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City eyes 'vicious' dog ordinance

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth City Commission is expected to discuss options for an updated vicious dog ordinance to ease the fears of residents on Jenner who don't like that a 90-pound, red nose pit bull has moved into their neighborhood.

Neighbors of Kyle Kosmyna and Angel Edie believe the current city ordinance for vicious dogs isn't adequate to protect their families from what they consider a dangerous and threatening breed.

"I just want to assure you there will be action on this," Mayor Phil Pursell said to a handful of concerned residents at Monday's commission meeting. "We aren't passing the buck, we are just trying to be as thorough and diligent as we possibly can so we do the right thing by everyone involved."

A week before the family moved into the rental home in the 500 block of Jenner, neighbors handed the city commission two petitions. The first, with 181 signatures, called for a ban on pit bull, fighting and dangerous animals within the city limits.

A second petition calling for pit bulls and/or other types of breeds for fighting be spayed or neutered, contained within a six-foot secured privacy fence and to be leashed when in public had 13 signatures.

While Pursell told residents he was confident a new ordinance could be ready by the March 17 meeting, Jenner resident Chris Schneider was concerned the time frame was too long.

"A month has me worried, but I understand you need to do your due diligence," said Schneider, who says he's in favor of the second petition.

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Not so fast

Drivers travelling eastbound M-14 had to find alternate routes Monday after a semi-trailer overturned near Northville Road, Michigan State Police, Plymouth Township police and Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters were among those charged with controlling and cleaning up the mess. No injuries were reported, but the expressway was closed for some two hours.

District freezes use of recalled beef

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Schools food service department has removed 27 cases of frozen meat from lunchroom freezers in school buildings throughout the district after discovering they were packaged by Westland/Hallmark Meat Co., the meat packing company ordered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to recall 143 million pounds of potentially contaminated frozen beef.

"We were notified (Monday) by (food supplier) Sodexo and put it on hold," said Mary Holaly, a dis-

trict spokesperson. "Some of the beef was used for lunches before the recall.

"We also receive beef from Tyson," Holaly added, "but pretty much all beef served by the district is on hold until further notice. We're using caution with all beef until we get an all-clear from the supplier."

The recall was ordered after the federal government confirmed that so-called "downer cows" — those so injured or sick that they can't stand up, and which could be diseased — were processed and entered into the nation's food supply by the Chino, Calif., operation.

"We had 810 pounds of the recalled beef, and we're awaiting word from the USDA for the next steps, what to do with the product and the plan for reimbursement," Holaly said.

The USDA recall was ordered last week while Plymouth-Canton students were on winter break.

"There may be some changes in the upcoming menus," Holaly said. "However, it's not difficult to come up with beefless, nutritious meals."

There have not been any reports of students becoming ill from eating the recalled beef.

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School board narrows its search to finalist

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will move forward with efforts to hire Craig Fiegel as the district's next superintendent.

Six of the seven board members expressed support for initiating contract negotiations with Fiegel, 52, the superintendent of Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 in Evergreen Park, Ill., which has 1,900 students.

A contingent of board members will visit Fiegel's suburban Chicago school district within the next three weeks to do more research on the top candidate before formally offering him a contract.

In moving forward with discussions to hire Fiegel, the board decided not to seek the services of Paul Kadri, 42, the superintendent of the Neshaminy school district in Langhorne, Pa., which consists of 9,200 students.

"I think he has the right skill set for what we need now," board Vice President Barry Simescu said of Fiegel. "I think he's a strong instructional person, I think he's a strong financial person and I think that's a combination that's a winner here in Plymouth-Canton."

Board Treasurer Tom Wysocki said, for him, it came down to leadership styles.

"One was more a creative innovator type (Kadri) and one was more collaborative (Fiegel)," Wysocki said. "In my mind, for our district over the next five years, the collaborative-type leadership style is going to be the most effective for making this district successful, making the students suc-

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Township's newest detective takes aim at 'bad guys'

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

There may be some people interested in knowing that Marcy Linton, as far as anyone can recall, has become the Plymouth Township Police Department's first female detective. Marcy Linton just isn't one of them.

Linton, a police officer with 10 years experience who has spent the last seven in uniform in Plymouth Township, rotated into the department's detective bureau last month.

Lt. Robert Smith, the assistant chief who has been in the department since it formed in the 1980s, said Linton is one of fewer than a dozen women who've been officers in the department and, as far as he can recall, she's the first detective.

He believes Linton will do well; he, like others, doesn't think her gender is an issue.

"I don't look at it like a milestone, because we don't take (gender) into consideration," Smith said. "We look



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Plymouth Township Police Detective Marcy Linton has been in the department seven years after spending three years in Oxford.

at job performance, expertise, their skill sets and enthusiasm for the job."

That's fine with Linton, 33, who couldn't care less whether she's the

first. She wants one thing: to do her job.

"I don't want to make an issue of being a woman detective, because

THE LINTON FILE

Name: Marcy Linton
Position: New detective, Plymouth Township Police Department
Age: 33
Family: Husband, Scott, and two dogs, Mickey and Mr. Bigglesworth
Education: Associate's degree in criminal justice, Oakland University
Experience: Three years in Oxford, seven years in Plymouth Township.

then other people could make an issue of it," said Linton, whose husband, Scott, is also in the department. "I just want to take the bad guys off the street."

She smiled when she said it, knowing it sounds trite to say. But that's exactly the reason Linton, a graduate of Kettering High School in Waterford, decided to become a police officer in the first place.

The seed was sewn back then, when a high school aptitude test

showed Linton might have what it takes to be a police officer.

"That was one of the things that was mentioned (in the results)," she recalled. "It's just something I've always wanted to do. I like the idea of helping people."

She studied criminal justice at Oakland University for two years, bringing home an associate's degree. At that point, she felt her educational dollars would be better spent getting herself through the police academy, so off she went.

That decision coincided, she said, with a bevy of retirements of police officers who'd joined departments in the aftermath of Vietnam.

Linton ended up in the Oxford Township Police Department and, when that department was disbanded following a millage failure, she remained in the village of Oxford.

Seven years ago, Plymouth Township came calling, and Linton answered. To this point, she's spent

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Coming Sunday in Health



It's time to get moving as a family

Chili cook-off benefit

The Plymouth Keller Williams Realty hosts a Chili Cook Off 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at their office located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road. Tickets will be sold at the door; adults \$5, children \$2.50. All proceeds will go to benefit medical costs of Greg Borowiak, grandson of Keller Williams agent Marge Tack. For more information, call (248) 596-0300.

Preschool information night

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department will host a Preschool Parent Informational Meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008 at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford Road, Canton.

At this meeting you will receive applications for the 2008/09 school year, meet staff and learn about our pre-school programs. For more information, please call 416-6190 or visit the Web site at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood.

Operation Care Package

Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo hosts a "Canton Caccamo Coffee" 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23, with a twist: No coffee, no politics, no discussion on issues.

Instead, Caccamo is sponsoring "Operation Care Package" at Canton Computers, 1765 Canton Center in Canton (southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford in the Village Centre Shopping Plaza, near Kroger).

People have a chance to come to Canton Computers to donate goods and funds to ship items overseas to Marines as well as some other local vets serving in-country (Iraq or Afghanistan addresses are welcome).

Donors should bring items they feel the troops would like or could use, including things such as beef jerky, trail mixes, nuts, protein bars, tobacco products, personal letters, baby

wipes, foot powder, toothpaste, moisturiser, home baked goods or anything else you can think of. Arrangements will be made to box and ship items (donations of cash, check or pre-paid shipping boxes to defray shipping costs are also highly encouraged).

For more information, e-mail Caccamo at toddcaccamo@gmail.com

Tiny Tots Preschool

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool hosts a parent-only informational meeting for fall classes 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at The Salvation Army building, 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

Registration is \$35 and will be accepted that night. Tiny Tots is a Christian-based preschool program for children ages 3-5.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Toxic toys

Labor officials, lawmakers and experts take part in a Toxic Toy Town Hall Meeting 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the Plymouth Community Church of Christ.

Free toy testing will be available (limit three toys per person). The event is free and open to the public. Plymouth Community Church of Christ is located at 12401 Ridge in Plymouth.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Laura Russello, Clean Water Action, (734) 222-6347 or lrussello@cleanwater.org; Mike Shriberg, Ecology Center, (734) 761-3186, Ext. 108 or mikes@ecocenter.org; or Sue Browne, Blue Green Alliance, (269) 945-4443 or sbrowne@usw.org

Civitan essays

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club sponsors its annual essay contest with first-, second- and third-place winners winning \$500, \$300 and \$200, respectively.

