The game's most memorable play unfolded in the second half when PCS net-minder Nicol Rottell made a save, then carried the ball the length of the field and fired a shot into the High Flyers' net.

"The goal was waved off, though, because in lacrosse you can't use the goalie stick to shoot on goal," explained Medley. "Nicol and I had set the play up where she was supposed to pass it off 15 yards up-field, but I think she just got carried away in the excitement. This was just one example of the energy level on the field Friday night."



Wildcat grid camp

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Youth Skills Camp will run June 23-25 from 5-7 p.m. each day at PCEP varsity stadium.

This is a fundamentals-based camp for kids who are in fifth through ninth grades.

For more information on the camp, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com to acquire a copy of the camp brochure.

For more information, call coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696.

Coaching opportunities

Plymouth High School has the following coaching positions open: assistant football coach; assistant boys and girls swim coach; boys and girls dive coach; and assistant gymnastics

Applications for these positions can be found at pccs.k12.

Completed applications can be faxed to (734) 582-5650 or e-mailed to davesd@ occs.k12.mi.us: atte tion: Diane Daves.

Madonna hoop camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach and Canton resident Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp, which will take place the weeks of June 16-20 and July 28 to Aug. 1 at Madonna.

Among instructors is legendary coach and camp founder Bernie Holowicki.

Each camper is guaranteed plenty of instruction on fundamentals of the game, with an 8-1 ratio of campers to instructors.

The camp sessions will run from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. each day, for boys ages 8-15.

Cost is \$175 per week, with checks payable to All-Star Basketball Camp, 42183 Woodcreek Lane, Canton, 48188.

For more information, call (734) 398-5975, (734) 432-5591 or e-mail to nemenhiser@madonna.edu.

Rock concert

Salem tunes out Central thanks to Posler's arm, 3 HRs

Chiefs are streaking. See Page B4.

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Three words described the Salem baseball team's offensive performance Monday afternoon against visiting Walled Lake Central: BAM! BAM! BAM!

It would only take one word, however, to describe the stuff Salem junior pitcher Joe Posler threw at the Vikings: nasty.

The Rocks launched three home runs and Posler tossed a two-hitter as Salem cruised to a 6-1 triumph to solidify its place atop the WLAA Lakes Division standings.

With the win, Salem improved to 15-8 overall and 7-2 in the Lakes while the defending champion Vikings dropped to 2-7.

After yielding a home run to the second batter of the game - Central right-fielder Cody Husak — Posler gave up just one more hit — a second-inning single to Jack Kennedy. He struck out

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four and walked two to improve

"It was a pretty typical performance by Joe," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "He always comes in under 90 pitches and he had 88 today. The only thing uncharacteristic about Joe today was that he had two walks.

"Joe has good command of his pitches and he can locate all of them. He even used his fourth pitch today — a knuckle ball - more than he normally does. It's like having a second off-speed pitch. The batter is usually on his front foot and they either pop it up or beat it into the ground."

The Rocks' power surge was provided by junior home run hitters Drew Grabowski, whose solo shot over the Mans Lumber sign in left center knotted the game at 1-all in the second; Kyle Powell, whose two-run dinger in the third dinged the top of the scoreboard in right center before finding a resting place in the nearby woods: and Sam Ott, whose solo blast in the fifth found the woods beyond the right-field fence on the fly.

Salem added two insurance markers in the sixth on Heath Parling's RBI single and an Ott sacrifice fly that scored Justin

Although he missed most of the first month of the season with an injury, Grabowski has already rocked two home runs and is third on the team in RBI.

"It's nice to have Drew back," said Rumberger. "He's only been back about 10 days, but he's hitting .500 and giving us a lot of power.

"Kyle's been having some good swings in batting practice lately, so I had a hunch he was going to do something today. And Sam is Sam — he's dangerous every time he steps up to the plate."

Rumberger was equally impressed by his team's defense, which turned three double plays.

In the top of the fourth, the Rocks committed their only two errors of the day, yet Posler still only faced three batters as lead-off hitter Matt Johnson was

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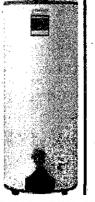
BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem junior pitcher Sam Posler threw a two-hit complete game in the Rocks' 6-1 victory over Walled Lake Central Monday afternoon. The Rocks can clinch first place in the WLAA's Lakes Division with a win over Westland John Glenn this afternoon.



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GIRLS TRACK LEADERS

OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD LEADERS (THROUGH MAY 13)

Kyndra Abron (Churchill), 41-3,25 Chelsea Carradine (Thurston), 37-9.5 Ashley Price (Franklin), 36-5.5 Otivia Rork (Lutheran Westland), 36-5.5 Becca Bartek (Stevenson), 35-8 Taylor Byron (Churchill), 35-3 Maame Adomako (Stevenson), 33-8 Brigid Molloy (Ladywood), 33-4.5 Ryan Anderson (John Glenn), 32-1

Kaylee McGrath (Stevenson), 31-4 Kyndra Abron (Churchill), 131-6 Savannah Haig (Franklin), 107-1 Colette Fodera (Stevenson), 106-11 Shannon Gretchen (Churchill), 106-2 Maame Adomako (Stevenson), 100-1 Ashley Price (Franklin), 97-11 Bosca Bartok (Stevenson), 96-9

Becca Bartek (Stevenson), 96-9 Ashley Benton (Salem), 96-5 Tyler Buchanan (Plymouth), 95-7 Brigid Molloy (Ladywood) 93-2 HIGH JUKP Liz Hollaway (Franklin), 5-2 Cierra Yetts (Churchill), 5-1 Shannon Hogg (Ladywood), 5-1 Emily Quint (Franklin), 5-0

Emilie Freeman (Lutheran Westland), 5-0 Jaclyn Gribeck (Churchill), 4-11 Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 4-11 Kelley Determan (Salem), 4-8 Montgomery (John Glenn), 4-8 Sam Culp (Franklin), 4-8 Kyndra Abron (Churchill), 4-8 Marci Kovsky (Stevenson), 4-8 Teresa Wojnarowski (Ladywood), 4-8

LONG JUMP Chanel Payne (John Glenn), 17-1 Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth), 16-4.5 Jill Morton (Plymouth), 15-9.5 Montgomery (John Glenn), 15-8 Monica Hardy (Franklin), 15-8 Monica Hardy (Franklin), 15-8 Marci Kovsky (Stevenson), 15-5 Kelly Tapella (Franklin), 15-4.5 Linda Ling (Salem), 15-3 Paige Regular (Salem), 15-3 Chelsea Pashnick (Stevenson), 15-2

POLE VAULT Meghan Powers (Franklin), 10°0 Megnai Powers (Franklin), 10-0 Emily Quint (Franklin), 9-6 Jamie Marihugh (Churchill), 9-6 Eren Ural (Churchill), 9-2 Michelle Blackstone (Stevenson), 9-0 Beah Knisely (Plymouth), 8-6 Sharon Rayford (Churchill), 8-6 Alicia Dimaura (Churchill), 8-3 Alicia Dimauro (Churchill), 8-3 Rachel Storck (Lutheran Westland), 8-0 Lisa Black (Stevenson), 8-0

100-METER DASK Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth), 12.2 Ashley Parker (John Glenn), 12.4 Chanef Payne (John Glenn), 12.8 Sarah LaBerge (Churchill), 12.8 Deja Wright (Salem), 12.9 Olivia Hernandez (Franklin), 13.1 Katie Morasso (Ladywood), 13.1 Jenny Bartek (Stevenson), 13.4 Shante Roberts (John Glenn), 13.4 Olivia Rork (Lutheran Westland), 13.4 Monica Hardy (Franklin), 13.4 Molly Hirst (Franklin), 13.4

200-METER DASH Ashley Parker (John Glenn), 25.4 Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth), 25.9 Saah LaBerge (Churchill), 26.3 Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson), 26.8 Monica Hardy (Franklin), 27.0 Olivia Hernandez (Franklin), 27.2 Katio Mernandez (Franklin), 27.2 Katie Morasso (Ladywood), 27.3 Molty Hirst (Franklin), 27.4 Deja Wright (Salem), 27.4 Megan Vitale (Ladywood), 27.4

400-METER BASH Ashley Butkowski (Franklin), 1:01.9 Megan Vitale (Ladywood), 1:02.0 Racfiel McFarlane (Churchill), 1:03.1 Rachel McFariane (Churchill), 103.2 Samar Aoude (Churchill), 103.2 Deja Wright (Salem), 103.3 Chrissy Tappan (Stevenson), 103.4 Katie Glynn (Stevenson), 103.5 Senneca Scott (Franklin), 103.7 Sara Kroll (Churchill), 1:03.8 Beth Swanberg (Canton), 1:04.3

800-METER RUN Sara Kroli (Churchill), 2:19.7 Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 2:21.4 Rachel McFarlane (Churchill), 2:22 Kachel McFarlane (Ulurchin), 2.22 Kelly Hahn (Plymouth), 2:24.8 Megan McPherson (Franklin), 2:26.2 Katie Glynn (Stevenson), 2:29.5 Nicole Zehel (Lutheran Westland), 2:30.5 Emily Clairmont (Churchill), 2:31.6 Kelley Determan (Salem), 2:31.8 Mallory Church (Franklin), 2:33.2

1.600-METER RUN Courtney Caika (Stevenson), 5:02.5
Rachel McFarlane (Churchill), 5:07.7
Sara Kroll (Churchill), 5:16.1
Megan McPherson (Franklin), 5:27.0
Nicole Zehel (Lutheran Westland), 5:36.3
Kelly Hahn (Plymouth), 5:39.0
Julia Kenney (Ladywood), 5:39.2
Sarah Opdyke (Stevenson), 5:39.7
Kelley Determan (Salem), 5:40.5
Victoria Tripp (Salem), 5:40.5

3,200-METER RUN Rachel McFarlane (Churchill), 11:08.6 Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 11:24.4 Victoria Saferian (Stevenson), 11:32.0 Molly Slavens (Plymouth), 11:50.6 Christina Joss (Stevenson), 12:11.4 Michele Verellen (Churchill), 12:33 Kimberly Verellen (Churchill), 12:34 Julia Kenney (Ladywood), 12:37.0 Stacey Richardson (John Glenn), 13:04 Kelley Determan (Salem), 13:05.4 Cathy Wojtanowski (Ladywood), 13:06.0

100-METER HIGH HURBLES Megan Yanik (Ladywood), 15.4 Brittany Gentile (Stevenson), 15.7 Margarita Lazarevska (Churchill), 15.8 Mallory Lukas (Churchill), 16.3 Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson), 16.7 Jaclyn Gribeck (Churchill), 16.9



Canton hurdler Ashley Hoener earned a spot on the recently released Observerland Girls Track & Field leaderboard.

Jen Mueller (Franklin), 17.4 Ashley Hoener (Canton), 17.4 Ashley Hoener (Canton), 17.5 Mandy McManus (Plymouth), 17.7 Madeleine Vala (Salem), 18.0 Sam Campbell (Franklin), 18.0

300-METER LOW HURDLES Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson), 46.8 Megan Yanik (Ladywood), 46.7 Brittany Gentile (Stevenson), 48.5 Senneca Scatt (Franklin), 49.0 Mallory Lukas (Churchill), 49,2 Mece Martin (Thurston), 50.0 Margarita Lazarevska (Churchill), 50.8 Madeleine Vala (Salem), 51.0 Jacyn Gribeck (Churchill), 51,9 Marci Kovsky (Stevenson), 52.0

400-METER RELAY Westland John Glenn, 49.4 Canton, 51.8 Livonia Franklin, 52.5

860-METER RELAY Westland John Glenn, 1:46.6 Livonia Frankfin, 1:48.6 Livonia Churchill, 1:49.7 Livonia Ladywood, 1:50.3 Livonia Stevenson, 1:51.1

1,600-METER RELAY Livonia Stevenson, 4:12.6 Livonia Stevenson, 4.12.6 Livonia Ladywood, 4.14.0 Livonia Franklin, 4.17.2 Livonia Churchill, 4.17.6 Salem, 4.22.2

3.200-METER RELAY Livonia Churchill, 9:55.9 Livonia Stevenson, 9:57.8 Plymouth, 10:17.4 Livonia Franklin, 10:35.8 Livonia Ladywood, 10:45.0

**Coaches are encouraged to e-mail updates to Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com.

Salem boys track team second at Sunset Invite

Salem's boys track-andfield team placed second at Saturday's six-team South Lyon Sunset Invitational.

Fellow Western Lakes Activities Association powerhouse Northville was the lone team to rack up more points than the Rocks, who finished ahead of South Lyon, South

Lyon East, Belleville and Livonia Franklin.

The highlight of the day for Salem was the record-setting performance of shot-putters Ed Merhi, Dana Baltazar and Anthony Davis, who combined for a total distance of 134 feet, two inches, which beat the old Salem record of 133 feet.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

1054 - Julie Sethávarangura – TV, Dresser, Headboard 2014 - Samuel Bruce Horste - 20 Totes, 20 Boxes, 5 Bags.

2035 - Julie Sethavarangura - VCR, Chair, 10 Boxes 2046 - Michael McFadden - Dresser, Couch, TV 4002 - Scott Laser - 2 Totes, 10 Boxes, Toolbox

4035 - George Gallo - Jensen Automobile, Car Parts

4047 - George Gallo - Studebaker Automobile, Car Parts 4068 - Timothy Williams - 10 Boxes, Table, 2 Chairs

5032 - George Gallo - 1967 Mercedes Benz, car parts, misc items 9154 - Couch, Love Seat, 10 boxes

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CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES AND JUST IN TIME (JIT) DELIVERY. Bid documents are available by contacting Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746 or via e-mail at mailto:phillid@pccs.k12.mi.us. Sealed bids will be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 and must be clearly marked "PCCS CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES BID" and received no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday June 3, 2008 at which time they will be read publicly. A notarized familial disclosure agreement must accompany every bid. For technical information, please phone Harry Lau, Custodial Operations Supervisor at (734) 416-2970. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Technology Package for East Middle School and Canton High School. Bid documents are available for pickup from the District's technology consultant: Fanning & Howey located at 28001 Cabot Drive, Suite 110, Novi, MI 48377 or you can contact Ed Przywara at 248-848-0123 or vial email at mailto: eprzywara@fhai.com . A prebid meeting will be held at the District's E.J. McClendon Educational Center 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Sealed bids will also be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center and must be clearly marked "EAST & CANTON TECHNOLOGY BID" and received no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at which time they will be read publicly. A bid bond and notarized familial disclosure agreement must accompany every bid. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

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Chiefs 5th

Canton's boys track-andfield team placed fifth at Saturday's River Rat Invitational, which was held at Ann Arbor Huron High School.

