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Homeowners hire attorney to force temple changes

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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Members of the Hindu Temple of Canton are confident in their plans to build a new house of worship on their Cherry Hill Road property. Even so, temple officials requested that their proposal be removed from the agenda of Tuesday's township board meeting in light of a group of surrounding homeowners getting an attorney in an effort to stop the project.

"They just want to explore it further," township planner Angela Wolosiewicz said of the temple. The item has not been

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Should the Hindu Temple officials be forced to alter plans for their property because of complaints from nearby residents? Tell us your thoughts by e-mailing editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or posting a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

rescheduled.

Bryan Amann, the attorney representing the temple, has expressed his belief that the temple will triumph over any opposition to the plan.

The temple is located just east of Canton Center Road at 44955 Cherry Hill. Members have made plans to demolish the current facility near the roadway and construct a 19,669-square-foot building in the middle of a 5.6-acre parcel.

Citing the land's narrow shape and the proposed location of the new building, dozens of residents that live in the homes surrounding the temple have been critical of the project, which was approved by the planning commission in February.

The attorney representing the group of dissenting homeowners, Thomas McGraw, who

was said to be on vacation, did not return calls for this story.

In published reports, McGraw has said the commission failed to address whether the new construction would meet current zoning requirements. Built in the late '80s, the current temple was grandfathered in when the township revamped its zoning regulations.

Township planner Jeff Goulet said because the proposal calls for new construction, it meets the township's current requirements.

Before the commission voted on the project, the temple asked that the matter be tabled

in order to give Amann time to meet with homeowner associations. In the end, the temple agreed to fund traffic improvements and increase storm water capacity, but refused to position the new building closer to Cherry Hill.

Amann said there are several reasons, including no access to the existing building during construction, that justify it being built in the proposed location.

Temple member Ashwin Asher said he isn't put off by some homeowners getting their own attorney.

"It's not personal," he said, adding that the temple has no



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Hindu Temple member Ashwin Asher doesn't take the opposition personally, and thinks the temple will expand on the current site.

plans of relocating to another area. "We can't move the temple. We should be over there."

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.

The 'Mocha Moms'

Social group for mothers of color starting Canton chapter

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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When Gina Taylor was pregnant with her first child, the debate over cloth vs. disposable diapers was the furthestmost thing from the minds of her closest friends.

"I was the first one out of the group to get pregnant so they didn't know everything I was going through," said Taylor of Oak Park.

But then, while leafing through the pages of a magazine, she learned of Mocha Moms Inc., a Maryland-based organization for mothers of color and found out they had chapters in Michigan.

"I went to a meeting and I was in love," said Taylor, who is set to give birth to her third child in April. "I didn't have to apologize for my daughter being there and I didn't have to say 'Excuse me, I need to breast feed.' It was awesome."

The support organization, which has chapters in Detroit and Ann Arbor, is looking to start a group in Canton.

"There are so many groups that exist for mothers but they don't

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Mocha Moms members Gina Taylor (from left), Dnisha Banks, and Angela Lugo-Thomas.

'Courageous' Worthy gains favor of locals after charging Kwame

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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On Friday, she was blasted for inaction and the presumption that she would cave under political pressure.

But on Monday, area residents praised Kym Worthy as living up to her last name and jokingly called for her to run for the U.S. presidency.

From one business day to the next, the Wayne County prosecutor's announcement of 12 charges against Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty, his former chief of staff, for their roles in the text messaging scan-

dal has brought her favor among Wayne County voters that don't have a say in whether Kilpatrick remains in office.

Worthy, who is up for re-election this year, definitely has the backing of Canton residents Alex and Annette Kuschki, who, like others gathered at the Canton Public Library on Tuesday, had some strong opinions about the case.

"I was waiting to observe what she was going to do and I felt great after (her news conference)," Alex Kuschki said. "I think she is doing the right thing."

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Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, shown here at a recent press conference, has received praise for her decision to charge Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

Ab Crunch Challenge to raise funds for children's hospital

If you ask Deb Comstock how many crunches she cranked out last year for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, she rolls out the number as easily as if you asked her first name: 3,365.

"I would love to beat it this year, but I'm not sure if I will," Comstock said as she trained for this year's Ab Crunch

Challenge at Ladies Workout Express, 6541 Canton Center Road. More than 4,000 people across the nation will participate in the hour-long March 29 challenge that's being done at 200 clubs under the Lady of America brand. Proceeds from the event will benefit the children's hospital.

Eleven women are partici-

pating at the Canton club.

"They have the opportunity to help St. Jude while finding a great way to get in shape," said Dan Schwartz of Ladies Workout Express. "It's a double bonus."

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- Tiffany L. Parks



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Laurie Martineau, at left, leads Deb Comstock, Carol Miner, Gurinder Singh, Kelsey Maley, Belle Kennedy, and Jessica Odegard in one hour of ab crunches.

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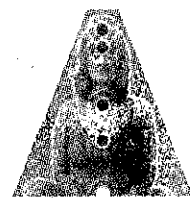
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Yard waste pick-up

Canton Waste Recycling (CWR) will begin curbside pick-up of residential yard waste on April 1 and continue until November. All yard waste should be placed separate from your trash and recyclables on your regular trash day.

Acceptable yard waste items include: grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden waste, pruning debris, wood debris, and brush. Unacceptable yard waste items include: food scraps, animal waste, batteries, chemicals, and sod.

Twigs, branches, brush, pruning, and wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, not exceeding 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Bundles are limited to six bundles a week.

Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste must be placed in 30 gallon paper yard waste bags or 32 gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles. Yard waste stickers for reusable containers are available at the Canton Treasurer's Office.

Please note, dirt and clay are unacceptable items, if either is placed in the yard waste bag or receptacle, CWR will leave the yard waste behind. All

Headed to Vegas

Canton's Elisabeth Crawford, who is Miss Michigan USA 2008, will compete on April 11 in Las Vegas for the Miss USA title. An outspoken advocate for children to eat properly to prevent cancer, Crawford lost her mother to cancer while she was attending college at Texas A&M Kingsville. Shortly thereafter she started a non-profit cancer awareness organization called Active for Life On Cancer. She moved to Michigan in 2005. The 57th Annual MISS USA® Competition will be held at the Theatre for the Performing Arts located at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino on April 11 and broadcast live from 9-11 p.m. ET on NBC. Along with executive producer Donald J. Trump, veteran television writer and executive producer Phil Gurin and the Gurin Company will again produce MISS USA® 2008, which is part of the Miss Universe Organization. For more information about the pageant, visit www.missusa.com. For more information about Crawford visit <http://elisabethcrawford.com>.

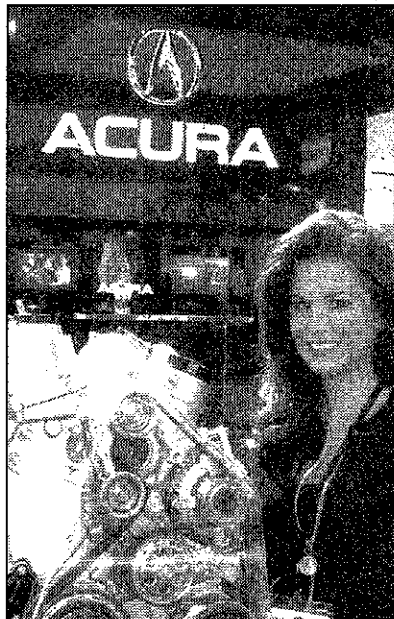


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containers must be marked "YARD WASTE" and containers weighing over 50 pounds or that are over 32 gallons will not be accepted.

For more information, please refer to your Canton Resource Guide or call Canton Waste Recycling at (734) 397-5801.

Historical Society presentation

The Canton Historical Society will host its 2nd in a series of speakers at 7 p.m., April 9th at the Cherry Hill School on the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. The guest speaker will be society trustee Larry Arnold who will present "Lydia Pinkham and Patent Medicine Frauds," which is about a remarkable woman and offers a humorous look at the rampant patent medicine industry in the early 1900s before the Food and

Drug Administration came into being.

For more information contact the Canton Historical Society Museum at (734) 397-0088 or visit their Web site at www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Senior Indian festival

Community members are encouraged to attend the Canton Senior Center's Visakhi Event on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Summit on the Park's Maple Room, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

This new program celebrates Visakhi, a seasonal festival popular in India that takes place right after winter. Traditionally, the festival was celebrated as the harbinger of happiness and plenty being closely connected with harvesting. To ward off malignant spirits ruinous to the harvest, a ritual dance preceded the festivities.

Come learn about the Indian celebration of the birth of the Sikh faith and the beginning of spring at this free event. The featured speaker will be area resident, Iqbal Bhan. From the colorful clothing to the delicious desserts, you will have a lovely afternoon. Although there is no admission required to attend, it is asked that you please register at the Senior Center Front Desk.

For more information on this Visakhi Celebration, hosted by Canton Leisure Services' Senior Center, visit leisure.canton-mi.org call (734) 394-5485.

MOMS

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always address our needs," Taylor said of women of color. "We have a different set of issues and concerns."

The former co-president of the Detroit chapter, Angela Lugo-Thomas of Highland Park, said there became a need for a chapter in the Canton area when she realized that many of her 40 members were traveling from suburban areas.

"When you are a mom, you have no time to drive 30 minutes," said Lugo-Thomas, who is now the Michigan state coordinator for the organization. "We have been talking about doing this for so long that it's really exciting to be able to bring moms together in another area."

While designed as a support system for stay-at-home mothers, Mocha Moms includes a mix of moms that do hold employment. The organization, which started in 1997 as a newsletter, has been featured on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and *Good Morning America*. According to the

group's Web site, www.mochamoms.org.

MochaMoms.org, the organization is open to all people who support the mission of the group regardless of gender, race, religion, educational background and income level.

"We are not exclusive to black women only," said Lugo-Thomas, who is also pregnant with her third child and said her journey into motherhood would not have been the same without the group.

"Stay-at-home mothers need adult interaction," she said. "I would probably feel isolated

MOCHA MOMS COFFEE CHAT

Date: 4 p.m. April 6

Place: Borders, 43425 Ford Road

Web site: www.MochaMoms.org

A national support group for mothers of color, Mocha Moms is open to all who support its mission. The organization's platform has seven pillars: non-exclusivity, community activism, support for work-at-home mothers, non-partisanship, a strong commitment to marriage, self-care and the education of children.

For more information or to sign up for the coffee chat, send a message to michiganmochas@yahoo.com.

if it weren't for Mocha Moms. Our children range in age so there's always someone you can talk to for sound advice that has been there and done that."

Canton resident Denisha Banks is the mother of a toddler and said she learned of the group while living in Las Vegas. She and her husband later moved to Michigan, had a daughter and then she connected with the Ann Arbor chapter.

"The support and encouragement is wonderful," Banks said.

Lugo-Thomas said chapter activities are open to children but are largely intended for the mothers to come together and bond.

"Some people think we're all about play dates for the children but our focus is on the mom," she said. "We get together and discuss issues relative to us being mothers and wives. We are there for each other and mothers need that support."

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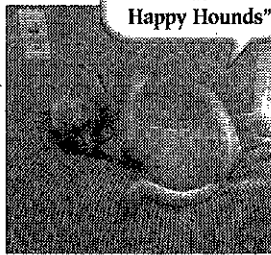
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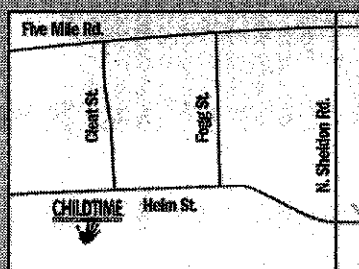
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Annette Kuslowski is a former secretary for the prosecutor's office and knew of Worthy when she was an assistant prosecutor and said she was basing her continued support of her on the handling of this situation.

"I feel fantastic," she said. "I met her many years ago and the rumor was that she was super honest even back then."

In handing down the charges against Kilpatrick and Beatty, who are accused of lying under oath about having a sexual relationship and giving misleading testimony about the firing of a deputy police chief during a whistleblower trial last summer, Worthy said: "The oath does not say I do solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony I am about to give in this matter will be some of the truth, some of the time, when it suits me and anything but the whole truth."

The lawsuit, which was brought by three former officers who said they were fired for investigating the mayor, was settled for \$8.4 million in tax money after a lawyer for the officers obtained text messages from Beatty's city-issued pager showing the two apparently lied during the trial.

Vowing to stay in office, Kilpatrick has been charged with conspiracy to commit obstruction of justice, obstruction of justice, two counts of misconduct in office and four counts of perjury. Beatty, who resigned days after the scandal erupted in January, faces seven similar charges.

Canton resident Frank Barkovich said he does not know much about Worthy's



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Canton's Annette and Alex Kuslowski praised Kym Worthy for doing the right thing.



Although he doesn't know much about her career, Canton's Frank Barkovich said Worthy has shown courage to charge Kwame Kilpatrick.

announcement resounded with voters all over the county. "She was right on the money," he said. "I think this will have a bearing on the election and I need to learn more about her, but from what I've seen, she was sharp."

Northville resident Janet Dietrich said Worthy has her vote — for now.

"Yes, I would vote her," she said before pausing to add, "Well, so far I would. Let's see what she knows first."

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Jacobs climbs ladder, as new leader makes visit

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Newly hired Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Craig Fiegel is expected to be in town today and Friday to shorten his learning curve in the district he'll lead beginning July 1.

"We'll spend a couple of days to familiarize him with the district," interim Supt. Ken Jacobs said. "He's a quick learner and I expect him to have an immediate impact when he takes over."

Jacobs, who has filled in as superintendent since Jim Ryan retired Feb. 28, said there will be plenty for Fiegel to study in the district of 18,000-plus students.

"I'm sure there will be nuances coming into the state in terms of funding, finding out where we are and what our goals are and developing his own imprint on the district," Jacobs said. "We have very unique situations given the high school park, the fact we're involved in a year-long research of the administrative structure at the park, and we have our own challenges with our budget situation, given our foundation allowance is lower than most districts around us."

Jacobs, who was the district's assistant superintendent of administrative services before taking the interim superintendent's position, will be rewarded for his efforts with a new title when Fiegel takes over.

At that point, Jacobs will become deputy superintendent, a post that hasn't been filled since Ryan — who was former

Supt. Kathleen Booher's deputy — replaced Booher in 2002. Jacobs' assistant superintendent position will not be filled.

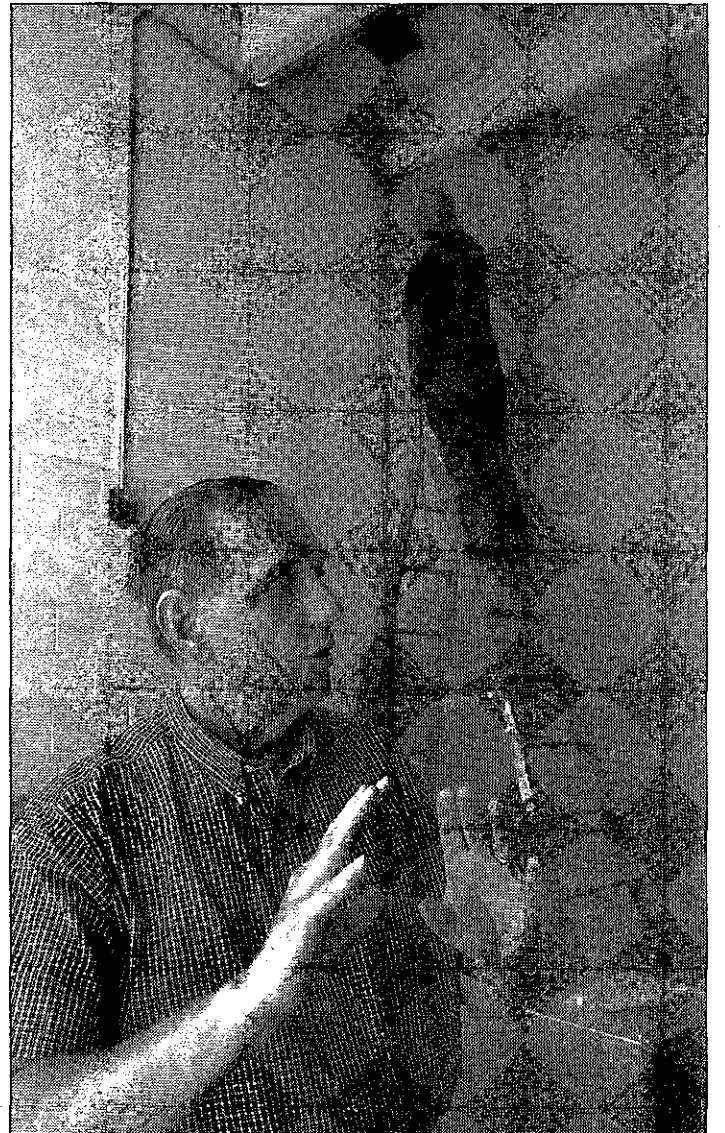
Jacobs was hired by Plymouth-Canton Schools in 1968 as a special education teacher at Pioneer Middle School, and has held just about every administrative position in the district since. He's been an assistant superintendent at the Park, serving two stints as acting principal.

Jacobs moved on to become director of maintenance and operations. He later was named executive director of maintenance and operations, including transportation and food service, before becoming an assistant superintendent, incorporating human resources and all internal operations to his duties.

"I've been very fortunate, Plymouth-Canton has been very good to me," said Jacobs, who lives in Plymouth Township. "I'm very appreciative of the fact Plymouth-Canton has recognized my strengths and willingness to provide opportunities for me. This is my home, and I'm very interested in Plymouth-Canton's continuing excellence."

Jacobs said when Ryan announced his retirement, there was a moment's thought of applying for the position.

"At one point I may have, but my plan is to retire in a couple of years," Jacobs said. "I knew the board was looking for someone with longer tenure. I felt more useful in a supportive role."



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Ken Jacobs, who is running the Plymouth-Canton school district on an interim basis until new superintendent Craig Fiegel starts in July, has been promoted to deputy superintendent.

Fiegel said he's looking forward to working with Jacobs to learn about the district.

"It sounds great to me," Fiegel said. "He's been there 40 years, and I'm looking forward to working with him and learning from him."

With Jacobs' promotion will come an as-yet-undetermined increase in his \$126,000 annual salary.

"We still haven't determined that," Jacobs said. "That's not of importance to me at this time."

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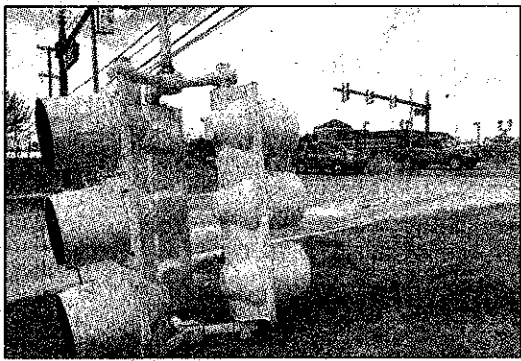
Beginning this week, decorative mast arm-mounted traffic signals with illuminated street signs will be installed at six locations along Ford Road. Construction on this project is being funded by Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in an effort to enhance the appearance of Ford Road.

The first signal was expected to be installed Tuesday in front of the Wal-Mart/Home Depot complex on Ford Road. Construction in this area will consist of energizing the new mast arm-mounted signals and removing the old signals and poles. Once completed, the contractor will then move west towards Canton Center installing new signals along Ford Road at Lotz, southbound I-275 ramp, Morton Taylor Road, Sheldon Road, and Canton Center Road.

Canton officials anticipate the construction should be completed by April 1, weather permitting.

Canton's Police Department will help direct traffic during installation and hook-up of the new signals. Please drive carefully through construction areas and follow all posted detour routes.

A few of the new signals will be equipped with a federally mandated four-phase left-turn arrow signal. The four-phase signal includes a flashing yellow arrow, steady green arrow, steady yellow arrow and steady red arrow. The following is a description of how the four-phase arrow system will work:



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Out with the old, in with the new. New traffic signals are already installed at Lotz Road and Ford, and at I-275 and Ford Road. Crews will pick up the old signals and continue installations farther west on Ford Road later this week.

Interval 1: Flashing yellow arrow allows you to turn left when oncoming traffic is clear (oncoming traffic has a green light). You must carefully determine that there is an adequate gap in the oncoming traffic, and ensure that there are no pedestrian conflicts, before making your turn.

Interval 2: Steady green arrow allows you to turn left. Proceed with caution.

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Charter Township of Canton Board

Proceedings-

March 18, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo Members Absent: Bennett, Kirchgatter, Yack Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Abe Vinitiski, Leigh Thurston, Deputy Chief Golles, Deputy Chief Nemecek, Fire Chief Rorabacher, Dave Medley, Anna Stump **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Zarbo, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC** **Item 1. PRESCRIBED BURN 2008 Purposed Areas to Burn** Sheldon and Warren Nature Pond and Flodin Park Nature Trail **Item 2. 2007 YEAR IN REVIEW - PUBLIC SAFETY, HUMAN RESOURCES AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** **Adjourn** Motion by LaJoy, supported by McLaughlin at 9:30 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR RECOMMENDING RENEWAL, REVOCATION AND NON-RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH The City of Plymouth Liquor Management Ordinance

Plymouth City Commission
Commission Chambers
201 S. Main
Plymouth, MI 48170
March 20, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

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Men's conference supports lifelong faith

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Paul Dobbs finds it difficult to live his faith in an American society filled with substance abuse and lust. For the last five years he's found respite from the madness at the men's conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Every year thousands of Catholic men enjoy the camaraderie and support they receive at the event featuring inspirational speakers and Mass celebrated by Cardinal Adam Maida. This year the conference takes place Saturday, April 12, at the University of Detroit Mercy.

"The main reason I go is for the support of other Catholic men there. Society is all about trying to support me in drug, alcohol use, lust, entertainment. What I'm looking for in my life is truth, hope, faith, and love and I don't find that. It's good to see ordinary men who believe as I do. Sometimes I feel like I'm alone," said Dobbs who lives in Canton and works

PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP

What: Men's conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit

When: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 12 (doors open at 7 a.m.)

Where: Calihan Hall, University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols

Cost: \$40 in advance, \$50 at door, \$25 students. Call (313) 237-6532 or visit www.christschosen.com

in Plymouth where he's been a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for 36 years.

This is the sixth conference Dobbs will not only attend but help coordinate lunch for the men. In years past Dobbs' son, Christopher, has joined his father not only as a participant but volunteer.

"It's special to have someone from your family share the experience," said Dobbs.

Paco Gavrilides, director of evangelization for the Archdiocese of Detroit, expects at least 3,000 men to attend the conference, "Put Out Into the Deep VI." This

year's inspirational speakers include Richard Lane, co-founder of Qorban Ministries and son of the late Dick "Night Train" Lane; Leonard Defillippis, actor, producer and director of religious theatrical productions, videos and films; Kenneth Henderson, founder of True Knights International Apostolate and self-admitted former pornography addict, and Michael Timmis, author of *Between Two Worlds: The Spiritual Journey of an Evangelical Catholic*.

The Rev. Timothy Whalen, chancellor of Orchard Lake Schools, hosts a break out session for youth. The Rev. John Riccardo, Our Lady of Good Counsel pastor, returns for a sixth year as a speaker. He was born and raised in Birmingham and graduated from Shrine High School. He is the former pastor of St. Anastasia in Troy.