Any student under 21 who is enrolled as a full-time student in any high school - public,



Getting ready to party

Becky Hurst (left) and Shelley Heller work on decorations for the PCEP All-Night Senior Party, which will be held Sunday, June 8, beginning at 9 p.m. It is expected that 1,000 graduates will attend the lock-in party, which will feature food, games, entertainment, and 'amazing' decorations. Tickets cost \$35 in advance/\$45 at the door, and can be purchased at various school events as well as by mailing a check payable to PCEP Senior Party to Jami Jenkins 50326 Hancock Street, Canton 48188. More volunteers are needed for pre-planning and as event chaperones. The decorations committee, games committee, and donations committee are all looking for community donations. For more information, visit the Web site http://pcep08seniorparty.blogspot.com. Buffalo Wild Wings is sponsoring a Senior Party Day on Sunday, Feb. 24, and 20 percent of your dine-in, carry-out, or bar tab will be donated to the Senior Party Committee for the evenings prize giveaways. The committee is also looking for occasional use of a delivery truck, a temporary storage facility for completed prizes, printing services, store/restaurant gift cards in \$25 and up, raffle prizes, and construction supplies. For more information, e-mail Jami Jenkins at saintjami@gmail.com or call her at (734) 546-2266.

private or parochial - in the Plymouth-Canton School District can compete.

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people counteracting our gains? If it's possible to make a significant change, how could one person go about doing it?"

The deadline for submission is noon Wednesday, March 5. For more information on rules, judging and how to submit, contact Mrs. Miller in room 2134 at Salem High School or Kathy Turnquist of the Civitans at (734) 459-1896.

Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955

N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by "appointment only," and limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3232.

Money management seminar

Homeowners struggling with mounting debt wanting to protect their homes from mortgage delinquency and foreclosure are being encouraged to attend a free money management seminar 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Plymouth District Library, located at 223 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Community Financial, GreenPath Debt Solutions and Plymouth Community United Way are teaming up to educate homeowners about how to protect their money and their mortgages.

Natalie McLaughlin, the credit union's senior education partnership coordinator, will lead the workshop. Other presenters include Ken Kollar, asset protection manager for Community Financial; David Barnett, community relations and educational specialist for GreenPath Debt Solutions; and Beth Luke, community relations and educational specialist for ACCEL Members Financial Services.

Attendees will not be required to share personal financial information at the seminar, which is free to the public. For those seeking additional assistance after the seminar, there will be an opportunity to schedule free personal appointments to review your current mortgage, credit score and report, and to obtain financial counseling.

To ensure adequate seating, reservations are recommended by calling Betty Nolan of the Plymouth Community United Way at (734) 453-6879, Ext. 2.

Bowling fund-raiser

The Plymouth A.M. Rotary hosts a bowling fund-raiser for the Tanger School Playground and other Rotary projects Sunday, Feb. 24, at Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road in Canton.

Check-in begins at 2:30 p.m., with bowling to start at 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 per adults, \$12 per youth, and includes two games of nine-pin, no-tap bowling, two slices of pizza and Cosmic Lights. Shoe

rental available for 99 cents. A 50/50 raffle and door prizes will also be available.

For advance tickets or more information, call Super Bowl, (734) 459-6070; Tom Sweeny, (734) 679-6300; or e-mail Dawn Ham-Kucharski at alexsmom@comcast.net

Charity bowlathon

Join WNIC celebrities at Seedlings' 21st Annual Bowlathon for Braille Books Sunday, March 9, at the Super Bowl Lanes in Canton sponsored by Foresters, Community Choice Credit Union and St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

This event will help put braille books into the hands of blind children. There will be many great raffle prizes and the bowlers who raise the most pledges will be eligible for top prize packages. Help bring the gift of literacy to blind children and reach the 2008 goal of 25,000 braille books.

New this year on Seedlings' Web site is on-line pledging and registration. Visit www.seedlings.org under "special events" to register or pledge a registered bowler or download a brochure. Registration deadline is March 1, and the minimum donation or pledges per bowler is \$50. Bowlers will receive three games, lunch, gift bags, and a free ticket for a chance raffle drawing. Tax-deductible door prize and lane or T-shirt sponsorships are still available to local businesses. Register now and reserve a spot at the event.

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YMCA, developer still studying Bathey

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A formal feasibility study began Wednesday to determine if a full-service YMCA will be constructed on Mill Street near downtown Plymouth.

The \$30,000 study being conducted by Four Square Research in Atlanta, Ga., is a split-cost venture between the YMCA and Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak, which owns the 16-acre former Bathey manufacturing site.

"We have a group coming from Atlanta to verify initial assumptions, make recommendations, study the site, as well as the existing facilities of the YMCA in Plymouth," said Dennis Griffin of Connektiv.

The feasibility study was revealed at Monday's city commission meeting, after commissioners approved an extension that allowed Connektiv to hold off on demolishing a 50,000-square-foot building on the site until the fall.

When Griffin purchased the property for \$2.27 million last year, part of the agreement was to demolish all the buildings by Jan. 1. However, when the YMCA project developed, Griffin asked for more time in order to save a single warehouse that could eventually be refurbished, half for YMCA facilities and the rest for commercial retail space. Monday's amended agreement gives Griffin until Sept. 28 to either strike a deal with the YMCA or other tenants for the build-



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Steve Fisher, owner of DEMEX Inc., watched as his demolition crews dismantled the Bathey Corporation site. Developers are now hoping not to have to clear the entire area as the YMCA ponders a move to the site.

ing, or tear it down.

"In this economic environment we have an obligation to make a reasonable concession," said Commissioner Stella Green, "particularly for an entity like the 'Y' to see if it's something we want to put in our community. Anytime we can improve the quality of life and amenities in the community we have an obligation to explore it."

Currently, Plymouth YMCA administrative offices are headquartered in a two-story house on Union Street near the Plymouth District Library. Programs for about 1,000 participants - including baseball, basket-

ball, volleyball, soccer and other parent-child programs - are held in off-site parks and gymnasiums.

Josh Landefeld, the executive director of the Plymouth YMCA, said the feasibility study means the project is still in the study stage.

"To make sure that everything will make sense, to make sure there's market demand to propose the project and the price," said Landefeld. "The study will take about three months, by the end of April."

"The study won't give us a definite 'no,'" he said. "We'll take a look at what it says and hope it comes back with

a definite 'yes.'"

Griffin would like the 'Y' to be an anchor for the mixed-use site to attract other development. Because of the economy, there are no specific plans for the property, which is being marketed at Trail Head.

"We believe the 'Y' is a preferred use, and a right use for the site and the community," said Griffin. "We're also approaching apartment, medical office and retail users, those that can make Trail Head an important section of Plymouth and the surrounding communities."

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Judge admits statements in beheading case

While in custody in the aftermath of a murder police say he played a key role in planning, committing and covering up, Alexander Letkemann made at least three statements to police, including a videotaped confession to Canton police revealed at his preliminary hearing.

On Friday, Letkemann, 18, of Westland, was in court arguing he was sleep-deprived and intimidated into making those statements, and his lawyer was asking a circuit court judge to suppress those statements.

Letkemann and Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17 of Plymouth Township, are accused of first-degree murder in the Nov. 7 killing 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge, burning his body and beheading him to mask his identity, disposing of the body in a Northville field and the head in the Rouge River.

Among claims Letkemann made in testimony in the Wayne County Circuit courtroom of Judge Annette Jurkiewicz-Berry: He didn't fully understand his rights, he was coerced into making the statements, and tricked into revealing the location of Sorensen's head.

In making her ruling, Berry said Letkemann was intelligent enough to understand his rights.

Letkemann's lawyer, Raymond Cassar of Farmington Hills, argued his client was sleep-deprived and intimidated during questioning that took place Nov. 9-11.

Letkemann initially told Northville police Sorensen's body was already wrapped in a tarp when he arrived at the Canton home of Orlewicz's grandfather, where the murder took place, and that he didn't know what was in it as he helped load it in a truck.

He told them in the videotape Orlewicz lured Sorensen into the garage and killed him by stabbing him from behind. He later wrote out an eight-page statement.

Berry said Friday police officers did nothing improper and that statements were obtained legally from Alexander Letkemann, who in the video admits to police he understands his rights.

She dismissed his attorneys' attempts to toss out the statements.

Letkemann and Orlewicz face an April 7 trial date in the case.

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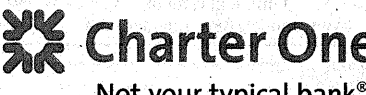
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Friends present lecture on spiritual healing at church

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sabine Goltz was disappointed when she found out there wasn't a Bruno Groening Circle of Friends in the area when she moved here from Germany so she gathered together a group of people who follow the teachings of the late spiritual leader.

At 7 p.m. Monday, March 31, Goltz and her group present a free lecture on spiritual healing based on the teachings of Bruno Groening by Franz Gringiner, M.D., of Austria and Lucia Colizoli, M.D., of Cleveland, at the Church of Today West, 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Gringiner and Colizoli are members of the Medical Scientific Group, an international forum of healing professionals who feel themselves in accord with the spirit of Groening. Colizoli has 27 years experience in the practice of adolescent, adult and geriatric psychiatry. Gringinger has been in private practice for 13



Lucia Colizoli, M.D.



Franz Gringinger, M.D.

years.

For more information, call Arsen Darnay at (313) 882-7946 or Goltz at (248) 593-9091. To learn about Groening, visit www.bruno-groening.org/english.