Saline won the event with 146 points and was followed by the host River Rats (130), Livonia Churchill (107), Ypsilanti (85) and Canton The meet placed the top

eight finishers in each event. Following are Canton's point

Discus: Jason Foster (seventh at 120

calling the following:

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feet, 4 inches);

Long jump: Ocie Lewis (second at 20-5); Adam Payne (fifth at 18-9.5); Adam Somers (seventh at 18.9);
Pole vault: Chris McGinnis (fifth at 12-

Eddie Koelzer (eighth at 11-5);
3,200-meter relay: Foursome of Chris Jahoda, Derek Hoerman, Scott Zech and Paul Rakovitis were fourth in 8.39.8;

100-meter dash: Eric Piwowar (second **800 relay:** Foursome of Ryan Randall, Hassanien, Belcher and August Garrett

400 relay: foursome of Randall,

Garrett, Somers and Piwowar third in 45.2; 400 dash: Jordan Wisniewski (fifth in 52.9); Davion Stackhouse (seventh in 53.4); **300 hurdles:** Tim Belcher (first in 39.7); Hassanien (fourth in 40.5); 800 run: Keith Zech (seventh in 2:03.0); 200: Stackhouse (seventh in 23,8);

Piwowar, Wisniewski and Belcher second

110 hurdles: Sherif Hassanien (fourth in 16.1); Tim Belcher (sixth in 16.7);

thoroughbreds at WLAA tourney

Northville lapped the rest of the field at Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association girls tennis tournament, which was hosted by Plymouth.

Mustangs are

The Mustangs placed first in six of the eight flights to finish with 30 points - twice as many as runner-up Livonia Stevenson. Walled Lake Central was third with 14 points, Salem (12) was fourth while Livonia Churchill rounded out the top five with 11 points.

Livonia Stevenson's Lindsay Hofstetter captured the No. 1 singles crown by defeating Northville's Haley Johnston in a three-set thriller: 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.

The only other non-Northville titleist was Walled Lake Northern's No. 4 singles player Audrey Topp, who routed Northville's Jessica Yu, 6-1, 6-0.

The Spartans earned second-place points from No. 2 singles player Laura Sims, who was ousted in the title match, 6-7, 7-5, 6-1, by the Mustangs' Joann Weber; and No. 3 singles player Paige McNamara, who lost to Northville's Ursula Cauffiel, 6-2, 6-0.

Salem failed to advance anyone into the finals, but the Rocks received semi-final efforts from singles players Tracy Lytle (No. 1), Linda Ling (No. 4); and the doubles duos of Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (No. 1); and Jaclyn Hoover-Alex Lamb (No. 4).

"I had projected us for 14 points, but our No. 2 doubles didn't advance like I thought

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they would," said Salem coach Lin Ware.

A pair of Churchill doubles teams placed second: Laura Vella and Nicki Fata at No. 2; and Cortney Bennett and Danielle Vasko at No. 3.

Plymouth's Jessica Bracey advanced to the semi-final round at No. 4 singles for Plymouth while the No. 4 doubles tandem of Vicki Chen and Megan Leung did likewise for Canton.

2008 WLAA GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY AT PCEP COURTS FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 30; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 15; 3. Walled Lake Central, Livonia Stevenson, 15; 3. Walled Lake Central, 14; 4. Salem, 12; 5. Livonia Churchill, 11; 6. Walled Lake Northern, 10; 7. Livonia Franklin, 7; 8. (tie) Canton and Plymouth, 5; 10. Wayne Memorial, 1.

No. 1 singles: Lindsay Hofstetter (LS) defeated Haley Johnston (N), 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; semifinalists – Erica Rouleau (WLC) and Track Lytle (S)

Tracy Lytle (S).

No. 2: Joann Weber (N) def. Laura Sims (LS), 6-7, 7-5, 6-1; semifinalists – Stephanie Indianer (WLC) and Alli Carpenter (S).

No. 3: Ursula Cauffiel (N), def. Paige McNamara (LS), 6-2, 6-0; semifinalists – Sayuri Yoshida (WLC) and Kaityn Foster (LC).

No. 4: Audrey Topp (WEN) def. Jessica Yu (N), 6-1, 6-0; semifinalists – Linda Ling (S) and Jessica Bracey (P).

No. 1 doubles: Laura Taylor-Kristin

No. 1 doubles: Laura Taylor-Kristin
Randall (N) def. Sarah Johnson-Madison
Bartelt (WLC), 7-5, 6-1; semifinalists – Rachel
Norman-Ariel Rojo (S) and Danielle Hicks-Norman-Arier Rojo (s) and Gamene Meas Holly Heckert (WLN). No. 2: Abby Grajek-Sabrina Manciulli (N) def. Lauren Vella-Nicki Fata (LC); semifinalists – Lauren Osiwala-Jenny Neamtu (LF) and Alicia Segnitz-Nicole Mehta

No. 3: Valerie Juan-Maudie Smith (N) def. Cortney Bennett-Danielle Vasko, 6-2, 6-I; semifinalists - Ashley Bennett-Shannon Dwight (LS) and Taylor Kobylas-Chanel Leiua (WLN).

No. 4: Sarah Koupal-Breanna Konnett (N)

def. Rena Molnar-Melissa Kosky (WLC), 6-2, 6-1; semifinalists – Jaclyn Hoover-Alex Lamb (S) and Vicki Chen-Megan Leung (C).

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CANTON SCORERS: Jeremy Lindlbauer (medalist), 36; Andrew Rickerman, 37; Brendan Muir, 40; Zach Conrad, 42; Clark: Albers, 43; Aaron Blase, 44.

JOHN GLENN SCORERS: Andy Myers, 41; Dan Jankinth 42; John Muddin 44. 41; Dan Tamariglio, 42; Josh Duprie, 44; Alex Rochette, 53; Jim Dutchak, 54; Conner

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 7-1;

CANTON 144,

WAYNE MEMORIAL 184 MAY 9 AT THE WOODLANDS (VAN BUREN)

CANTON SCORERS: Zach Conrad and Andrew Rickerman, 35 each (co-medalists); Brendan Muir and Jeremy Lindlbauer, 37 each; Jake Andrews and Dominic Bonell, 40

WAYNE SCORERS: Kevin Erdmann and Jack Zimmerman, 45 each; Jacob Smith and Gary Neill, 47 each; Andrew Morton and Ryar

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Wayne, 0-9 overall, 0-9 WLAA; Canton, 5-1 overall, 5-1

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3030 - Warren Sterling Glover II - washer, couch, 10 boxes 3031 - Locke Bld. - 5 Ladders, tools, Misc Items

3075 - Susie Collins - Couch, loveseat, rocking chair

5075 – Veronica Faye Frame – couch, loveseat, misc items 6001 – Aja Hunter – Futon, Kids bike, misc items

9006 - TV, 4 Totes, Microwave

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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5008 - Amicie Crayton - leather couch, loveseat, vanity 4279 - Julian Mitchell - 3 Snowboards, 2 chairs, entertainment

4133 - Gino Martin - couch, TV, 5 Totes 4121 - Rosalyn Jackson - vacuum, dresser, mattress

4120 - Grant Young - dresser, mirrors, headboard 4027 - Jason Brodie - sofa, dresser, kida ATV 3026 - Juanita Lango - 10 Boxes, 1 tote, portable heater

3021 - Regina Griffin - 50 Boxes, Dining Table, Misc Items 3020 - Isiah Wardlow - 10 Boxes, Toolbox, Misc Items

2037 - Shawn Booth - 4 Kitchen Chairs, Couch, Dresser

2032 - Sharell Lewis - lawn mower, microwave, 2 TV's Publish: May 15 & 22, 2008

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Canton LAX team thumps Howell

Canton's boys lacrosse team improved to 10-5 Monday night with a 14-3 triumph over Howell.

"I was very happy with the game," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. "It gave us a good chance to rotate players and tune up for Thursday's game against Plymouth.

Tonight's cross-campus clash between the Chiefs and the Wildcats is set to commence at 7 p.m. at the PCEP junior varsity stadium.

Matt Rodgers paced the win over the Highlanders with four goals.

Scott Wisniewski and Joey Underwood both registered a hat-trick, Jason Avedesian added two goals while Dakota Dark-Bird and Mark Barath both netted single

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goals. Canton led 10-2 at the

Senior Justin Scott started and earned the win between the pipes.

Back-up net-minder Sean Walsh was solid in the second half, yielding just one

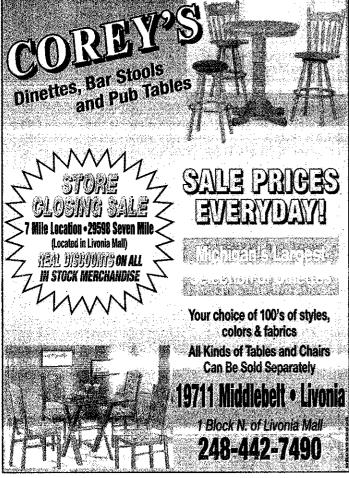
On Saturday, the Chiefs dropped a 12-5 decision to state-ranked Saline. Five different players lit up the scoreboard for Canton: Wisniewski, Trevor Moore. who converted a nifty backhander, Rodgers, Avedesian and Kyle Dunleavy.

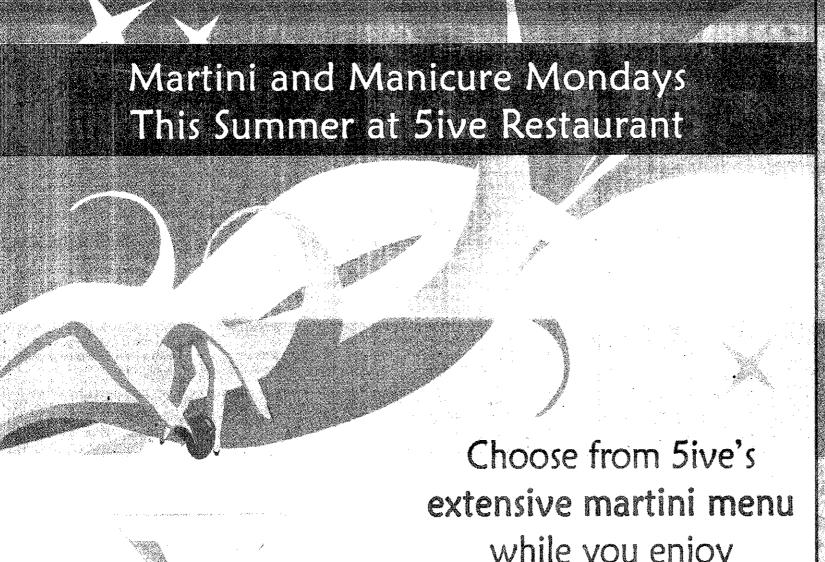
"Four games in one week took a toll on our conditioning," said Riley, referring to the loss to the Hornets.



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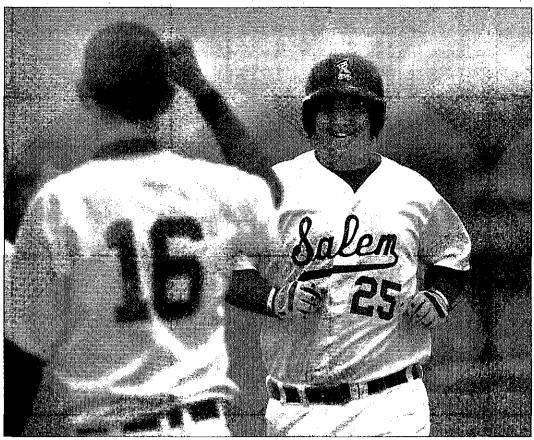
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Salem junior designated hitter is welcomed home by Dana Lorber (16) and the rest of his team after belting a home run in the Rocks' 6-1 victory over Walled Lake Central Monday afternoon.

doubled off first after Ott made a running catch and fired the ball on a rope to first baseman Chris Kordick.

The next batter — Eric Glanz reached on a fielding miscue, but he was thrown out trying to steal second by Rock catcher David Loos.

"I was pleased with the way we played defensively," Rumberger said. "Although we made a couple of errors, we didn't compound them by making multiple errors.

"Last vear, we'd make a mistake, then we'd make another and another. This year, we'll have an occasional bad throw or a guy will kick one, but the next guy will make a play."

Amazingly, Salem's 10 hits came from 10 different players.

Posler was the only Rock to reach three times. He singled in the second, was hit by a pitch in the third and walked in the fifth.

T.J. Thewes took the loss for the Vikings, yielding four runs on six hits in five innings. Thewes walked three and struck out two

Derek Mitchell pitched the sixth for Central.

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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 be held 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 Cantón 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)

Wildcat golf outing

The 7th Annual Plymouth High School Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, July 19, at 1:30 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's Golf

and Conference Center, which is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth.

The format will be a bestball scramble with a shotgun

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

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100.

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

The registration deadline is July 7.

Tidwell-led Chiefs register five straight victories

The WLAA Western Division standings may not indicate it, but the hottest team around is Canton, which has reeled off a five-game winning streak since falling to Northville on May 6.

Canton is now 15-8 overall and 3-6 in the division.