For more information about the speakers go to www.christschosen.com.

Gavrilides formerly worked at St. John's Center in

Plymouth with Rev. Riccardo directing programs for the Cardinal Maida Institute.

"He (Rev. Riccardo) has a special charisma to speak truth to men in a way that inspires and challenges them in their walk in Christ. He can speak to men confidently, honestly and with great affection about living the gospel," said Gavrilides, conference coordinator. "I'm excited about the performance by Leonardo Defillippis on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe who gave himself for his brother in the Auschwitz concentration camp."

"We're really going to highlight the importance of Christian men standing together and supporting one another in their Christian walk, taking more seriously their covenant commitment in Christ to lead our lives as faithful disciples of Jesus."

We're going to make a special appeal and emphasize having a sense of responsibility and love for one another in Christ, walking together in the jour-



The Rev. Stanley Ullman of St. Mary's of the Hills in Rochester Hills (left) and the Rev. John Riccardo (center) at the Archdiocese of Detroit men's conference last year. Riccardo, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, returns for a sixth time to speak and inspire men in their faith.

ney, living in righteousness, working together in the service of Christ in the church, and admonishing one another so as to stay faithful to our duties as fathers, husbands and servants in the parish."

Dr. Greg Elliott especially enjoys attending the conference with his son, Patrick, age 21.

"It's just a beautiful day. It's a wonderful time to spend with my son. He really likes Fr. John Riccardo," said Elliott, a Livonia resident with a den-

tal practice in Farmington Hills. "I'm looking forward to Leonardo Defillippis doing the one act play on St. Maximilian."

"I'd like to put out a wonderful invitation to all the Christian men in the area. It's inspiring to hear 3,000 men sing hymns of praise and worship. A worship band comes in, guitars and singers and keyboards and plays Christian music. It's a great day."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia celebrates the day March 30, with special devotions and a luncheon to which all area Catholics are cordially invited, at the church, 1141 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. The day begins with noon Mass followed

by 1 p.m. Polish luncheon with stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, sauerkraut, by reservation only, cost \$6.50 adults, \$3.50 children ages 4-12, free age 3 and under. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 no later than Tuesday, March 25. Followed at 2 p.m. by confessions and rosary. Divine Mercy Devotion begins at 3 p.m. and includes the exposition

of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.

Garage sale

9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, March 27, followed by \$2 bag sale at 4 p.m., at the garage sale presented by the Saint Dunstan Rosary Altar Sodality in the church at 1515 Belton, Garden City.

Polish church pilgrimage/Easter dinner

Deadline for ticket reservations is March 27 for West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society's Historic Polish Church Pilgrimage and traditional Polish Easter Dinner (Swienconka) Saturday, April 5. Pilgrimage starts 10 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Angels, 4200 Martin, and includes St. Hedwig, St. Francis d'Assisi, St. Andrew, and St. Cunegunda with stops at the former Baptist church on Martin north of Michigan Ave. and former Our Savior Polish National Catholic Church. Parking is secure in Queen of Angels' lot. Pilgrimage and meal \$33 adults, \$28 age 12 and under. Pilgrimage \$25 adults and children. Meal only \$13 adults, \$7 age 12 and under. Checks/money orders should be made payable to WSDPAHS and sent to Laurie Gomulka Palazzolo, 32101 Shiawassee Rd., Farmington, MI 48336. For details, call (248) 477-8518 or send e-mail to lpalazzolo@detroitpolonia.org, Don Samuli at (313) 792-0297 or dsamul@detroitpolonia.org, or visit www.detroitpolonia.org.

Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include March 27 seminar on how to find relationships that are good for you and avoid those that aren't. 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 Street, Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost \$5 per person.

Mother and unborn baby

7:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, in the Social Hall at St. Aidan's, Michelle Yax shares her personal story. Yax has been active in the pro-life movement for more than 20 years, and now is Executive Director of Mother and Unborn Baby Care. Find out more about what abortion really means. Those who attend receive a free copy of Life Institute's interactive computer CD-ROM, Truth Unmasked-Abortion Information for Today's Youth. To RSVP, call (734) 464-7677.

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 Road, Canton. For more information, call Humby at (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

Vespers

Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit services continue Sundays March 30, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Livonia; April 6, at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, and April 13, at St. Petka Serbian Orthodox Church, Troy. General public as well as Orthodox Christians invited. Proceeds used for COCC charities and projects. Worshipers also asked to bring nonperishable packaged food for donation to Orthodox parish food pantries for needy in metro area. For information, call Richard Shebib (734) 422-0278 or send e-mail to pascha-books@sbcglobal.net.

Spiritual healing

Free lecture on spiritual healing based on the teachings of Bruno Groening 7 p.m. Monday, March 31,

at Church of Today West, 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. No charge. For information, call Arsen Darnay at (313) 882-7946 or Sabine Goltz at (248) 593-9091. To learn about Groening, visit www.bruno-groening.org/english.

UPCOMING

Blended family workshop

7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays through April 2, at Ward Church, 40000 6 Mile Rd., Northville. Call (248) 374-5912. The Step-Family Doctor, Pastor Paul Clough, facilitates the group focusing on the issues pertaining to the blended family. Registration best but walk-ins welcome.

Spaghetti dinner

PBJ Outreach Inc. (www.pbjoutreach.org) is sponsoring a Super Slamin' Spaghetti Jam 5-8 p.m. Saturday April 5, following 4 p.m. mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Fun family night includes spaghetti dinner, cash bar, activities for kids, and raffle/door prizes. All proceeds go to the Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry which provides food on a weekly basis to our brothers and sisters in Detroit's Cass Corridor. Tickets \$7 adults, \$3 ages 3-12, under age 3 eat free. For tickets, call Linda Barterian at (734) 459-0771.

Mom to Mom sale

Connection Church (formerly Tri-City Christian) is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at 3855 Sheldon, north of Michigan Ave., Canton. For details, send e-mail to mom2mom-sale@yahoo.com. Table rentals are sold to capacity with over 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. Admission is \$1.

Bethany Suburban West

All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy (734) 513-9479. Monthly dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane for information (734) 261-5716.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

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

Bethany Suburban West

All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Sequence Tournament (board games) 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the St. Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479, or Michele (313) 996-8644. Cost will be either a snack, dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet) or \$5 and we will supply the paper products and the coffee. Monthly breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday April 19, at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy (734) 513-9479.

Men's conference

Put Out into the Deep: Brothers in Christ Standing Together Saturday, April 12, at University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall, Detroit. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, the conference doors open at 7 a.m. followed by a day of speakers and Eucharistic celebration, concludes at 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.christschosen.com.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 12, in

the church gym and classrooms at St. Thomas a' Becket, 555 S. Lilley, Canton, phone (734) 981-1333. Check Web site for details, kirstemoline.com/mom2mom.html. Over 70 tables and racks of great finds for babies, toddlers and kids. Several Large Item Rooms full of strollers, cribs, car seats, exersaucers, large toys, etc. Admission \$1. Those shopping with strollers will be admitted after 10 a.m.

Celebrating families

After 5 p.m. Mass Saturday, April 12, and after 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses Sunday, April 13, in the Monsignor Alex Brunett Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. View large LEGO displays, watch short movies on joys and struggle of Catholic family living, browse Catholic bookstore's display, supervised LEGO play area for the kids. No charge.

Pancake breakfast

8:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 13, in the activity center at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$4 adults, \$4 children age 10 and under.

Sisters in Christ

Women's conference 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford. Cost is \$40 pre-conference registration, \$50 at door. Call (313) 534-7730. Speakers are Brenda Josee who's been active in Christian publishing 25 years, and Nancy Moser who's published 17 inspirational novels.

Day of Reflection

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

Pax Christi conference

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

Clothing bank

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

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday May 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. Cost \$10. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716. Cinco d' Mayo/Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday May 9, at the St. Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 996-8644. Cost will be either a snack, dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet) or \$5 and we will supply the paper products and the coffee. Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday May 17, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call (734) 513-9479. Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31, Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft

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ALWIN L. BRYANT

Age 78, Farmington Hills, MI, passed March 23, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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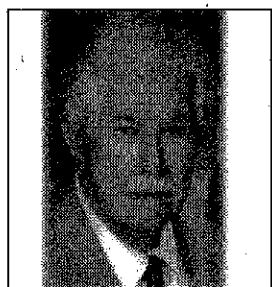
Age 75, Livonia, MI, passed March 21, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

BESSIE BRIMHALL

October 11, 1900 - March 23, 2008. Age 107, of Redford Twp. Loving mother of Leland Brimhall, Grandmother to Susan Suomi, Marilee Cullen, Wanda Brimhall, Angela Clingan. Also survived by 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-granddaughters. This amazing woman was "Grandma" to all who knew her. A celebration of Bessie's life will be held at Heenev-Sudquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, on Thursday, 3/27/08 at 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Salvation Army.

DORIS VOORHEIS

Age 88, March 18, 2008 of Westland. Loving wife of the late Clifford. Dearest mother of Sybil (Cecil) Grah, Jane Sadley and Pamela (Donald) Unsworth. Dear grandmother of nine, great grandmother of thirteen and great great grandmother of one. Visitation and services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral home in Wayne on March 21, 2008 with Rev. Kurt Radke officiating.



FRANCIS H. THOMSON

March 24, 2008 Age 95. Loving husband of the late Allison. Dear father of Charles Dennis (Meta), Francis "Gar" (Arleen), Mary Mokowan (Michael) and Margaret Leslie Thomson. Beloved grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of nine. Funeral service Friday 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn. 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Thursday 2-8pm. Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com

KENNETH E. MILLER

Suddenly March 23, 2008 at age 57. Beloved husband of Carol. Dear father of Noelle (Ron) Ryan, Benjamin, Jeffrey (Melanie) and Cindy (Jeremy) Floyd. Grandfather of Marissa, Jarred and Logan. Dear son of Wanda Miller. Brother of Dennis (Marie). A memorial service was held on Tuesday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at schradet-howell.com.

SHEILA R. WILSON-STEVENSON

Age 51, Pontiac, MI. Passed March 23, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



JOANNE S. SILVI

Age 73, March 20, 2008. Beloved wife of the late John. Dear sister of Beverly (William) Lyday. Daughter of the late Roger and Marie O'Hara (nee DeMarois). Loving mother of Pamela Varilone, Roger (Jayne), Stephen, Leslie Virag, Joan (Fred Bergman). Cherished Nana to Brandon, Krystyna, Hayley, Brian, Corey, Darcy, Paul, Judy, Jack, Lane and Gina. Services were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Burial at Holy Sepulchre. Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or Angela Hospice in Joanne's honor.

JULIA MARY KONARSKI

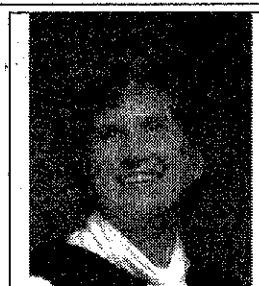
Age 92, March 21, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Aloisius, A.I. Loving mother of Anthony (Sharon) of Florida, Jeanette May, Margaret Roy, Phillip (Lydia), and Gregory (Brenda) all of Michigan. Wonderful grandmother of 20 and great-grandmother, Busza of 28. Dear sister of Bernard (Eleanor) Willmowitz and Genevieve Kay. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Visitation Friday 2-9pm with a 6:45pm Rosary at the John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 9:30am until a 10am Mass at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church, 1515 Belton (2 blocks west of Inkster, 2 blocks south of Ford Rd.).

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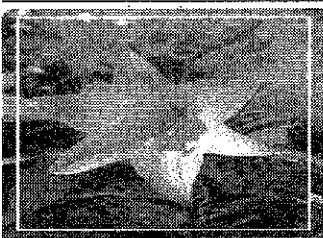
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VIRGINIA C. HEUSTED

Age 81, of Winter Park, Florida died peacefully on March 19, 2008. Born August 8, 1926 in Payne, Ohio to Basil and Isabel (Leslie) Heaston. Resided in Livonia, Michigan for 28 years with husband Donald while raising three children. Moved to Florida in 1985 and lost husband Donald in 1993. Virginia loved quilting, antiques, history, travel, politics, cats, and her three children. Survived by son, David Heusted of Orlando, Florida; daughter, Deborah Heusted of Orlando, Florida; daughter, Melanie Cybulski of Hastings, Michigan; and grandson, Andrew Cybulski of Hastings, Michigan. Visitation at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, Ohio on April 2 from 11:00-1:00 P.M. Graveside ceremony to follow at St. Paul's Cemetery.



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Rev. Kern award dinner

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

ONGOING

Single Place Ministry

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

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake

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

Sunday services

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

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Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church

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Couple prayer series

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

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 is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

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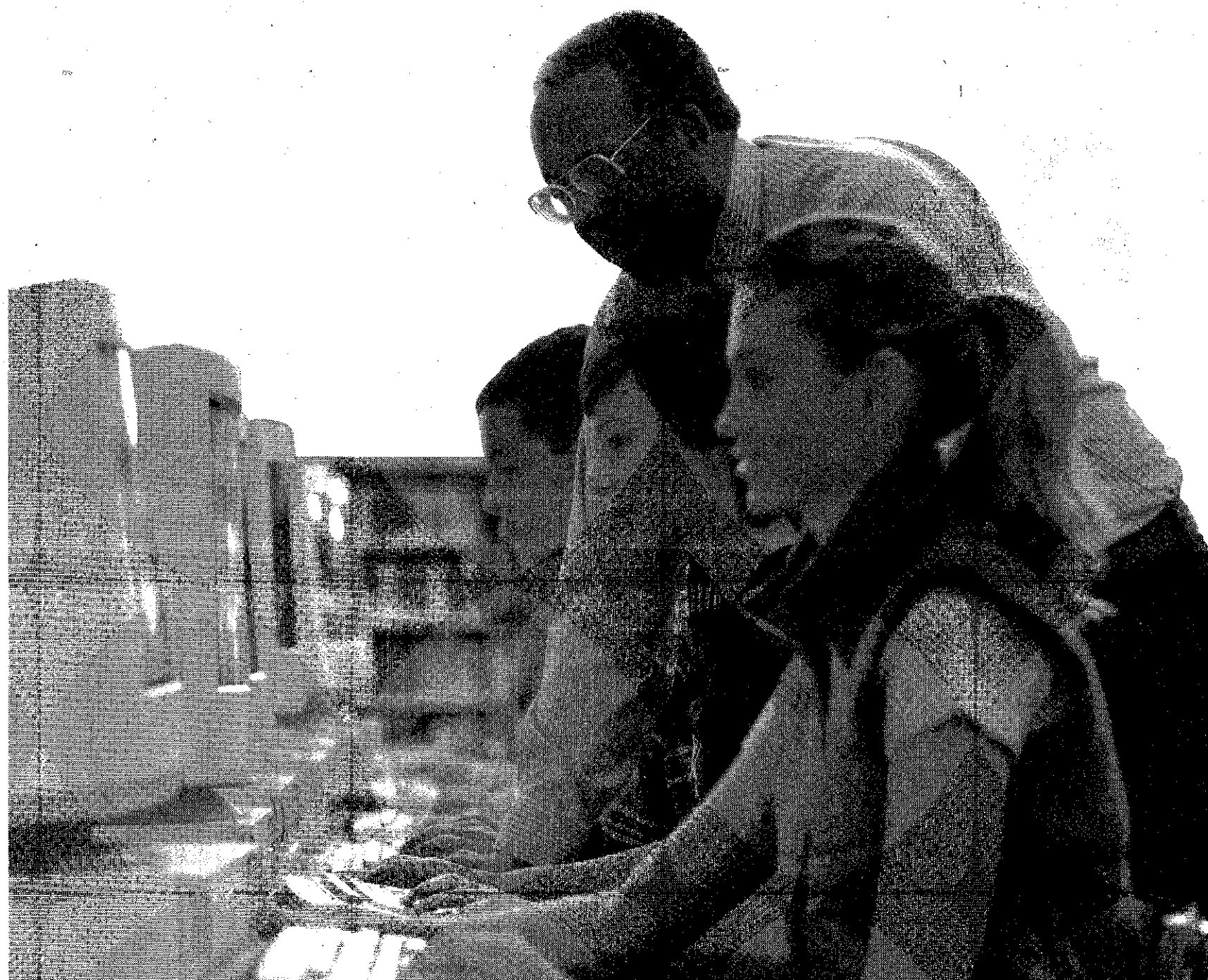
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The stock market has been on a roller coaster ride of late. One day it's up 400 points, the next day it's down 300 points.

Market volatilities are, unfortunately, the norm.

One of the main problems recently has been the real estate downturn and the sub-prime crisis.

Although many people have seen significant reductions in certain investments — there have been some funds and investment partnerships that have gone belly up — there had been no large name companies put out of business. That changed last week when it was announced J.P. Morgan was buying Bear Stearns.

The reality is Bear Stearns had no alternative. It was forced to sell in order to avoid bankruptcy. The question is: What happened to Bear



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

the dot-com crash and 9/11. It was, however, not able to survive the sub-prime market.

Although, there are lots of reasons and detailed explanations about why Bear Stearns failed, I believe there are two simple reasons that caused the collapse.

The first problem Bear Stearns ran into was liquidity. Bear Stearns was highly leveraged. When it ran into a cash

flow problem, the amount leveraged prevented it from having any flexibility in working out this problem.

The second issue that hurt Bear Stearns was the lack of diversification. The firm had a significant portion of its investments within the sub-prime market. While things were good, Bear Stearns was doing well, however, when the sub-prime market had its downturn, the firm was hurt.

For the average investor, there are lessons to be learned from the collapse of Bear Stearns.

The first deals with leverage.

I believe that people should not leverage their investments. When people margin their investment accounts it allows them to borrow money against an investment portfolio. The problem with this

strategy is when there is a downturn you lose flexibility in your account. Because of the requirement to have a certain amount of equity in a portfolio, investments can be sold, without knowledge in order to cover collateral on the loan.

Bear Stearns lost control and they were forced to sell at an inopportune time. The same thing can happen to the individual investor who over-leverages an account.

Keep in mind that a year ago Bear Stearns was selling for \$160 a share. On Friday at the close of business before the Monday sale, it was selling for \$30 a share. The sale price — \$2 a share.

Secondly, Bear Stearns suffered from a lack of diversification.

I always stress the need to diversify a portfolio.

Diversification offers protection against volatile and uncertain markets.

The lessons to be learned from the Bear Stearns situation are: first, that it could happen to anyone. Big companies, small companies, big investors and small investors are all subject to the volatilities of the market;

Second, to be a successful investor, you must diversify your portfolio. Investors who do not diversify are, in fact, gamblers — and the reality of the situation is most gamblers lose;

Third, to be a successful investor you always have to remain in control of your investments. When you lose control — by using margin on accounts — you lose all flexibility.

In spite of this crisis, however, it would be wrong to

assume the sky is falling simply because Bear Stearns was sold at a fire sale price. We have seen this in many different industries where for many different reasons companies go out of business. In our own back yard, companies like Highland Appliance and Fretter went out of business because they could not adapt to the changing times.

As investors, we must adapt to the changing environment. However, adapting to change does not mean forgetting about the fundamentals. Don't let that happen to you.

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Sheriff warns about fake IRS e-mails

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans is warning local residents about an online identity theft scam that uses bogus e-mails, designed to look like they have been sent by the IRS, to trick people into providing personal information. Evans said his Internet Crime Unit has received several complaints from people who have received these "spoof" e-mails.

Evans said that the bogus e-mails bear the logo of the IRS, or in some cases, the IRS's tax return processing company, eFile, and inform the recipient that they are owed a tax refund. Contained in the e-mail is a link to a fake IRS Web site, which prompts the victim to provide personal information that the scam artist can use to steal the person's identity.

"With a poor economy and this being the height of tax time, a lot of people could fall prey to this scam because the e-mails look legitimate and offer the promise of money to the targeted victim," Evans said. "We want to help protect citizens from being swindled out of a lot more money than they are being offered as part of this scam."

Typically, a spoof e-mail often starts out saying something along these lines: "After the last calculations of your fiscal activity we have determined you are eligible to receive a tax refund," and then specifies an amount the recipient is supposedly due. Evans said that it is important for people to know that the IRS does not notify people via an unsolicited e-mail if they have a return due to them.

"Typically, these are believable amounts, ranging from \$50 or \$60 up to several hundred dollars, to draw people into the scam," Evans said. "The insidious part of this con is that it doesn't really play on a person's greed. The victims are being led to believe that this is their hard-earned money being returned to them."

The e-mail contains an embedded link to direct victims to a web site, which appears to be an IRS Web site, but will have a Web address that has nothing to do with the IRS or federal government, Evans said.

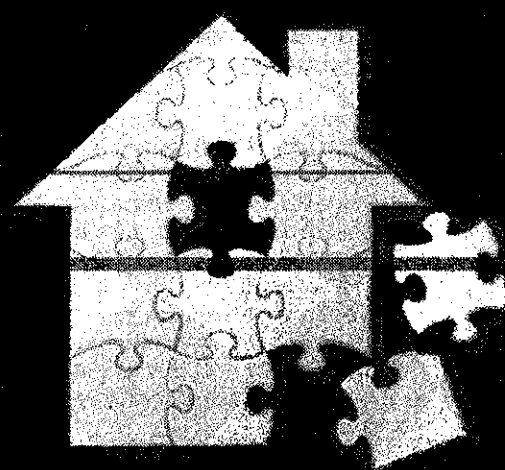
The look-alike web site offers the victim the opportunity to get their refund applied to his or her credit card and asks the individual to provide their account information and Social Security number.

"With just that information, an identity thief can be off to the races and your life can be turned upside-down before you even know anything is wrong," Evans said.

Evans said that because the e-mails are likely being generated outside Michigan, and perhaps outside the United States, anyone receiving a suspect e-mail should report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.IC3.gov, which investigates such complaints.

"We hope that by educating the public to this fraud, no one will fall victim to it," Evans said. "But if they do, or even if they receive one of the bogus e-mails, they should make a complaint immediately through the FBI's Web site, rather than a local agency."

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OUR VIEWS

Stewart a perfect fit for symphony

The Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society made a free-agent move last week as good as anything Dave Dombrowski has done for the Detroit Tigers.

The PCSS snapped up Beth Stewart, the former executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, to take the same post with the symphony when current director Jennifer Philpot-Munson leaves.

If her history is any indication, Stewart, who spent 18 years leading the museum, will provide some stability to an organization that has undergone four leadership changes in just nine years.

The Symphony Society, the umbrella organization for both Orchestra Canton and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, is lucky to get Stewart, who has been mentioned in connection with many positions since leaving the museum two years ago. She left the museum in the midst of an unsuccessful run for the state House of Representatives, and her name has since been linked to a range of things from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce to a potential run for Wayne County commissioner.

Stewart has rebounded nicely from the severe attacks perpetrated on her during her run for office. She handled the situation with class, remained upbeat and, most importantly, her active support of the local community never wavered.

She's the perfect replacement for Philpot-Munson, who has done a superb job in her stint. Stewart has plenty of experience running a nonprofit agency and knows the arts community in this area inside and out.

The symphony's board is happy with the level of corporate donations and funding from grants — two signs of the solid job done by Philpot-Munson — but they'd like to see a hike in individual giving. Stewart should be able to help there with her knowledge of the community and the people in it.