The Circle of Friends is a worldwide not-for-profit volunteer organization named after Groening (1906-1959).

"Bruno Groening had a certain mission, had the gift," said Goltz of Farmington Hills. "He would talk to people

and people would just regain their health. During his life he found out this was his mission. He said, it's not me who heals it's the spirit of the divine power. I am the transformer. Say thanks to the Lord. When I will die, the healings will go on."

Groening was not for a certain religion, said Goltz.

"It's a huge circle worldwide," she continued. "He left the teachings. He never took money for it (the healings)."

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

FEBRUARY

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Worship conference

Worship in Spirit and Truth conference Friday-Saturday, Feb. 22-23, Friday events begin at 7 p.m., Saturday at 9 a.m. and close with a worship service at 8 p.m., Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, between Beck and Sheldon, south of M-14. Topics include Who, Why and When We Worship along with many others. Registration, including lunch and dinner on Saturday, is \$25, \$10 per child for child care and meals. For information, call (734) 453-5280.

Fish fry

Our Lady of Loretto's Famous Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. all Fridays of Lent, in the family center, Six Mile and Beech Daly. Carry outs available.

Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites everyone to it's All You Can Eat Lenten Fish Dinners, 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 29, and March 7 and 14, in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. Livonia. The dinners feature a choice of hand-dipped fried or baked cod along with a large assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 for children ages 3-11, free for age 3 and under. Carry-out orders available at \$7 each. For information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23, and the fourth Saturday of every month, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. Free clothing for men, women and children. For more information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Lenten symposium

Saturday, Feb. 23, at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan, Sterling Heights. Featured speaker is the Rev. Monsignor Charles Mangan of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Cost is \$40 advance (\$45 at door), \$20 students, free for seminarians. All speakers also attend the youth symposium (cost \$15 for ages 12-17). Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by Mass at 8 a.m. For more information, visit www.holytrinityapostolate.com, send e-mail to barbaramm@sbcglobal.net or call Shirley at (313) 277-8905, Jerene (248) 625-2461 or Bonnie (586) 781-8523. Registration form must be received by Feb. 20.

The Jesus Prayer

A Lenten presentation by Byzantine Catholic Bishop Nicholas Samra 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, Banquet Hall, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. \$10 donation at the door covers hall and refreshments. RSVP by Feb. 20. Call (734) 422-0278. Presented by Pascha Books & Gifts now located at the Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church. Learn how the words are based on scriptural texts.

Widowed Friends

Widowed men and women of all ages are invited to a 2:30 p.m. Mass Sunday, Feb. 24, followed by fellowship and refreshments at St. Columban Parish, 1775 Melton, north of 14 mile between Woodward and Coolidge. Enter the building door in back closest to rear parking lot. For information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9406.

Reformed Protestant services

A new series of sermons on the Doctrines of Grace is being 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 Richard Waldecker at (734) 664-1815, visit www.westminsterconfession.org, or e-mail Humby at sean.humby@fuse.net.

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

Health lecture

Enjoy good sex, good sleep and remember it all through lifelong

health 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Adat Shalom Synagogue. Presented by the Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah. There is a fee. RSVP to (248) 683-5030.

Family night

Featuring children's author Ray Buckley 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27 in the sanctuary, Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills. An exciting evening of music and story telling with Buckley, a Native American author from Alaska. Event also includes music by the Chancel and Kids' Choirs. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and festivities of this family friendly event. For more information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Lenten services

Continue at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel every Wednesday through March 13, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, (313) 534-7730. Maundy Thursday service will be 7:30 p.m. March 20, the Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. March 23 in the sanctuary.

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.

Wednesday Lenten services

7 p.m. preceded by Lenten dinners 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford. Call (313) 937-2424. Holy week services 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; 7 p.m. Good Friday, March 21, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Resurrection Sunday, March 23. Holy Communion second, fourth and fifth Sundays of month. Regular worship services 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, Bible study and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Lenten services

Mid-week Wednesday Lenten Services 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27, March 5 and 12, Holy week services 10 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; Good Friday (March 21) Reflections on the Passion 12:30-2 p.m., Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday, March 22, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 427-1414. Weekly worship services 10 a.m. Sundays with nursery, Adult Learning and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. No 6 p.m. Sunday services during Lent or Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

Lenten services

Noon and 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 27, and March 5 and 12, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The Pulpit Theme is The Places of Passion. Holy Week services 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16 with Confirmation; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; noon and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 21 and Easter Sunday, March 23.

Mid-week worship

Continues to March 12, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Evening begins with worship followed by a simple meal of bread and soup, and concludes with fellowship and mission projects.

Lenten concert

Begin at 12:35 p.m. following Lenten Services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, organists Kevin Bylsma and Kenneth Sweetman with members of the choir of Mariner's Church and trumpet player Kiri Tollaksen perform music by Bach, Handel, Reger, Hadley, Peeters, Leighton, and Casals, at Mariner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson, in Detroit's Civic Center at the entrance to the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on the median on Jefferson Ave. at Woodward. For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

Men's retreat

Feb. 29 to March 2, at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Outer Drive and I-96. Single rooms, own bath, all meals. Cost is approximately \$125. Call Ruben at (734) 261-5321 for appointment.

Divorce recovery

The winter/spring workshop meets 7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday until March 13, at Ward Church, Northville. Cost is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door and includes materials and refreshments. Free childcare provided and financial help is available if needed. Deadline for registration for current session is Feb. 7, call (248) 374-5920.

World religions

Have you ever wondered why there are so many different religions? How should Christians view other religions? How is God at work in other religions? What is the fate of those who earnestly pursue God through other religions? Farmington First United Methodist Church offers a six-week, video-based study on Christianity and Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. Classes began 6-

7:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 7, and 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the church, 3312 Grand River, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6573 for details.

UPCOMING

Preschool registration

Little Lambs Christian Preschool will have open registration for fall classes at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at 45000 N. Territorial, inside First Baptist Church of Plymouth. A kindergarten readiness program is offered for 3's, 4's and young 5's Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Five to 1 student/teacher ratio. Spanish and sign language, field trips, portfolio books, and conferences. Call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 1, 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.

VBS summer ministries

The International Christian Education Association presents its 42nd preview 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at Ward Church, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Get a head start on your church's summer program by viewing exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers, attend 4 of 20 workshops on organizing, planning and administering summer programs, also make and take puppetry and teaching techniques, morning refreshments and lunch included in registration fee. The event is non-denominational and open to the public. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

A music ministry concert

I believe! 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Concert showcasing the Children's, Youth and Chancel Choirs, TeDeum, Children's and Youth Handbell choirs along with the Northville Concert Choral. No tickets needed. Free will offering. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

Lenten concert

Begin at 12:35 p.m. following Lenten Services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, March 6, organist Kevin Bylsma perform music by Bach, Pachelbel and Vienne, at Mariner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson, in Detroit's Civic Center at the entrance to the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on the median on Jefferson Ave. at Woodward. For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

Garage sale

Includes household items, tools, books, games, toys, electronic toys/games/equipment, clean, gently used children's clothing & baby items 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 7, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8. Grab bag noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, at St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Admission \$1 per person. Garage sale donations accepted before and after masses March 1-2 in parish garage. No furniture, adult clothing accepted. No strollers permitted during sale. For information, call Ruth McCarthy at (734) 464-5973.

Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include dinner and movie 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Grape Expectations Wine and Tapas Bar, Plymouth, call Bruce at (734) 459-7235. Single Place Ministry meets 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 East Main Street, Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5 per person.

Bethany Suburban West

Lenten Mass 9 a.m. Sunday, March 9, at Madonna Chapel, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Please use the Newburgh entrance, breakfast to follow. Call Kathy for details, (734) 513-9479.

Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the St. Linus Activity Center at the school. Cost is \$5 or bring a snack or dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet), and we will supply the paper, products and coffee. Play cards or board games for the evening. There will be prizes. Call Kathy for details and directions (734) 513-9479 or Michele (313) 996-8644.

Daniel, Darius & DeLions

A musical drama by the Voices of Praise Chorus 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 9, during the Sunday School hour at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0211.

Special night of worship

With Men of Grace 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, one block east of Beck at McClumpha, Plymouth. For more information or a map visit www.risenchrist.info. This free event offers an evening of spirituals, hymns, traditional and contemporary, original music, and arrangements performed by Men of Grace from Grace Centers of Hope (Pontiac). Free will offering will be taken. They are a living example of how a life can be transformed from addiction, abuse and violence to one

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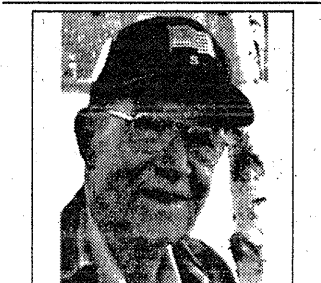
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WALTER E. COX

Age 82, of Livonia, Michigan, passed away on February 16, 2008. He was born on March 29, 1925 in Goreville, Illinois, the son of John and Ida (Walker) Cox. Beloved husband of Helen (Larwinski) Cox, whom he married on July 21, 1956, in Livonia. Dear father of Michael (Karen) Cox of Indianapolis and Leanne (Randy) Czamecki of Brighton, grandfather to Heather and Brittany Cox. He is survived by siblings, Mabel Taylor, Leonard Cox and Helen Mae Evans. He was preceded in death by brother, Paul Cox. Walter was a navy veteran of World War II, a member of the Livonia VFW post 3941, a retired ironworker in Local 25 and an avid woodworker. Papaw also instilled a love of fishing in his granddaughters. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Per his wishes, a cremation will take place and there will not be a memorial service at this time.