During the hot streak, the Chiefs have relied on key contributions from seniors Will Tidwell, Ben Vaughn, Matt Barylski, Ryan Neu, Mike Madias and Mike Flis; and underclassmen like freshmen Seth Tschetter; sophomores Kevin Delapaz, Alex Dixon and Cody Blakita; and juniors Dan Stoney, Dane Staples, Nick Tomilenko and Zane Birchler.

On Tuesday, one day after a Vaughn-led triumph over Wayne Memorial, the Chiefs edged Churchill, 9-7, thanks to a strong mound effort from Delapaz, who worked 4.1 innings to improve to 5-0.

On Saturday at Kalamazoo Central, Canton broomed a pair from the host Maroon Giants, 17-12 and 7-4.

Delapaz improved his mound record to a perfect 4-0 and he got plenty of offensive support from the hot hitting of Vaughn (2-for-4, four RBI) and Tidwell (2-for-3, four-RBI, three runs).

Bill Cunningham-Rhodes ripped four hits for KC.

In the nightcap, the Chiefs received strong pitching from flame-throwing southpaw Dixon and hard-throwing reliever Staples; and timely hitting from Stoney and Neu on the way to the three-run

Dixon baffled the hosts all afternoon, yielding just one hit and one earned run in 4.1 innings while Staples picked up the win when he helped extinguish a one-out, basesloaded jam in the fifth.

Stoney and Neu both went 2-for-3. Neu's two-run single in the sixth with the game knotted at 3-all proved to be the difference-maker.

Dan Warwick had a double and a run for the Maroon

SALEM 6, NORTHVILLE 4: On Tuesday at Salem, the Rocks knocked off the No. 2-ranked team in Division 1 behind the mound work of two seldom-used pitchers and clutch hitting from a couple of main-

Junior Heath Parling earned the victory — his first of the season – after shutting down the Mustangs' potent offense over the final 3.2 innings.

Parling relieved Justin Bashi, who pitched well other than in Northville's three-run third.

Parling and Bashi held the Mustangs to just four hits while the Rocks knocked out seven of their own.

Junior Dave Hales picked up a save when he retired the last batter in the seventh with two runners on board.

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"It's nice to play well against a team that has been beating up on everybody," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "I told the boys before the game that if it was a close game late, I thought we could win because they're not accustomed to being in tight games.

Senior southpaw Demarii Saunderson took the loss for the Mustangs.

Trailing 4-3, the Rocks plated three runs in the fifth thanks to RBI hits from Posler, Grabowski and Chris Kordick.

Posler went 2-for-3 with two runs and three RBI while Grabowski contributed two hits and an RBI.

PLYMOUTH 9. JOHN GLENN

1: On Tuesday at Glenn, the Wildcats exploded for seven runs over the first three innings and were never threatened thereafter thanks to solid pitching from Cliff Buttermore, Matt Skubik and Stephen Ostrowski, who scattered five hits. Buttermore earned the win after yielding no runs and two hits over the first 2.2 frames.

Pacing the Wildcats' 11-hit attack were Skubik (3-for-4, RBI), Nadratowski (1-for-1, two RBI) and David Harvey (2-for-3, run).

Both teams committed two errors a piece.

W.L. WESTERN 8, PLYMOUTH 7: On Monday at Western, the host Warriors overcame a 7-5 deficit with three runs in the fourth inning then hung on for the key Western Division victory. Plymouth outhit the Warriors, 10-6, but committed three errors.

Wildcat starting pitcher Brad Lineberry suffered the loss after yielding seven runs in three innings. Luke Merandi was solid in relief for the 'Cats, giving up just one run over the final three frames.

Ronnie Goble was the hitting star for Plymouth, going 2-for-3 with a two-run home run. Michael Rose (2-for-3, RBI) and Garrett Rebain (2for-3, RBI) also had big games at the plate for Plymouth. One of Rebain's hits was a triple.

CANTON AGAPE 15, FRANKLIN ROAD 0: On Tuesday in Novi, the Wolverines mercied their hosts in four innings, scoring four runs in the first, three in both the second and third, and five in the fourth. The winners banged out 15 hits while their starting pitcher, Brandon Pierson, crafted a one-hitter, striking out five while issuing just one walk.

The Walker brothers - Ethan and Daniel - spearheaded the Wolverines' offensive attack, combining to go 5-for-7 with four RBI and three runs.

The victory improved Agape's record to 8-4 overall and 5-3 in the MIAC Red. The Wolverines have now won seven consecutive games.

CANTON AGAPE 6, CALVARY CHRISTIAN 2: On Monday at Griffin Park in Canton, senior pitcher Ty Majeski hurled a complete-game gem, yielding just five hits while striking out six. Aaron Graham suffered the mound loss for CC.

The offensive stars for the winners were Jared Miller (2-for-3, two doubles), Kevin Reith (two runs, five steals) and Josiah Wyatt (1-for-3, RBI). Agape banged out seven

Wildcats split

Plymouth split a doubleheader with state-ranked West Bloomfield Saturday, dropping the opener 5-3 before battling back to seize the nightcap,

The split left the Wildcats with a 14-8 record.

Plymouth erased a 3-0 deficit with three runs in the bottom of the second, but the Lakers tallied singled runs in the third and fourth innings to pull out the win.

Senior Drew Pyles earned the mound win for the visitors, limiting the 'Cats to five hits while striking out eight in a complete-game effort. Sophomore righty Matt Priebe took the loss for Plymouth after giving up five runs in five innings. Kyle Sanders shut down the Lakers over the final two frames.

The Wildcats' hitting highlights came from players toward the bottom of their order. No. 8 hitter Travis Mewton was 1-for-3 with two RBI and a run, while No. 9 hitter Kyle Traver was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Senior Dan Nadratowski (six innings) and junior Matt Skubik (one inning) combined to pitch a four-hitter in Game 2 as the Wildcats scored single runs in the sixth and seventh innings to overcome a late 3-2 deficit. Skubik earned the win with a perfect seventh. Nadratowski gave up just three runs while striking out

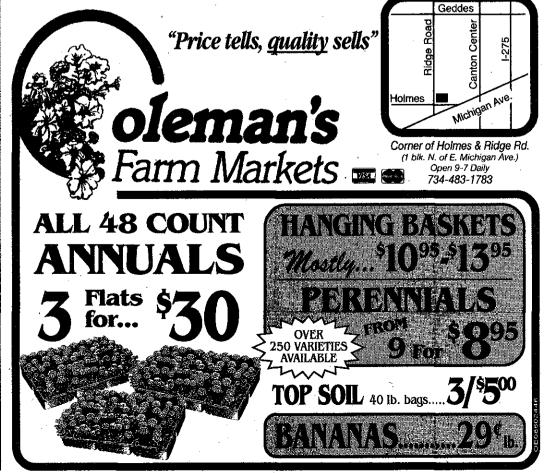
The Wildcats' six-hit attack was led by Priebe, who went 3for-4 with an RBI. Traver was 2-for-3 with a run scored.

"I thought our pitchers did an outstanding job against a good hitting Laker squad," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "In the opener, it was nice to see Matt Priebe get back into the rotation after a long absence from the hill. After a rocky first, Matt settled down and gave us some quality innings.

"Dan Nadratowski turned in a gutsy six innings of work in the nightcap when we needed a lift. He deserves strong praise for his performance.

"Overall, it was a great Saturday for high school baseball and a hard-fought split with a quality non-conference opponent."









Canton's Miranda Rysdorp (3), pictured sliding into third base during a game earlier this season, had a big day at the plate in the Chiefs' 6-0 victory over Livonia Churchill on Tuesday.

Canton ace proves to be 'Payne' in the standings for Churchill

Judging by Tuesday's performance against Livonia Churchill Tuesday afternoon, Canton senior pitcher Hilary Payne is back to her old self.

Payne, who missed close to a month earlier this spring with an injury, struck out 12 and gave up just two hits in the Chiefs' 6-0 victory over the Chargers.

Churchill's Paula Guzik recorded the only two hits off

The Chiefs, who improved to 14-11 overall, exploded for three first-inning runs to give Payne all the support she would need.

Canton's eight-hit attack was sparked by Amy Dunleavy, who contributed three hits and two runs. Miranda Rysdorp also shined, ripping two hits, including a triple, and scoring a pair of runs.

Churchill slipped to 11-15

PLYMOUTH 12, JOHN GLENN 2: On Tuesday at Plymouth, the Wildcats got back on the winning track with a convincing five-inning triumph over the struggling Rockets.

The win improved coach Val Canfield's squad to 14-10

"It was a strong performance said Salem coach Bonnie

all around," said Canfield. The winners scored eight runs in the second and single

happening to me, I wouldn't

going with the flow, and I'm

Schmitt has lived a whirl-

months in preparation for the

upcoming Olympic Trials. She

recently returned from a three-

week stint at the U.S. Olympic

endured a four-practices-a-day

Tuesday night, following

sions, she attended the Canton

High School Academic Honors

banquet before jumping on a

California-bound plane at 6

two two-hour training ses-

Training Center in Colorado

Springs, Colo., where she

workout routine.

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me to this point."

have believed you," Schmitt said.

"But I've been working hard and

lucky my hard work has brought

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runs in each of the other four frames. Glenn's lone runs came in the fourth.

Plymouth outhit the visitors, 14-6, and did not commit an error. The Rockets had just one fielding miscue.

Senior Ally Ciotti notched the win on the mound for the Wildcats, striking out nine and walking just one in a com-

plete-game effort. Offensively, the 'Cats were paced by Jill Brennan (3-for-3, two runs), Erin Rodes (2-for-2, two runs, RBI) and Amy Bondy (2-for-3, double, RBI).

NORTHVILLE 6, SALEM 0: On Tuesday at Northville, the Rocks' bats were stymied by senior hurler Allison Holmes, who pitched a four-hitter, striking out four without issuing a walk.

Freshman Heidi Schmidt suffered the loss, giving up six - four in the first inning

– and seven walks. Two players accounted for all of the Salem hits - Emily Pitcole and Briana Lee, who both ripped a pair of safeties.

"We have not been hitting the ball well all week," Southerland. "We're making good contact, but we're just not finding the gaps.

a.m. Wednesday morning to

compete in a Grand Prix event.

She will return to Canton

June 8 for graduation ceremo-

"It was pretty much eat, sleep

and swim in Colorado Springs,

she said, smiling. "But it's show-

Grand Prix meet at Ohio State,

I got personal bests in three of

"With all the traveling I've

there's not a lot of time to think

Schmitt is currently ranked

style events, but all the rankings

sixth in the U.S. in three free-

will be meaningless once she

steps onto the platform at the

"The times are so close

been doing, I miss my family,

but with so much going on,

about it," she said.

trials.

four events, so I'm excited about

ing in my times. At our last

nies, then head to Omaha to

train for the trials.

"I thought Heidi did a great job out there today, facing the No. 1 team in the league."

If the Rocks post a victory over John Glenn this afternoon, they will face a rematch with the Mustangs for the conference championship on May 21.

"So we have a week to get the bats on track, but I think we will," said Southerland. "Today, we got a feel of what we need to do to be competitive next week. Northville is a very good team and it has very good hitters -- power hitters. If we can shut that down and lay off the rise ball, we'll be all

W.L. CENTRAL 2, SALEM 0: On Monday at Central, the

Vikings Lauren Hardy pitched a five-hitter against the Rocks. Salem freshman Briana Lee

deserved better than an "L" as she yielded just six hits and two walks while striking out

Heidi Schmidt sparkled at the plate for the Rocks, lacing a triple and two singles.

Kelli Janiczek and Mary Cox also contributed singles.

'We were just flat coming off the weekend," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "Central was charged up." Emily Scarpace led the

Vikings' hitting attack with a double and a triple.

between a lot of girls," she said. "It will all come down to who

swims the best at the trials." Other than accepting the "Female Athlete of the Year" award, Schmitt said the highlight Monday night was meeting Carr, who was presented with a

lifetime achievement award. "He congratulated me and told me to keep working hard," Schmitt said of her encounter with the legendary football coach, "It was an honor to be able to meet someone who has done so much for the University

of Michigan." Schmitt will be a freshman at the University of Georgia in the fall where she will continue her stellar swimming career. The Bulldogs have one of the mostrespected swimming-and-diving programs in the country.

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Late dramatics give Wildcat kickers clutch win over WLW

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Monday night's Plymouth-Walled Lake Western girls soccer game had been an advancedplacement drama class, the Wildcats would have earned an A-plus.

The Wildcats won 2-1 when Kelly Dobbs scored off an assist from Mckenzie Hengesh with just 1:20 left in the contest.

Megan Quinlan gave Plymouth a 1-0 edge at the 30-minute mark of the first half when she found the back of the net. The 'Cats maintained their one-goal advantage until the 15-minute mark of the second half when the Warriors scored.

Freshman Marissa Williams earned the win between the pipes for Plymouth.

On Saturday, Plymouth defeated Saline, 2-0, thanks to a pair of goals from Dobbs and outstanding play in net from Williams.

CANTON 8, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0: On Monday, the Chiefs

mercied the Zebras as seven different players scored. Kayla Carmody was the lone Chief to score twice.

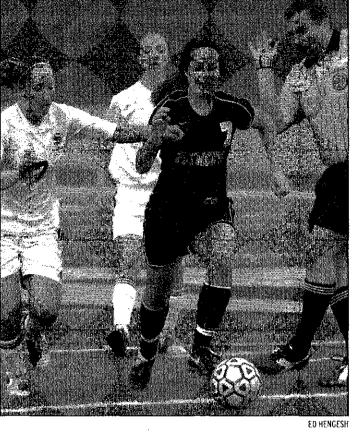
Single-goal scorers were Lisa Pierce, Megan Staub, Melanie Pickert, Laura Daniels and Tracy Rymph. Rachel Kain and Alyssa Cottrell notched assists for the winners.

Senior net-minder Bre Bellovary recorded the shutout for Canton.