Miguel Cabrera, the Tigers' newest high-priced acquisition, will make some \$25,000 *per at bat* under his new contract. Stewart, the symphony's newest acquisition, will make about \$29,000 *per year*.

We think she'd be a bargain at twice the price.

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Root out school elections in May

Daffodils and tulips aren't the only things poking up through the snow and mud this year. So are May school elections in some districts that are determined to keep them separate from traditional August and November state and federal elections.

That could change. H.B. 4507 would require that all school elections be held in November, but following a confusing set of amendments to the bill, it has languished in the state Senate since late November.

It's become increasingly apparent that the business of running a school district is no bed of roses. It's time for the Legislature to prune that bill of unnecessary amendments and insist that school districts hold their elections in November.

That time frame is fiscally responsible and ensures a greater turnout of voters.

Previous state legislation that took effect in January 2005 consolidated elections, requiring that they be held only in May, August and November. Gone were the days of June elections — and “do-over” votes when bond issues failed.

The response has been mixed. According to the Oakland County Clerk's office, 18 school districts have switched to November elections.

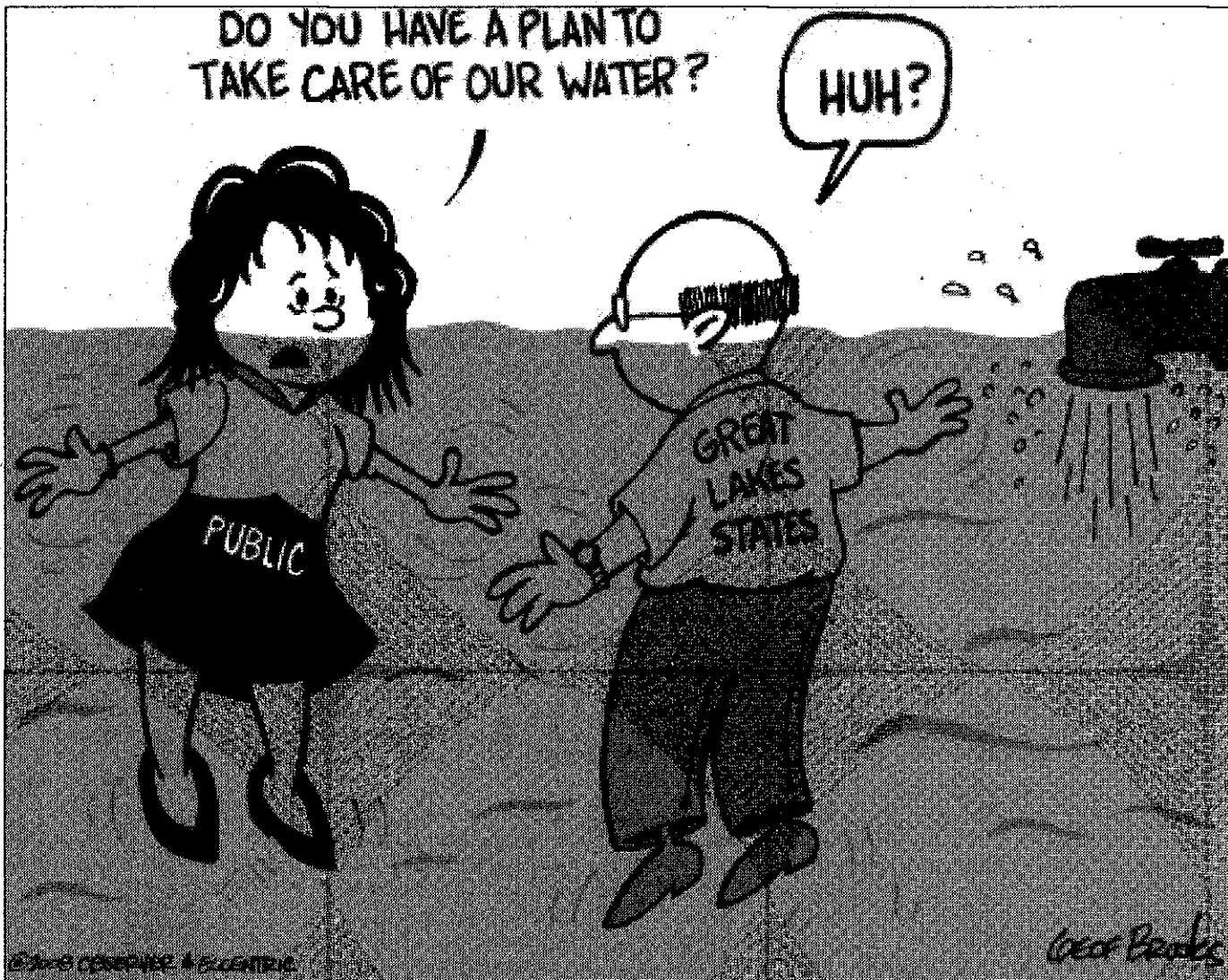
Those districts are hoping to avoid a situation like that in Wayne County's Redford Union district, which faces a deficit and had little choice but to move the election to November. Doing so reduces costs by sharing the financial burden with other governmental units.

Some districts, like Plymouth-Canton and Garden City, are trying to minimize the cost by holding their May elections every other year instead of yearly, starting in 2009.

The thinking is that odd-year May elections keep education issues and candidates off of crowded ballots. Unfortunately, that doesn't help improve the traditionally low turnout for school elections.

After all, that is what elections are about — hearing the collective voice of the public.

It's up to the Legislature, and reticent districts like Ferndale and Clawson, to plant a sound foundation for school elections by moving them to November.



LETTERS

Consider 'American' residents

Now that our township board will have more time to research the Hindu temple expansion, I'm hoping that they take into consideration our American residents and how it affects their quality of life — having to share the Hindu religion with a large building in their eye sight.

With all the open property in the township I don't see why this temple can't be built somewhere else on Canton land? I still think it's a shame we had to lose a civil servant that posed a question about their religious beliefs and their insistence of her firing. The township lost more than just an understanding fighter for us and our well being.

Let's just hope this “time out” in approving their building will satisfy everyone on both sides.

Robert Denstedt
Canton

Blame governor, not McCotter

I currently work four months out of the year paying taxes for the “free gifts” that your featured freshman Sean Fitzpatrick thinks are services that the government should provide (“High school freshman's blog makes a case against McCotter,” March 23). I'd like to recommend that he research Michigan's tax policies and see if there is any correlation between that and why people and businesses are leaving the state in record numbers.

I don't fault him for being a liberal, but while he is spending so much time on an effort to defeat Thaddeus McCotter maybe he should look at our fine governor's record. I have worked in Michigan for 35 years and have never seen us as one of the worst states to live and do business in as we are now. There is plenty of blame to go around and maybe Sean can do something about fixing it. I'd make a small bet that one of his parents is a tenured teacher.

Peter Marin
Canton

So long Texas Corral

I am one Canton resident that is glad the Texas Corral restaurant is closed. I have been there three times and all three times was dissatisfied with the service as well as the food. I even told the management that and they didn't care. Hopefully, another restaurant can take the place over. We need a good rib place in the Canton area.

R. King
Canton

Let jury decide

I would like to know why the *Observer* has turned into the PR agent for Letkemann.

First, and most egregious, the *Observer* broadcasts a page one headline implying that Letkemann is innocent.

After reading the article below the attention-drawing headline, it turns out this is only about trying to pressure the prosecutor into dropping the first-degree murder charge and instead making it second-degree murder. What a crock!

Why is this so important that it has to be put on page one as a headline? Are you trying to unduly influence the jury and the

prosecutor?

Next we are constantly getting letters to the editor implying that poor Letkemann is being railroaded since he apparently is still charged with first-degree murder.

I am not an attorney, but the last I heard, lie detector tests (and their results) are not allowed in court. Apparently the courts do not allow lie detector tests since they are not reliable.

The trial can determine if Letkemann should be charged with first-degree murder. The prosecutor may have additional evidence showing that a first-degree murder charge is warranted. Let the court and the jury decide.

Bill Piner
Plymouth Township

Pass energy standards

It is critical that the Michigan Legislature pass the 10 percent by 2015 Renewable Energy Standard and the Energy Efficiency Standards now!

The delay in passing this legislation decreases Michigan's chances of addressing global warming, protecting the Great Lakes, attracting renewable energy investors to the state, and reviving our struggling economy with clean energy jobs.

There are seven new coal plant proposals on the table, and the longer we wait to pass these bills, the more likely it becomes that Michigan will build another dirty coal plant.

It is time for this great state to leave coal where it belongs, in the past, and move forward to a 21st Century energy future.

Kerry Griffith
Plymouth

Reform Public Act 141

Lost in all the talk about alternative and renewable energy is the way to energy policy and economic revitalization. The reform of Public Act 141 is our only hope.

Reform to PA 141 will help pump billions of dollars into the state's economy, creating thousands of construction and operational jobs in Michigan by building much needed power plants that will be regulated to keep the price affordable to Michigan consumers. But, unfortunately, these projects cannot begin until the barriers created by PA 141 are removed.

Many people believe that reforming PA 141 will cut consumer choice. On the contrary, the notion to establish a 10 percent cap on the amount of electricity alternative supplies can provide leaves a lot of room for consumers to choose different suppliers. Note that only 3 percent of customers are on the choice program, but all customers are paying for it.

The cap would preserve the freedom for customers to find the company that best fits their needs while providing stability for large utility companies, allowing them to focus on financing new power plants.

When considering Michigan's current issues, it only makes sense to support the reform of PA 141.

James K. Maki Jr.
Farmington Hills

No is the answer

Say yes to seat the delegates that were elected in the January Michigan primary.

The current whining by the Democrat Party to “re-vote” reminds me of grade school kids. We can all remember a child who did poorly on a test and then peppered the teacher with requests to do a “makeup test.” These kids were sickening, by asking for special consideration, as if their life was ruined if they did badly on one test.

Are two of these children now running for the Democrat Party presidential candidacy? Or is it the leaders of the Democrat Party who haven't trusted voters to choose the “correct” candidate (Clinton). None of the whining or maneuvering within the primary process seems “presidential” in any stretch of my imagination.

Before the Michigan primary, the delegate counts were: Clinton won 24 (36 percent), Obama won 25 (37 percent).

Of Michigan's 156 delegates, Clinton won 80 and Obama won one, because he took his name off the ballot. The most unpresidential decision he could make, unless of course he was acting as a puppet of the Democrat Party leaders. Currently (excluding Michigan and Florida), Clinton has 1,245 (46.3 percent) and Obama has 1,415 (52.7 percent) of the pledged delegates.

There are still 55 uncommitted Michigan delegates. That leaves three options:

1. The best solution. Leave the Michigan delegates as they were voted. The national Democrat Party made the rules, Obama chose not to participate, and the public voted. Everyone made adult choices. The results are what they are! Let's move on. This option should also include deleting a percentage of Michigan superdelegates (proportional to the uncommitted delegates).

2. Assign the 55 uncommitted delegates to the naive candidates that were convinced to remove their names from the ballot. Assign delegates based on the percentages won in primaries prior to the Michigan vote. Obama would get most of the uncommitted votes, but this process may not match the agenda of the national Democrat Party nor give him a clear delegate win.

3. Revote. If Michigan Democrat voters get a chance to revote with only Clinton/Obama on the ticket, why shouldn't other states revote now that only two candidates remain? If a revote happens, most likely candidates will win similar percentages of the vote, meaning neither candidate would gain the 2,025 delegates needed to win. So what's the point?

Lynn McLean
Troy

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QUOTABLE

“It is gratifying to work for a board that comes together to discuss issues. Yes, everyone has a Democrat or a Republican hat or a local community hat, but it's much more about issues. We don't get into the stranglehold the legislature was in trying to work out last year's budget.”

- Paul Tait, executive director of SEMCOG, which is celebrating 40 years of regional planning in Southeast Michigan

Government must be more transparent on spending

Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis once said that "sunshine is the best antiseptic." He's absolutely correct.

That attitude has been the inspiration for Michigan's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Open Meetings Act (OMA). The inspiration behind this legislation is simple: the more informed citizens are, the better equipped they will be to make decisions in their day-to-day lives. And the more trust they will have in their government. That's especially true when it comes to information regarding citizens' hard-earned tax dollars.

That is why I recently announced that my office is the first in state government to provide detailed information on how our tax dollars are being spent. We have done this by establishing a new page on our Web site (www.michigan.gov/ag) called "Track Your Taxes."

"Track Your Taxes" enables anyone in Michigan to go online and learn about the expenditures by the Attorney General's office. The 15 pages of information list the following categories: equipment, rent, contracts, salaries, wages and insurance and fringe benefits.

By clicking on the line titled "Service Contracts," citizens can learn about every single contract our department has entered into, including legal services such as Special Assistant Attorneys General and expert witnesses.

For example, citizens will now be able to go online and look at the name of the vendor, the type of service being provided, the term of contract, the amount of the contract, how much has been spent and how much is still outstanding on each and every contract.

I am pleased that consumer advocate Ralph Nader has joined me in urging Gov. (Jennifer) Granholm to take the next step and make our state agency and department spending as open and transparent as possible.

The State of Michigan has made a modest first step in this direction by providing some information on the Department of Management and Budget's Web site. But the information provided is far from thorough. What transparency requires is a detailed listing of all expenditures, so citizens can see down to the item where their hard-earned tax dollars are going.

An example of what Michigan should strive for is the state of Missouri's site, which can be

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found by going to www.mapyourtaxes.mo.gov. A handful of other states have already created comprehensive, searchable databases detailing how their tax dollars are spent.

Even the federal government has made important progress on this issue. As a result of legislation sponsored by Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois and Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, the federal government has launched www.usaspending.gov to allow transparency in federal spending.

Why can't Michigan be a leader when it comes to transparency and open government? After all, we were one of the first states in the nation to adopt the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act.

State Rep. Jack Hoogendyk has introduced legislation to create a Web site that provides information on state expenditures. I urge readers to contact your state senator and representative and encourage them to support this effort at open government.

Providing all of Michigan's citizens with access to all government expenditures is the FOIA and OMA of the 21st century. And it's the ultimate in consumer protection. As every family struggling to make ends meet knows, you'll never get a handle on your budget until you first know where the money goes. That is precisely what my effort to detail government spending sets out to accomplish.

My hope is that once the State of Michigan adopts transparency in spending and makes all expenditures available online, the practice will then spread to local units of government such as cities and counties, even local school boards and county road commissions.

There's no reason why Michigan can't be a national leader in providing our citizens with easy, online access to all state government expenditures. This week, Sunshine Week, is the perfect time to follow the wisdom of Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis and let the sun shine in on government spending, so everyone can follow the money.

Mike Cox is the Michigan attorney general. He lives in Livonia.



Obama speech offers an explanation – and a vision

While sorting out a basement shelf a few weeks ago, I came across a class photo from my elementary school days.

There we were, all scrubbed, all smiling, all white.

It's different for my son.

His second-grade class is truly diverse.

It's diverse in terms of race — not just white-black, but white-black-Asian. It's diverse in terms of religion — not just Christian-Jewish, but Christian-Jewish-Muslim-Hindu. It's diverse in terms of culture, containing not just the North American-born, but those from Europe and the Far East as well.

In short, it's the true melting pot. Yet the suburban Oakland County community in which we live is far more Oyster Bay than Ellis Island.

I've thought about all these things a lot these past few days, especially in the wake of Barack Obama's speech on race.

Like him or not, vote for him or not, the Illinois senator touched on some uncomfortable truths about our attitudes, all our attitudes, on race. He also offered an example of how we can transcend those attitudes and move, however haltingly, toward the future.

In part, he himself is the proof. His pastor may have railed on (not entirely inaccurately) about how power in America is concentrated in the hands of "rich white men."

But millions of Americans, white and black, rich and poor, are more than ready to hand the most powerful office in the land to Obama. Millions of others, just as diverse, are willing to give that job to Hillary Clinton.

That just hasn't happened before. To think that choice isn't the product of an evolving America is neither true nor correct.

Of course, injustices linger and old attitudes die hard.

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Nor can we continue to avoid the real issues of poverty and privilege in our society.

My son's classmates, whatever their race, color or creed, are afforded a much better education than many of their peers, even some who live just a few miles down the road.

Our families, stressed as they might be by Michigan's horrid economy, still have better access — and more choices — regarding health care than do many of our neighbors, especially those who have lost their jobs.

Too many Americans continue to fall behind, too many remain isolated by race, culture or creed.

Yet when I look at my son and his classmates, I see a vision of that new America, one where all can live and learn together.

It's the kind of America to which I pledged allegiance — at least in principle — in my all-white classroom those many years ago.

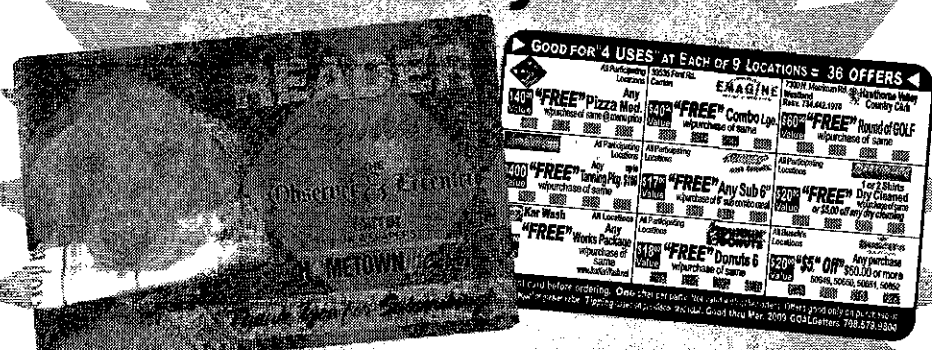
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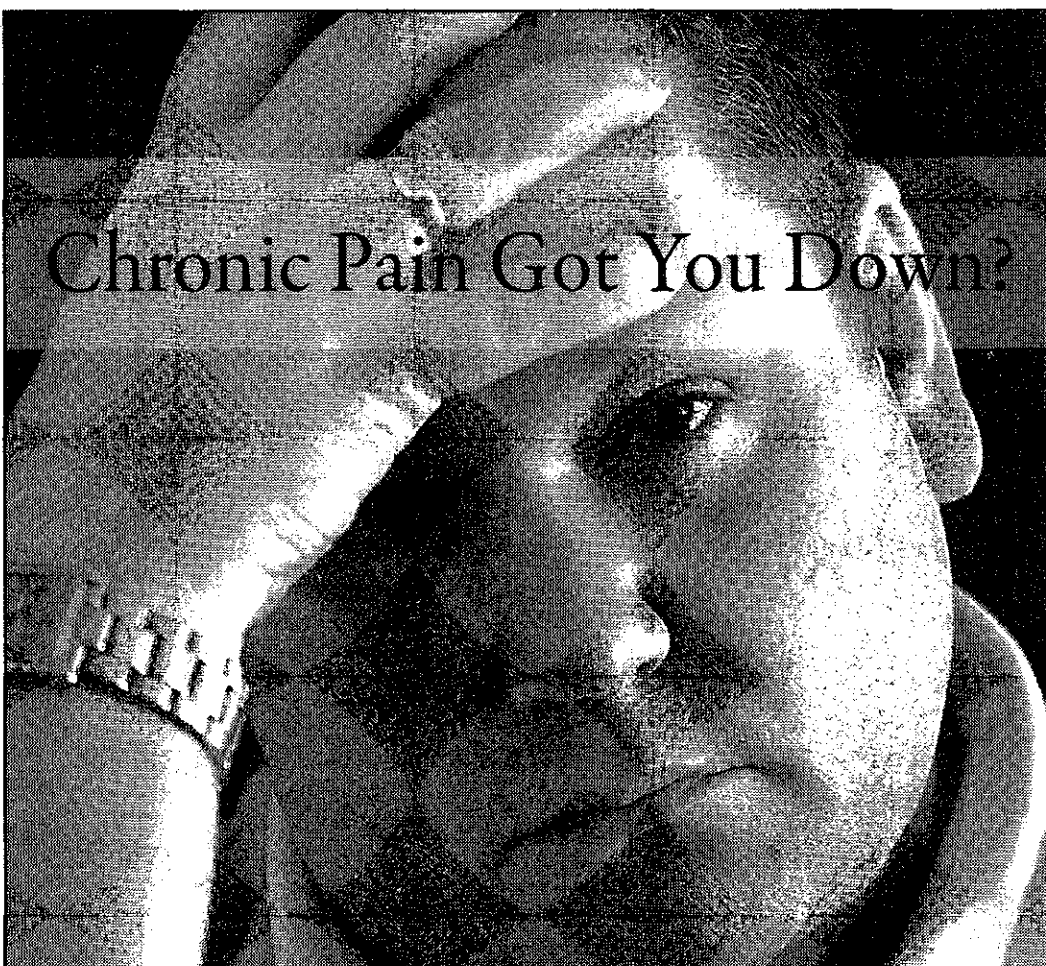
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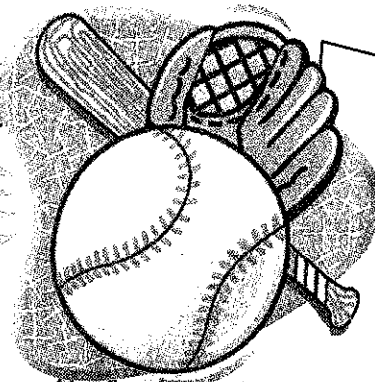
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2008 OHL Playoffs: Plymouth vs. Kitchener

Rangers seize commanding 3-0 advantage

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

By the time you read this article, the Plymouth Whalers have either: A) set the groundwork for a dramatic comeback in their Ontario Hockey League first-round playoff series against Kitchener; or B) unlaced their skates for the last time until training camp in August.

Heading into Wednesday night's Game 4 at Compuware Arena, the Whalers' backs were against the proverbial boards as they trailed 3-0 in the best-of-seven series against the No. 1-seeded Rangers. (Wednesday night's results can be found on www.hometownlife.com.)

If a Game 5 is necessary, it will unfold Friday beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Kitchener. Game 6 — again, if necessary — would be played at Compuware Arena on Saturday with a 7:05 p.m. start.

A climactic Game 7 would be played Monday on the Rangers' home ice.

Last Monday before 5,659 at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium, the Whalers dropped a 7-3 decision to the Rangers as Matt Halischuk tallied two goals — his fourth and fifth of the series — for the winners.

The Rangers surged to a 2-0 first-period lead on goals from Mike Duco and Mikkel Boedker, and never looked back to secure a 3-0 series advantage.

Kitchener led 4-2 after 40 minutes.

Chris Terry paced the locals' offensive attack with a pair of goals. The high-scoring center also assisted on Joe McCann's second-period net-finder.

Nazem Kadri, Justin Azevedo and Mike Mascioli found the back of the net for the Rangers, who received solid goal-tending from Josh Unice, who stopped 20 of the 23 shots he faced.

Jeremy Smith made 25 saves for the Whalers.

On Saturday in Plymouth, Kitchener prevailed 6-4, in a game that was highlighted by missed opportunities by the Whalers.

Plymouth failed to capitalize on a pair of golden second-period scoring chances — a two-minute, two-man advantage situation and a penalty shot — that ultimately led to the two-goal defeat.

The Whalers outshot their foes 40-38, making it just the fifth time all season the Rangers had been outshot.