WILLIAM G. GARDNER

Born July 17, 1920. Died February 18, 2008. Age 87 of Royal Oak, Michigan. Husband of Violet Gardner. Dear father of W. Kent Gardner, Scott J Gardner, (Debbie) and Julianne Gardner Timney (Robert). Grandfather of Bill Gardner (Sylvia), Ginger Gardner Timney (Mark), and Heather and Melissa Gardner. Great-grandfather of Elizabeth and Victoria Gardner. Proud veteran WWII, William enjoyed 22 years of retirement from a career as owner of the Will Gard Sales Company. Memorial service Saturday 2pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial tributes to American Heart Association or the Michigan Humane Society. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



GEORGE HENRY GOBLE

Age 92 of Rochester Hills, Michigan passed away peacefully Saturday, February 16, 2008. George was born December 5, 1915 in Coalmont, Indiana, the first child of Charles and Ressa Goble. He graduated from Indiana State University in 1936 with a B.S. degree in Science and Mathematics, and taught high school in Dugger and Shelburn, Indiana. In 1942 he graduated from Purdue University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and worked for 13 years for Radio Corporation of America in the fields of facsimile, television, and computers. During WWII, George was on special assignment to work on the development of sonar for RCA to detect submarines. In 1955 George joined the Chrysler Corporation with executive assignments in the Missiles, Space & Defense Divisions in both Detroit and New Orleans. While in New Orleans, his efforts contributed to the successful mission of sending men into space. In 1981 he was appointed Vice President of Defense Quality, Chrysler Defense Inc., reporting to John W. Day, President, there he worked on the development of the Abrams M-1 tank. Following the sale of the tank division to General Dynamics Corp. in 1982 George served as Vice President, Defense Quality, General Dynamics Land Systems Division reporting to the President O.C. Boileau, until his retirement in June, 1982. At the request of Mr. Boileau, George returned to General Dynamics in September 1982 as a consultant in the area of quality control. George was predeceased by his wife, Mary Eveline Thompson Goble. He is survived by his daughters, Sue Eveline Goble Allen (James), a special education teacher in Troy, Michigan, Diane Lee Goble (John Kiely) of San Jose, California, a retired marketing and sales and community volunteer, his grandchildren, David Goble Allen, a financial analyst in New York City, Steven Goble Allen, a student at the University of Michigan, Claire Goble Kiely, a student at a Brown University and his siblings Norma Boykiw, Paul (Mary Jane) Goble, Bonnie Huff, and Anna Lee (Tom) Brook. He is also survived by his special companion Marge Pulk of Rochester Hills. Innumerable will be at Mt. Avon Cemetery, Rochester. Suggested memorials to Mercy Bellbrook, for the Wish List of the Occupational and Physical Therapy Dept./Skilled Nursing Floor, 873 W. Avon Rd., Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307. A celebration in memory of George's life was attended by immediate family and close friends on February 18, 2008 at the Royal Park Hotel, Rochester. Arrangements were in the care of the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester. Online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



HEIDI HUNTER

Age 48, of DeWitt, formerly of Livonia, passed away February 14, 2008. Employee at Basell USA, Inc. Beloved wife of Dirk Frazier. Loving daughter of Catherine and Gordon Hunter. Loving sister of Judy (Jim Faulk) Hunter, Cindy (Rick Nieman) Hunter. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Private family services will be held. Arrangements by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution in Heidi's name are asked to consider the Animal Placement Bureau, Lansing, MI.

NEALUS McCLENTON MORTON

Age 44, Livonia, MI, died February 15, 2008: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



PATRICIA "MARM" MCDONALD

Age 71, of Bloomfield Hills, died February 16, 2008, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Mrs. McDonald was born April 8, 1936, in Long Island, New York. She received a Bachelors Degree from Adelphi College in New York. Mrs. McDonald was a resident of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills for 50 years and a former member of St. Regis Parish in Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. McDonald is survived by her children, Colleen (Nick) Bolick, Maureen (Jim) Watts and Matthew J. McDonald. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Dayton, Mac and Mallory Watts and brother, Jack Holian. Mrs. McDonald is preceded in death by her husband, James. Services have been held. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660.

RITA STROMOSKI

February 16, 2008 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Edward. Loving mother of Edwina (Dennis) Bostwick and MaryKaye (Edward) Novakovich. Sister of: Mildred, Eileen, Bernadine, Lucille, Beatrice and the late Leota. Grandmother of Sarah, Joe, Charles and Derek. Funeral Mass was held at SS Simon and Jude Catholic Church on Wed, Feb. 20. Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne.

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filled with meaning, hope and faith. The group has been honored to sing for President Bush, the Detroit Tigers, Governor Jennifer Granholm, and featured at hundreds of civic, corporate, church and school events. **Easter season worship** 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, and 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia; noon Good Friday, March 21, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia and 7 p.m. Good Friday, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia (contemporary service), and 7 a.m. Easter Sunday at Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh, north of Eight Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-0149.

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Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the St. Linus Activity Center at

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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 last minute walk-ins welcome.

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. This is an interdenominational conference to help women connect their Christian life to one another. Speakers are Brenda Josee who's been active in Christian publishing 25 years, and Nancy Moser who's published 17 inspirational novels.

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

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

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

Tai Chi class Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills) is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

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

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<p>PRESBYTERIAN</p>	<p>Fellowship Presbyterian Church Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire Services held at: Madonna University's Kresge Hall 36600 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia Parking lot is on N.W. corner of Levan & Schoolcraft • Nursery provided</p>				

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LINTON

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her time in road patrol, taking and responding to calls for service.

She's seen a lot — one particularly memorable collar was a guy whose home was filled with lizards, which he introduced to her individually — but was looking for ways to grow. In Plymouth Township, the detective positions rotate every three years.

"There are only so many opportunities we can give our officers," Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said. "It's in the best interest of the department to give our qualified officers as many chances as possible to expand and grow."

It's Linton's second bite at the apple; she applied three years ago and didn't get it. Like Linton, Tiderington downplayed any significance to her gender.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Plymouth Township Police Department's newest detective, Marcy Linton, moved into the bureau in January.

"Where we're at in law enforcement these days, it's not even an issue any more," Tiderington said. "We don't look at gender any more. (Women) have proven themselves time and time again in police work. They've earned

the respect of their peers, as Marcy has here."

In the job for barely a month, Linton is settling in nicely, thank you. She's already helped bust one confounding suspect — a habitual offender arrested for smashing windows and stealing personal belongings from cars parked at Bally's — and is enjoying the "working the case" aspect of the detective bureau.

"I passed information to our community response team, they actually caught the guy, and I was able to get a life-sentence warrant," Linton said. "It was the most exciting case I've had so far ... those people were so upset coming back out to their cars and finding their property stolen."

"I got to see the case from beginning to end," Linton added. "I just felt like I really accomplished something."

ORDINANCE

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Lori Wilcox was more direct.

"If these people choose to take a gamble owning this dog, it's their prerogative," said Wilcox, who said she favors the second petition. "I, on the other hand, choose not to gamble my children, my neighbor's children or the existing pets in the neighborhood."

Kosmyna told commissioners that while his dog, Gage, isn't dangerous, "I'm all for a six-foot fence, I'm all for containment of my dog for the safety of my children and the families around me."

"My dog is a house dog. When I chain him up (outside), it's simply to go to the bathroom and come back inside," he added. "He doesn't roam the yard, he likes to be inside. He's a big baby."

The owner of the rental home, former Plymouth resident Steve Sarafian — who currently lives on the west coast — said he might have reconsidered renting the home if he had known a pit bull was moving into the home.

"But after getting to know Kyle, I know he's a very responsible human being, and if he says the dog is good, I stand behind the dog," Sarafian said. "Whatever the city council decides, I'll fix whatever needs fixing. If it's spending money to build a fence, I will do that."

City attorney Bob Marzano of Plunkett Cooney revealed

WEB TALK

Here are some samples of what they're saying about this issue on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com:

■ "Is Plymouth becoming Nazi Germany or what? C'mon now ... if feral dogs ran free through the streets of downtown Plymouth, then there might be a problem. But assuming this dog is kept on a leash or in a fenced yard, as per city requirements, then there is absolutely no reason for meddling neighbors to be concerned."

■ "I truly hope the politicians in Plymouth will do their research on this matter. Breed Specific Legislation has proven to be ineffective in many communities. There needs to be a law protecting people from all aggressive dogs, not just pit bulls."