SALEM O, W.L. CENTRAL O: On Monday at Salem, the two WLAA Lakes Division rivals battled to a scoreless draw as both teams' defenders rose to

Rock senior net-minder Kristen Dondzila made three saves to record her fifth shut-

the occasion.



Plymouth's Katie Krajewski slices through a pair of Saline defenders to gain control of the ball during the Wildcats' 2-0 victory over the Hornets Saturday afternoon

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out of the season.

"Overall, I thought we played very well," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We were able to keep pressure on them the whole game. Our defenders played great and we were able to carry the majority of possession in the midfield.

"We created nine or 10 quality chances on goal with shots off the goal posts, cross bar, or missing just wide of the target. It's nice to see that we are creating chances, but most days we finish a few of them."

The Rocks welcomed back

with open arms mainstays Katie Shull and Lauren Booth, both of whom had missed a considerable amount of time with injuries.

"It was great to see Katie and Lauren out there again," said Nora. "Both girls have worked hard to get back and they played very well.

"We have dealt with injuries all season and our team has risen to the challenge every time, but it's refreshing to have everyone healthy and ready to go.'

The draw left Salem with a 6-6-4 overall record and 4-4 1 mark in the division.

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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

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

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| 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, Livenia, 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:

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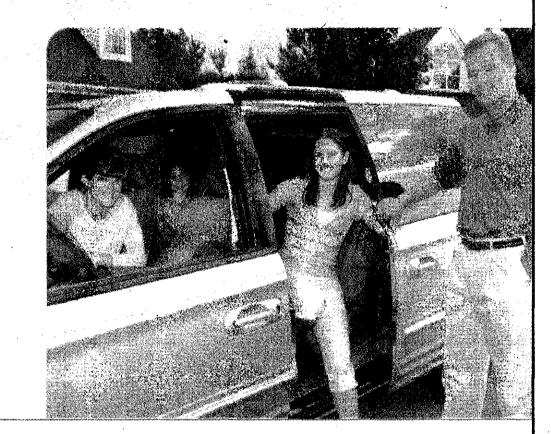




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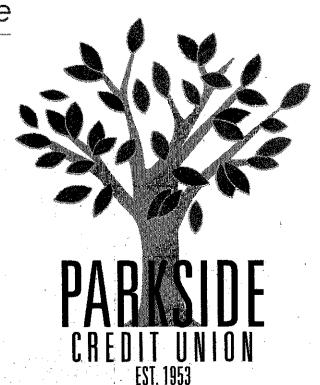
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Short commute, carpools appeal as gas prices rise

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

As gas prices climb, people are grateful for short commutes.

"I'm within 10 minutes of work," said Phyllis Redfern of Canton, a clerk in the Canton Township clerk's office. "It's wonderful not to have to drive some of the distances I have before. I'm very fortunate with my commute."

Redfern sympathizes with those who have longer commutes.

"You know it's got to be eating into their budget,' she said.

Ron Loiselle of Plymouth's also grateful for his short commute. "Oh, veah, I should walk. It's 1.1 miles," said Loiselle, an accountant/stockbroker who's also mayor pro tem for the city of Plymouth.

"I made the choice to try to live close to work," said Loiselle, who's less sympathetic when it comes to long-distance commuters He's lived close to work some 30 years and finds it hard to believe "people would waste that much time in a car."

In fact, he has a 15-yearold car with 104,000 miles on it. "I get stressed when I have to drive to Canton anymore," he said with a laugh. "I'm spoiled by living in Plymouth."

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments is seeing the impact of commuting and rising gas prices, too. It has a RideShare program, information on which is available at semcog.org/RideShare.aspx.

"That's where they can fill out an application," said Iris Steinberg, senior communications specialist for SEMCOG. "They will be matched up with other individuals who live near them and work near them."

RideShare is a free carpool and vanpool matching service that links commuters traveling into or within Southeast Michigan for work. RideShare has assisted more than 100,000 Detroit carpoolers and vanpoolers with their requests. There are currently more than 3,000 in the database,

Steinberg said. "We have had a small increase, nothing too significant yet. We have seen increased numbers," as gas prices climb, Steinberg said.

Recent census data shows that more than 200,000



people in metro Detroit currently share the ride to and from work on a regular basis. According to SEMCOG, carpoolers and vanpoolers:

- Save money on fuel and other vehicle operating
- **■** Experience less stress
- associated with traffic ■ Have a more predictable and productive com-
- Help reduce traffic congestion
- **■** Improve air quality ■ Enjoy the social and safety aspects of commuting with others.

"It is nice to have that additional option," Steinberg said of Ride Share, offered since 1980. She noted not all have access to SMART or Detroit Department of Transportation buses.

Steinberg, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, takes the bus to work daily at SEMCOG offices in downtown Detroit.

"That was part of what we were looking for when we were choosing a home," Steinberg said. "It makes it very nice.

She and colleagues have noted increased ridership of SMART and DDOT buses recently. "I had to wait for the next one," Steinberg said of a recent trip. "I know. people are changing their behavior because of the high gas prices. People definitely are concerned and looking for options."

She takes a book for her commutes, and also catches up on work and phone calls. Steinberg's taken the bus for seven years "and never had a problem, feel very comfortable." It takes about 20 minutes to get downtown; there's a small vehicle fleet at work if she needs to attend a meeting, and the People Mover helps Steinberg get around down-

town Detroit. Steinberg points with pride to SEMCOG's Guaranteed Ride Home, which reimburses taxi fare for RideShare participants who get sick while at work and need to leave or must put in longer hours. You can use that up to six times a year after completing the RideShare arrangements on the SEMCOG Web site.

"We just need the receipt from the taxi," Steinberg said. "It's a very nice program.

Colleague Delores Muller, a developer in the information technology department at SEMCOG, said the average commute in Southeast Michigan was 26 minutes in 2000. It had gone up three minutes from 1990, which could be caused by increased traffic.

"I take the bus," Livonia resident Muller said. "I've been taking the SMART bus for six years now." She drives to a park and ride site in Redford. Buses arrive every 25-30 minutes, less frequently than when Livonia was a part of

SMART. "People can save a lot of money by taking the bus,' Muller said, noting she saves at least \$4,000 a year on parking, wear and tear on the car and gas. She puts gas in her car's tank once a

"I wish I knew about it earlier," Muller said of the bus service. "The closer you live to work, the less you're going to be spending on your commute. It's more common sense than anything."

She looked at Livonia as a place to settle and start a family. "I can't really think of a better place. I can commute to Ann Arbor or Detroit in 25 minutes."

She uses her time on the bus for work for continuing education classes. "I also network with other IT professionals," Muller said.

A RideShare carpool requires two riders who work similar time schedules. A vanpool requires six or more riders. SEMCOG's free online matching software matches you with commuters who also live near you, and who have similar routes and work schedules.

SEMCOG hasn't really studied if rising gas prices are making more distant. real estate in outlying areas less attractive. "We really don't have any local information on that, nothing we have been able to verify," Steinberg said, noting SEMCOG includes

Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Monroe, Wayne and Washtenaw counties. National reports indicate such a trend in commuting and real estate.

Home prices across distant suburbs continue to fall deeper than city housing values, which sometimes even climb in cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, New York, Miami, Boston, and Washington, D.C., especially near public transit. Drawn by cheap outer land and strong home prices, developers miscalculated and "overreached," but have finally seen faraway projects as "just bad ideas to begin with" and shifted gears, an assessment confirmed by Smart Growth America Communications Director David Goldberg (www.smartgrowth.org).

In the 1990s, his hometown, Atlanta, "was recognized as the fastest-spreading human settlement, probably in the history of the world," he recalled, but over the past two years construction in the countryside dropped by 70 percent, without any slowdown in the city, according to the Smart Growth America Web site.

The same goes for other big cities, including Baltimore and Philadelphia.

The city of Plymouth has made walkability a priority in recent years, said Loiselle, the mayor pro tem. That includes checking on the status of sidewalks in the city, and making sure they're wheelchair accessible and have curb cuts that can also be used by bicyclists.

SEMCOG staffers are excited about expanded options in mass transit, including an Ann Arbor to Detroit rail line using existing train tracks. "I think that's very promising," Steinberg said.

Carmine Palombo, director of transportation planning for SEMCOG, said the train tracks from Ann Arbor to Detroit are owned by three freight railroads. "We've been working with them to identify the additional infrastructure that would be needed," the Livonia resident said. The goal is to have no negative impact on freight use while allowing additional passenger use.

The aim is for the railroads' analysis to be done

Please see COMMUTE, C4

Ask lawyer about delinquency statements

Q. A member of our association is suing the homeowners association for defamation after it distributed its meeting minutes. At the homeowner association board meeting, the board members discussed the homeowner's failure to pay dues for a period of time. The association attorney had unsuccessfully tried several times to reach the homeowner. The board secretary recorded those facts in the meeting minutes and recorded the board's decision to foreclose on the homeowner's unit because the homeowner was not willing to work out a negotiated settlement for the outstanding dues. The minutes were mailed to all association members. The homeowner's name and unit were not published. Does the association have any liability?



Robert Meisner

A. In a recent case similar to those facts, a court held that in order for it to consider the meeting minutes defamatory, the statements must be false and intended to harm the homeowner's reputation and lower him in the community's estimation. In the case

involved, because the court decided that the statements were "substantially true." there was no defamation. "Substantially true" means that although the statements were not literally true on every detail, they were true for the most part. Γ would not, however, rely on this type of decision, given the delicate nature of the law of defamation and you are best to consult with your attorney before publishing any statement concerning delinquencies.

Q. There has often been a debate about the value of a condo vs. a co-op for marketability. Do you have any comments on that?

A. Generally speaking, condos are deemed to be more valuable than coops. There was an interesting study done in New York City for the period of 1984 to 2002. The result, according to the authors, was that "the typical" condo unit is worth about 8.8 percent more than the "typical" cooperative unit, although they admit that one market segment exhibited the opposite effect on value. In cooperatives that prohibited buyers from financing the purchase of units, the condominium premium disappears and turns into a 25.4 percent cooperative premium. One explanation is the greater potential of a cooperative to allow unit owners to engage in forms of social exclusion. Two other explanations, particularly relevant for the buildings occupied by less affluent residents, are (1) relatively high transaction costs associated with converting from a cooperative form to a condominium form can consume a substantial part of the condominium premium; and (2) costs of collective decision making (collective action problems) can be insurmountable, particularly in urban communities with a heterogeneous population. Thus the authors concluded that it may be a long time before condominiums, despite their apparent economic advantages, replace cooperatives as the dominant common interest homeownership form in New York City. This, of course, may not be relevant in other areas.

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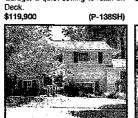


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COZY RANCH You will not find a deal like this anywhere!! Build your custom ranch featuring newer windows, oak Kit, undated baths, beautiful Garage, & quiet setting to relax on \$99,900 (P-431HA) \$119,900



AMAZINGLY PRICED bd bi-level w/immed occupancy. Kit w/appl's, newer roof, windows, C/A, hwh, humidifier on furnace large backyard w/privacy fence & (P-419MA) \$160,000

TRANQUIL LOCATION

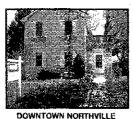
Enjoy the peaceful setting on this

Irg lot in Royal Pointe Sub. 2 story Foyer, formal LR/DR, 2 story Fam

Rm w/dual frpl, island Kit w/nook,

Master w/frpi & bath, new carpet.

GREAT FIND



SPACIOUS CONDO

1st floor condo just steps away from Laurel Park shopping. Well

maintained, in unit laun w/new

washer & dryer, 1200 sq ft, & more

(P-312UN)

This 3 bd, 2 bath Cape Cod features a remod Kit w/Pergo. remod baths, new carpet, updated elec, plumbing, furnace, C/A, & siding. Beautiful home, a must see! (C-326PE)

SUPER CLEAN RANCH

Fantastic 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch

featuring an open floor plan, Fam

ceramic, fin bsmt w/recessed

lighting, & Patio w/hottub. \$129,900

w/vaulted ceiling, updated windows & roof, oak Kit w/

(P-429TR



PRIDE SHINES

Exceptionally well kept Canton colonial feat: 2 story Foyer, island

Kit w/hwd firs & granite, formal LR & DR, large Fam Rm w/frpl, Master

w/dressing rm, & fin bsmt.

Charming & spacious 2 bd condo has been freshly painted. Large bedrooms, in-unit laundry, carport, gas * water inc in low association fee. Great Canton location (P-467SA)

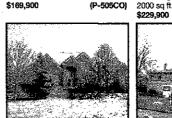
3,5 ACRE WOODED LOCATION

Immaculate estate nestled in gated

community. Kit w/porcelain tile &

frpl, 1st fl Master w/jetted tub, 5

(C-908TU)



PREMIUM LOT

Super end unit 2 bd condo w/2.5 baths, finished bsmt, Fam Rm w/

frpl & drwl to private treed yard.

(P-505CO)

court-like lot, & so much more

(P-675AS) \$169,900

PREMIUM LOCATION 6th green in Tanglewood. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 1st fl Mast w/bath, island Kit, Great Rm w/frpl & towering windows, walkout bsmt, & Deck w/ enectacular views

GREAT CONDO

Tranquil setting for this 2 bd condo

in Van Buren. Fresh paint, vaulted

private laun room, appl's stay, &

BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION

featuring a Great Rm w/soaring

Kit, & private bsmt. More units

wonderful

2.5 baths,

Master w/sitting area,

ceiling,

ceilings, oak Kit, Master

assoc dues include water



GREAT LOCATION

lot, just a short walk to

neighborhood clubhouse, pool, park, & schools. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, 2

car Garage, huge backyard, & over \$104,900

ranch w/gourmet Kit, finished bamt w/wetbar & glass block, hwd firs under carpet, fenced yard, & (P-320TE)

NORTHVILLE BEAUTY

5 bd, 3 .5 bath home feat: granite

Kit, formal LR, huge Fam Rm w/

bath, breathtaking _ acre lot, & 900

ENJOY THE PARK

Brick ranch perfectly situated

across from the Community Center

Liv Rm, finished bsmt, & all appl's

(C-297WO)

\$257,500



MOVE IN CONDITION!!