Terry gave the hosts a 1-0 lead 8:14 into the contest off assists from Andrew Fournier and Jozef Sladok.

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WALT DMOCH

Plymouth Whalers forwards A.J. Jenks (foreground) and Patrick Lee fail to slip the puck past Kitchener goalie Steve Mason during Saturday's 6-4 Ranger win at Compuware Arena.



NATALIE SHAVER

Plymouth Whalers center Chris Terry visited 16-year-old Redford Township resident Bobby Suvoy just a few hours before the team's March 15 home game against Sarnia. Suvoy was originally scheduled to attend the game with several family members and friends, but worsening affects of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis prevented the trip to Plymouth.

ONE COOL ASSIST



Plymouth Whaler Chris Terry on the ice.

THE BOOK ON TERRY

Name: Chris Terry;
Age: 18;
Hometown: Brampton, Ontario;
Drafted by Whalers: second round (29th overall) of the 2005 OHL draft;
Drafted into NHL: fifth round (132nd overall) by Carolina in 2007 draft;
Accomplishments: The 5-10, 187-pound center registered a team-high 101 points (44 goals and 57 assists) during the '07-08 regular season, which ranked him sixth in the entire Ontario Hockey League;
Favorite hockey movie: "Mystery, Alaska";
Who inspires him?: "My parents, definitely. My dad was a very good hockey player growing up. He was drafted into the CHL, but couldn't play. My parents have helped me every step along the way."
Most memorable moment with Whalers: "Winning the OHL title last year. It was a phenomenal feeling, the way everybody on the team came together for one goal."

Whalers' Terry brightens the life of seriously ill Redford teenager

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The capital "A" that's sewn into Plymouth Whaler center Chris Terry's jersey stands for "Alternate captain," but it could just as easily have stood for "Angel" one afternoon earlier this month.

With a pivotal Ontario Hockey League game against Sarnia looming less than six hours away, Terry hopped in a car driven by Whalers Sales and Marketing Administrator Natalie Shaver on March 15 and the two made an improvised 25-minute trek to the home of 16-year-old Redford Township resident Bobby Suvoy, who was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in August.

Earlier in the week, the Whalers had donated 20 tickets to that night's game to Suvoy's family and close friends. However, the paralyzing affects of the usually fatal condition — better known as Lou Gehrig's disease — prevented Suvoy from making the trip to Compuware Arena where he was to meet Terry (his favorite player) prior to the game against the Sting.

Emotional meeting

When the Whalers' No. 1 scorer met his No. 1 fan that afternoon, it was difficult to say whose life was enriched

more — Terry's or Suvoy's.

"I can't say enough nice things about what Chris did that day and what he's done for my son since," said Bob Suvoy, Bobby's dad. "Bobby was smiling the entire time Chris was there and he was smiling long after he left."

"Even though Chris had a game later that day, he stayed for more than an hour to visit with Bobby. Since then, he's given out shouts to Bobby when he's been interviewed on TV during and after games. I'll tell you what, it brings tears to my eyes thinking about it."

Two-way inspiration

Terry, the Ontario Hockey League's sixth-leading scorer during the regular season (101 points), said the visit was a life-changing experience for him.

During the meeting in Suvoy's sports-themed bedroom, Terry pledged to try to score a goal for Bobby and — for further inspiration — he wrote the following phrase on the stick he used that night: "Do it 4 Bobby."

"Meeting Bobby helped show me how valuable life is and how we should cherish it," said Terry. "It helped me realize how good I have it and how fast things can change."

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Sidelines

Plymouth Wildcat baseball camp

The Plymouth High School baseball team will be hosting its annual Spring Training Baseball Camp Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the school's baseball complex.

The camp is open to the first 100 kids in grades third through eighth that register. The fee is \$50, which includes a camp T-shirt and lunch.

The camp is designed for aspiring young players who are looking to improve their skills for the 2008 season and beyond. It will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun and learning environment.

Camp attendees will receive instruction from the Plymouth coaching staff and players.

Among the topics covered will be mental preparation and plate discipline; base running; and infield and outfield play.

There will also be controlled scrimmage games.

For more information, call John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.

PCS Lacrosse

Face-Off Classic

The inaugural Plymouth-Canton-Salem Face-Off Lacrosse Classic will be held Saturday at the PCEP varsity stadium. Competing in the scrimmage will be Salem, Canton, Plymouth, Grosse Ile, Holland and Vicksburg.

Games are set to begin at 9 a.m. and will run until 2 p.m.

Admission is free.

Bridges saluted

Madonna University senior forward D.J. Bridges (Canton High) recently earned 2008 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) honorable mention All-America honors in men's basketball.

The 6-foot-3 Bridges, who averaged 18.9 points and 6.9 rebounds per game, was named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's first-team.

He saved his best game for last, setting a new career-high with 36 points in a late-season game against Cornerstone.

Bridges ended his career in the top five all-time at MU in scoring, rebounds and blocked shots.

The Crusaders wrapped up the best season in school history, posting a 19-13 record, their first winning season in the program history. MU also set a new benchmark for WHAC wins with 10.

Up, up and a-Waid

Ex-Chief Waidmann making big strides in decathlon at EMU

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you placed the tools of Brad Waidmann's athletic trade at the feet of someone ignorant to the sport of collegiate track and field, they'd probably guess they were the instruments of a mighty warrior.

In Waidmann's case, that presumption wouldn't be far from the truth.

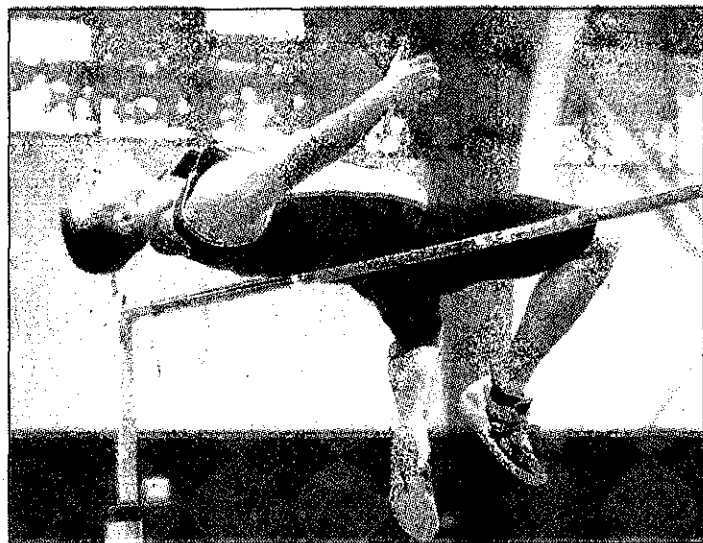
Armed with a spear-like

javelin, a 16-pound metal ball (for the shot put), an air-slicing discus and a set of muscles that can run and throw far and fast, the former multi-sport star at Canton High School and current Eastern Michigan University senior is one of the Mid-American Conference's top performers in the decathlon, a 10-event competition that requires a warrior-like body and mindset.

The decathlon menu consists

of a 1,500-meter run, discus, shot put, pole vault, long jump, high jump, javelin, 110 hurdles, 400-meter run and 100-meter dash.

Earlier this month, Waidmann tied for first in the heptathlon at the MAC Indoor Championships at EMU. Even though the heptathlon is a scaled-down version of the decathlon — it consists of seven events, not 10 — the show-

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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Canton graduate Brad Waidmann has worked his way into becoming a top-flight decathlete at Eastern Michigan University. A senior, Waidmann tied for first at the Mid-American Conference indoor championships in February.

Arctic Edge skaters shine at championships

When the World Ice Dancing Championships ended last week in Gothenburg, Sweden, three teams that train at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton had placed among the 10 best in the world.

One of those teams, Canadian national champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, earned the world silver medal in only their second appearance at the event.

At ages 18 and 20, respectively, they are the youngest team ever to win a medal at the World Championships.

"We were just excited to go to the Senior World Championships as the Canadian champions," said Virtue. "Being the silver medalists here is a great accomplishment that caps off a wonderful season for us."

"We were well-prepared by our coaches, Igor Spilband and Marina Zoueva, so we were ready to compete," said Moir. "Relaxing, enjoying our skating and skating our best was our goal. Winning the free dance portion and the silver medal at the World Championships is a dream come true for us."

Tanith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto, five-time United States ice-dancing champions, two-time World Bronze Medalists and Olympic silver medalists, were slated to be the champions of the world this year, but due to an unfortunate and unexpected fall in the first portion of the competition — the compulsory dance — they had a lower placement than expected to start out with and had a lot of points to make up.

With the difficult competi-

tion they faced in Sweden, Belbin and Agosto could not catch up to the leaders in spite of skating well in the next two segments and ultimately placed fourth.

"We are proud of ourselves for not giving up and were especially pleased with our free dance tonight," said Belbin.

"The free dance was good," added Agosto, "and we only missed being bronze medalists by...less than half a point."

"Tanith and Ben were very good in the free dance, especially," said Spilband. "We will all work hard next year to help them get back on the podium."

U.S. silver medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White skated fast and close together with great unison, which was noticed and rewarded by the judges at worlds. Davis and

White started out in seventh place and ended in sixth after the free dance portion of the competition.

"This is a great finish for us in only our second year at the Senior World Championships," said White.

"All of our skaters handled themselves well in Gothenburg given their various circumstances," said Spilband. "We are looking forward to another year of excellent training and to more great and exciting skating from all our teams both here and at home in Canton."

The 2006 national champions and 2007 U.S. pairs skating bronze medalists Brooke Castile and Ben Okolski, who train with coach Johnny Johns at the Arctic Edge, placed 11th in the hotly contested pairs skating event in Sweden.

WAIDMANN

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ing was an eye-opening one for the former Chief.

"The key to being a good decathlete is that you have to be an all-around athlete and Brad certainly is that," said EMU head track and field coach Brad Fairchild. "Brad's one of those guys who when you show him how to do something, he gets it the first time."

For example, when Brad came here as a freshman, he had never pole-vaulted before. Now he's clearing close to 15 feet, which would probably win the state tournament (in high school). He can get up really well for someone who is 6-foot-3 and over 200 pounds."

It was Waidmann's performance in his self-proclaimed "weakest event" that earned him the first-place tie at the March 1 MAC meet.

"Going into the last event — the 1,000-meter run — if the leader (Akron's Daniel Kinsey) beat me by more than six seconds, I would have finished second overall," recalled Waidmann. "If he would have beaten me by less than six seconds, I would have finished first by myself."

"Well, as it turned out, I ran my personal-best by 13 seconds and he beat me by exactly six seconds, so we tied."

Considering the volume of events and the short time span competitors are allotted to finish them, it's not surprising that elite Olympic decathletes are widely considered "the world's best athletes."

The decathlon is broken up into a two-day competition

with five events each day, so perseverance and endurance are essential.

"Decathletes have to be like golfers in a way," Fairchild said. "If you have a bad event — or if a golfer hits a bad shot — you have to forget about it and move on to the next one or it will come back and haunt you."

"Brad had a difficult time doing that at first, but he's gotten better with time."

"The toughest part is probably waking up at 8 a.m. the second day and everybody else on the team is sleeping in because they don't have to compete until later in the day," Waidmann said, smiling. "You get out to the track and there's hardly anybody there, so you have to be self-motivated."

"Then, later in the day when it's about 85 degrees and sunny, the sprinters are loving it because it's ideal running conditions for them. But we're on our ninth or 10th event and totally exhausted. I love it, though."

Waidmann is already getting a jump start on his future career as a physical education instructor as he's served as an assistant track coach at Discovery High School in Canton the past two springs.

Fairchild said he anticipates a stellar spring on the track for Waidmann as the Eagles attempt to defend their MAC outdoor crown.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how well Brad does," the veteran coach said. "I think he's going to do really well. He's very good in seven of the 10 events and he's improved a lot in the other three."

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TERRY

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Life changed at an alarmingly fast pace for the Suvoy family late last summer when the popular, athletic teenager started experiencing symptoms of ALS, which usually strikes individuals two to three times his age.

Within months, Suvoy, who would be a sophomore at Redford Thurston High School, was bed-ridden. He is currently receiving hospice care and is reliant on a breathing machine.

The grim diagnosis proved unbelievable for those close to Suvoy as well as many of the most knowledgeable neurologists across the country.

"We talked to a lot of doctors all over and only one — a doctor at Johns Hopkins in Maryland — had ever seen someone as young as Bobby with this disease," said Bob Suvoy. "We've taken him everywhere we can and tried

everything we can, but ..."

Typical Terry

The act of kindness Terry exhibited March 15 surprised no one who knows the personable 18-year-old native of Brampton, Ontario.

"Chris is not only a great player, he's a great kid," said Pete Krupsky, the team's director of communications. "Nothing he does in a charitable way off the ice surprises anyone that knows him."

A fifth-round pick of the Carolina Hurricanes in the 2007 National Hockey League draft, Terry enjoyed a breakout regular season for the Whalers, registering 44 goals and 57 assists.

He also notched a number of key points during the team's run to the OHL title in 2006-07.

"Last year, playing with guys like (Tom) Sestito, (Evan) Brophy and (Jared) Boll, I was a member of the supporting cast," said Terry. "This year, with those guys

gone, Andrew Fournier and I knew we needed to raise our games up a bit."

"Team-wise, I think we've exceeded a lot of people's expectations. Some of our critics were saying we'd be lucky to make the playoffs, so we've proven them wrong. We were in the fourth or fifth slot until the last weekend of the season."

Although Terry couldn't deliver Suvoy a goal on the night of March 15, he plans on delivering something just as meaningful to his devoted fan once the Whalers' season is over.

"I still have the stick that I used that night in my locker," said Terry. "I'll keep it for inspiration until the season's over, then I'd like to give it to Bobby."

Of all the meaningful assists Terry records this season, that one may rank No. 1.

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WHALERS

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Kitchener defenseman Yannick Weber knotted things up at 1-all with a blast just inside the blue line at the 14:36 mark of the first stanza.

The Rangers took the lead for good when Kadri and Halischuk scored successive goals late in the first period and mid-way through the second, respectively.

A.J. Jenks banked home a rebound past Kitchener netminder Steve Mason 15:16 into the second period to bring his team to within 3-2, however, Duco, Weber and Kadri netted three straight to put the decision on ice.

Christian Steingraber (from Ryan Hayes) and Patrick Lee (from Fournier) tallied third-period goals for the Whalers, but it proved too little, too late.

Mason kicked away 36 Whaler shots while Smith smothered 22 Ranger attempts.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2008 for the following:

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FY2008 CDBG ACTION PLAN FY 2006 "CAPER"

On April 9, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project proposals. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2008 CDBG program. The funding requests are: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$7,040; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, 20,500; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$3,000; Revival Outreach Center (ROC), \$2,500; Canton Township Leisure Services "Totally Canton Totally Arts," \$2,000; Canton Township Sheldon School playscape and landscaping improvements, \$45,000; Affordable Housing Activities (housing rehabilitation and lot purchase), \$170,860; Construction Contingency, \$20,000; Program administration, \$70,000. Not all project proposals are necessarily listed, and not all projects will be approved or funded at the requested amounts. The FY 2008 CDBG allocation is \$359,835. The FY 2006 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) covers CDBG program activities between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FROM DADCO TO AMEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 2007-185 TUESDAY, APRIL 08, 2008

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 08, 2008, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from DADCO to amend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2007-185. The original application contained certain personal property acquisitions, which did not occur and were replaced with other acquisitions increasing the amount stated in the original application by more than 10%. The facility is located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, April 08, 2008, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

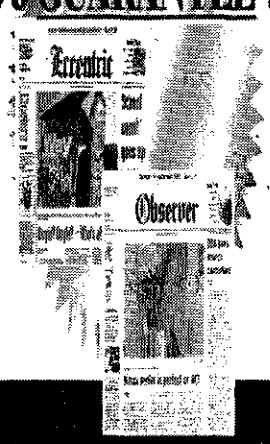
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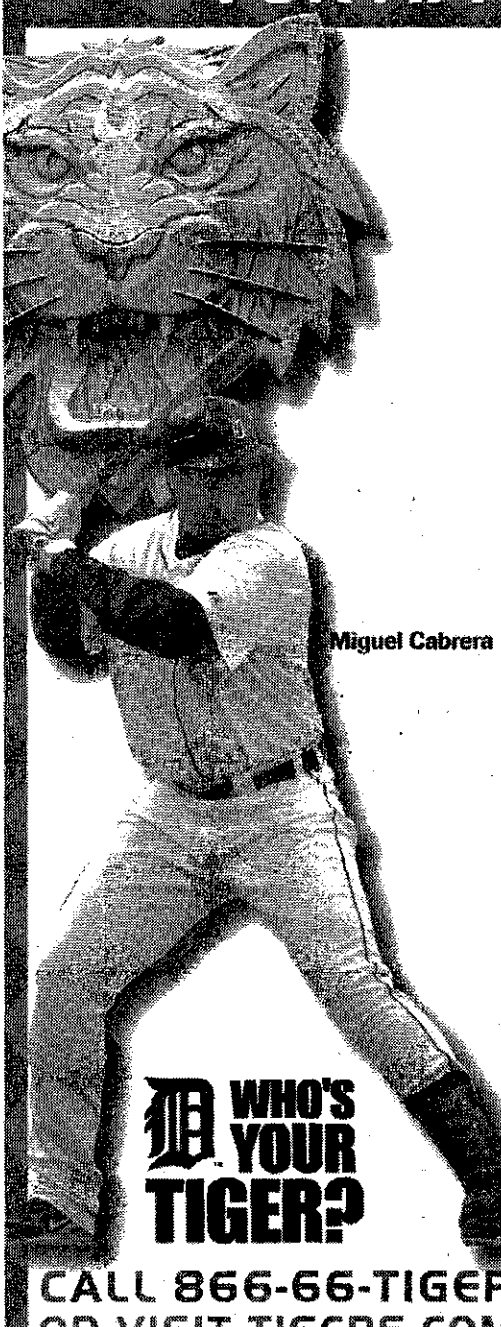


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Detroit Ignition players Jonathan Greenfield (left) and Ze Roberto (right), pictured in a game earlier this season, both played key roles in the team's impressive 29-12 victory over California Saturday night.

Ignition sets record over Cougars

Unlike the weather, the Detroit Ignition is heating up.

The second-year Major Indoor Soccer League squad netted a franchise-record number of goals in its 29-12 triumph over California Saturday night.

The Ignition's seventh-straight victory improved

its record to 19-7 while the Cougars slipped to 9-18.

Defending league scoring titleist Jamar Beasley ignited the goal-rush with a two-point-er 17 seconds after the opening kick. It was the slick-dribbling Beasley's first of five net-finders.

Detroit rookie Leo Gibson

scored a pair of goals in the first quarter to help give his team a 9-2 edge after the opening 15 minutes.

Detroit led 21-8 at the intermission on a Jonathan Greenfield goal.

The Ignition will host the New Jersey Ironmen (13-14) on Friday at Compuware Arena.



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Local Habitat volunteers head to Gulf Coast

BY JULIE BROWN
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Come May, local Habitat for Humanity volunteers will travel to the Gulf Coast to work on areas ravaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"We have 50 people going," said Sally LePla, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, based in Pontiac. "It's amazing. People are paying their own way."

The build, May 11-16, follows a trip the Oakland volunteers took just after the hurricanes struck to Bay St. Louis, Miss., and subsequent visits to work on housing.

"It was pretty much destroyed," Rochester Hills resident LePla said of the area they visited.

For the 25th year, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, will call attention to both the need for affordable housing and Habitat for Humanity's work to help low-income families realize the goal of homeownership.

"While great strides have been made in the recovery efforts since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the work is far from over," said President Carter in a statement. "Along with the thousands of wonderful volunteers, Rosalynn and I look forward to creating not only new houses, but new awareness about the dire need for affordable housing in the Gulf."

Biloxi and Pascagoula, Miss., still recovering from the devastating 2005 hurricane season, will serve as host cities for the build. Volunteers will help construct and rehabilitate 60 houses and frame up to 48 more in the two cities. Houses also will be built and repaired by volunteers in Gulf Coast communities in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Alabama.

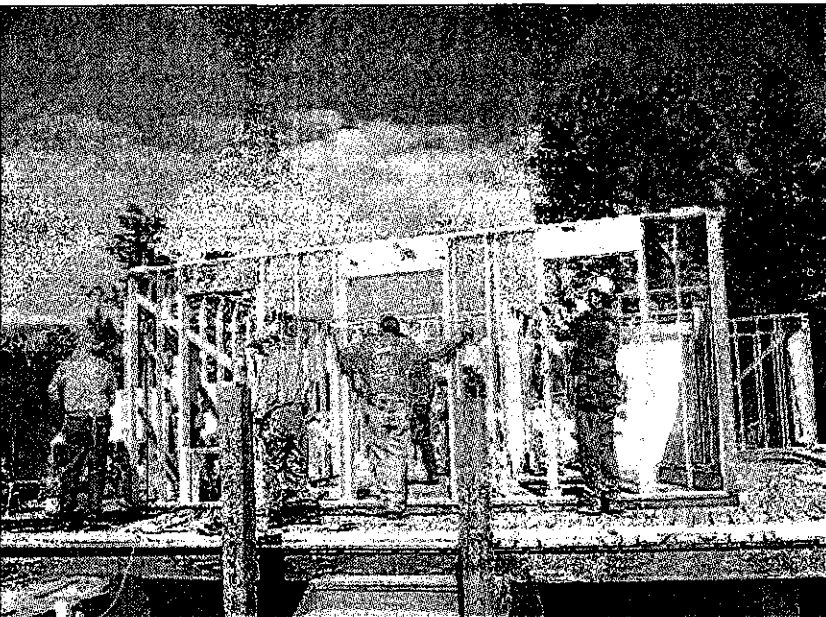
The kickoff will be May 11, LePla said, with home dedication on May 16. "It's an amazing, amazing thing," she said.

LePla will go to Mississippi with the group. She noted the Carters have usually alternated between international and U.S. projects (Los Angeles was last year), but chose to continue with a U.S. effort this year due to the Gulf Coast's great needs. "They are doing the Gulf region that was devastated by the storm," LePla said, adding many local volunteers are using vacation time, paying their own way "and spend that week building."

"We have an incredible volunteer cadre," the Oakland County director said. "They are the ones who raise the walls and raise the tresses."



Ute Brantsch of Detroit, Pat Palmer of Grand Blanc and Mimi Zwolak of Rochester Hills were among those on last year's Habitat trip to Mississippi.



Local volunteers raise walls during a Habitat trip to Mississippi last year.

"Michigan has a high level of giving hearts," LePla added. There will be volunteers from Macomb and Detroit Habitat going as well; local volunteers have worked extensively

in the Gulf region, but this is the first time for the Carter partnership.

Gretchen Hurlbert of Lake Angelus is volunteer coordinator for the Mississippi recovery, and can be

reached as ms@habitatoakland.org. LePla's e-mail is director@habitatoakland.org. The Web site for the Oakland County affiliate is www.habitatoakland.org and the phone is (248) 338-1843.

The local group will go to Hancock County in Mississippi, said Hurlbert, a former teacher who's a retiree like her husband. The local volunteers will likely build two houses, the total group 10 in May. The volunteer spots are filled for the May trip, but another build with local volunteers is planned for November 2008, and those interested should contact Hurlbert via e-mail.