■ "I am not prone to believe everything that I hear or read. I think that we should research for ourselves. If you would care to research about the breed, you would see that there is cause for caution and discussion when the public safety is at stake."

■ "I live in Plymouth. I have a pit bull. She is a sweetheart. I WILL move if they choose to ban them."

he's given city officials sample ordinances from neighboring communities to consider.

"I'm investigating the constitutionality and how to have an ordinance that would be enforceable ... and fair to all parties," Marzano said.

Pursell cited a Canton Township ordinance as one that appears to be one Plymouth could adopt. In that ordinance, "vicious dog" means "any dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked; any dog that attacks a human being or other domestic animal without being provoked; and any dog known by its owner to be a pit bull ... or any mixed breed of dog known to contain as an element of its breeding of any such breeds."

Pursell admitted that trying to ban a specific breed would face tough scrutiny by the courts, as evidenced by an Arkansas federal court case which is testing the constitutionality of banning specific breeds of dogs.

"I think you can have an ordinance that specifies for potentially dangerous and vicious dogs due to their heritage, their breeding," Pursell said. "We all love dogs, but there comes a point where the dogs have to take a back seat to the safety of the people."

"I think we can tighten our ordinance a bit to satisfy them," he added. "I think they'd sleep better at night. I know I would."

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1021 - Frank Green - 10 Boxes, 1 TV, Misc Items
8032 - Kimberly Barnet - 4 Boxes, 2 Vases, 2 Luggage
5008 - Adel Doks - 5 Boxes, 1 Loveseat, 1 Tote
4025 - Daniel Fealk - 4 totes, 2 headboards, Honda Prelude
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2030 - Mary Owens - Couch, Washer, Dryer
4001 - Robert Kozak - Vacuum, Tool Boxes, Misc Items
4052 - Orlando Austin - 20 Totes, Piano, Scooter
5023 - Dan Gorys - Stove, 2 Bicycles, 20 Totes
9154 - Daphani Dent - 10 Boxes, Couch, Loveseat
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW
NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:
Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3269, between 8 am and 4:30 pm for an appointment.
Tuesday, March 4 9 am - Noon Organizational Meeting
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 10 2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
6 pm - 9 pm Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday, March 12 9 am - Noon Hearings by Appointment
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 15 9 am - 11 am First Come - First Served
Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.
All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 21, 2008.
The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.
Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Salem High School Roofing Project.** Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Associates, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or (248) 427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.
There will be a **pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2008** at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the location above. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.** This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for **Bid Division: #109: Roofing.**
Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bid securities may be in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check.
Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. **Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly.** These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Steven Sneiderman, Secretary
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2008 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW
The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2007 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organization Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:
Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 10, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 11, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 13, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 15, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. **COMPLETE 2008 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY,** and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Saturday, March 15, 2008 by 3:00 p.m.
A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Saturday, March 15, 2008 by 3:00 p.m.
Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.
All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act."
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.
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FINALIST

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successful here. And I think Dr. Fiegel best represented that leadership style."

After spending time last week quizzing references, board President Judy Mardigian said she was "blown away" by what she discovered about Fiegel.

"They says he's very business-like, but very flexible and very collegial, respectful of different points of views," she said. "He gained respect of the unions, despite the fact they had contentious negotiations four years ago. Very successful in introducing different programs and initiatives and seeing them through, on the academic side."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez said Fiegel stood out after the two interviews with each of the finalists, but she couldn't commit to hiring him.

"I can't help but go back to the idea if he's the best of two, or is he the best for the district," Gonzalez said. "I think he's the best of two, but I'm not ready to commit to him as

being the one."

Kadri received high marks from trustees, but they felt he was more a "turnaround specialist" and not what Plymouth-Canton needed.

"In my mind I think he's someone who could more help a struggling district," said Steven Sneiderman, board secretary. "Certainly we have issues with funding, but we are by no means a struggling district ... one that has failing test scores, failing finances, issues with safety and declining enrollment."

Fiegel admitted he "had a sense" he'd become the finalist, saying "I'm very excited, I think it's a good fit."

Fiegel said moving from a district of 1,900 students to one with nearly 19,000 will be a challenge, but noted his work in Lawrence, Kan., a district of 10,000 students.

"When you get into a district the size of Plymouth-Canton, you rely on a lot more people to do a lot of things," Fiegel said. "There are advantages to a smaller district. I understand parts of every job. There certainly will be a learning curve."

Fiegel said he hasn't dis-

cussed specific salary with Plymouth-Canton officials.

"I heard figures they had been thinking about, but the search firm told them they would have to go higher, based on the market size of the district," said Fiegel, who earns \$180,000. Current Supt. Jim Ryan's salary, at its peak, was \$161,000.

"I don't see any hesitation on my side," Fiegel added, referring to his commitment to signing a contract. "I'm sure we can work it out."

Mardigian said nearly two dozen reference checks on Fiegel had been made, mainly of school board members and union presidents, with more references contacted before a contract is offered. A criminal background check, per state law, has also been conducted on Fiegel.

Mardigian contacted Fiegel after the board's decision, and said he "was very excited" about the nearing possibility of succeeding Ryan, who will be retiring Feb. 29.

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What they're saying about candidates

Here's a snippet of what Plymouth-Canton board members said about their two candidates:

■ **Steven Sneiderman on Paul Kadri:** "I was a little concerned that he's leaving the district he's currently in after two years. However, the issues he has with his current board, I can't guarantee he wouldn't have the same issues with the board of our school district. I wouldn't want someone that wouldn't want to stick around and work things out. I don't think he's a right fit for us."

On Craig Fiegel: "I've heard some concern about the size of the district he comes from ... but what is the right size ... if that's the case then I think we may have to erase the last six years because I think that we've had someone who we may consider the best superintendent (Jim Ryan)

in the last year come from districts of 2,000-3,000."

■ **Barry Simescu on Paul Kadri:** "Paul Kadri is a 'if we're broke I'll fix it for you,' and I don't think we're broke, and we don't need an extreme makeover here."

On Craig Fiegel: "I liked his personality. There's nobody like Jim, but I was very comfortable with him from the beginning."

■ **John Jackson on Craig Fiegel:** "I think that one candidate really stands out, and I think that's Dr. Craig Fiegel. I think he would do a fine job for this school district."

■ **Nancy Eggenberger:** "I feel Dr. Fiegel will be a strong, steady leader. I think he will bring our school district along on the path it's already on, keep it going and do a good job of it."

■ **Dianne Gonzalez:** "I think it was

easy to see during the second interview process that Dr. Fiegel stood out to all of us and the community at-large."

■ **Judy Mardigian on Paul Kadri:** "He thinks like a mega district ... and I think he's really at a different level than where we are right now. If you were in a struggling district, or had a district with issues, he's very creative and sticks in there." On Dr. Fiegel: "I was really blown away by some of the reference checks by some of the board members I talked to about Dr. Fiegel. They said what you see is who he is, he just gets better. The idea of being a steady leader, very comfortable personality, the fact he's had tremendous longevity in both places he's been. I think he's really up to the task to move us ahead in the next stage for this district."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2008 for the following:

RESIDENTIAL GRASS CUTTING

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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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Bid Division descriptions include:

- 103: Selective Demolition
- 124: Wood Flooring
- 151: Cafeteria Folding Pocket Tables

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Main Office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid familial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 14, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday, March 4, 2008	Organizational Meeting -- 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (No Appointments)
Monday, March 10, 2008	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 11, 2008	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Wednesday, March 12, 2008	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Thursday, March 13, 2008	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Appointment Only)
Friday, March 14, 2008Z	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Appointment Only)

Please be advised entry the building on Tuesday, March 11th after 5:00p.m. and Wednesday, March 12th after 5:00p.m. can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township hall.

If you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's office directly at (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
Charter Township of Canton

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)981-0303 on 2/29/08 at 12:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
3030 - Herman Glass - 10 Bags, TV, VCR
4015 - Chad Cummins - Bike, Vacuum, Freezer
4026 - Tiyana Robson - TV, Vacuum, 2 Mattresses
4212 - Brooke Forquer - Table, 4 Boxes, Misc Items
4248 - Lisa Young - 7 Totes, Misc Items, 3 Boxes
4254 - John Williams - Stroller, Mattress, Suitcase
4262 - Bryon Hill - Loveseat, 2 Chairs, 6 Boxes
4294 - Diane Jacobs - 5 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc Items
6212 - Bharti Washington - 20 Boxes, 4 Chairs, Computer

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2008 for the following:

NOXIOUS WEED CUTTING

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 ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1013 - Lissa Seiber - Microwave, TV, Sofa
2011 - James Clippert - 4 Kitchen Chairs, 1 Office Chair, 2 End Tables
3018 - Bonzell Joins - China Cabinet, Sofa, 50 Boxes
4027 - Jason Brodie - Computer, Dresser, Tool Box
4201 - Russell Pfeifer - 3 Bikes, 5 totes, 3 tool boxes
4237 - Jeri Luce - Bike, 20 Boxes, TV
5008 - Amicie Crayton - Couch, Loveseat, Vanity
5107 - Gloria and Lonnie Parham - Bicycle, 30 Boxes, Floor Buffer
5150 - Angelik Lancaster - Printer, Lawnmower, 20 Boxes
5260 - Amy McLellan - Stroller, Microwave, Misc Items

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OUR VIEWS

Banning pit bull an overreaction

Before it degenerated into a less-civil discussion about side issues having little to do with the problem at hand, the online conversation about whether a new Plymouth resident should be allowed to have a pit bull seemed to be largely in favor of the resident.