Charming 3br brick ranch with a

full basement, hardwood floors, 2-

car garage, & all appliances stary.

Fabulous 4 bd, 3 ba Plymouth colonial featuring Fam Rm w/frpt, updated roof, siding, elec, & windows. Formal DF/LR, bsmt, 2 car Garage, & fenced yard w/Deck

THE BEST ON THE SUB

Tons of upgrades on this cape cod

home w/hwd firs, 2 story Great Rm

w/bridge overlook, corian counters, finished bsmt w/media

room & bath, & backs to pond.

schools & (C-674AU) \$179,900



MOVE RIGHT IN

bsmt plumbed for a bath. Maple

Kit w/granite, LR w/frpl, 3 car

landscaping,

CUSTOM BUILT RANCH 2700 sq ft home on 1.5 acres. bds, 3.5 baths, hwd firs in Kit, Foyer, & _ bath. Master w/huge WIC, Butler's Pantry, open floor plan, & park-like setting.

Beautiful colonial shows

model, 3 bd. 1.5 baths, updated

beautiful finished bsmt w/glass

block, & fenced yard close to



PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME

Upper end unit condo in popula

Lifley Pointe in Canton. Cath

ceilings, open floor plan, large laun room, 2 baths, Great Rm w/

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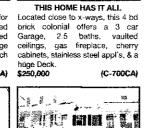
SPACIOUS CAPE COD 2003 built, 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w bright & open floor plan, fantastic upgrades t/o, 1st fi laun, 1st fi Master w/private bath & WIC, handyman's dream Garage, great location near schools & Metropark. \$234,900 (P-865TO)



MOVE IN READY! This 3 bd brick ranch is perfect for This home is fully updated - roof, you. Spacious Liv Rm, updated bath, Kit w/dining area, finished bsmt w/bar & bath, 2 car Garage walls, windows, furnace, ducts, hwh, siding, hwd floors, maple cabinets, doors, & carpet. Utica schools & great neighborhood (C-404BU)



OPPORTUNITY AWAITS A RARE FIND This 4 bd home is located in highly You'll fall for this park-like setting sought after Lakepointe Village Formal LR/DR, private Den, eat-in Kit w/hwd & all appl's, large Master w/spa bath & WIC, part Updated Kit, large Fam Rm w/frpl appi's stay, & Home Warranty. \$169,900 (C-21 finished bsmt w/home the (C-218GR) (C-224KE)



CHERRY HILL VILLAGE Great location on this 2 bd, 2 bath condo w/gourmet oak Kit w/appl's. cozy sitting area, vaulted Master w/WIC & bath, 1st fl laundry, &



IMMACULATE CONDO

Priced below market value! Nestled in Brighton's popular

Northridge Sub. 2 bd, 2.5 baths

walkout bsmt, vaulted ceilings, appl's stay, 1st fl Master w/WIC &

market value!

tuated on almost an acre in Livonia, this ranch offers a newer furnace, hwh, elec, plumb, Pella windows, oak floors, 2 baths, fin bsmt, large Garage w/water & attic



UPDATED PLYMOUTH RANCH Garage w/workshop, double lot w/ iful trees, & home warranty (C-207BR)



Lots of built-ins, granite, hwd floors, large Master w/32x26 bath, fin bsmt, 4 car Garage, & 2 story marble Foyer.



itiful 4 bd, 3.5 bath home Independence Hills. Feat: finished bent, inground pool, hot tub & cabana. Great for entertaining w/wetbar, large Kit, Formal DR, & updates galore (C-8010L)



WALK TO DOWNTOWN

home w/an inground pool, fin

bsmt, large Liv Rm, formal DR, Farn Rm w/drwl, 4 bds, 2 full & 2

(CP-670EV)

half baths, & unbeatable location.

Charming Plymouth contempor

SOLID BRICK HOME Great 3 bd, 2 bath w/upda vinyl insulated windows, beautiful finished bernt, appl's stay over 1000 sq ft, 1 yr home warranty & \$149,750



START PACKING!!

features. Oak hwd firs, sharp Kit w.

nook & all appl's. Great Rm w/frpl

Library, large Master, Patio, &

CUSTOM COLONIAL eautiful & expansive home feat: 4 bd. 3.5 bas, open floor plan wa maple hwd firs, vautted ceitings fl laun, Northville Schools, & stamped concrete Patio.



ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL brick ranch feat: upda bath, furnace, plumbing & elec. Stylishi finished bsmt, great location, & ready for you now (C-455TO)



ted in a great area & priced to sell quickly! This one has a finished bsmt w/full bath, stove, fridge, home warranty, updated furnace, siding, Kit, & more. (C-753WI)



(C-197MO)

NEWER CANTON COLONIAL open floor plan, fresh paint, newer roof, 1st fl laun, Master w/bath. cathedral ceil's, formal DR, large Kit, & good location. (C-233BR)



Neutral décor, hwd firs, updated windows, siding, bath, 2.5 car \$149,900



MOTIVATED SELLER location, newer roof, Excellent siding, carpet, hwd firs, tons of storage space, appl's stay, finished (C-185CO) \$185,000



finished bsmt w/bdrm & rec area, HUGE Garage, tiered coved ceilings, vinyl ins windows, & extra (C-725FA)



PRICED FOR QUICK SALE Fantastic curb appeal & grea location. Large fenced lot, newe windows, newer doors, over 1600 sq ft, spacious layout, 2 car Garage, & more, (C-245FO) \$79,900



Open floor plan, 5 generous sized hdrms 4.5 haths fin walkout hem w/frpl & sauna, Ply-Can schools, & so much more. \$549,900



This home features a Master w WIC, Kit w/dining area, spacious (C-538LI) \$114,500



CENTRAL PARK BEAUTY You won't be disappointed here Gourmet island Kit w/hwd floors spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, LR/DR. large Master w/WIC &



SUPER CLEAN & NEAT! Oversized Kit w/all appl's, LR w. nat frpl & cove ceil, formal DR, hwd ffrs t/o, updated baths, Master w/crown mldg, fin bsmt w/ wethar, & tons of storage



3 bd, 2 bath home w/oak Kit, LR w/refin hwd, patio door to nice w/2.5 car Garage privacy fence, hot tub in enclosed Gazebo, finished bsmt w/bar, & (C-629FL)



3 bd, 2.5 bath, 2041 sq ft home wa granite island Kit w/2 way frpl, brkft room w/door to elevated Deck, cath ceii's, jetted tub, nature preserve-like backvard, & much \$254,655 (C-567AL)



Spacious newer condo w/2 bd, 2.5 baths, updated furnace & A/C. drwl leading to for pets faces fenced commons area, full bsmt, carport, \$115,000 (P-212BA)



50k in upgrades on this 3 bd, 2.5 bath home that backs to fairway. Kit w/52" cherry cabs, ss appl's, & extended bar. Vaulted Great rm, 1st fl Master & too much more to



Charming 2 bd brick ranch w/refir hwd firs, newer roof, windows, updated Kit, & bath, Appl's stay, neutral t/o, fin bsmt, sunroom, Garage, fenced yard, & lovely \$119,000



Move in condition! 3 bd ranch w/ updates. Appl's stay screened inroom off Kitchen, & lots more (P-113DA) \$133,900



3200 sq ft, 3 bd, 3,5 bath brick home in Canton offering Fam Rm w/frpl, island Kit w/pantry, brick Patio, fin bsmt w/Kit, wetbar, & rec area, 50x26 Garage, & on a 1 acre (P-851GL)

POPULAR FAIRWAYS WEST Inviting 2 story foyer w/hwd firs, formal LB/DB. Fam Rm w/frol. Den w/frpl, granite Kit w/butlers pantry, Master Suite w/jetted tub, fin bsmt, 3 car Garage, & Deck w/hot tub. (P-561GL)

CHARMING HOME

Dear Heights 3 bd brick ranch w/

1.5 baths, LR w/bay window, Fam Rm w/frpl, large Kit, updated windows, roof, Florida Rm, fin

(P-457PL)

bsmt, Garage, & great sub.

QUIET FAMILY SUB Lovely 4 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod w/ loft, huge Kit w/eating area, ceramic baths, 1st fl Master. 1st fl laun, large closets, upgraded carpet, vaulted ceilings, & huge

BACKS TO WOODS Peaceful setting for this 4 bd Plymouth colonial. Gournet Kit w/ mldg & large WtC, fin bsmt w/bar,



Totally updated home w/4 bd, 2.5

baths. Fam Rm w/frol. formal LR/

awesome wrap around Trex Deck

(P-496ME)

backing to woods. A must see!

3 bd brick home offering updated windows, furnace, CA, hwh. Kit w/ bath, newer doors, privacy fence, & close to x-ways.



CANTON'S FINEST!

4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/gourmet Kit

w/nook & all appl's. Doorwall to stamped concrete Patio, vaulted

Master, fin bsmt w/recessed lights.

(P-193MO)

& great location

\$235,000

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE Original owner is motivated! Pristine condition, bright & sunny cherry Kit w/pantry, island, & eating area. Generous sized bdrms, loft area, Deck, Home Warranty, & all appl's stay. \$219,900 (C-659SC)



FANTASTIC COLONIAL

5 bd, 3.5 bath Plymouth home w/

bright & open floor plan. Neutral décor, crown mldg, hwd & ceramic

firs, paver walkways, fin bsmt,

paver Patio, & prof

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by late June or early July, he said, with the end of 2010 the goal for passenger service. There would be stops in Ypsilanti, a bus connection to Detroit Metro Airport, Dearborn, and the New Center area of Detroit.

"Hopefully our game plan would be to transfer to light rail" to downtown Detroit from the New Center area, Palombo said.

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There's preliminary work on a rail line up Woodward, with the city of Detroit completing an application for federal funding. That will be submitted to the Federal

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Transit Administration, and ranked against other applications "and let the city know where they stand."

Currently, the Woodward plan extends only to Eight Mile. "It certainly presents an opportunity for expansion into the suburbs," Palombo said.

"We're getting to the

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point where there are more and more people who think mass transit is an important component," he said. "We're past talking stages." Mass transit's important from an economic development point, too, Palombo added, noting light rail and commuter rail "seem to act as a stimulant for development to occur."

Palombo drives to work in downtown Detroit. "I go to Lansing quite often, he explained. "I have a lot of midday meet-

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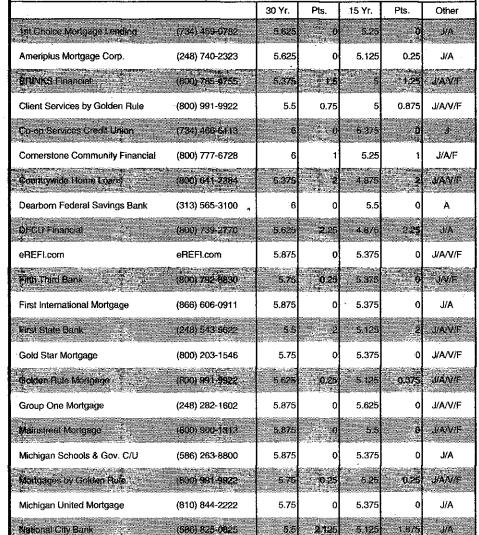
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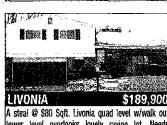
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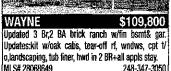
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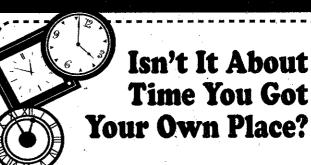
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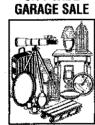
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By Dale Buss



Chrysler executives feared that their new gasprice rebate program would nick the company's already-shaky green credentials. But they also hoped that the Let's Refuel America price-protection plan would create a buzz among consumers – and maybe even an uptick in Chrysler's dismal sales. Just over a week since the incentive's unveiling,

it's become clear that their fears were well-founded: Environmentalists are inflamed by Chrysler's decision to offer to indemnify buyers of most of its vehicles against gas prices above \$2.99 for the next three years. They're flaying Chrysler as a technologically backward cadre of ecologically callous opportunists.

But just as quickly, signs have emerged that Chrysler's hopes might have been well-founded too. For one thing, the program already has an imitator in Suzuki. And more important, early readings of consumers indicate that the offer of relief from soaring gasoline prices single-handedly has raised their esteem for the company and the likelihood that they would consider purchasing a Dodge, Jeep or Chrysler vehicle.

Among 913 "new-vehicle intenders" in a national survey conducted within 36 hours of Chrysler's announcement by CNW Marketing Research, 11 percent were aware of the offer. "That's not bad for a single day," notes Art Spinella, president of the Bandon, Ore.-based company that specializes in auto-market consumer research.

What's more, of the intenders who knew about the program already and didn't have a Chrysler product on their shopping lists, 16 percent said they now would consider a Chrysler product. And of the CNW respondents who did have a Chrysler vehicle on their list of possible purchases, about one-quarter said they would likely buy or lease the vehicle somewhat sooner than they had intended.

A New Imperative

Though preliminary, these are soundings from an American public that is expressing unprecedented

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levels of concern - for some, near desperation about gasoline prices that are rising so high and so

fast that they have outstripped the ability of any existing paradigm to forecast the ultimate effects.

A much more telling indicator is how fuel-price worries have prompted the most sudden and significant segment shift in U.S. automotive history, as consumers since the beginning of the year have flocked to small cars and crossovers and away from traditional SUVs and pickup trucks.

Gasoline prices nationally are averaging about 71 cents a gallon higher than they did two years ago, according to Edmunds.com analysis. And there is constant news-media attention to the new crude-oil price records being set almost daily in commodities markets.