"I would say talk to anybody who's been there," Hurlbert said. "They will convince you" to go.

"It's such a huge event we were able to expand it," said Hurlbert, who's taking her fifth trip to the Gulf Coast with Habitat since the hurricanes hit. "There's still so much need in the Gulf Coast." She and LePla agreed the Carters are helping to draw attention to the region, which some

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Check on giving deed in lieu of foreclosure

Q: We are in the process of defaulting on our construction mortgage. We plan to give the bank our deed in lieu of foreclosure. The bank, however, has an interest reserve account and I am wondering if they can assert any claims on that.

A: In a similar case in Illinois, when the owners defaulted on a construction mortgage and then gave a deed in lieu of foreclosure to the bank, when they subsequently tried to close the account, the bank asserted a right of setoff on the grounds that the construction loan had not been satisfied in full.

In Illinois, the deed in lieu of foreclosure statute provides "acceptance of a deed in lieu of foreclosure shall relieve from personal liability all persons who may owe payment or the performance of other obligations secured by the mortgage" The court held that the statute would have prevented the bank from suing for a deficiency judgment on the debt, but the court interpreted it as not precluding the bank from exercising its setoff right. In that case the parties had entered into a written deed in lieu of foreclosure agreement, in which the bank was to "have no further recourse towards borrowers with regard" to the note and mortgage. The court considered this language to be ambiguous but held that this language, like the statute, did not bar setoff. In short, you should check with a knowledgeable real estate attorney regarding the ramifications of your giving a deed in lieu of foreclosure to close all loopholes.

Q: A number of years ago a water pipe broke, flooding our residence. We hired a contractor, who made substantial repairs and replacements, which did not include mold remediation. We are now in the process of selling our home and must deliver to the buyer a disclosure form. Should we mention the water damage?

A: In a case based on similar facts, a subsequent buyer discovered mold. The Supreme Court of Nevada held that the statute does not require a seller to disclose a defect in residential property of which it is not aware. In that case, the seller was aware that the house once had water damage, but was not aware of the presence of mold at the time of the sale. That case illustrates why a seller's disclosure form is not a substitute for a thorough property inspection conducted by a qualified firm, which does not limit its liability to the amount that you pay for the inspection.

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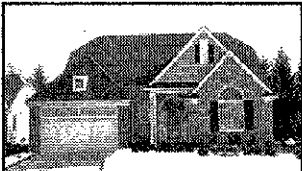
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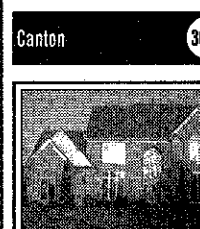
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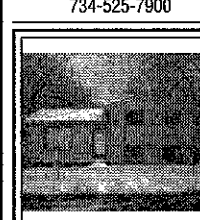
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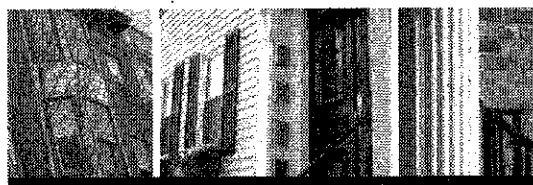
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This is the Habitat house in Mississippi the Oakland volunteers built last year in five days.

HABITAT

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have forgotten.

Hurlbert considers herself fortunate to be able to volunteer: "They're the nicest, most unassuming people in the world," she said of home recipients, who work on their homes during construction. "It's very special."

Local Habitat affiliates of Oakland, Macomb and Detroit jointly held a fund raising concert at The Palace in December 2005, with help of the Detroit Pistons. In sub-freezing temperatures, volunteers stick built a house in the parking lot of The Palace, in one day, the Habitat affiliate in Jackson, Miss., picked a family for that house, and they were flown to Michigan, so that they could get their "ceremonial keys" at the Country Cares Concert. Following the concert, organizers dismantled the house, and shipped it on a truck to Mississippi where it was reassembled and finished for the hurricane victims. Proceeds from the concert were also sent to Mississippi.

Since then, the Oakland Habitat group has maintained a partnership with the group in Bay St. Louis, Miss. That affiliate didn't exist before Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita destroyed or damaged more than half a million houses along the Gulf Coast. According to a 2007 RAND Corp. study, 60 percent of all houses in Harrison County, Miss., which includes Biloxi, were damaged. More than 12,000 FEMA trailers are still in use today throughout Southern Mississippi.

In 2008, the annual, weeklong event was renamed the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project to recognize the former first lady's years of dedicated service to help raise awareness and provide simple, decent and affordable housing in partnership with families in need.

To date, Habitat for Humanity's Gulf Coast Recovery program has completed or begun construction on more than 1,300 houses. In addition to building homes, Habitat also is working to serve as a catalyst, bringing together organizations to address low-income housing and recovery on a scale that Habitat alone would not be able to accomplish. Habitat has also forged other ongoing partnerships and collaborations with community and faith groups and long-term recovery committees in the region. Habitat has partnered with Church World Service to raise funds to repair homes for low-income families and with The Salvation Army to increase building capacity, volunteer accommodations and affordability of homes along the Gulf Coast. Lutheran Social Services and other Katrina Aid Today consortium members are engaged in assisting families in finding appropriate housing solutions, including Habitat homes.

LePla came from a corporate background, and is glad she made the switch to nonprofit work. "I love it out here and I'm a few minutes from work that way," she said of her move into Rochester Hills. She's been on the job with Habitat almost a year. Her mom retired from Michigan Bell and also volunteered for Habitat.

"She inspired me to go into the nonprofit side," LePla said.

Hurlbert has worked on a couple dozen homes in the Pontiac area, and jokes she has "Habitatus maximitis," not curable or fatal. "We can always use volunteers in Pontiac," she added of those not traveling to Mississippi. Volunteers are welcome at all local Habitat affiliates, including Western Wayne's, based in Plymouth, which can be reached online at www.habitatwwc.org or by phone at (734) 459-7744.

Donations can be made online at www.habitat.org.

The Habitat for Humanity Web sites contributed to this report.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers will present the ABCs of Remodeling for all interested homeowners. The event will take place at Doyle Center, 7275 Wing Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills on Tuesday, April 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and is free to everyone. The Center is located just west of Telegraph and north off 14 Mile.

Homeowners will have an opportunity to speak directly with remodelers and to providers of related services. A panel of experts will discuss what homeowners need to know about major and minor remodeling for improvement projects such as kitchens and baths, home additions and insurance repairs. Also included will be information on energy efficiency, cost and financing and how to hire a professional contractor.

The panel of experts includes Mark Renn of H.J. Oldenkamp, John Maloney of BOA Construction, Don Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction, Patty Shea of Shea Company Construction, Tim Smith of Countrywide Bank, FSB, Mike Gordon, A.I.A., of Moiseev/Gordon Architects and Don Bourdeau of Al Bourdeau Insurance. Each expert is a member of BIA and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council.

Exhibitors will be on hand to show their remodeling products and services, including Advance Plumbing & Heating Supply, Affordable Spaces/Four Seasons, Andersen Windows, Carnovale Associates, Closets Plus, Inc., Hinkson Construction Co., Michigan Shelf Distributors, Newmyer Remodeling and Shea Company Construction.

The event is free to everyone. For further information, call the Association, (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Construction Association of Michigan (CAM) present The Southeast Michigan Residential & Commercial Construction Safety Training Workshop on Thursday, April 3, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Total Sports Complex, 30990 Wixom Road in Wixom. The seminar will include how to deal with fall protection, trenching, rigging, masonry, aerial lift, fire protec-

tion, scaffolding, asbestos awareness and more.

Registration is \$75 per person. After March 25, registration is payable at the door only and is \$90 per person. To register, call Joe Forgue at (248) 972-1141 or Sheila Denstaedt at (248) 862-1033. To register online, visit www.cam-online.com or www.builders.org

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training on Wednesday, April 9, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 879 Benjamin, Troy. This house built by Wake-Pratt Construction is on the east side of Crooks Road, north of Square Lake Road.

In this first of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses the technical and sales aspects of Building Green using materials and methods that result in Green Built® certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Design Build" course on Tuesday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS of Builders Professional Services Group, will teach techniques that lead to a well managed, full service building or remodeling business with increased profits and maximized customer satisfaction. He will also discuss the benefits of implementing a design/build strategy and how to make it successful.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Selling to the CAPS Generation, the New Gen X" (Certified Aging-In-Place) on Wednesday, April 16, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

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CAPS, of Builders Professional Services Group, will instruct attendees on how to communicate and interact with this exciting and evolving population and how to do business with one of the fastest growing market segments.

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

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

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

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

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

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a professional maintenance course on "Pool Chemistry and Maintenance" on Thursday, April 17, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

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■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM)

Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "Leasing 101: The 2008 Tour" seminar on Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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

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

'Tools of the Trade'

Real estate author, speaker and expert forecaster Stefan Swanepoel will present his visionary "Top 10 Trends" for 2008 as Realcomp II Ltd. hosts its annual "Tools of the Trade" Expo, Thursday April 10, from 9 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. at the Ford Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. Swanepoel will serve as the Expo's keynote speaker.

Free and open to all Michigan Realtors and support personnel, the all-day, Big Top-themed event will also feature presentations, technological displays and more than 50 exhibitors sharing industry innovations. A catered lunch will be served by Opus to Go.

"Each year, the Expo provides Michigan Realtors with a comprehensive forum for networking as well as discovering new resources and information designed to enhance their business and ability to serve their customers," said Karen Kage, CEO of Realcomp II Ltd. "As attendance for our event continues to grow, we are looking forward to more than 1,000 Realtors joining us this year. 'Tools of the Trade,' we are quite happy to say, has truly become one of Michigan real estate's most anticipated events."

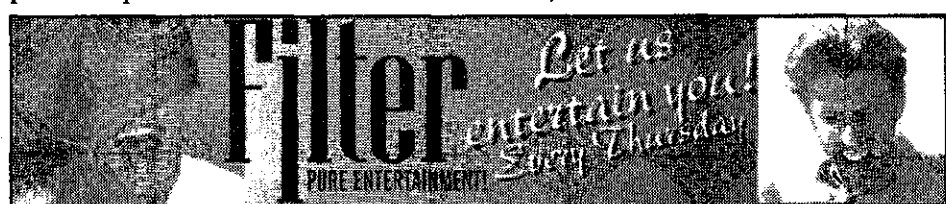
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Broker Summit

The Michigan Association of Realtors will host its sixth annual Broker Summit Conference on April 15-16. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

The 2008 Broker Summit will feature industry speaker Dr. Lawrence Yun, chief economist and senior vice president of Research for the National Association of Realtors.

Also highlighting the event will be John Tuccillo, author of *The Eight New Rules of Real Estate*; Sherry Chris, president and CEO of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate; Steve Harney, industry leader in real estate agent training; Greg McClelland, counsel to the Michigan Association of Realtors; Kelly Myers, of McClelland & Anderson, L.L.P.; Nancy Haynes, director of Fair Housing Center of West Michigan; and Brian Westrin, MAR manager of Legal Affairs. An expert legal panel and MAR update are also scheduled. For more information, visit the MAR Web site at <http://www.mirealtors.com/brokersummit/2008>.



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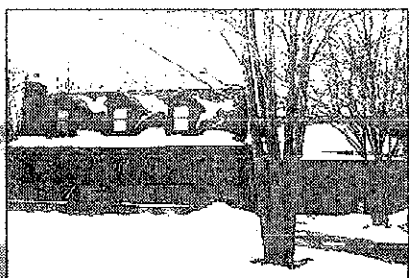
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WHIT LAKE TWP **\$324,900**
Beautiful cape cod! Lg wrap around porch, deck w/ gazebo. Oak hwdw flrs, grmt kit, stone tpic in GR. FFL. Lb w/French drs. Mstr w/lux ba. 3+ car gar. MLS 28041361 248-360-9100



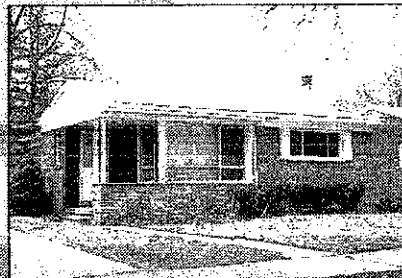
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WATERFORD **\$168,000**
Great 3 BR, 2 BA ranch, in-law ste incl kit, ba, 2 br + private entrance. Bay wndw, spacious BRS. Lots of closets. Oversized garage. Sale or Lease. MLS 28011112 248-360-9100



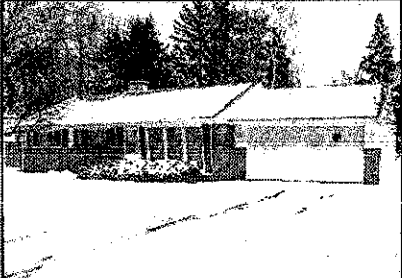
SYLVAN LAKE **\$700,000**
Fab 4 BRs 3 Ba. fin LL WO, hot tub. New chry kit, ss appl. LR w/panoramic view + tpic. Mstr ste w/ tpic hwdw flrs TO. W. Blmtd Schools. 2 car gar. MLS 27202048 248-360-9100



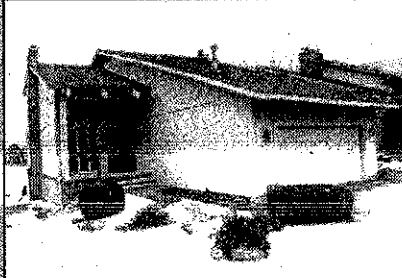
ROYAL OAK **\$189,900**
Sharp 3 BR brick ranch. Hwdw flrs TO main flr. Lrg LR. Awesome 50's eat-in white kit w/appl. Formal DR. Many updates. Lg bsmt. Oversized Garage. MLS 28041366 248-360-9100



WEST BLOOMFIELD **\$259,900**
4 BR in heart of Potomac Village. Nwr kit, white cabs + appl. lg FR w/nat tpic. Drwal off kit. to xtra lg deck for entertaining. Fin bst, plenty of storage. MLS 27193843 248-360-9100



NOVI **\$159,450**
Clean & Neutral 3 BR, Fla Rm, 1150 Sq. Ft. Newer wndws, lg fen yard + screened in porch. All appliances & 1 yr warr incl in sale. 6 Panel Doors. MLS 28017410 248-360-9100



WATERFORD **\$574,500**
100 ft main lk frnt. Elev views of lk. 2 stry, 6 car gar. Fin WO in LL w/1100 + sq. ft. Lakeside mstr w/balc. Cul-de-sac setting on .73 acre. GR w/stone flpl. MLS 28044553 248-360-9100



WEST BLOOMFIELD **\$449,000**
Fantastic brick col. 1st flr mstr. 4 BR, 3.5 BA. LL fin to perfection w/tpic ceiling, wet bar, dance floor. 3 car gar, circ dr. corner lot. Reduced for quick sale. MLS 28033692 248-360-9100



NOVI **\$535,000**
Charming & fab cust home. Cstm lighting, wndw trmmts & shutter. Isl kit w/pantry & s.s. appls. Metal & wood railing. 2-sty GR. DR w/butler cab. MLS 28042442 248-855-2000



TROY **\$415,000**
Ready to move in beautiful 4 BR 2.5 BA col. Spac kit w/appls, upgraded cabs, & dble oven. Mstr BR w/decorative cing & lux upgraded mstr bth w/WIC. MLS 28008113 248-855-2000



FARMINGTON HILLS **\$250,000**
Ceramic floors, new neutral painted GR w/sliding wndws and cathedral ceiling. Newly painted in 2007 in hallway, kit and GR. Kit w/island cook-top. MLS 28026907 248-855-2000



FARMINGTON HILLS **\$284,900**
Beautiful prof Indscpd fenced lot. Lg kit, open flr plan for entertaining. Newer gran t/o. Lg FFL. Upstairs fin bonus rm, huge BA & loft. All BR w/WIC. MLS 28029747 248-855-2000



BLOOMFIELD TWP **\$600,000**
5 cust-tiled full BAs w/grant! HW flrs in lib, GR & FR & stairs! Wet bar in FR. Mstr w/frpt-2 prsn jet tub-sep shwr & WIC! Gorg isl kit w/wine rack, s.s. appl & WIC! MLS 28029947 248-855-2000



FARMINGTON HILLS **\$249,900**
Open car foyer to GR w/soaring cath cing. Updated wndws, Anderson drwl; nwr crptng, rt & siding. Btfully fin bsmt w/1/2 BA-perfect for entertaining! MLS 28041886 248-855-2000



NOVI **\$850,000**
Dramatic sunsets benefit of beautiful home. Filled w/gran & hrdwd pella wndws. W/o bsmt. 2 kits. 2 wet bars. 3 lev decking. 2 frpl. Dock included. MLS 28044020 248-855-2000



FARMINGTON HILLS **\$309,900**
Updated '00 kit w/mpl cabs, gran cnters, s.s. appls, rt, hwdw flrs, cer tile, rcsed lights, mrb t/p, m/bed updt BA, WIC, 2nd BA gran. Fin bsmt w/wet bar. MLS 28017469 248-855-2000



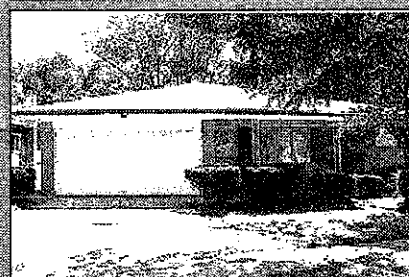
FARMINGTON HILLS **\$299,000**
Perfect for entraining. Spac ranch, kit w/finest cust wd cabs, s.s. appl's, Sub Zero, full cer bkspsh & gran. Wide fyr to GR. Steam shwr & WIC in MBR. MLS 28003603 248-855-2000



SOUTHFIELD **\$165,000**
Large 3 BR, 2 ba ranch in great location! Hrdwd flrs, lovely kit, FR w/frpt & cath ceiling, all appls, loads of updates! One year home warranty. MLS 28022045 248-647-8888



SOUTHFIELD **\$179,900**
Super 5 BR, 2.5 ba home in serene country setting. Newer oak kit, all appls, FR w/frpt, Wallside windows, newer roof, furnace, C/A, roof. More! MLS 28035551 248-647-8888



OAK PARK **\$179,900**
Spacious 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch w/2 car att garage. Updt electrical & furnace. 1st flr laundry. Basement. Close to everything! MLS 27151248 248-647-8888



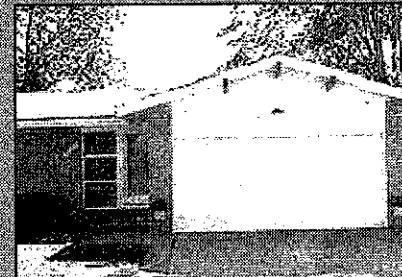
BIRMINGHAM **\$269,900**
3 BR, 2 BA bungalow in Pembroke Park on deep tiered lot. LR/DR combo with elegant marble tpic. Full bath in mstr suite. Prof fin bsmt. Garage. MLS 28032574 248-647-8888



KEEGO HARBOR **\$189,900**
Beautiful 4 BR, 2.5 ba colonial right in the heart of Keego Harbor! Finished daylight basement. Appliances stay. Fresh paint. Prof landscaping. MLS 28024578 248-647-8888



ROYAL OAK **\$158,500**
Updated 2 BR, 1.5 bath end unit condo has many special features! Living room w/tpic. Dining room, Garage, pet friendly! Lavish landscaping & pool. MLS 27193306 248-648-8888



SOUTHFIELD **\$159,000**
Contemporary & classy 3 BR, 2.5 ba brick ranch. Living rm. Family rm w/tpic. New deck, windows, & carpet. Bsmt w/lav. Newer roof. 2 car att gar. MLS 28020863 248-647-8888



BERKLEY **\$129,900**
Charming, cozy ranch w/beautiful stone fireplace, hardwood floors, updated kitchen with appliances, & 1st flr laundry. Newer windows. 2 car garage. MLS 28041271 248-647-8888



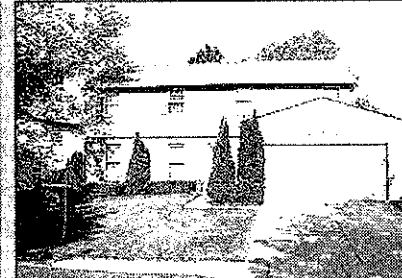
SOUTHFIELD **\$85,900**
Perfect for 1st time buyer or investor! 2 BR ranch w/FR, LR, hardwoods. Updates: roof, furnace, steel entry & storm doors, windows. Garage. MLS 28036120 248-647-8888



CANTON **\$214,900**
Move right in! 3 br, 2.5 BA, newer crpt, newer furn, c/a, kit, lg mstr BA. Beautiful stamped patio, w/ hot tub & retractable awning, gorg fin bsmt. MLS 28038552 734-462-9800



FARMINGTON **\$165,900**
Good value on move in condition town house, cath cings, open staircase, each BR w/priv BA, door wall to rear deck, close to freeway access & dining. MLS 28037660 734-462-9800



NOVI **\$235,000**
4 bedroom col w/all the major updates done! Newer a/c & furn, rt, fin bsmt, deck, BA floors, gran cntr tops, 2 master & 2 full baths. MLS 28044960 734-462-9800



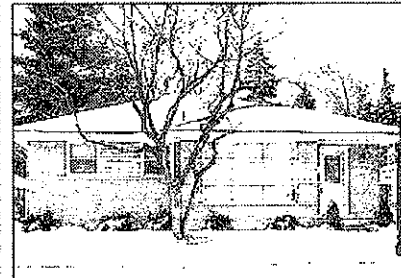
NORTHVILLE TWP. **\$625,000**
Fab 1st floor mstr w/stunning BA & Jacuzzi. Elegant 2 st foyer. Oversized grmt kit w/cherry cabs, detailed midng, lg BRS w/loft. Brick paver patio. MLS 28042292 734-462-9800



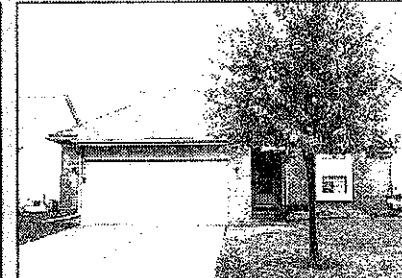
NOVI **\$325,000**
Picture perfect cul-de-sac! 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs, 3 car gar. Updated gran kit, wndws, & drwl, roof. Gorg stamped concrete patio. Beautiful landscaped lot. MLS 28040889 734-462-9800



LIVONIA **\$204,900**
Beautiful ranch, nwr wndws, drwl, wd type firing, rt & c/a. kit w/skylt & BAs are updated. Drwl from DR to paver patio, priv lg yrd, park like setting. MLS 28039137 734-462-9800



REDFORD TWP **\$189,900**
Brick ranch w/updated kit & BAs, newer addition w/gorg GR w/fireplace & master bedroom, finished lower level, large fenced yard with nice deck. MLS 28038317 734-462-9800



COMMERCE **\$239,900**
Open floor plan in this cape cod style condo. New Pergo flooring in kit, cath cing in GR, 3 full baths, gorgeous landscaped yard & deck, full basement. MLS 27175522 734-462-9800



LIVONIA **\$124,900**
Great buy on this cute bungalow. 3 BRs, new roof in 2006, new furn in 2001. Natural flr in large living room, beautiful rear deck on extra large lot. MLS 28034614 734-462-9800