That's what we believe, as well.

The flap over Gage, the 2-year-old pit bull owned by Angel Edie and her fiancé, Kyle Kosmyna, started before the couple even moved into their Jenner home, when neighbors approached the Plymouth City Commission with a pair of petitions aimed at keeping Gage out of the neighborhood.

Keep in mind the city's ordinance doesn't ban pit bulls, or any other dogs, for that matter. All it says — for the moment, at least — is that "vicious" dogs must be kept secure on their own property. Though the ordinance doesn't define "vicious," it's clear Gage's neighbors would include him.

And that's all without benefit of having met the family, or seen the dog. That seems a bit hasty to us.

Pit bulls do have a reputation, some say bred in the media, of being mean-spirited, fighting dogs. There have, obviously, been instances where the breed has earned the reputation. The same can be said for other breeds.

One person said the only dog that had bitten her was a golden retriever. We heard from another person whose only brush with a dog bite came from a chihuahua. Is the city supposed to ban them, too?

We're not saying neighbors don't have a right to be concerned; they certainly do. The ordinance requires the dog to be secured on his own property, and Kosmyna has agreed to do that. In an online post Monday, the owner pointed out the dog is kept on a 25-foot leash, with the nearest fence more than 30 feet away.

He has invited neighbors over to meet the dog (many have taken him up) in an effort to let them get to know him. Neighbors say, in effect, "Sure he's nice now, but what about when he turns on you?"

One poster wrote "We are not anti-pit bull. We are against irresponsible dog owners and the landlords that rent to them." But have Kosmyna and Edie proven to be irresponsible dog owners yet? That's a little like convicting someone before they've even been charged.

There's a short fence between two of the properties, less than three feet high. Despite Kosmyna's assurance his dog can't even make it onto the 24-inch bed in the house, neighbors have a right to be somewhat concerned about the small fence. Kosmyna, or the landlord who rented to him, could go a long way toward resolving this dispute by erecting a fence that would make everyone happy.

People should definitely do their homework on pit bulls, not just rely on hysteria or media reports. There are valuable Web sites that could be used to educate people and allay fears. Just Google "pit bull" and they pop up everywhere.

One neighbor worried "we're going to be locked in our home because they have this potentially dangerous dog." While we agree safety precautions should be taken — as they should with any dog — this strikes us as overreactive.

Sometimes, the only thing you have to fear really is fear itself.

State's economic future depends on strong schools

Education is the key.

Everyone agrees that Michigan's long-term economic future depends on a well-educated workforce, capable of filling jobs in a more complex and shifting economy.

We have not been keeping pace with the rest of the country.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has been working with Democratic and Republican legislators in this critical area that both parties agree is the state's primary obligation.

Granholm offered these proposals during her State of the State address:

- Increasing state funding for the 2008-09 school year by \$108 to \$216 per student to provide more funding and narrow the funding gap. This would make a minimum foundation allowance of \$7,420.

- Raising the dropout age from 16 to 18.

- Urging school districts to offer full-day kindergarten and increased funding for preschool programs.

- Creating a 21st Century Schools Fund to help school districts replace large high schools that have low academic achievement and high dropout rates with smaller high schools. The fund would provide \$300 million in grants to school districts over the next three years to create these schools.

- Increasing funding to community colleges and state universities by 3 percent.

All of these are good ideas. It is now up to the Legislature to study the funding proposals to see what the state can afford.

It's important to note that these are not immediate remedies for Michigan's vexing economic problems. Instead, they are the crucial element in guaranteeing that the state has a healthy economic future.



LETTERS

Community gem

It was gratifying, after the recent winter snow storm, to see the city of Plymouth Department of Public Works cleaning the sidewalk areas of Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park.

This extremely well-maintained public site pays tribute to area veterans and recognizes the foresight of Bob Zaetta and his committee in assembling all the monuments in a central location.

This public park is truly a community "gem" for all ages and is proof the "cost of freedom ISN'T FREE."

Roger L. Kehrier
Plymouth

Outsider interference

I take exception to an individual who has no stake in our local politics, coming into my neighborhood and trying to recall my state representative!

I am talking about Leon Drolet's recall effort against state Rep. Marc Corriveau. Drolet has absolutely nothing to lose if we lose OUR representative, but our community stands to lose a lot! Marc is dedicated to this community. He works hard for us.

I urge anyone who is asked to sign a recall petition to say, "NO!"

Arthur R. Kainz
Plymouth Township

Dog ignorance

Could you post this to the narrow-minded people in Plymouth, because they are so ignorant and stupid to even say or think bad when they hear pit bull? It is a dog, just like any other dog.

There are no bad dogs, they turn bad if they are trained by the caretaker. For the person who says they are fearing for their kid when they come out of the house, should we fear for our safety when that kid comes out because he/she might turn out to be a mass murderer or destructive or a menace? Let the people in Plymouth know how ignorant and stupid they sound. Go Gage!

Pat Melkonian
Canton

No to recall

I do not believe Rep. Corriveau should be recalled. Mr. Drolet and his friends should not ask us to spend unnecessary tax money on recall elections a few months ahead of regular elections. Instead, they should identify in detail the spending reductions they have touted endlessly, and tell us exactly which programs should be cut.

They chose to deride Rep. Corriveau and others who were brave enough to take a stand and say enough is enough. This is a very obvious political ploy to grab back the seat for a Republican. I hope the recall goes nowhere — where it belongs!

Julia Petro
Plymouth

Recall a false issue

Rep. Corriveau impresses me as hard-working, conscientious and sincere. If he should prove to be misguided in the future, I can vote for someone else — as

can any voter. The claimed reason for recall is a false issue. Anyone who brings such a petition to my door will get a couple of earfuls.

Corriveau voted on the tax questions as I would have voted if I were in his position. As a retiree with a small income, I should probably be expected to object to any tax increase of any kind, but I feel that we citizens of Michigan should be able to tolerate a slight income tax increase for the time being, considering the current dire conditions.

If the state government fails afterward to cease wasteful spending, then we can object vigorously to said income tax increase as well as any other kind.

One of the most obvious and irritating wastes in Michigan's government is the maintaining of a full-time Legislature, providing legislators more opportunity to engage in chicanery and mischief. A certain bombastic phony campaigned for the state Senate on the strength of his attendance record vs. that of his opponent — another false issue, since many legislators waste time in Lansing when they could be accomplishing more back in their districts. Why not recall them?

Our much-lauded Michigan secretary of state imposes late fees — essentially fines — for late renewal of vehicle registrations and operator permits. This should be ruled unconstitutional, as it denies citizens the presumption of innocence. Why not recall her?

And so on. You get my point, no doubt.

N.L. Hansen
Plymouth

Wasting taxpayer dollars

Thank goodness Marc Corriveau had the guts to stand up and be counted for the citizens of Michigan since we are hard-pressed to have anyone else doing that.

Does anyone really think we can get out of our mess by cutting taxes more? You just have to look at California to get a grip. They want their services, but they don't want to pay for them.

I support Marc Corriveau and Andy Dillon, they seem to be the only ones with a sense of what it means to be a politician and a leader. The people who want to recall them are more concerned with themselves and it speaks to a very sad state of affairs.

Too bad you put it on the front page with the byline you did. Why do these folks want to spend MORE money on a special election? We have better things to use our taxpayer dollars on then catering to their special interests.

Linda Gobski
Plymouth

Disappointed in paper

I am deeply disappointed that our local paper is supporting the effort of outsiders to distract our elected representative from doing his job.

Rep. Corriveau made the tough choice required to maintain a minimum level of state services in the face of declining revenues. Your page-one article is not a presentation of the facts of the situation, it is an editorial complete with the informa-

tion about how to get involved with the recall.

For shame!

Jon Oatley
Plymouth

No superdelegates

As a reasonably intelligent senior — my academic credentials are somewhere between a G.E.D. and a Ph.D. — and having passed Civics 101 during the building of the Great Pyramid, and just when I was beginning to fathom the RNC/DNC-controlled gobbledygook of the Electoral Kindergarten, a new and further bastardization of the system envisioned by the founders has ratched up my political quandary. As the king said: "It's a puzzle-ment!"

Now we're told that if the Clinton-Obama race becomes inconclusive, another anomalous, mind-boggling, quixotic political obfuscation called superdelegates will decide the nominee. Who are these supers? Ostensibly, they're a coven of 800 super wise, contemplative Merlins, i.e., party big shots and a smorgasbord of unknown political lackeys, who will tell us who our choice is. Gawd! And to think we used to make jokes about the Soviets' one-candidate system!