Chrysler's own recent online poll, of members of its new Customer Advisory Board, confirmed the public's extreme focus on gasoline prices: 76 percent of respondents were "very concerned" or "extremely concerned" about fuel prices. And 83 percent said that fuel prices would affect their summer vacation plans.

Going Green

And consumers are more and more concerned about Chrysler becoming more environmentally oriented. Recently, the company polled members of its Customer Advisory Board asking them whether they believe it's more important for a vehicle to be perceived as green or for the auto company behind the product to be considered environmentally proactive.

So it's hardly surprising that Chrysler got singed immediately after announcing its new incentive offer. The Union of Concerned Scientists charged that Chrysler is "using this cynical deal to distract consumers from the fact that its cars get poor gas nfileage.

But with gas prices and public worries having ratcheted much higher than they were two and three years ago, more Americans may simply be opportunistic about blunting fuel costs than before.
"Buying a Jeep, of all vehicles, may seem like an

irrational response to this concern, but risk-averse consumers are attracted to guarantees that protect them from the consequences of outcomes they fear the most," says Richard Devine, chair of the marketing department at Central Michigan University. Indeed, Spinella said that Chrysler's

announcement "seems to have resonated, which is probably all they cared about anyway. It moved the needle. And salespeople in Chrysler showrooms will be able to use it in talking with anyone who comes in, and so for a month or two it will probably help them with some deals." Given Chrysler's dire straits, what are a few

barbed arrows from environmentalists who already heap criticism on the company anyway? "I don't think they looked at what the green movement was going to say," says David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research, in Ann Arbor, Mich. "They recognized they had to move some cars and trucks. And everyone else is kind of waiting and seeing what happens."





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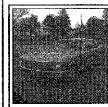
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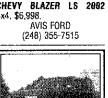
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Beware of budget-priced **GPS** navigation systems

Question: I'm in the market for a GPS. Any recommendations?

Answer: Don't skimp. By that I mean stick with a well-known brand like Garmin or TomTom. I recently tested a new budget-priced model from littleknown V7 (v7-world.com), and the results were not good.



Rick Broida

Looking at the features alone, there's much to like about the V7 NAV740: the thin design, 4.3-inch widescreen, massive points-of-interest database, text-to-speech capability (meaning it announces actual street and highway names), and MP3/video/photo players.

That's an impressive roster for a \$299.99 GPS, though I wish V7 could have managed a Bluetooth speakerphone and/or real-time traffic updates as well.

Still, I liked the easy-to-navigate onscreen menus and transparent control buttons overlaid onto the maps.

But ultimately, any GPS must be judged by its navigation prowess, and that's where the NAV740 stumbled. It repeatedly messed up when I neared my destination, telling me half a mile too soon that I'd arrived or instructing me to keep going when I'd already passed

Furthermore, real-time navigation was always a little off: The NAV740 would tell me to make a turn a few seconds after I'd already passed the street.

Suspecting a bad unit, V7 replaced my NAV740, but unfortunately the replacement exhibited the same prob-

For another \$30 or so, you can pick up a Garmin Nuvi 660 from various online stores. It's been on the market nearly two years, but who cares? It offers hands-free calling, traffic alerts, and an FM transmitter. Plus, it navigates like a champ — I was sad to see my demo unit go.

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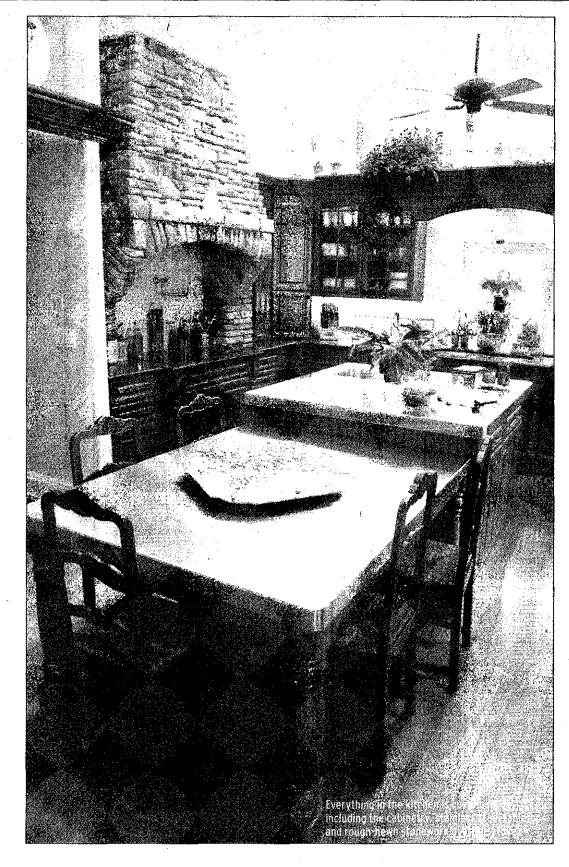
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Please see TECH, D3



Manorwood brings nature home during annual tour

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK **0 & E STAFF WRITER**

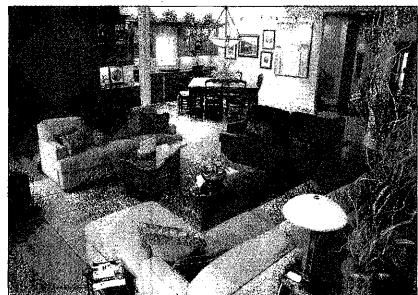
When Ronnie Wilner built "Manorwood," he was determined to bring the outdoors in.

The home, one of six featured on Temple Israel Sisterhood's 15th Anniversary House Tour, backs up to Manor Park in Birmingham and revels in its wild surroundings.

Wilner and his wife, Nancy Fishman, used repetitive natural elements — like Brazilian cherry wood and honed limestone along with skylights, screened porches and handcrafted detail to

invite nature into their midst. Visitors to the new house on Shepherdbush are greeted by a stone porch adorned with loveseats made from twigs. The custom alder wood front door, which includes a speakeasy window, opens to a limestone garden walk-

Along one side of the path, an indoor pond filled with plantings features a stone wall rising up to the cathedral ceiling. On the right, a door opens to Wilner's award-



This Birmingham home is one of six featured on Temple Israel Sisterhood's 15th Annual Home Tour.

winning two-story library.

The path leads guests to the spacious living room, dining room and kitchen, which blend together in an open floor plan with a view of the woods.

"Because this property is on a 12-acre nature preserve we wanted most of the living space in the back of the house," Fishman said.

Please see TOUR, D2

Consider the ceiling another wall of color

Paul of Livonia asks: "My wife and I would like to paint a good portion of our home. I've been noticing that other people are using colors



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

I'll start off by saying that ceilings do NOT have to be painted white. Many paint purists will argue that by

other than ceiling

should be painted

white. I thought

all ceilings

not using white on the ceiling you will make your room look smaller. This just isn't true.

If you think of your ceiling as another wall in the room, your ideas about this will drastically change. I agree that lighter colors reflect light and darker colors absorb light; however, I do not think that we always want our rooms to look cavernous. There are many shades close to white, but will not look as stark next to your wall color.

Keep in mind, that by painting your ceilings white, you are adding another color to the room. If you do not have white elsewhere in the room, that white ceiling will stand out and become an undesirable focal point.

In many newer homes, it is ·not uncommon to have ceilings soaring 15-20 feet. The challenge is to make these rooms feel homey. The ceilings in these rooms can actually be painted darker than the wall color to add warmth.

Another point for consideration is the crown molding. Many people prefer to have their crown moldings painted white. If you paint your ceilings and your crown molding white, you are making all that architectural detail disappear. A better approach is to paint the ceiling a couple shades lighter than the wall color and then you can keep the moldings white. When you do this, you will be amazed at how your crown moldings will be highlighted.

Do not be afraid to go bolder with ceiling color in certain rooms. For example, when a room has a detail like a tray ceiling, this is the ideal place to experiment with an exciting color. Pick an accent color from the room décor and paint the inside of the tray ceiling with it. Maybe the color is brick red or navy blue, but the interesting architecture is now highlighted with drama and color.

Have some fun with paint color. It is one of the least expensive things we can do to change and update our homes.

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

Sipping and sampling helps scholarships

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK 0 & E STAFF WRITER

Nearly 300 lovers of wines and fine foods enjoyed some of the tastes of more than 60 Great Lakes wineries and local restaurants on Thursday at the annual Great Lakes Great Wines Walk Around Wine Tasting, a fund-raiser for student scholarships, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

The annual event raises between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually for scholarships for students in the school's Culinary Studies Institute and to finance travel for the institute's competition teams.

Darlene Levinson, instructor and one of the event's organizers, called the event, now in its 13th year, "one of the best" in terms of attendance. "We had more wines and more people," Levinson said.

The event helps students

attain scholarships for their studies. "A lot of them could not even go to school if they did not get financial aid," Levinson said. "We have more than an associate's degree (in culinary arts), it's an extended program that requires them to attend

school longer." Wines and foods from some of Detroit's finest restaurants, country clubs and other eateries graced small plates, ranging from Stuffed Tortellini in Porcini Mushroom butter sauce

from chef Joseph Beato at Via Nove to Tribute restaurant's Scalloped Seviche from chef Richard Travis.

The wines were sampled and scored earlier that day by a group of 21 judges. Tony Lawrence of Philadelphia has judged wines for 20 years and enjoys the local flavors of the Great Lakes region. "These events help bring us back to the regional wines," Lawrence said.

Please see WINE, D3



STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tony Lawrence traveled from Philadelphia to judge the selections at the Great Lakes **Great Wines** Walk Around Wine Tasting at Oakland Community College on Thursday. He's speaking with Tim and Melanie Griffith of



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"Manorwood," completed in 2006, backs up to Manor Park, a 12-acre nature preserve in Birmingham.

TOUR

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The bright and airy living room is adorned with overstuffed couches and tables made from a slab of granite split in half. There's nothing stodgy about this space. In fact, Fishman designed one of the tables at tea height to encourage snacking, and the other at coffee height — perfect for putting up your feet.

In the kitchen, natural stonework encases the stove, and an island is topped with stainless steel made by U-M artisans. A door to the back porch is surrounded by

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD 15TH ANNIVERSARY HOUSE TOUR

What: Six unique homes in Royal Oak, Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Franklin are opened to the public When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

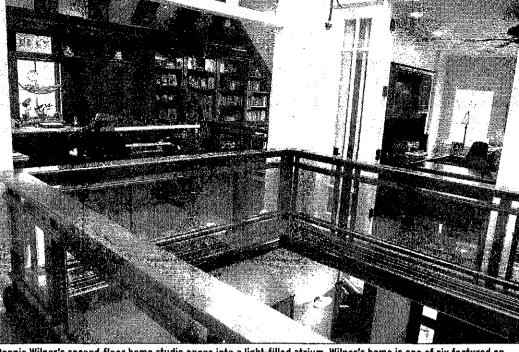
Wednesday, May 28

Tickets: \$25, advance; \$30 at the door, benefit Temple Israel Sisterhood community service

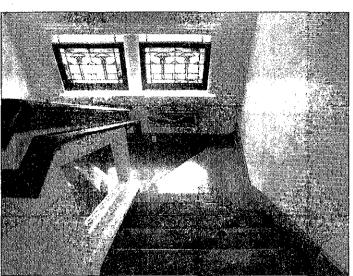
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Gilbert at (248) 661-9182 or
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lighted cabinets filled with pottery, cookbooks and other collections from the couple's prior home in Birmingham, as well as their winter residence in St. Maarten.

Upstairs, Milner's architectural studio opens to a light-filled atrium showcasing a branching chandelier. The sound of the bubbling pond floats upstairs, creating a tranquil work environ-



Ronnie Wilner's second-floor home studio opens into a light-filled atrium. Wilner's home is one of six featured on Temple Israel Sisterhood's 15th Annual Home Tour.



Stained glass windows are used as shades in the stairwell.

ment

The master suite includes a walk-in closet, and another screened porch where the couple enjoys wine at sunset. Gas fireplaces lend warmth at the foot of the bed, as well as in front of the deluxe tub in the master bath.

"Ronnie thought of absolutely everything, everything," Fishman said.

As owner of Ronald Roy Wilner Architectural Design and Moonlight Homes, Wilner has made his career out of building wondrous living spaces for others. Since he and his wife finished Manorwood in 2006, they have experienced firsthand his company's slogan "Life's a holiday in a Moonlight Home."

"Your house should feel like you never want to leave," Wilner said.

Wilner and Fishman plan to fill their home with flowers to welcome guests on the tour, and volunteers will be on hand to explain the couple's artwork and design details.

The docents will be trained on the subtleties of all six homes on the tour, which range from a modest three bedroom bungalow in Royal Oak owned by a furniture artist to the eclectic Franklin abode of late designer Brian Killian

designer Brian Killian. According to Beverly



Homeowner and architect Ronald Wilner

Wolgin, co-chair of the Temple Israel Home Tour, each house has a unique story to tell.

"I just love seeing how other people live. I always get lots of ideas seeing what people do with their art and decor," Wolgin said. "The houses are not chosen by size. They represent a variety of lifestyles and interesting design expressions."

Wensdy Von Buskirk is a staff writer with the Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers. Reach her at wvonb@hometown-life.com. Find out more about Moonlight Homes at www.ronaldroywilner.com or by calling (248) 214-8010.

FEATURED HOMES

Here's a look at the six homes featured on Temple Israel Sisterhood's 15th Anniversary Home Tour:

25270 Devon, Franklin
Classic modern with a French
1940s twist. Interior of soft
blues, greens and browns
accented with local artwork.
Interiors: The late Brian Killian
& Richard Ross, Richard Ross
Designs & Owner

2346 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Beautiful 6,500-square-foot ranch with stunning view of Walnut Lake, filled with art from Israel.

Interiors: Linda Shears Designs, LTD & Owners

Builder: Gerald Brody Homes

5376 Pembrooke Crossing Ct., West Bloomfield

"Spring Glory" theme showcases symmetrical furnishings, eclectic decor and interesting collections (including one on Winston Churchill). Interiors: Amy Miller Weinstein, Jeffrey King Interiors & Owners

633 Shepherdbush, Birmingham

English stucco and stone home uses ponds, skylights and hints of Arts & Crafts era to create Zen-like atmosphere. (See related story).