SPRINGFIELD TWP **\$284,900**
Beautiful 4 BR, 2.5 BA home w/vaulted GR and fireplace. Delightful kitchen and breakfast area. Formal dining room. Finished walkout basement. MLS 28031117 248-673-2211



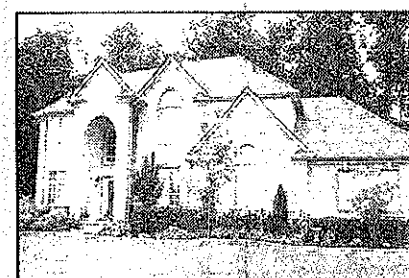
WHITE LAKE TWP **\$264,900**
Beautifully decorated 4 BR, 3.5 bath home, located in Huron Valley School District. Finished basement with exercise room, family room, and storage. MLS 27215658 248-673-2211



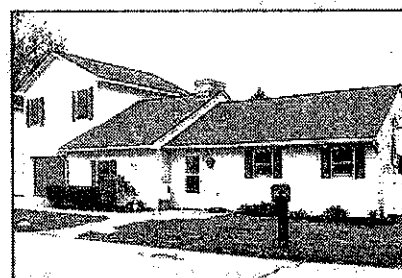
HADLEY TWP **\$224,900**
4 BR, 2.5 BA ranch located in Lapeer School District. Lg mstr BR w/priv deck. Heated, insulated 3 car gar. Great swimming pond w/ sandy beach. MLS 28045819 248-673-2211



WATERFORD TWP **\$182,900**
Spectacular, new construction 4 BR, 3 BA home. Views of pond & wooded lot. Patio, 2 car gar, & stamped concrete driveway. Full bsmt-walkout. MLS 27202859 248-673-2211



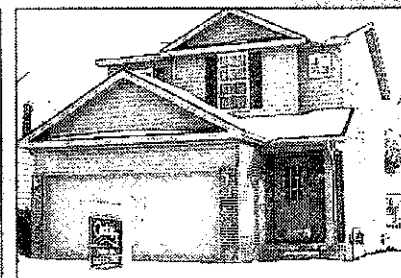
INDEPENDENCE TWP **\$499,999**
Beautiful 4 BR, 3.5 BA home located on 1 acre of private land. Formal DR & living room, French doors to study. 2 story great room with gas fireplace. MLS 28032158 248-673-2211



WHITE LAKE TWP **\$259,900**
Beautifully remodeled 3 BR, 2 BA lakefront home. Hardwood floors throughout. GR w/frpl, lg kit w/ maple cabinets, 4 seasons sunroom with Jacuzzi. MLS 28036789 248-673-2211



REDFORD **\$134,900**
All brick area of Redford! 3 bd, 2.5 ba, updt kit, FR w/gas tpic. Lg BRS w/dbl clsts. Nwr crpt t/o, cprr plumb, c/a, fresh pnt. 2 car gar. Fin. bsmt. MLS 28047933 313-538-2000



REDFORD **\$139,900**
Builder lowest price! Just appraised at 175K! Brand new, quality bit, on quiet street. Lg open flr plan, gr kit, 3 lrg BRS, 1.5 BAs, att 2 car gar, full bsmt. MLS 27224313 313-538-2000



REDFORD **\$129,900**
Updates & extras in this beautiful 1100 s.f. brick ranch. 3 BR, 1 1/2 BAs & fully fin. crptd bsmt. All appls stay. Newer roof & furnace. 2 car gar. Patio. MLS 27209245 313-538-2000



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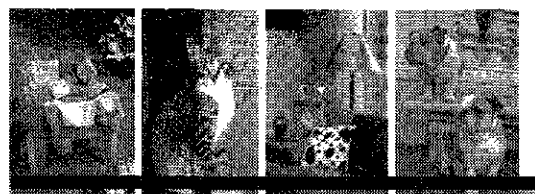




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By Dale Buss

Honda Accord and Toyota Corolla are icons of the Japanese automakers' rise to U.S. market dominance over the last generation — reliable performers on the road, steady draws in the showroom, dependably lauded by public and press alike. And the OEMs have just produced a new generation of each venerable model.

Both makes are facing challenges from proliferating competition and from the fact that they've been around so long — 1966, in the case of Corolla, and since 1976 for Accord. But Toyota and Honda are doing everything they can to make sure that the bulwark vehicles hang onto and even enhance their impressive accomplishments.

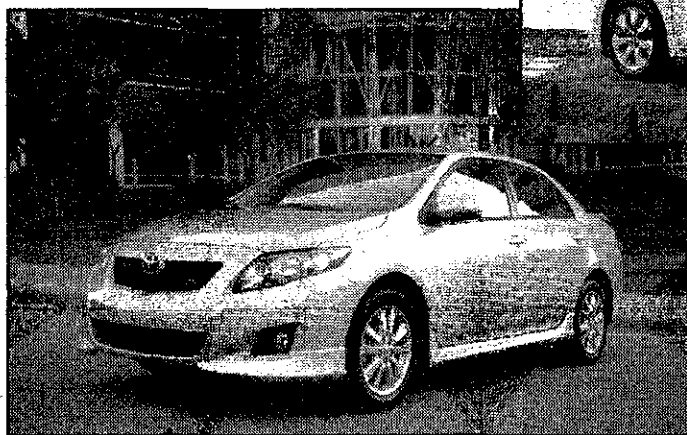
Corolla sales slid by 28% in February and by 24% for the first two months of this year, compared with 2007, while Toyota's overall car sales (including the Scion brand) were off only by 7% and 6%, respectively.

Toyota is trying to thwart the drag on Corolla in at least a couple of ways. First is a new approach to design, expressed in the 2009 version. "It's lower, and the character lines are more flowing," is how Toyota spokeswoman Cindy Knight described it. "It's more aerodynamic than ever before, with a slightly wider stance. It's more eye-catching, because often our styling is called vanilla."

Second, Toyota is goosing Corolla marketing. Its target is "more of a mainstream consumer than for Scion or [Toyota] Matrix," Knight said. Ages are 18 to 49, with a "sweet spot" of 26 years old, a young professional just starting to make it in their field. They're very much into success — and style-conscious. She called Corolla's customer base "youthful, optimistic and upwardly mobile."

As part of identifying with twenty-something targets, Knight explained, Toyota is presenting Corolla "not only as more stylish but also more in tune with their self-image. One of our key tactics is using humor." So TV advertising appears, among other places, on cable TV's Comedy Channel and the

Accord customers are demanding the car's new VCM six-cylinder engine.



Corolla's new marketing takes better aim at twenty-somethings

show Adult Swim.

"Our unifying theme is mock pretension, poking fun at to-the-manor-born silliness," Knight said. Thus, Toyota created a "crest" for the new, tenth-generation model, "Corolla X." And its new ad, popular during the Super Bowl, uses a caricatured old-money backdrop to set up an incongruous demonstration of Corolla's interior quiet featuring a momma badger and a very nervous driver.

Toyota also is ramping up digital-marketing efforts to reach what Knight called Corolla's "very connected audience." That includes advertising online at sites including The Onion, YouTube and Myspace as well as "hosting" some comedy channels on Google, and a growing number of mobile applications. Corolla has 20-some interactive-advertising initiatives, Knight said, more than for any other Toyota nameplate.

Accord sales dropped by about 10% for the first two months of January compared with 2007, while Honda's overall car sales drifted down only by about 1%.

Honda is confident it understands at least a couple factors in Accord's short-term distress. First, with the new model that was introduced in September, the automaker has eliminated the huge incentives it was offering on the nameplate a year ago.

Honda's Gary Robinson, senior product planner, said that Accord incentives last year averaged about

\$1,500. While he said that was "half of what our competitors' incentives were," he noted that "typically for Accord, incentives would be something like \$500." And for the new 2008 model, factory incentives are "zero," he said.

A second reason that Accord's sales numbers have been disappointing so far this year, Robinson said, is that Honda has gotten caught in a bit of a powertrain mismatch. Strong demand for the V6 version "has taken us by surprise," he said. Turnover is very quick for the V6, and grosses are "very high," he said. But while executives are happy about the development, to this point a supply-constrained Honda hasn't been able to keep up with demand.

"Our intuitive expectation about V6 sales as that as the economy declines, you shift lower in terms of mix and engine choices," Robinson said. "But since what we've been losing is compact buyers moving up to Accord, and what we've been gaining is downsizers, it almost goes the other way."

In any event, Honda is still limited by the availability of a few Japanese-made components for the V6. But Robinson said that the company is determined to make more V6s available in the new Accord. "I think if we can produce more, we can sell more," he said.

What about the significantly streamlined styling of the new Accord compared with its predecessors? "So far," he said, "we've gotten almost 100% good feedback on the styling."

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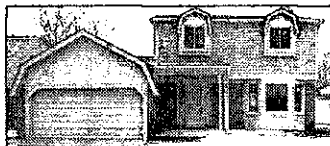
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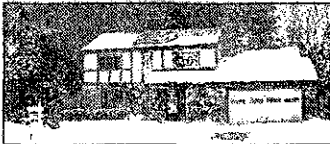
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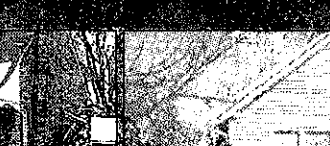
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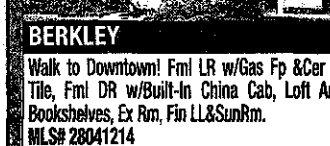
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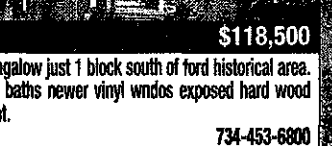
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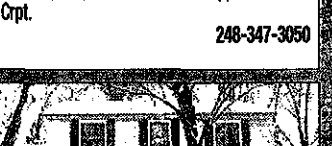
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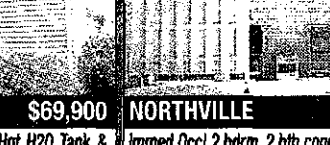
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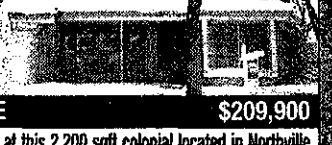
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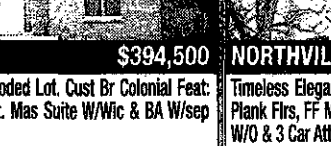
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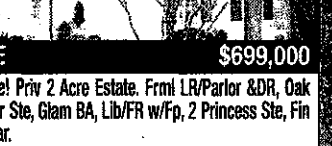
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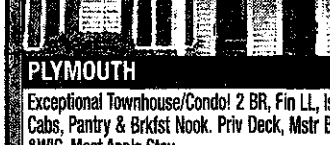
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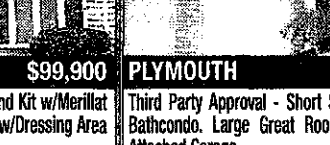
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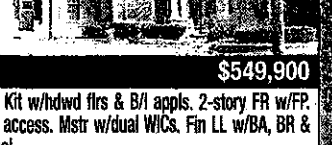
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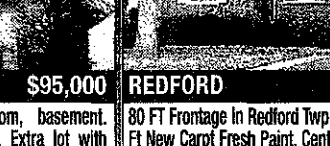
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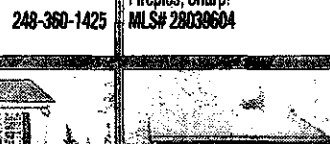
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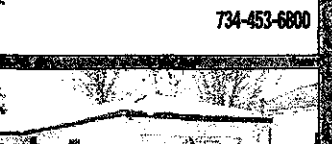
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- 12 Do very well
- 13 Trademark
- 14 Entreaty
- 15 Dose the dog
- 17 He pounds a beat
- 18 Greed's cousin
- 19 Distant
- 21 Needle or rib
- 22 Kind of offering
- 25 Comfy shoe
- 26 Chenille item
- 27 Froth
- 30 "Exodus" character
- 31 Banal
- 33 Billiard stick
- 35 Fine point
- 37 Decorative vases
- 38 Moth or ant
- 39 Shoulder gestures
- 41 Tender sprig
- 44 Burglar's "key"

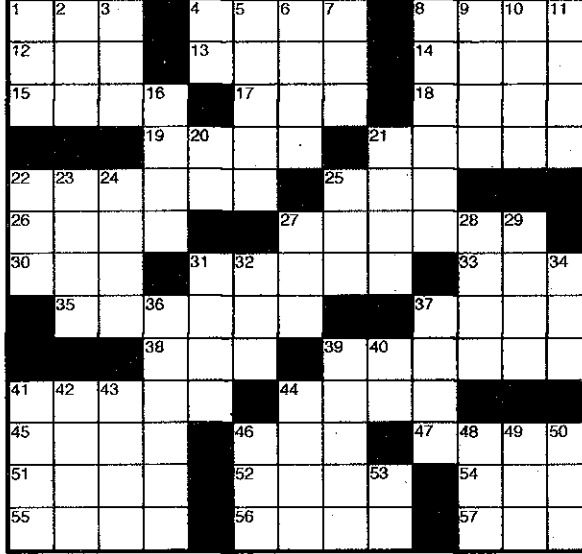
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- 45 Brick oven
- 46 Kwi's extinct cousin
- 47 Open
- 51 Not at work
- 52 "Diana" singer
- 54 Lend a hand
- 55 Potpie ingredients
- 56 Loch monster
- 57 Goal
- 1 Cat's foot
- 2 Author Umberto
- 3 Pricing word
- 4 Gulf st.
- 5 Not an express
- 6 Frankenstein's gofer
- 7 Male parent
- 8 Talk
- 9 Arm bone
- 10 Races the engine
- 11 Dunaway of films
- 16 Foal's mother
- 20 Note after mi
- 21 Lug
- 22 Friar's title
- 23 Aristocrat
- 24 Stage award

Answer to Previous Puzzle

YIN LEAVE POEM
USE OMAR APSE
KEA CASA GETA
SERPENT FINAL
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CYCLE GAGGING
ROO CAR RIO
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Level: Beginner

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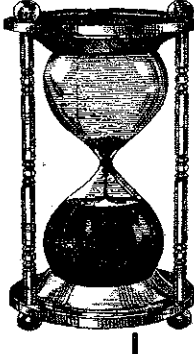
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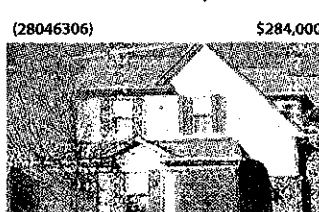
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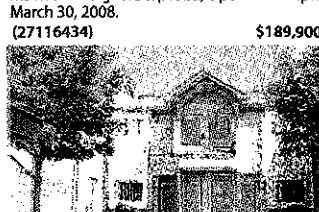
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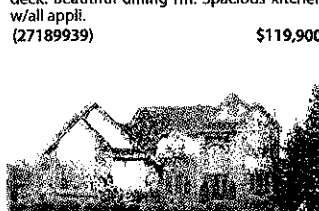
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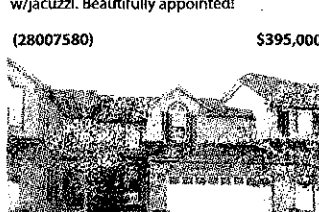
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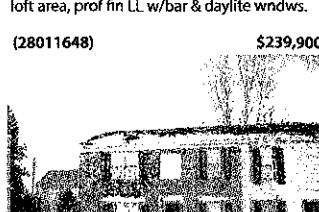
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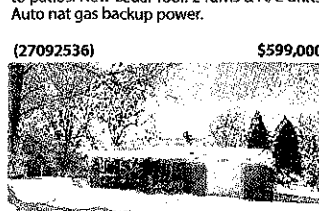
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THIS BEAUTIFUL CONDO HAS IT ALL! Everything is done! Each of the 3 bedrooms has its own bath + 1/2 bath on main, 1st flr mstr, upgrades to lg loft area, prof fin LL w/ bar & daylight wndws.
(28011648) \$239,900



Canton Twp 734-455-7000
WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN? Establish equity & get a write-off! Currently getting freshly painted and recarpeted. Brick exterior. Plymouth/Canton Schools. Quiet community!
(28002019) \$84,900



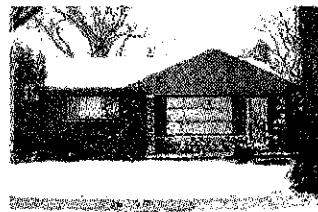
Commerce 248-684-1065
Home w/ 254' of frontage-Lake Sherwood. Soaring GR off entry foyer, FR w/ 2 fps open to patios. New cedar roof. 2 furns & A/C units. Auto nat gas backup power.
(27092536) \$599,000



Commerce 248-684-1065
Sharp 4 br home on lg lot. Newer kit, furn, CA, concrete drive. Lg fenced rear yard w/ shed. Screened in porch. Quiet street in great neighborhood. WL schools.
(27071237) \$159,500



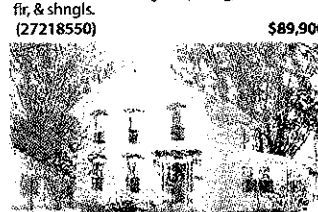
Commerce Twp 248-208-2900
4090 Forest Edge Dr. Open Floor Plan For Entertaining Parties. Stone Fireplace That Matches The Two-Tier Boulders In Back Yard. Full Basement With Plenty Of Storage Room t/o.
(26207265) \$314,900



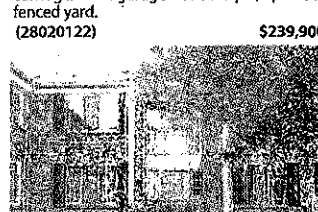
Dearborn 248-348-6430
Charming Brick Ranch 3 BD, 2.5 BA, 2 car Full BSMT. Flowing floor plan. Warm wood floors. CA updated eat-in kitchen. Master suite w/ lots of closets & bath. Private fenced backyard. All appliances incl.
(28035384) \$169,900



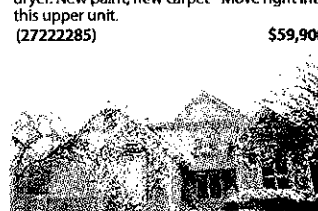
Detroit 734-455-7000
EVERYTHING'S NEW JUST 4 U! & A reduced price too! In this 3 bedroom vinyl bungalow w/ full bsmt & garage. Newer windows, furnace & A/C, siding, carpeting, electrical, kit flr & shnd.
(27218550) \$89,900



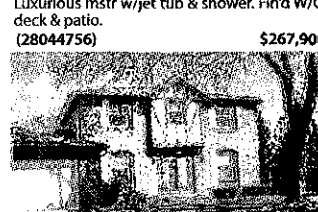
Farmington 248-348-6430
CLASSIC VINTAGE VICTORIAN 3 BR/2 BA. What a gem! Original hwd flrs refinished, updt electrical, windows, HWH, formal DR & LR, carriage/barn/garage w/ 900 sq ft, spacious fenced yard.
(28020122) \$239,900



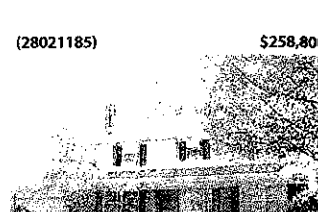
Farmington 248-348-6430
Furnished Condo In Farmington Walk to downtown Farmington from this furnished condo including all kitchen appl. & washer & dryer. New paint, new carpet - Move right into this upper unit.
(2722285) \$59,900



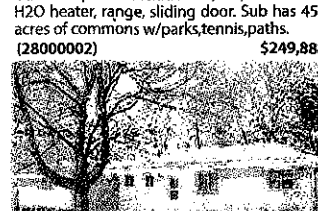
Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
Attractive & Beautiful Updated Home Home on cul-de-sac. Den w/ volume ceiling. Stunning 2 story GR, state of the art updated KIT & bdrf area. Luxurious mstr w/ jet tub & shower. Fin'd W/O, deck & patio.
(28044756) \$267,900



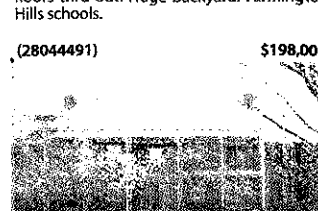
Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
STUNNING TUDOR Contemporary 4 bdrm, 2 full+2 half baths. Bright kitchen. Fp/c. Fin bsmt w/ library.
(28021185) \$258,800



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
UPDATED INDEPENDENCE COMMONS COLONIAL Fantastic BR sizes & closet space. Oak flrs. Updates include roof, lav, dishwasher, H2O heater, range, sliding door. Sub has 45+ acres of commons w/ parks, tennis, paths.
(28000002) \$249,888



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
"POTTERY BARN" PERFECT Fabulous custom kitchen with stainless appliances. Hardwood floors thru-out. Huge backyard. Farmington Hills schools.
(28044491) \$198,000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
IT'S A 10+! COMPLETELY REDONE Neutral, extremely clean. Endless updates include gourmet kitchen w/ cherry, granite, tile & stainless steel. New granite baths. Assoc. fee includes water, heat, air.
(28045544) \$109,900



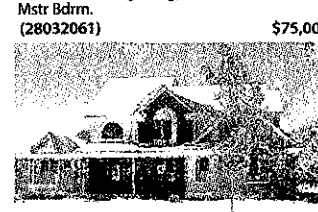
Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
2BR, 2 BA CONDO W/ PRIVATE BALCONY & BSMT Perfect for first time buyers. Pool in complex. Great location.
(28045730) \$79,000



Fenton 248-684-1065
Custom home on 10 acres! Gourmet kit, granite T/O, 1st flr mstr, dbl-sided stone FP, Fin. LL w/ bar, Den/ exercise RM, Tile/stone Flrs, Deck/ gazebo, 2nd garage.
(28010834) \$530,000



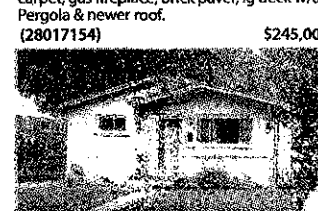
Fowlerville 734-591-9200
Can't Beat This Deal!! Very Clean 3 Bdrm Home, Shows Very Well, Has An Over Sized Gar, Fenced Bk Yd With Lrg Deck That Is Great For Entertaining. Large Kitchen And 1st Flr Mstr Bath.
(28032061) \$75,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Custom built lfrt home; 1.7 acres. Maple cabs & granite t/o 2 kits & baths. 2 story GR w/ gas fp. 1st flr mstr w/ ba & 2 WICs. Fin W/O; prof landscaping.
(28004735) \$599,900



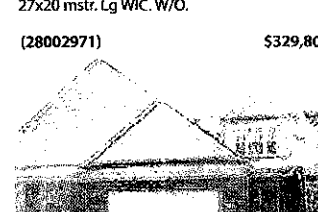
Livonia 248-348-6430
Spotless Home in Northwest Livonia! Professionally fin d walld base, ceramic baths, 1st flr laundry, hwd flrs, new Berber carpet, gas fireplace, brick paver, lg deck w/ att Pergola & newer roof.
(28017154) \$245,000