If anyone still believes the "Your vote counts" mantra, I have \$1 each shares in Dubai's man-made island paradise. Given P.T. Barnum's famous prognostication, I expect a tsunami-level sales bonanza.

William Carruth
Royal Oak

The bottom line is jobs

"Jobs" are the bottom line during this era of economic turmoil in Michigan. It is encouraging to see that Speaker Dillon has done his part to secure jobs for this district. The tax abatements he secured for local businesses like Steel Pro and Detroit Diesel led directly to the creation of 200 jobs in our district.

Social issues and programs are nice where and when they're warranted, but without jobs, no one will be around to enjoy them. Speaker Dillon understands that. Andy, I am proud to have you serving this community.

Amy Hichez
Redford

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"One of the central themes is they have been bred to fight for thousands of years ... Often times, even after years and years of being with the family and having a good relationship with the family, they've attacked and killed their own owners and children."

- Chris Schneider, Plymouth resident, on why he's opposed to a family moving in with a pit bull as a pet

Cox's ill-conceived license opinion sends yet another wrong message

Two days after Christmas, while Lansing was silent and largely deserted for the holiday season, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox issued an opinion indicating that only permanent Michigan residents may get a driver's license. It appeared to say that people living here legally, but on a temporary basis, couldn't get one.

That opinion came in response to a request by state Rep. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge. It was clearly not produced overnight. The opinion was five single-spaced pages in length and was accompanied by 13 footnotes and case citations. Nobody I talked with in preparing this column — and I talked with plenty of people — knew Cox's opinion was coming. But it was a bombshell.

It provoked a round of furious finger-pointing with Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, his fellow Republican. Her office was responsible for implementing Cox's complex ruling. It enraged the business community, which employs nearly 400,000 aliens legally in Michigan on valid visas. It infuriated state universities when they suddenly discovered that thousands of their students and faculty members living legally in Michigan could not get a driver's license.

It wounded economic developers across the state, who found themselves trying to explain that Michigan really didn't want to slam the door against international business expansion. And it provoked official protests from the governments of Japan and India.

All this from one little opinion by a state attorney general.

Of course, there was a political dimension to all this (surprise, surprise). The subject of illegal aliens has been one of consuming interest during the presidential campaign, especially to many Republicans, who want the border with Mexico closed and all illegals chucked out. (That is, unless they employ any on the sly.)

And the issue has more than just Republicans squirming. Sen. Hillary Clinton got herself into trouble during the presidential debates with a series of confusing and contradictory responses when asked whether illegal aliens should get driver's licenses.

Most Lansing sources I talked with figure that Cox was doing little more than pandering to the anti-immigrant wing of the GOP. I tried to ask Cox's PR guy about this, but my call was not returned.

In any event, once people returned to Lansing and the national press started saying that Michigan was now the toughest state in the country for aliens to get driver's licenses, all hell broke loose.

Jim Epolito, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., was politely furious. He fired off a letter to Cox noting that his troops "have been receiving frantic telephone calls, e-mails and

letters from Michigan's international business community regarding this issue. Your opinion, issued with no advanced warning to the business community and with no opportunity for a hearing or public comment, has given the international business community the perception that Michigan is not open for business."

Epolito cited more than 375,000 employees who were in Michigan on perfectly legal visas, who could not effectively conduct their business without being able to drive a car.

And Birgit Klohs, the highly effective economic developer for Grand Rapids, told me she'd been on the phone at all hours trying to explain what was going on to angry foreign companies considering — at least, they had been — Michigan as a possible place for expansion.

Universities were just as dismayed. University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman pointed out that our universities are on the front line of bringing capable people to Michigan. I got a call from Linda Lim, the head of U-M's Southeast Asia Center, saying that she had an office full of students in tears.

Meanwhile, once the secretary of state's office started figuring out what the opinion really meant, they ran into all kinds of trouble trying to work their way through the complex opinion. Lawyers quickly pointed out that Cox's language appeared to mean that even U.S. citizens living in Michigan temporarily could not obtain a driver's license. Implementing rules were issued Jan. 22, and were promptly attacked by a suit from the American Civil Liberties Union.

Cox's office complained that the secretary of state "misread" the opinion, which is the legal equivalent of "I wrote it, but it's your problem to figure out what I meant."

Fingers were pointed back and forth all over Lansing, with feelings (mostly anger) running especially high between the attorney general's office and that of the secretary of state, both Republicans.

Meanwhile, Gov. Jennifer Granholm urged the Legislature to find a fix to overturn the Cox opinion. Acting with unusual speed and bipartisanship, both the House and Senate overwhelmingly passed legislation that allowed foreign citizens living temporarily in Michigan to obtain a driver's license. The governor promptly signed the bill last Friday.

But the damage has been done. With its state facing terrible economic times, with Michigan desperate for skilled immigrant workers and students, Cox's opinion succeeded in holding our foot up to be shot with our own pistol. What's sad, embarrassing and all-too-predictable about this particular episode of pandering-gone-wrong is that it was totally, and completely, unnecessary.

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Dems shouldn't accept results of state primary

The Democratic Party seems ready to block its own march into the White House by tainting the election process with backroom politics and the kind of wheeling and dealing that many Americans find disgusting and disheartening.



Hugh Gallagher

The Michigan delegation to the Democratic National Convention must not be seated based on the results of January's dubious primary. If those results are accepted and play any role in tipping the nomination to Sen. Hillary Clinton, or if superdelegates decide for Clinton against the results on the party caucuses and primaries, the party will find that millions of voters will sit out this election or cast their votes for John McCain in protest to the arrogance of the Democratic Party.

This is not about the relative merits of Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama. They are both qualified to be president. Both have detailed positions on the major issues — just go to their Web sites. Obama is more charismatic, an eloquent and forceful speaker. Clinton has more years in Washington and, on balance, more support among party leaders.

If either were to win the presidency, it would be a long overdue historic moment.

Despite Obama's current momentum, the nomination is still up for grabs. Clinton may well post strong wins in Texas, Ohio and Pennsylvania and make the issue moot.

But if Obama maintains his momentum and goes into the convention with more delegates and a larger vote count, the final decision should not hang on the votes from Michigan and Florida or the calculations of party bosses.

Michigan's Democratic leaders had legitimate concerns about the peculiar weight given to Iowa and New Hampshire in the quadrennial election. Those states are small, predominantly rural and white. They represent a portion of the electorate, but do not represent the majority of the country.

But the national party thought otherwise and asked other states to schedule their primaries or caucuses for February and after, with the exceptions of Nevada and South Carolina to give voice to Hispanics and African Americans.

Michigan and Florida decided to defy the party and the party retaliated by stripping those states of their delegates. The candidates agreed not to campaign here and in Florida. Obama and John Edwards pulled their names from the Michigan ballot, Clinton kept her name on the ballot. Voters did not get a fair chance to evaluate the candidates or hear them

in person. It would be sad if Michigan is not included in the convention. But it would be sadder if the party accepts a sham vote and that vote is in any way decisive in selecting the nominee.

in person.

Now Clinton wants those votes counted out of her concern for the voters of Michigan and Florida. Yeah, right!

On Friday, the Michigan Democratic Party announced the delegate allocations, if, and they presume when, the Michigan delegation is seated. Based on the primary, Clinton would receive 73 pledged delegates, 16 pledged alternates and 10 committee members. There will be 55 uncommitted delegates, five uncommitted alternates and eight uncommitted committee members. The actual delegates will be chosen at congressional and state meetings in March and May. The delegation will also include 28 unpledged delegates (the superdelegates).

Ironically, if Michigan had kept its February primary date, the state would be a key player in the nominating process. The two remaining candidates would be spending a lot of time and media dollars here. Michigan's broad, racially diverse population would have made a difference. And, as the economy weakens, Michigan's problems would be a central concern for candidates.

The leap frogging primaries have been a disservice to democracy. The slow building primary process has always been a way for the less well-known candidates to make their case and build a following against the better-known and better-financed candidates. This is why Obama's campaign has built momentum against Clinton. The process has also been beneficial for Sen. John McCain, who was counted out by the media but began scoring victory after victory against the better-financed former Gov. Mitt Romney, who was favored by party leaders.

It would be sad if Michigan is not included in the convention. But it would be sadder if the party accepts a sham vote and that vote is in any way decisive in selecting the nominee. Such an outcome would see many of the young voters who have been excited by Obama's campaign sit out the election and many black voters turn away from the election because they will feel they've been disenfranchised yet again.

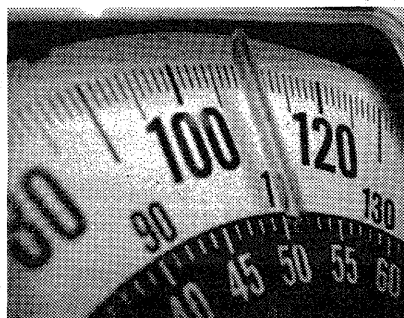
Democrats, don't do it.