Interiors: Owners **Building**: Ronald Roy Wilner

3217 Shenandoah, Royal Oak An art- and antique-filled jewel box full of custom furniture and interesting vignettes. Interiors: Arturo Sanchez, Art-

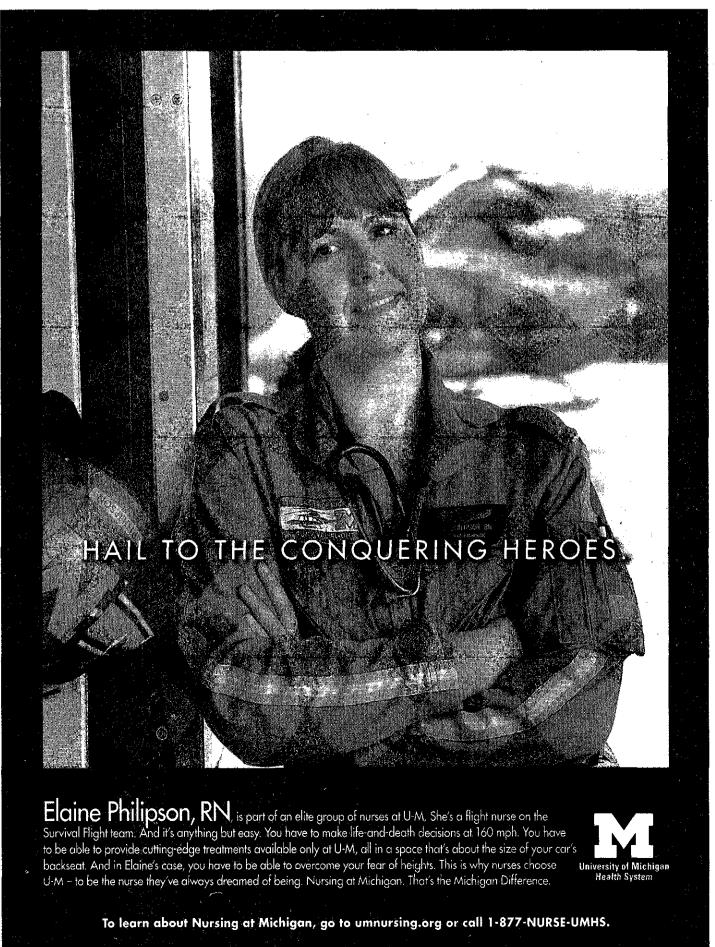
Interiors: Arturo Sanchez, Art-Harrison Interior Design Studios

1206 N. Lafayette, Royal Oak
Charming updated Mission style
with natural palette and fabrics,
and clever use of space.
Interiors: Kristin Armstrong,
KCID of Birmingham
Builder: Rick Kastler, Kastler
Construction









Airlines sock it to travelers with fees TECH PAGE DI

feel fortunate and thankful to have the privilege of flying. I don't like to freak out when snags occur.

At my job, I'm not happy when someone vells at me over rules



I didn't create. When traveling, I extend the same courtesy to airport work-

So, I will vent We know

airlines are suffering and costs will rise, but the hidden fees make me feel like a chump.

If Northwest Airlines wants to charge me \$410 for a ticket from Detroit to Los Angeles, then just do it. Don't charge \$350 for a ticket and then throw in extra optional fees later for choices that only make flights bearable.

Here's what happened: Lately, the only nonstop, direct flights from Detroit to Los Angeles is on Spirit and Northwest. Spirit's return flight is a red-eye - too tiring.

A month ago I bought a DTW to LAX ticket for under \$367 on Northwest.

Two weeks before my departure I went to Northwest's Web site to assign my seats. Nothing was available to me. Seven days later, still no available seats to choose from even though I had already paid for a ticket.

Twenty-four hours before departure and suddenly two seats were available - row 42, the very last row on the plane! Seats B and E - the middle seats!

I took seat B. Ugh! I decided to try for a better seat a few hours before my

For an additional \$30, I could have an aisle seat in row 25.

Thirty dollars more to sit in the second half of the plane?

I bought it. Sucker. I'm nice when I travel, but my weak spot is when it's time to de-board. I don't say anything, but cringe inside when people mess around unnecessarily in the aisles. I hate waiting, I hate when seemingly intelligent folks don't understand the system.

If I'm in row 26 and you're in row 27, you don't get to take cuts in front of me to get off the plane. I don't take cuts in front of you inline at the movie theater, flying isn't any different. Just like when we're driving in road construction, there's a system and things flow when we're all courteous. So, being in last row of a plane frustrates this passenger.

Now to my return flight. I tried to assign my seat a few days before my flight. Nothing.

Less than 24 hours, a similar situation: only the last row was available - seat B. How ironic.

But ... for \$30 more, I could have row 24. This time I refused.

Should I have flown Spirit? They have a few flight attendants who tell sarcastic jokes and make flying fun. Even if I'm traveling on business, I'll take fun, please.

Then again, the McNamara terminal in Detroit is so pleasant. Get a massage or even a pedicure or just stroll the airy atmosphere. Have sushi, fresh dark green salads or healthy hummous. Life is good in the Northwest McNamara terminal.

Over in the soon-to-be-defunct old Smith Terminal (the new one opens this fall; celebrate!) where Spirit is currently housed, the

Speaking of meltdowns ...

On my way from back from Mexico recently, I watched (once again) seemingly sane people have meltdowns when they were told that their large bottles of vanilla/tequila/ shampoo purchased at airport duty-free shops could not be carried on the plane.

The passengers begged for an explanation on why stores sold them these items without informing them of the restrictions. Where is the communication between airport stores and security?

All these people already went through security. They were returning from other countries and on a layover. They were now dealing with international security for those of us changing planes. They had to ditch their newly

purchased goods or check their items - which meant going to a new line and risk missing their connecting flights.

That's changed a little for

gates are dimly lit and gloomy.

The last time I ate there, two

"A beetle?" Said another

to Vegas joined in on the UPI

(unidentified pizza item) discus-

sion. "I'm a gambling man, I bet

five dollars it's an old olive," one

No one knew. Not even a man-

on my pizza.

man joked.

The food choices are depressing.

pilots gathered around me to try

to identify the item of brown goo

"A tomato?" One pilot asked.

Some happy men on their way

those who are looking to take liquids out of the country - but not into the United States.

The Transportation Security Administration recently unveiled tamper-evident bags for the transportation of duty-free liquids, purchased post-TSA security, on flights departing the United States for international destinations.

Tamper-evident bags are for passengers departing the United States who have purchased duty-free liquids in the secure area of U.S. airports. Tamper-evident bags will not be accepted in the United States at security checkpoints. So, you can buy a bottle of perfume at duty-free store in U.S. airports, and put it in the tamper free bag for Aunt Rosie in Italy. But you can't buy that perfume in a duty-free shop and bring carry it on the plane for your aunt in Canton. You still have to check it.

- By Lana Mini

... Northwest. I figure I would give it one more chance before going back to the red-eyes. I'll let you know what happens

with the seats. Lana Mini is a staff writer at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She

Memorial Day weekend. I chose

Centro, Sony Playstation 3, or just about any other browserequipped device) and presto: There's your music library, ready for listening.

In my tests, Orb worked beautifully, if a little slowly. And you can't beat the price: It's free.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the Cheapskate blog for CNET (blogs.cnet.com/cheapskate). He welcomes questions sent to rick. broida@gmail.com.

The wines from this region are improving, he said.

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your work system (or, for that

matter, your iPhone, Palm

straight from your PC.

"You're seeing a change in style and the quality of wines,' Lawrence said. "They aren't made by the seat of the pants. These wineries are doing more research to improve the wines. They go to University of California Davis (known for its enology program) and they're bringing back more expertise and knowledge. The technology is better now and they know what grapes to plant. They've learned through the years that certain varietals work well with different soils."

Anne Buechel of Rochester Hills attended OCC's event for the second consecutive

year. "It gives you a real flavor of the small samplings of regional wines," Buechel said. "It's all local, too, like Steve's & Rocky's restaurant, which has great food and where I bring a lot of clients. OCC's culinary school's food was great, too."

Buechel enjoyed Chef Steve Allen's Chicken Cordon Bleu, while OCC chef instructors Kevin Enright and Doug Ganhs and students served up duck confit and grilled duck breast, Louisiana Voodoo Shrimp and Carolina Pulled Pork Sandwich.

Buechel enjoyed the wines, too. "What I see here I can go to the store and buy, supporting our local vineyards. It's good for the local economy."

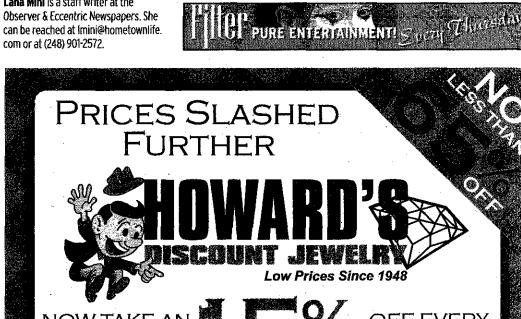
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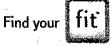
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ALBERT CONNER

Age 83, of Boca Raton, Florida passed away on April 2, 2008. Mr. Conner was formerly from Bloomfield Hills. Michigan. Mr. Conner served overseas in the Army as a Captain during World War II, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. In the early 1950s, he moved from Newark, New Jersey to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan where he worked in the steel business. He was a fantastic gourmet chef and enjoyed having friends and family over so he could cook for them. His other passions were to play golf, and go to the Casinos. But, most of all he was a very loving father and grandfather. Albert Conner was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Fish and wife, Eileen Amros. He is survived by his daughters, Cathy Diamond of Silver Spring, Maryland and Iris Parreco of Annapolis, Maryland; and his grandchildren. Ryan Diamond, Diamond, Matt Parreco and Marc Parreco. Family and friends may join a memorial mass at the White Chapel, 621 West Long Lake Road, Troy, Michigan at 10:00 AM on June 12, 2008, immediately following the service will be a luncheon at Forest Lake Country Club at noon. RSVP at 231-526-5816. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

BENJAMIN L. LEECE

Passed away May 11, 2008, age 72. Loving husband of the late Georgia. Beloved father of Robert (Lynne) eece, Bonnie (Don Papiez) Leece and the late Brenda Palmer and Ben Leece. Also leaves eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren Brother of Nancy Speight and Emily (Robert) Hillbish. Memorial service was held Thursday morning at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

BETTY MAE DUNN

Passed away May 10, 2008, age 85, Livonia, MI. Arrangements by: Thayer -Rock Funeral Home, Farmington

CARL F. WESSMAN

Age 66, 30 year resident of Livonia, May 12, 2008, after a long illness. Survived by his beloved wife of 32 years, Sherry Lynn. Also survived by his mother-in-law, four sisters-in-law, three nephews and two nieces. Memorial service to be held at a later Memorials to Hospital, Detroit, would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements Generations Funeral Services.



LORRAINE D. WROBEL (nee. Goss)

2008, age 82 formerly of Beverly Hills. Beloved wife of the late loseph F. Dear mother of Joseph F. III (Julie) and James S. (Kris). Loving grandmother of Jacob, Joshua, Alex and Rachel. Also survived by her caregiver, Roxanne Thompson. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn a13-14 Mile) Friday 10am until funeral service 11am. Memorial tributes to the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1280 Kensington Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, benefiting the scholarship fund. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

PHYLLIS L. HEWER

May 10, 2008, age 87. Beloved mother of Richard (Denise), Terry (Lori) and Michael (Joann) Hewer. Also leaves ten grandchildren and 27 greatgrandchildren. Preceded in death by one grandson, two great-grandchildren and one sister. Services were held Tuesday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.



REV. MARCUS B. BURDEN, JR.

Sunrise May 20, 1930 Sunset May 10, 2008 Former Pastor of Unity Center Church in Ohio. A husband, patriarch, leader & confidant, whose bright smile, wise words, strength, encouragement & love will be GREATLY missed!

Memorial Services **THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008** Public Viewing 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. SWANSON FUNERAL HOME 14751 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48235

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008 Family Hour begins at 10:30 a.m. & Funeral begins at 11:00 a.m. BETHLEHEM TEMPLE 2900 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI 48206

NEWELL HOYT McCUEN

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Mr. McCuen, age 88, of Devonshire National, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, passed away at a local hospital on Thursday afternoon, May 8, 2008. He was born in Evanston, Illinois, son of the late Charles Leroy McCuen and Adele Chamberlain McCuen. Mr. McCuen attended the Massachusetts Institute Technology, served our country in the U. S. Navy during World War II and was employed by General Motors Corporation for 40 years. He served as the Chief Engineer of General Motors Overseas Division and later as the Advanced Product Manager of Systems at GM Engineering Staff, and was a lifetime member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. During his lifetime, Mr. McCuen served with distinction as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bloomfield County Day School of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, as President of the Walloon Lake Association, as President of the Lost Tree Property Owners Association and on the Board of Trustees of the Lost Tree Club. He was an accomplished sailor and the writer of poetry for the benefit and amusement of his many friends and family. An avid golfer, he was a former member of the Lost Tree Club, Bloomfield Hills Country Club and Walloon Lake Country Club. Mr. McCuen was a former member of the Lost Tree Chapel and the Birmingham Unitarian Church of Birmingham, Michigan. He was predeceased by his spouse of 45 years, Amy Louise Jose McCuen, in 1986, as well as by his second wife, Kathleen Hulbert McCuen, in 1991. Mr. McCuen is survived by three children, Nancy Elliott McCuen of Birmingham, Michigan, Marcia L. (husband Lee) McDonell of Goodyear, AZ and Charles M. (wife Sharon) McCuen of Selinsgrove, PA; three grandchildren: Lauren Kristen Roberts, Heather Marise McCuen and Graham Scott McCuen; two greatgranchildren: Luca Andino and Kiera Roberts; one sister, Eleanor Turunen of Missoula, MT; and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life and poetry of Newell Hoyt McCuen will take place at Devonshire at PGA National, 100 Devonshire Way, Patm Beach Gardens on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy, P.O. Box 621, Petoskey, MI 49770, or to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation,

STANLEY v. BOURNE

1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, New York 10018.