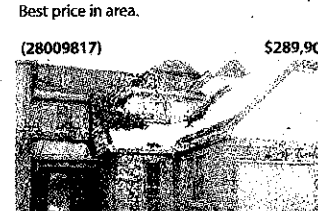
Livonia 248-437-3800
WOW! MOVE IN CONDITION Brick ranch with so many updates it feels brand new!! Full basement. A MUST SEE. 3 bedrooms.
(28044805) \$125,000



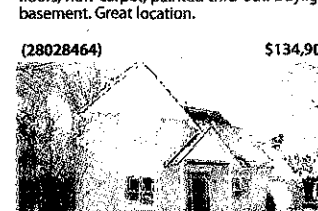
Milford 248-684-1065
On 2.5 wooded acres. Hwd flrs. Designer Thomasville hickory, granite & slate kit. 22x16 cedar deck. Covered front porch. New 35 appls. 27x20 mstr. Lg WIC. W/O.
(28002971) \$329,800



Milford 248-684-1065
3 BDRM condo close to downtown. Open floor plan with doorwall to deck. Hardwood floors on main level. Finish the walkout LL to add sq. ft. Best price in area.
(28009817) \$289,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Completely renovated 2br. w/ 2 full baths. New kitchen w/ Krafsmid cabinets, wood floors, new carpet, painted thru-out. Daylight basement. Great location.
(28028464) \$134,900



Northville 248-348-6430
Wooded Valley in town Northville. Granite, cherry, hardwood. Finished walkout basement. Call regarding renovation opportunity. Plus 2 bonus rooms!
(28003158) \$599,000



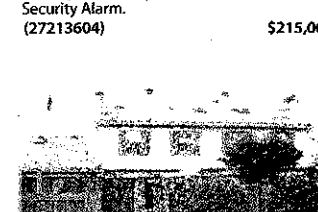
Northville 248-348-6430
Must see Condo 3 Bedroom Wonderful condo w/ in walking distance to dntwn area. Open flr plan, new windows & furnace. Updated cab, lots of storage. 1st flr laundry. Back to common area!
(27212848) \$171,900



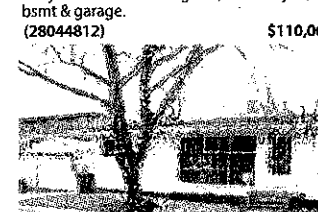
Novi 248-348-6430
Open Floor Plan with high ceilings in LR & DR, spacious kitchen w/ built in desk, large master with California closet, bath w/ jacuzzi & shower, nice backyard with patio.
(28025270) \$465,000



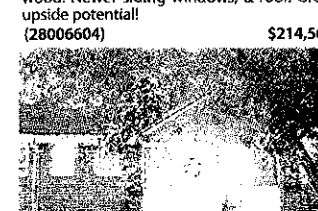
Novi 248-348-6430
Serene Setting With View Of Pond & Nature Prsr. Cherry Flrs & Cabinets. Gr w/ gas fp & Priv Fr Deck. Lg Lndry & Office/Storage. Master W/ deep Tub & Sep Shower. Deck Off Master. Security Alarm.
(27213604) \$215,000



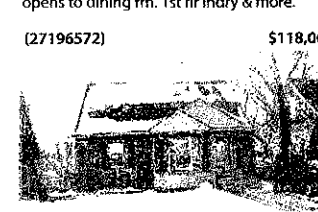
Novi 248-437-3800
STUNNING... MOVE IN CONDITION Condo w/ many updates including brand new stainless type appliances & a front load W/D. LG multi-story twin house offers lg rms, 2nd story FP, full bsmt & garage.
(28044812) \$110,000



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Perfect House in Downtown Plymouth Enjoy the heart of Plymouth in this 2 BR, 2 BA home. Inside redone on '04 in granite, ceramic & wood. Newer siding windows, & roof. Great upside potential!
(28006604) \$214,500



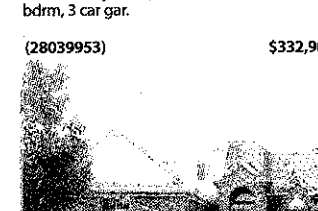
Plymouth 734-455-7000
GREAT OPPORTUNITY! This 2BR/1.1BA condo offers an open floor plan. Lg living rm leads to priv patio. Light & airy galley-style kitchen opens to dining rm. 1st flr lndry & more.
(27196572) \$118,000



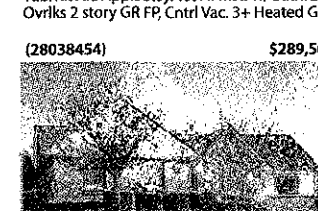
Redford 734-455-7000
LOVELY BUNGALOW W/ TONS OF UPDATES! Extremely well-maintained bungalow on a tree-lined street. 3 bedrooms; 2 full baths; newly finished basement; fully fenced backyard; shows beautifully.
(28028806) \$145,000



South Lyon 734-591-9200
CUSTOM HOME 2 stry foyer, 5 bdrms loft area, 3.5 baths, grmt kit hrdwd, fr w/ fp, hot tub, mstr ste w/ bath jet tub, twr lvl had fr w/ full bath & bdrm, 3 car gar.
(28039953) \$332,900



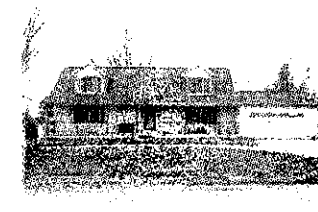
South Lyon 734-591-9200
Great Cape Cod on Cul-de-sac. Kit w/ Bfst Bar & Din area. Bay Windw, Drwl leads deck w/ Hot Tub. Kit Aid Appls stay. 1st Flr Mstr w/ Bath. Loft Ovrlks 2 story GR FP, Cntrl Vac. 3+ Heated Gar.
(28038454) \$289,500



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Spectacular Family Home Open floor plan, great room w/ soaring ceilings, stone natural fireplace and built in entertainment center. Beautiful corner lot! A must see!!
(27178429) \$264,900



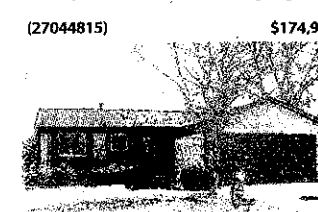
South Lyon 248-437-3800
NEW CONSTRUCTION... TO BE BUILT Linden II model to be built... Large lots with open spaces.
(28043095) \$249,000



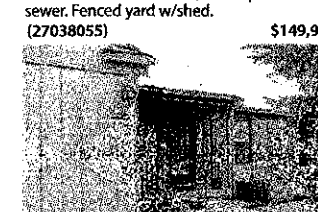
South Lyon 734-591-9200
Enjoy This Large Cape Cod This Home Offers A Gas Fp in the LR, Huge Mstr Bath W/ Jetted Tub, A Dr Wall That Leads To Lrg Deck, A 23x19 Bonus Rm & A Crawl Space That Has 5 Ft Ceilings.
(28032154) \$220,000



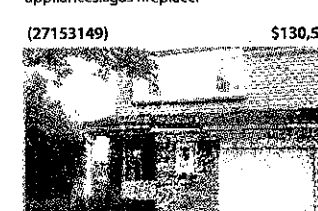
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Two BR condo in great location! Beautiful 2 story condo features large living room, condo backs up to open area w/ gorgeous views. Partially finished basement. 1 car garage.
(27044815) \$174,900



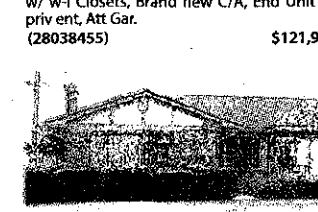
South Lyon 248-348-6430
SUPER PRICE \$8 FIRST TIMER/DOWNSIZER RANCH Nice 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/ a sunroom w/ skylight & hot tub. Basement, 2 car att gar. Subdivision has sidewalks, municipal water and sewer. Fenced yard w/ shed.
(27038055) \$149,900



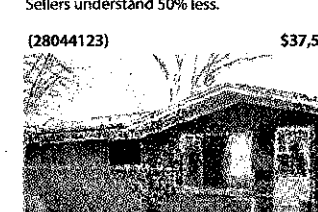
South Lyon 248-437-3800
CLOSE TO SOUTH LYON... WELL MAINTAINED Over 55 Condo. 3 Bed Rooms, 2 Baths. Walkout backs to wooded area/ close to lake. All appliances... gas fireplace.
(27153149) \$130,500



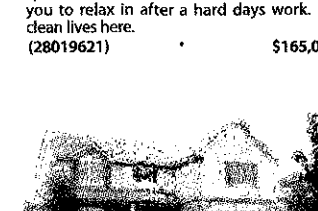
South Lyon 734-591-9200
Stunning End unit is Flawless Throughout 2 Bdrm 1 1/2 baths, Kit w/ all appls, spacious deck, priv side yd. Newer crt & paint, Lrg Mstr w/ w-1 Closets, Brand new C/A, End Unit w/ priv ent, Att Gar.
(28038455) \$121,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
New Carpet & Paint '08 Whole house fan. Fully insulated sunroom with benches, bright and clean ready to move in! No smoking unit. Sellers understand 50% less.
(28044123) \$37,500



Southfield 248-437-3800
Birmingham Schools!! Clean brick ranch featuring hardwood floors. Kitchen is spectacular. Lower level features suana for you to relax in after a hard days work. Mr. clean lives here.
(28019621) \$165,000



Van Buren Twp 248-208-2900
13253 County Walk Just Call It Home, This Roomy 3488 Sq. Ft. 5 Bedroom Colonial Is The Dream Home You've Been Dreaming Of, lg Great Room With A Natural Fp, Large Upper Rec.
(27190188) \$329,900



Walled Lake 248-348-6430
Perfect Starter Home Charming 3 BR ranch on large lot. Updates include: kitchen, bath, and roof. 2 car garage, Walled Lake Schools. Home Warranty!
(27198682) \$114,900



Wayne 248-348-6430
AWESOME CURB APPEAL Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch. Centrally located on a lovely street, updates inc: roof, windows, baths, kitchen, carpet, 2+ car garage, home warranty.
(28016749) \$130,000



West Bloomfield 248-684-1065
82' of frontage on Upper Straits Lake. Open flr plan & hwd flrs in kit, den & LR. Mstr ste w/ priv ba, jet tub, shower & WIC. 2nd flr b/den w/ gas fp.
(28005241) \$299,000



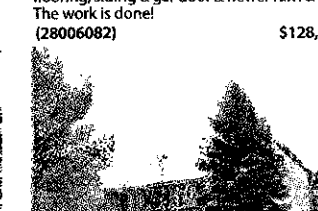
West Bloomfield 248-348-6430
Rare Four Bedroom Condo W. Bloomfield Open plan w/ 1900+ sq ft. Freshly painted interior, new HDWD Fl in KIT, new roof add to the appeal, MBR w/ BA, newly finished LL are some of homes great features.
(27157543) \$199,900



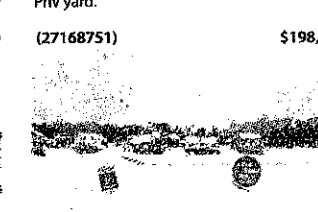
West Bloomfield 248-684-1065
Enjoy 79' of canal frontage on premier lake. Charming Cape Cod has been extensively remodeled. Oak cabinets, carpet, wainscoting, etc. Wooded lot & lake view.
(28024651) \$185,000



Westland 734-455-7000
TODAY'S BUY-TOMORROW'S SECURITY! Nicely updated, including roof, wndws, kitchen, bath + new half bath nearly completed, carpet, flooring, siding & gar door & newer furn & A/C. The work is done!
(28006082) \$128,000



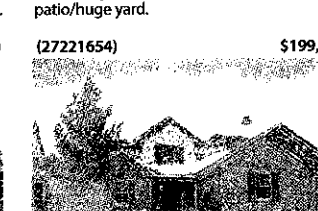
White Lake 248-684-1065
Lg kit w/ vault cell, recessed lights & oak cabs. DR w/ bay to deck. GR w/ vault cell & gas fp. Fin W/O LL w/ full ba, bar, FR & BR/office. Priv yard.
(27168751) \$198,995



White Lake 248-684-1065
Beautiful, huge lot in a country club sub on private Wingate Lake. Build your own Dream Home in this Fabulous Neighborhood!
(28019586) \$59,900



White Lake Twp 248-684-1065
Best deal in area. Detailed w/ built-in shelves & cabs, coffered ceiling, judges paneled walls in LR, Maple cabs, SS, ceramic flr in KIT. Priv. patio/huge yard.
(27221654) \$199,900



Wixom 248-437-3800
Super colonial w/ lake privileges Outstanding features include: oversized study, kitchen w/ spacious counters and built in appliances. Fully finished basement w/ wet bar. Master suite and more.
(27151898) \$299,900



Ypsilanti 248-348-6430
Metliculous Home is Move-in Ready Neutral 4 BR, 2.5 BA w/ LR, DR, FR/gas FP. Kit/oak cab and breakfast rm. 2nd flr laundry. Mstr ste has full BA. Full bsmt w/ glass block wndws, rough-in plumb.
(28015691) \$155,000

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POOL AND SPA SHOW

Homeowners who want to purchase a pool, spa or hot tub can check out the Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show March 28 - 30 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Hot tubs made in Michigan from standard to luxury styles complete with waterfalls and foot and neck jets will be on display. Vendors who carry vinyl pools in several sizes and colors and custom gunite, steel wall or fiberglass inground pools and spas will set up booths at the show. Some products offer solar powered lights and multiple water jets shooting to the center of pools along with music systems. Patio furniture that can be customized with hundreds of fabrics, finishes, sizes and models will be on display. The show is sponsored by the Michigan Pool & Spa Association, member of the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals. Rock Financial Showplace is located on Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Show hours are from 3 - 9:30 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8. For more information, visit www.NoviPoolShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

HEALTHY LAWN CARE

Do you have questions about lawn maintenance? Learn about proper care from Gary Eichen, turfgrass specialist, who discusses mowing, fertilizing, watering, and weed management with the environment in mind. The session is free and begins at 7 p.m. tonight at Oak Park City Hall, 13600 Oak Park Blvd. Call (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDDean@aol.com to register in advance. The event is sponsored by Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority for the Clinton River Watershed.

PASSION FOR SPRING

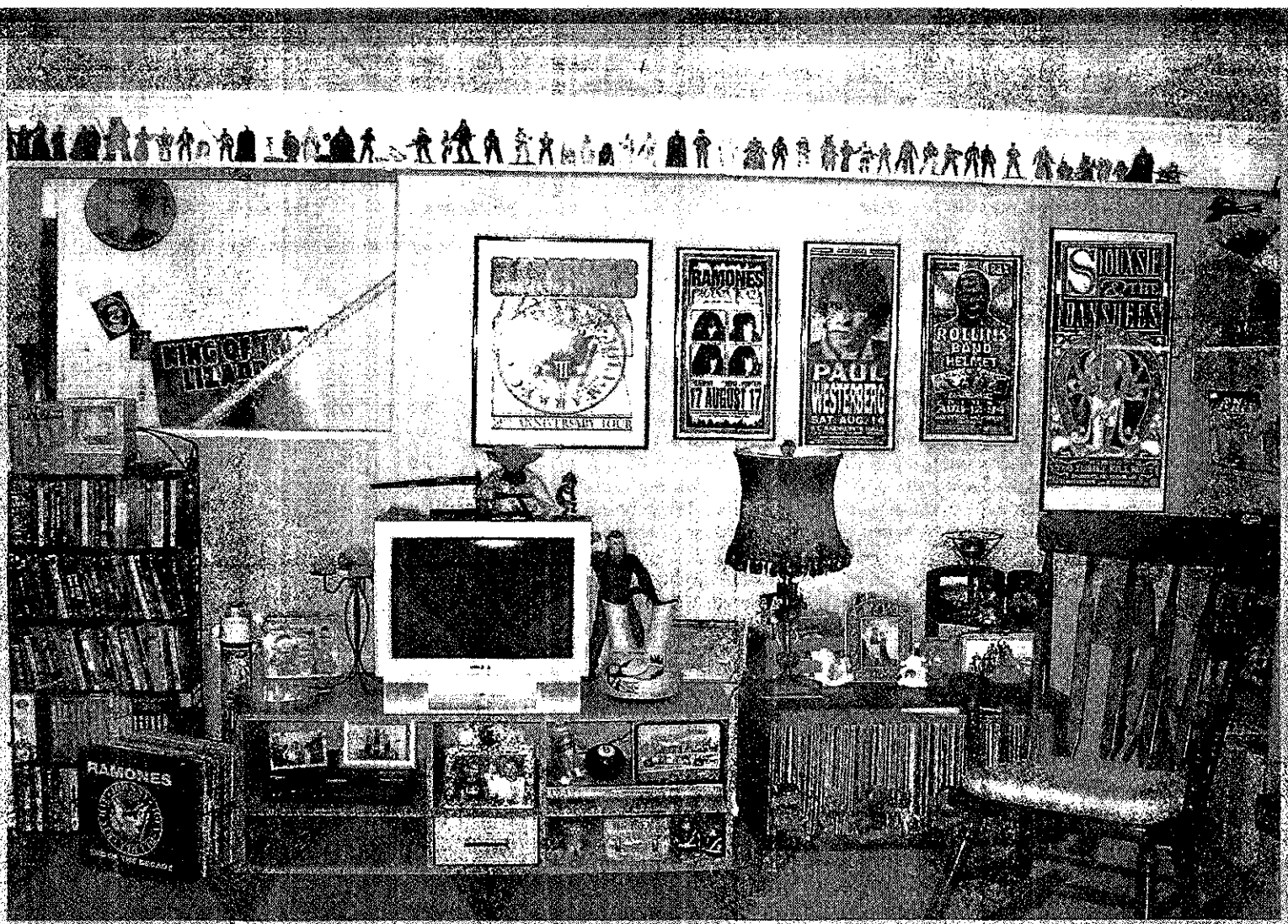
Spring will be in full bloom through March 31 in the Conservatory at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. In the lobby, visitors can view displays created by Runciman Landscapes and receive a coupon for 10 free tulip bulbs from Downtown Home & Garden. The gardens are open daily, except Mondays, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$3 is the suggested admission, but free for Matthaei Botanical Garden members.

DESIGNING TABLE

Ginny Newman, master flower show judge, will demonstrate how to design a functional table and an exhibition table at 7 p.m. April 1 at the monthly meeting of the Livonia Garden Club. The club meets at the Livonia Senior Center (Five Mile and Farmington roads). Visitors are welcome.

GO GREEN

A series of classes dedicated to the greening of America, issues and solutions for improving the environment, are scheduled as follows: Going Green, (native plants, water saving principles, lower pesticide use), 7:30-9 p.m. April 15 or 10-11:30 a.m. April 17; Landscaping for a Healthy River, 7-8 p.m. April 17; Nature Near You, 1-2:30 p.m. April 21; Spending Lean on Building Green, 7-9 p.m. April 23; Residential Rain Gardens, 7-8:30 p.m. May 1. Classes will be held at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, in Birmingham. Call (248) 644-5832 to register, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.



Creative space

Busy parents turn basement into their fun place

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

The decor on the main level of Mike and Heather Johnstone's home, for the most part, seems like your "normal" Plymouth suburban family house.

But look at a few of the wall hangings and realize, there's more to this family past their regular day jobs and raising two children.

Not every home has a Hammer Horror Dracula print hanging over the fireplace - or Mexican folk art in their bedroom celebrating the important Day of the Dead Mexican holiday.

"It's not until you get downstairs that you see who we really are," said



The lower level of Mike and Heather Johnstone's home brings guests into a completely different world. On top, from Paul Westerberg posters to a Sesame Street lunchbox - the basement is about fun. Above, color is as important as the collection.

Heather Johnstone.

The lower level of the home brings guests into a completely different world that's all about fun - cartoons, film, music and comic book collectibles. It's not just what they have, it's how they display it that shows their creativity.

Lined perfectly along the perimeter of the room and on shelves are countless miniature comic and movie figurines collected over the years from *Spider-Man*, *Star Wars*, *Planet of the Apes* and more.

The walls are bright pink and green in some areas, and squares of orange and golds in others. Hand painted chairs, paper Oriental lights, a collection of Pez dispensers. ... gazing at the

collection seems endless.

His favorite items are anything from *Star Wars*. "We wanted a room that was fun to hang out in and a place where we could keep all of the toys and other fun things that we had," Heather said.

Mike Johnstone is in retail management, Heather's career is in purchasing and direct marketing. Together they're raising their kids and with the little spare time they have, they try to use their creative skills to transform their basement into something that represents their personalities. He loves music, film and toy collectibles. She loves music, dancing, sewing and art

Please see **SPACE, D2**

Taste the bubbles in this popular Asian drink

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Within minutes Margaret Yee can whip up a whimsical beverage that she claims is more popular among Asians than that everpresent cup of Starbucks coffee.

It's caffienated and can be creamy or slushy, icy or steamy - all without an ounce of carbonation. Bubble tea is a Taiwanese beverage that often blends sweetened red tea and cream with chewy tapioca pearls. Fans know it's the sort of drink you also chew - and it requires an extra-wide straw.

Around since the '80s, it's most common to find bubble teas at Thai restaurants. Rexy's Bangkok Cuisine in Royal Oak serves a host of such bubble beverages, from the original chilled variety to a smoothie to a bubble drink blended with ice. Flavors include Thai tea or coffee, fruity varieties like mango, strawberry, lychee or honey dew, and the even sweeter stuff from almond to chocolate, mocha to coconut.

But an extensive menu can be found at Kim's Restaurant in Troy, too. While it's rather unusual to find bubble tea at a

ORDER UP: WHERE TO FIND BUBBLE TEA

Kawaiian Café: Asian Village, 200 Renaissance Center. Call (313) 259-0025.
Kim's Restaurant: 102 E. Long Lake Rd, Troy. Call (248) 524-9207 or visit www.kimsrestaurant.com.
Rexy's Bangkok Cuisine: 30923 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak. Call (248) 288-0002 or visit www.rexysbangkokcuisines.com.
Tiki Tea: Twelve Oaks Mall, 27500 Novi Road, Novi. Call (248) 348-9400.

traditional Chinese restaurant, this family-owned establishment started cooking up the tapioca treat more than a year ago. Yee said her customers at Kim's began inquiring about where to find bubble tea in the metro Detroit area. She researched recipes and makes a truly authentic Taiwanese variety right inside the eatery in Troy.

Customers can order bubble tea with a meal or just grab a quick drink to go. Kim's bubble teas come in traditional,

Please see **TEA, D2**



Cool off with a bubble drink, like this one made at Kim's Restaurant in Troy.

HONEYDEW GREEN BUBBLE TEA

1/2 to 1 cup tapioca pearls, cooked according to package directions and soaked in honey or sugar syrup for a few minutes

4 teaspoon Sencha green tea
1 1/2 cups water
2 tablespoon sugar
a few small slices of fresh ginger
2 cups fresh honeydew chunks

Bring water to a boil. Remove from heat and let sit for 2 minutes. Pour water over green tea. Steep for 3 minutes. Strain tea. Add ginger slices to tea. Dissolve sugar in tea. Chill. Remove ginger slices from tea.

Place as many tapioca pearls as you like in the bottom of each glass. Put tea and honeydew into blender with some cracked ice (about six cubes) Blend until smooth. Pour into glasses. Insert wide straws.