Of Webberville, formerly of Redford fownship, MI. Stan died peacefully at home at age 80 on May 12, 2008. He was born in Detroit, MI to Cecil and Zana (Haskin) Bourne, In 1949 he married Betty Jean Selleck. Faith, family and friends were important to Stan. Besides his ministry, he also enjoyed many outdoor activities. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, his children: Bonnie Santoro of Redford Township, MI, Brad (Dianne) Bourne of Webberville, MI, and Lorrie (Michael) Roberts of Rogers City, MI; his brother Ted Bourne of Tecumseh, MI; ten grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, as well as his spiritual family. The family will receive friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea on Friday, May 16 from 2-8 p.m. A memorial will take place on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Gregory Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, with a private burial at Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit, MI.

VERNA BETH

(GRAHAM) HUBER Age 79, of Naples, Florida, died April 2008 surrounded by her loving family. Ginger (Verna Beth) was born October 9, 1928 in Lorain, Ohio, daughter of John and Verna (Curtis) Graham, and grew up in Mansfield, Ohio. She graduated from Denison University in 1950, having been Homecoming Queen and President of Alpha Phi Sorority. Ginger married Robert F. Huber on June 18, 1950. Bob preceded her in death in 2005. Ginger and her family lived in the Cleveland, Ohio area until they moved to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in 1969. There she was an active member of the Congregational Church of Birmingham and Chapter CG of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Her involvement in both organizations led to enduring friendships. The focus of Ginger's life was her family, who adored her. In recent years, she particularly loved spending time with her grandchildren at their home in Florida. Ginger is survived by her three children: Cathy (Bill) Žielinski of Chicago; Don Huber (Mark Fontaine) of New York City and their daughter Elizabeth; Greg (Lisa) Huber of Hinsdale, Illinois and their two children, Mackenzie and Jack; and by her sister Marilynn (Ed) Baker of Ft. Meyers, Florida and Delton, Michigan. In addition she is survived by brother-inlaw Ben Gregg, Jr. of Rio Verde, Arizona, and by seven nieces and nephews. Ginger will be remembered her family, friends and all who knew her as a humble, compassionate and gentle woman. A service celebrating Ginger's life will be held on June 28 at 10:00 am, at The Congregational Church of Birmingham (248-646-4511). Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund at The Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304; or to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S.

Rochester Rd., Rochester, MI 48307.

Arrangements by the Fuller Funeral Home, Naples, FL; 239-592-1611

SCOTT JOSEF PALME

Passed away on April 28, 2008 in Orlando, FL. Born Nov. 30, 1958 (Royal Oak, MI). 1976 graduate of Seaholm HS (Birmingham, MI), 1982 graduate of Central Michigan Iniversity (Mt. Pleasant, MI) Survived by wife, Beth Palme (Texarkana, TX), mother, June Palme (Kalamazoo,MI), siblings Craig (Dolores) Palme (Chesterfield Twp, MI) and Gayle (Roger) Finder (Portage, MI). In lieu of memorial services, visit Scott's online guest book at www.newcomefamily.com to share memories with friends and family. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.



VILIS TRAVIS

Age 93, of Canton, MI, was born in Birmingham, Michigan to Colburn and Flossie Dennis. Vilis was a life long resident of Canton. She married Jack Travis in 1933. She is survived by three sons. Dennis (Barbara Travis, Davis Travis, Jack (Barbara) Fravis and daughter Judith McCreary Vilis was retired from Ford Moto Company. She was a life long member of the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church. She was an avid nature lover and also spent many hours making quilts and dolls. She was preceded in death by parent's, sisters Irene Winkel, Charlotte McFarland, brother olburn Dennis and husband Jack Beside her children Vilis leaves behind nine grandchildren, 14 grea grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and special friends. Funeral services will be held on May 15, 2008 from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Interment at Cherry Hil Cemetery. Memorials to Cherry Hill United Mehtodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Rd, Canton 48188. Share mem ories at schrader-howell.com.



WILLIAM J. KRAUSE

May 9, 2008. Age 85. Proud WW II Marine Corps Veteran. Beloved husband of Maureen (formerly Kane) and the late Marie. Loving father o Kathy Johnson (Dave), Bill, III (Cindy), Tom (Sandy), Tim (Lee), Bob (Christine), Mike, John (Sherri), olleen Mohan (Joe Semonick), Suc Flayer (Jared), Kathy Bruce (John) Kelly Boyle (Joe) and Patrick Kan-(Rachel). Dear grandfather of 34 and great-grandfather of 21. Brother of Alice Stockton (the late Dick), and Sr. Dorothy Krause, IHM. Brother-inlaw of Marge Nelson (Don), John Connarn (Pat), Florence Booms (the late Dick) and Ruth Mazzaro (Lou) Family will receive friends at A. J Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Thursday 2-8 PM with Livonia Post #3941 VFW Memorial Service at 6 PM and Scripture Service at 7 PM. Funeral Mass Friday 9:30 AM at St. Anastasia Church, 4571 John R, Troy. Visitation at church begins at 9 AM. Memorial Tributes to American Cancer Society or Sisters of IHM, Monroe, Michigan View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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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.

MAY

Prayer vigit

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, May 15, for a Prayer Vigil at the church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Visit www.christoursavior.org for information.

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.

Bethany Suburban West

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.

Saturday night laughter

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit charity benefit takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 50 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. Features comedian Mrs. Hughes (www. mrshughes.com), musician Rennie Kaufmann (www.renniekaufmann. com), a silent auction and dancing. Tickets \$30 advance, \$40 at door. COCC is also accepting donations of money and items for the silent auction. All proceeds go to International Orthodox Christian Charities, the international humanitarian organization of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (www.iocc.org). To order tickets, donate money or auction items, or obtain further information, call (734) 422-0278 or send e-mail to paschabooks@sbcglobal.net.

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 Work Camp trip. 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. com.

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.

Mixed media concert

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 23, featuring organist Andrew Galuska performing Mussorskij's Pictures at an Exhibition plus Improvisations on Modern Art, as part of the Metropolitan Concert Series at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$10. Call (313) 875-7407. Pictures projected on a large screen during the concert. Reception follows.

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.

Concert

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 celebrating marriage and the family.

Cosmic City

Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 16-20, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. A fun-filled free event for kids entering kindergarten through entering sixth grade. Call (734) 459-9550, Ext. 26.

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 Road, north of I-96 Livonia.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday June 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

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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. net.

Sunday services

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

Tai chi and strength classes Orchard United Methodist Church is

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

Church offerings Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday

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

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 H20 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-

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.

Please see **RELIGION**, **D5**

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-

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.orthodoxlivonia.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. tiernan@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. Call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades 4-12 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 prodinals 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), 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 Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022. Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.

com/cbcwomen. Bible study

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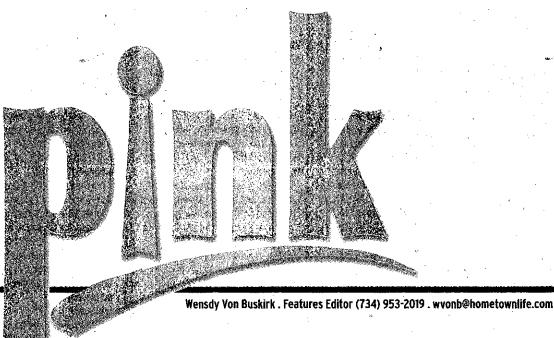
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Miss Meghan and her mother, Ann Cleary of Farmington, at the Melting Pot

America's Shoe Expert helps ease fear of heights

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK **Ø & E STAFF WRITER**

TROY - With the premiere of Sex and the City: The Movie hitting theatres May 30, the style spotlight is sure to shine on stilettos. And according to fashion forecasts, heels will rise to ever-towering heights this Fall.

But as much as some gals want to be 'in,' the thought of donning these spiky and sometimes painful shoes is enough to freak them out.

"America's Shoe Expert" Meghan Cleary recently came to the rescue of Metro Detroit stiletto-phobes.

The Farmington native prescribed some of her famous 'shoe therapy' to members of Fashion Group International-Detroit during a recent talk at The Melting Pot in Troy.

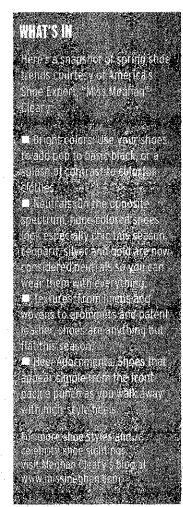
Here are some of Miss Meghan's "Stiletto Strategies":

SHOP SMART

When purchasing high heels, look beyond color to construction. Take your finger and place it vertically up the heel, noting where it meets the base of the shoe. The closer it hits to the center of your heel, the better.

"You want the heel to support you, not just raise you," she said.

Also note the 'breast' of the shoe — the sweep that connects the heel to the sole. "I hate saying this, but you want more breast," Cleary quipped.



FIND YOUR SWEET SPOT

Today's heels are higher than ever before. Back in grandma's day, heels averaged just two inches tall. Today, three inches and above is the norm.

"Christian Louboutin really pioneered that 5-inch heel that the celebrities wear, and we all want to look like them," Cleary



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height that's comfortable for you, she said.

"I have a pair of Sergio Rossi's that are 45-minute shoes. Beyond that, my toes turn white. That's it," she said.

BREAK THEM IN

After you buy a pair of stilettos, spend time getting them ready to wear. "Do not get up the next morning and put those shoes on for work. Do not do this," Cleary said. "At five o'clock you'll be in so much pain you'll want to kill someone."

Instead, test the shoes for an hour and monitor your comfort level. Anywhere you feel the slightest pain, apply moleskin foam, Foot Petals or Dr. Scholl's For Her.

"Think of it like tailoring a suit," she said. "I want you fully padded before you go out into the world in these things."

If the shoes are genuine leather, spritz them with water and wear them until they dry so they can mold to your feet.

TAKE A ROAD TEST

Walking in stilettos is a lot like doing Pilates, Cleary said, because it requires balance that comes straight from your core. Take your time, close your eyes and focus on your center of gravity - not your legs and feet — as you move through the room.

"Stiletto girls have flat stomachs," Cleary said. "Think about a different way of being in the shoe. That's part of the beauty of stilettos. It's a whole different mindset."

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The money will help support homeless and abused women and children who currently reside at GCH.

"Women Helping Women" is GCH's largest fund-raising event of the year. Through the generosity of its Presenting Sponsor, The Chrysler Foundation, as well as many other sponsors (English Gardens, Volkswagen, Save on Everytning, Compuware, Northwest Airlines and the Ford Motor Company Fund) it was the most successful fashion show ever.

Doris Biscoe, Ruth Spencer and Teresa Tomeo acted as emcees, and one of GCH's graduates, Joy Geiger-Agee, shared her testimony with the sold-out crowd of more than 630 people.

Women and children who have been helped by Grace Centers of Hope modeled clothing from Somerset Collection and Lord and Taylor alongside professionals on the runway.

GCH is the largest homeless shelter in Oakland County.

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Women and children helped by Grace Centers of Hope model clothing during the shelter's annual fashion show luncheon.

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Polish the Jewel

BIRMINGHAM - The Belle Isle Women's Committee will host its fourth annual "Polish the Jewel" Legacy Luncheon 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at the Casino on Belle Isle. Don favorite jewels and a chapeau for the event, which includes a champagne reception, silent auction, and lunch by Matt Prentice Restaurant Group. Keynote speaker Sara Cedar Miller, historian and photographer for New York's Central Park Conservancy, will show how Central Park has been transformed over the past 25 years by a similar women's group. During the Afterglow, 1:30-3 p.m., a limo will offer tours of Sunset Point and the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, Tickets are \$125-\$1,000, Call (248) 433-3560 or visit www.biwcinc.org.

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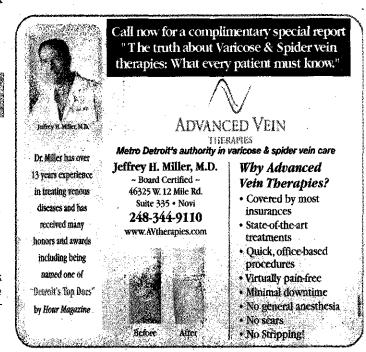
TROY - Saks Fifth Avenue and Off 5th are partnering with Charity: Water to bring safe water to impoverished communities. Through June 16, purchase black rubber bracelets for \$5, with 100 percent of proceeds helping to build wells in Africa, India and South America. An individual donation of \$5,000 will sponsor a freshwater well for an entire community. Call 1-800-871-SAKS for more information. History of Miss America

FARMINGTON HILLS - In honor of 2008 Miss America Kirsten Haglund, of Farmington Hills, the popular Traditional Tea Series at the historic Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, will feature "The History of Miss America" 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 21. Amy Anikewich, a young devotee

of the art of tea and hospitality, will recount the pageant from its first competition to Haglund's crowning. The event also will feature Tea Specialist Linda Pudlik, and a special menu complete with a "Miss America" tea. Tickets are \$20 for residents of Farmington/Farmington Hills, \$25 for non-residents. RSVP at (248) 473-1848.

Parisian Vera Wang Event

LIVONIA - Parisian at Laurel Park Place is hosting Michigan's first Vera Wang "Celebrate Falling in Love" event through May 17. Guests to the cosmetics. department can sample Vera Wang fragrances, have fragrance purchases engraved, meet with local wedding-related businesses, and see one of the designer's exquisite Spring 2008 bridal gowns on display. Call (734) 953-7500 or visit www.bonton.com.



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