Makes 2 bubble teas.
Recipe courtesy of bobafind.com

For a world-class Blu-ray player, look to the Sony PlayStation 3

Question: Now that the high-def DVD wars are over, which Blu-ray player should I buy?

Answer: Believe it or not, my top choice is the Sony PlayStation 3 game system. It may sound crazy, but hear me out.

The PS3 includes a Blu-ray drive, meaning it can play Blu-ray movies just as well as a standalone player. (Better, in fact — more on that in a minute.)

Sony's game console sells for about \$400. Average price for a standalone Blu-ray player: about \$400.

If you're not a gamer, you're probably thinking, "Same difference, I'll go for the player." But as it turns out, an upcoming PS3 update will give the console an advantage: support for Blu-ray Disc Profile 2.0, a.k.a. BD-Live.

That technology affords benefits like picture-in-picture and downloads of bonus material. Current Blu-ray players don't support Profile 2.0, and they can't be upgraded to add the newer capabilities.

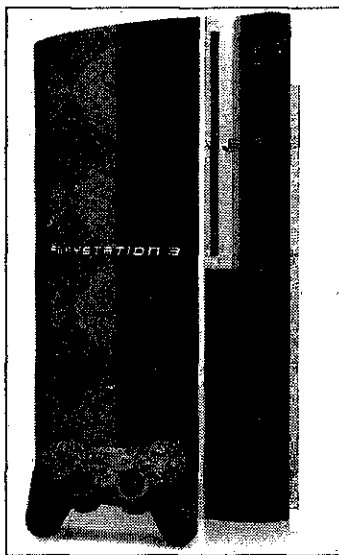
Plus, let's not forget, the PlayStation 3 is arguably the most advanced game system on the planet — quite the bonus for your \$400.

Question: How can I keep files in sync on two or more PCs without manually copying them all the time?

Answer: This is a common wish for folks who have a PC at home and another at work, and need to access the same files on both.

FolderShare (foldershare.com) makes the process a piece of cake. Just sign up for a free account, then install the FolderShare program on your computers. Choose the desired folders and/or files and presto: FolderShare keeps them synchronized on the selected PCs.

You can also use the program to share files with friends and access files remotely. Point of interest: FolderShare is Microsoft product, so think about this great freebie the next time you're bad-mouthing the company (I do).



Sony's PlayStation 3 game console doubles as a Blu-ray movie player, and a state-of-the-art one at that.

Question: How can I protect the data on my thumb drive in case it gets lost or stolen?

Answer: Thumb drives are great for transporting data, but they're also easily misplaced or snatched up by thieves. That could create problems if you're carrying sensitive information like financial data or work documents.

Your best bet is to encrypt the data so that no one but you can access it. Try TrueCrypt (truecrypt.org), a free utility that works on-the-fly, meaning it encrypts and decrypts data as you access it.

The software also works with individual files and entire hard drives. If you don't supply the correct password or encryption key, your data stays locked up tight. And I mean tight: TrueCrypt supports a variety of high-grade encryption algorithms.

Thankfully, it's pretty easy to use and totally transparent once it's up and running. Check out the handy beginner's tutorial (<http://tinyurl.com/2uw6bu>) before getting started.

TrueCrypt is available for Windows, Mac, and Linux systems. It's open-source, meaning it costs nothing to use.

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Think about traffic before building walls

Cleo of Canton asks: "My husband and I are planning on finishing our basement. What things should I consider when deciding where to place the walls?"



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

When finishing a lower level, often homeowners will just finish the perimeter walls and install carpeting, a suspended ceiling and fluorescent lights.

This approach does not maximize the potential of the space.

Sit down with your husband and decide how you want to use this area. Will this be a play-

room for children, a place to entertain or play cards?

Do you need a lot of storage, a home theater area, a craft room, or a second kitchen? Weigh out the importance of each area you require in this new space. I

also must stress that you purchase a back-up sump pump to ensure protection of this

investment.

Once you have decided which areas will be included in the new lower level, think about traffic flow between the rooms. For example, if someone is watching TV in the new home theater, how far will they have to travel to the bathroom or to get a can of soda?

Try your best to bury as many of the support columns inside the new walls. This helps to eliminate the "basement" feeling of the lower level. It also creates more openness and can alleviate some of the dilemmas faced with furniture

placement.

Lastly, make sure your contractor gives you a detailed drawing of how the new lower level will look.

Keep in mind that you will want cable hookups and outlets placed in convenient locations. Consider all of your lighting options, too.

Pendants, wall sconces, and recessed lights are great choices, even when mixed with fluorescent fixtures. Using multiple types of lighting will give you maximum control over creating a specific mood for a particular event.

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projects. Heather Johnstone says she's not an artist (even though she has a degree in fashion, creates clothing and costumes and also paints).

Their homage to music includes a Freddie Mercury (frontman of Queen) statue, several original posters from bands like The Ramones and The Rollins Band and a pink Johnny Lydon wall clock that Heather Johnstone made herself from a vinyl record back in

her high school days.

Their basement is a collection of items found at antique shops and thrift and toy stores.

And maybe the saying is true that a couple who plays together, stays together.

"It is definitely a work in progress," Heather said. "We've always had an interesting collection, most of what we have are things from our childhood."

"Unfortunately we don't get to spend as much time as we would like to down there, and usually when we are down there it is to work on decorating it."



Mexican folk art blends is displayed with other pieces the family has collected over the years.

Do residents with disposals dump more grease?

A story written by Adam Hochberg of NPR in Raleigh, N.C. dated March 17 recently caught my eye. The story informed readers that new garbage disposals were to be banned in Raleigh, N.C.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

City crews use a special truck to flush away grease with water and chemicals in an attempt to prevent environmentally damaging sewage spills. That truck works on every sewer line in Raleigh twice a year.

Raleigh's mayor said the annual maintenance costs millions. He blames much of the problem on garbage disposals, which he says encourage bad kitchen habits.

The mayor believes that residents with garbage disposals increase the dumping of grease by about 20 percent. Across that city it means thousands and thousands of gallons, he believes.

So as of now, new garbage disposals are outlawed in Raleigh. While people who already have them can keep using them, no new ones can be installed.

The mayor hopes residents will start composting their food scraps. But it's clear that many aren't ready to give up their disposals. One council member heard so much outrage about the ban that he's reconsidered his support for it.

David MacNair, a vice president of InSinkErator, the world's largest maker of what it calls "household food waste disposers," says his company's appliances are good for the environment because they reduce the amount of waste going to landfills. He says disposals shouldn't be singled out as the only source of sewer grease.

InSinkErator and other industry groups successfully lobbied New York City to repeal a similar ban on garbage disposals

11 years ago. Now, MacNair says they'll try to do the same thing in Raleigh.

This story brings to mind some very interesting questions for all of Detroit and surrounding suburbs. I for one do not remember ever reading or seeing articles on the subject of grease buildup in our sewage systems. Do we spend millions of dollars cleaning up all our sewer lines twice a year? Has this problem contributed to the many sewage backups that have occurred in different neighborhoods?

I have read stories about how old the sewer pipes are and how they fail at increasing rates. Maybe, this grease factor has some strong merit to it.

I would certainly like to hear from you if you have information on this topic. Stay tuned.

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

TEA

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served hot or cold, or can be blended with milk or cream, ice for a slushy or vanilla ice cream for an even sweeter treat.

Bubble teas come in two sizes, 12 or 16 ounce. Milk tea, made with red tea, is the most authentic of the bubble varieties but Yee will substitute green or Oolong tea by request. Add flavors to any variety, like a cranberry-pineapple Aloha or apple-pineapple Hawaiian. Or, if you're adventurous, attempt to make your own bubble tea at home.

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Margaret Lee, of Kim's restaurant in Troy, serves up a refreshing mango bubble tea drink.

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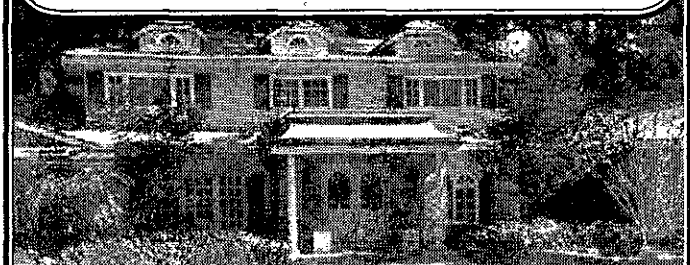
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Dolphins create a happy scene Feeding a wine passion

As I watched my wife get a ride across the lagoon from a dolphin named Nate, a woman seated on the rock next to me spoke up.

"Research has shown that being around dolphins causes people to be happier," she said. "Something about their voice, or their aura, just makes people feel happy." She smiled, watching her kids frolic with another dolphin named Diego.



Dr. Brad Davis While I had (and still have) no idea if what she was saying is true at a scientific level, none of the faces of the 30 or so people in the water lacked a smile.

While swimming with the dolphins in the ocean is illegal, theme park Discovery Cove of Orlando, Fla., makes it possible in dolphin lagoons.

Located practically across the street from its sister park, Sea World, Discovery Cove offers clientele unique hands-on experiences with the animals. The park features three lagoons in the dolphin area, each having their own selection of dolphins. A beach area rolls into the water, creating a comfortable, natural feel.

Before the dolphin experience, groups go through a brief orientation in a cabana, then are taken out into the chilly water for their interaction periods. After touching, petting, and learning about dolphins from a trainer, each person gets the highlight of the experience, being towed by a dolphin across the lagoon.

You don't have to know how to swim to get this amazing memory, as life vests — and alternative interactions — are available.

Along with trainers who give a "dolphin talk," a photographer and a videographer film every moment of the dolphin fun. Photos and DVDs of the dolphin experience can be purchased later in the day.

I opted to sacrifice my turn so that my wife could have two turns, which would a) make me a hero, and b) keep me dry and warm.

Even without experiencing the dolphins, visitors can have an outstanding theme park

DISCOVER COVE

Hours: Opens at 9 a.m., but check-in begins as early as 8 a.m. The park closes at 5:30 p.m.

Admission: \$269, includes food, parking, etc. at the park, and also includes admission to SeaWorld Orlando or Busch Gardens (located in Tampa, about 90 minutes from Orlando) for a week.

Other notes: The park also offers a Trainer-for-a-Day package, which gets you even closer to the dolphins. See the Web site for more information. During the summer, the park has evening programs, giving opportunities for twilight dolphin swims and twilight snorkeling.

Don't forget to bring grooming supplies (for after the end of the day shower), your swimsuit, and water sox/water shoes, which makes walking around the park more comfortable than going barefoot.

More information: Visit www.discoverycove.com, or call the reservations department at (877) 557-7404.

experience, different than anything else in central Florida.

Anyone who visits the larger parks knows that crowds can be a huge big negative. Long lines limit the available activities.

For visitors to Discovery Cove, the number of people allowed in the park is limited and entry is by reservation only, usually booked well in advance.

Also, the park is all-inclusive...just walk up to the snack bar and ask for a pretzel, cookies, even a beer (remember, Sea World properties are owned by Anheuser Busch), and there's nothing to pay.

That's not to say the visit is free. The cost for a reservation could give anyone some sticker shock. Once you arrive, however, you can leave your wallet in your locker until it's souvenir time.

Arrival at the park begins at about 8 a.m. Workers check you in by computers and set up your dolphin interaction time. Park workers then take

groups on a short orientation tour, ending at the tent where you get your wet suit, snorkeling gear and sun tan lotion that's safe for swimming with the animals within the park. If you have glasses, you can go to guest services, where they will try to give you a mask that matches your prescription.

Walking from one end of the park to the other takes only a few minutes, so you're never far away from your locker, and you don't need to carry everything with you.

Though the dolphins are the stars of the show, the park does have a lot more to offer, and it's separated from the dolphin lagoons by a blue bridge, which serves as a park landmark.

Crossing over the blue bridge takes you to another beach area. To the left are the Manta Ray Pool, and the Coral Reef. The Ray Pool allows visitors to wade in and see these creatures up close, even petting them as they zip by. They are friendly, and all but harmless, although one did swim into my leg pretty hard as I walked around the pool.

Pulling on your snorkeling gear, you can then enjoy the great Coral Reef area. This area simulates being in the ocean to snorkel. The pool is full of fish, including rays. One area within this pool allows visitors to look in at a barracuda.

Lunch is also included with the park admission, and looks like any cafeteria line in any theme park, except with more impressive food.

Lobster salad, fried chicken plates, vegetarian plates...there were eight to 10 choices available, and the outdoor dining area had a live steel drum band performing throughout the meal time.

Although expensive, Discovery Island delivers bang for the buck, and makes sure that your day will be memorable.

For anyone who's a dolphin lover, a day at Discovery Cove should not be missed.

It's almost certain the dolphins will make you happier.

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Nowadays, many college students strap on a backpack and head for Europe.

During his sophomore year on summer break, Robert "Bobby" Kacher did just that.



Focus on Wine
Ray & Eleanor Heald

While backpacking in France, he discovered a lifestyle of wine, food, family, vineyards and cuisine. These grew to be his all-consuming passion which he began to fulfill by first working in a retail wine shop and eventually becoming a retail wine consultant in Washington D.C.

Before long, he became a top executive at World Shippers and Importers. At 22 years old, he founded Robert Kacher Selections, and today, has developed one of the finest portfolios of French boutique estate wines.

KNOW THE GROWERS

The best importers of small-production wines strive to know the growers and producers intimately. To do this during the first 20 years of Robert Kacher Selections, Kacher spent half of each year in France, traveling from region to region with a hands-on approach, working side by side with growers and producers to ensure the quality and authenticity of wines in his collection.

Today, Kacher is aided by the president of his company, Antoine Songy, who respects his owner's passion and knows the background of each wine in the Kacher portfolio. Recently, Songy introduced us to the following wines which we highly recommend that you seek out at your favorite wine shop because they are available and affordable.

WHAT TO BUY

If you're looking for a light-bodied dry white, they don't get better than 2006 Domaine de Pouy, Cotes de Gascogne (\$9.75) in the foothills of the Pyrenees, near the appellations of Madiran and Jurancon. It's 60 percent

WINE PICKS

Peak oyster season ends next month. If you like oysters, here are your sauvignon blancs (they're good with sushi, too):

Outstanding:
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2006 Dry Creek Vineyard Fume Blanc Sonoma County \$15
2007 The Crossings Marlborough \$16
2007 Kim Crawford Marlborough, NZ \$17
2006 Kenwood Reserve \$20
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Very Good:
2007 New Harbor Marlborough, NZ \$11
2006 Benziger Family North Coast \$13
2006 Flora Springs Soliloquy \$25
2006 Benziger Family Casey's Block Mendocino County Sauvignon Blanc \$29
Wallet Friendly:
2007 Sebeka South Africa \$9
2007 Man Vintners South Africa \$10

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

ugni blanc (known as trebbiano in Italy) and 40 percent columbia with an intense green apple and ripe pear skin fruit profile that is refreshingly crisp. Great with sushi.

It's peak oyster season, so make a perfect match with 2005 Benjamin de Vieux Chateau Gaubert (a 50/50 blend of sauvignon blanc and semillon) from the Graves region (\$18). White peach fruit and fresh fig notes are accompanied by a wet stone minerality and intriguing textural components.

Seeking a new red wine taste experience at a great

price? Domaine de Gournier is located in the Cevennes region of France, between the cities of Avignon and Nimes. The 2006 Grenache Noir (\$10.50) from this producer is a 100 percent stainless steel production to focus on the purity of grenache fruit. Cherries and spice notes dominate both the aromas and flavors of the well-structured wine that's hard to beat at the price.

So, you're still bashing merlot? You won't after you taste the 2004 Domaine de Gournier Merlot (\$10.50) with dark cherry-berry fruit elements in and easy-drinking value wine.

Wines from the southern Rhone Valley of France are among the hottest wines in the marketplace. Showcasing attractive red fruits, cherries and currants with a hint of spice, 2005 Domaine Andre Brunel Cotes du Rhone (\$13.50) is a blend of grenache, syrah and cinsault. It's food-friendly with a rich finish.

If that style appeals to your taste buds, here's a real bargain: 2004 Domaine Sainte-Eugenie from the Corbières region (\$11). It's generously fruited from nose to finish as a blend of carignan, grenache and syrah.

Jumping up in price a little, but worth every penny are two other red Rhone varietal blends: From Domaine de Gournier, 2004 Hommage (\$15.50), a blend of syrah cabernet and mourvedre is full, rich and generous; and 2005 Domaine Santa Duc Cotes du Rhone Les Vieilles Vignes (\$15) with splendidly ripe, rich fruit and a delicious finish as a blend of grenache, syrah and mourvedre.

Go wine shopping. You won't see French wines at these prices much longer.

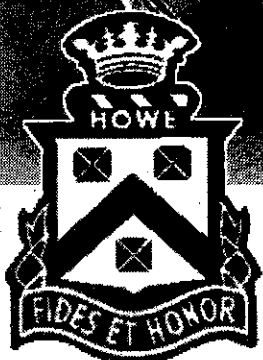
The devalued U.S. dollar against the Euro is making it nearly impossible for producers to sell to the U.S. at moderate pricing since they can get top prices from consumers in China and Russia.

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Pet of the Week

Tabitha is a lovable pit bull terrier mix looking for a home. She's 2 years old, weighs 45 pounds, and has a beautiful brindle coat. Tabitha is spayed, completely housebroken and does not chew on things. She has a sweet disposition and prefers to spend time with people. Her favorite spot is next to family members on the couch while watching TV or taking a nap. She requires a fenced yard because she loves to play outside. Tabitha doesn't like other dogs but she does like cats and older kids. If you're interested in meeting this friendly girl, call Metro Area Animal Adoption (313) 571-2985 or e-mail metroaaaa@aol.com. Fill an application for adoption at www.metroaaaa.petfinder.com.



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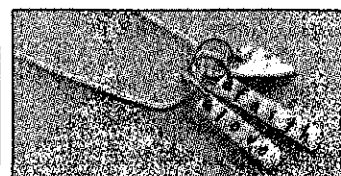


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Spring makeup contributes to your serving of five fruits a day

When it comes to makeup and beauty products, fruit is now ripe and in season. The Spring lines of brands from Tarte to Aqua Dessa to Juice Beauty have incorporated not only the fresh colors of pomegranate, black current and apple, but the beneficial fruit extracts too. Sure products infused with natural boosters like soy or green tea

have been around for years. And it's easy to feel good about looking good when your daily beauty routine includes natural, organic ingredients — the sort that are easy to pronounce. But that's just the beginning when it comes to these warm weather must-haves.

As the temperatures start to rise, Tarte Cosmetics unveils a new line of anti-aging, skin-restoring products that give back to the environment. The brand's new t5 complex, a blend of superfruits that are rich in nutrients and minerals, can be found in a new Full Blossom Cheek Stain and a collection of ultra-shiny Double Dose Berry Boost lip glosses. With the purchase of either, Tarte pledges to support the Amazon Rainforest and help improve living conditions through the Sambazon's Sustainable Acai Project.

At \$21 each, the glosses blend high shine with lush fruit extracts that fight free radicals (acai), reduce redness (pomegranate), soothe skin (maracuja) and more. To get a perfect blend of pigment and shine, be sure to squeeze the tube from the top. For more color, squeeze from the middle.

There's a shade to suit any skintone from raspberry to peach, blush to red. Your lips

won't just look dazzling, they'll feel the spark of peppermint and benefit from the conditioning agents of shea butter. It's the perfect way to move from winter's chill to the heat and humidity of summer, a switch that can wreak havoc on your lips.

And once the weather begins to swelter, give your cheeks a punch of color without the pinch. At \$28, Full Blossom Cheek Stain is best applied with your fingers. It harkens back to the days of real rouge with a sheer rosy glow that's sure to last all day long. Made with carnauba and candelilla

wax, you'll get natural protection from the environment, along with the moisturizing power of safflower seed oil.

Sun protection is a must and these days it's easy to find a go-to daily moisturizer with a helpful SPF boost. For \$38, Juice Beauty's Green Apple Moisturizer carries an SPF of 15 and it's made from organic apple and lemon juices to offer a skin brightening effect and anti-aging protection.

To keep skin looking fresh and feeling balanced, try Aqua Dessa's

Lychee Tea Refresher Facial Toner for \$25. Made with green tea, and fruit extracts like lychee and black current, it's meant to diminish the effects of previous sun damage and protect against environmental toxins. Like all the products listed above, it's fruit-fortified. Find these and more at makeup.com, sephora.com or area Sephora locations at Troy's Somerset Collection or Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola loves her lip gloss, even if she forgets to reapply mid-day. She writes about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Dollface? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.



Tarte's new swirly-Spring cheek stain in Full Blossom is a universally flattering shade of sheer rose pink. Its moisturizing formula makes for the perfect blush in warm weather.



Familia will debut its first collection for sale on Saturday night during Detroit Fashion Week.

Local fashion label Familia featured at DFW

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Fotoula Lambros and Emily Thornhill are committed to helping Detroit become a fashion hub.

The pair will present a high-energy runway show of their clothing line, Familia, on Saturday night during Detroit Fashion Week's hottest time slot.

Lambros, 25, of Ferndale, and Thornhill, 22, of Milford, met at International Academy of Design & Technology in Troy, where they both studied fashion design. They remained close through their senior internships, but after graduating in 2006 found themselves floundering to create fashion

design careers.

Lambros believed in their ability, and decided to rally her friend to start a clothing line.

"I literally sat her down and said 'We're so talented,'" Lambros explained. "We live in Detroit and we're not going anywhere, so let's go somewhere here."

They combined their first names to create 'Familia,' and launched their business in January, 2007.

The pair spent a year designing a sample collection, promoting themselves and building a professional portfolio. DFW marks the debut of their second collection, for Spring/Summer 2008.

"We didn't allow the sale of our first collection, but this is the one we're pushing to sell,"



Fotoula Lambros, of Ferndale, and Emily Thornhill, of Milford, are the talent behind Familia clothing.

said Lambros, a graduate of Ferndale High School. "Now we're ready to get our buyer's kits out there and see what we can do."

Although the Detroit area has produced many talented designers, it is notoriously difficult to maintain a high fashion business here. Tracey Reese, Anna Sui and Peter Soronen, for example, achieved their success and notoriety in New York City.

That's something Brian Heath, organizer of Detroit Fashion Week, hopes to change.

Detroit Fashion Week began in 2005 at 4731 Gallery, and was staged at the St. Regis Hotel last year. This year, the week's worth of action is taking place at Asian Village of Detroit.

"So often at local runway shows, designers will show their collections but there will be no buyers in the audience. That's what a fashion show is traditionally for, to show buyers your new clothes for the season," Heath said. "We want to bring people in the industry together to show professionals they don't have to leave to have

a career."

Lambros said Heath has been very supportive, and that's part of the reason Familia has high hopes for Detroit.

"I think drive, dedication and passion don't discriminate. It's not where you are, it's really where you take it," she said. "We're happy to be settled here for now, home-based. Our company is still in the beginning stages, but I think we've come pretty far in a year. We're quite blessed."

Familia's inspiration often starts with fabric, Lambros said, and they create 80 percent of their garments by draping directly on dress forms. Their clothing — mainly dresses, skirts, blouses and bustiers — feature ruffles and plenty of feminine details.

"We try to strike a balance between the strong woman of today, but with the class and poise of the 1930s woman," Lambros said. "They were a little more reserved. Today's woman is more focused and driven than ever before."

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