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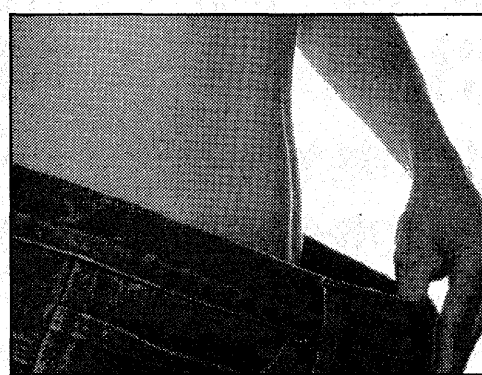
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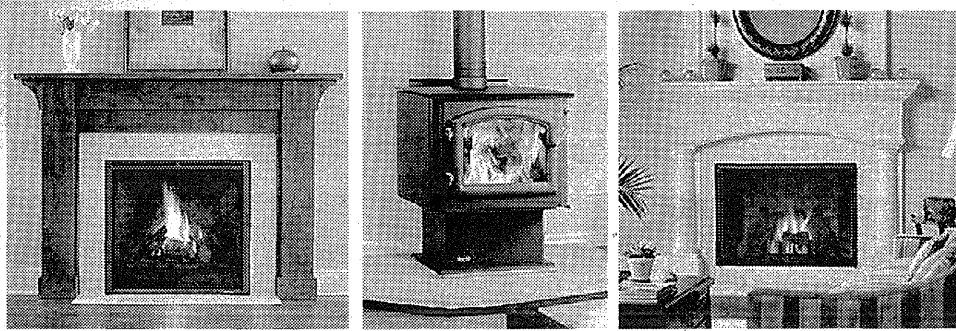
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Rocks hold off Wildcats in District opener

For results of Wednesday's game, please visit www.hometownlife.com.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem and Plymouth's cross-campus rivalry moved off-campus Monday night, but both teams apparently remembered to pack their intensity. In a first-round Class A District clash played at Livonia Ladywood High School, the Rocks advanced to Wednesday's semifinal round with a hard-fought 42-35 victory over the Wildcats, who capped their season with a 9-12 mark. Plymouth cut a one-time 11-point deficit down to 33-30 in the opening minute of the fourth quarter on an inside basket from Shaakira Haywood, but the Rocks responded with a 5-1 run to subdue the rally.

Monday's meeting was the third this season between the two teams. Plymouth won Round 1, 57-56, in December before Salem claimed a 58-30 triumph on Feb. 5. Salem coach Fred Thomann warned his team to be ready for a battle. "Any time you play a city rival — especially in a setting where you have three schools on the same campus like we do — you're going to get their best game," said Thomann, whose No. 8-ranked squad improved to 19-2. "We were 1-1 coming in against Plymouth and we had to figure out a way to sustain our effort. "We got off to a great start thanks to Chelsea Davis's and some good looks. They made a couple runs at us, but they could never get over the hump against us." Although her team struggled with

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shooting (33 percent) and taking care of the ball (19 turnovers), Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly couldn't fault her team's determination. "I was very pleased with how hard the girls played," she said. "Our effort and execution just didn't match up. "We did a lot of things well tonight, especially defending in the second half, but we made too many turnovers once we got close." Senior guard Alaya Mitchell led Salem with 15 points, seven rebounds and three steals. Davis also played well, netting nine points and seven boards. Sixth-man Rachel Norman provided the Rocks with some vital energy off the bench and finished with six points

and three rebounds. "Rachel's getting better and better as we go through the season," said Thomann. "She's no longer a sophomore." Haywood, a junior center, led Plymouth with 13 points and eight rebounds. Junior guard Kelsi Robinson added 10, Megan Quinlan twined five and Stacey Klonowski chipped in with four points, seven rebounds and a pair of thefts. "I thought Stacey Klonowski did a nice job with the point-guard role, something we haven't asked her to play much this season," said Reilly. "She did a solid job handling the ball and making good decisions while at the same time guarding (Sara) Stone on defense and rebounding.

Please see **OPENER, B2**

Sidelines

Hoop tryouts

The Plymouth-Canton Wolfpack boys 14U/eighth-grade AAU basketball team will be holding tryouts for the 2008 spring and summer season on Wednesday, March 12. The tryouts will take place at High Velocity Sports in Canton from 6-8 p.m. with registration starting at 5:30 p.m. To be eligible, you must live within the Plymouth-Canton school district and have a birth date on or after Sept. 1, 1993. There is a \$15 registration fee to participate in the tryout. Registration forms and additional information can be found at www.plymouthcanton-wolfpack.com. For more information, send an e-mail to cantonwolfpack@yahoo.com.

Stingrays prevail

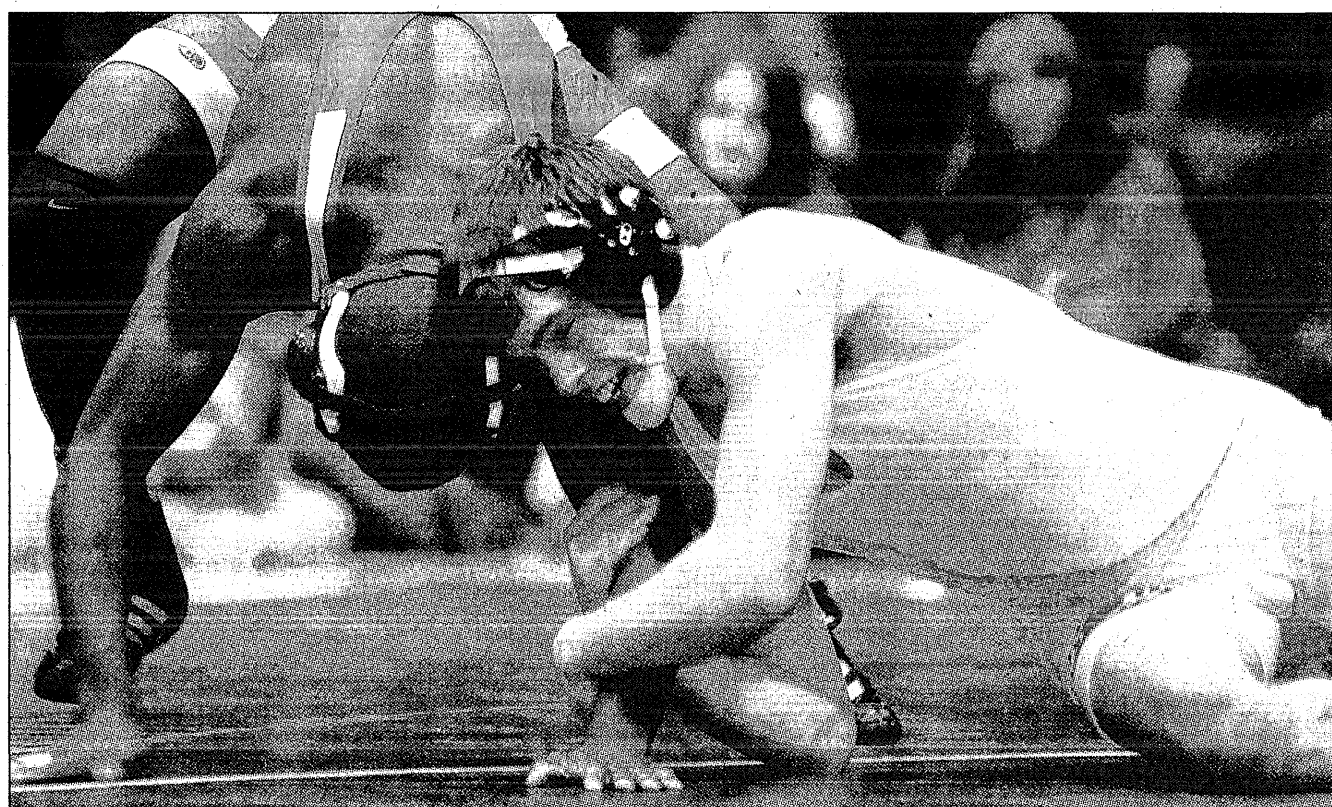
The '98 Plymouth Squirt A travel hockey team won the International Silver Sticks Championship in New Market, Ontario, last month. In December, the Stingrays qualified for the international tournament by winning the Detroit Regional Silver Stick Championship. The Stingrays defeated the Mississauga Braves, 2-1, in triple overtime in the final game to conclude a perfect 10-0 run. Keeghan Howdeshell netted the game-winner on assists from Nick Beers and Trevor McManus. Brendan Guziak scored the game-tying goal with 4:26 left in the third period on an assist from Anthony Solack. The team consists of: Kevin Onofrio, Trevor McManus, Cody Burke, Will Borrows, Bailey Thompson, Beers, C.J. Regula, Evan Newel, Carson Pakula, Chase Danol, Ryan Bradwan, Solack, Riley Brass, Guziak, Howdeshell and David Kiers. The team is coached by Steve Borke, Rob Reilly, Dave Brass, Russ Borrows and Ray Danol.

Variety show

The Plymouth Saberettes will hold their fifth annual "Variety Show" Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$7. Pre-sale tickets will be available during practice on Thursday.

MU softball clinic

The Madonna University softball clinic is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday, Feb. 24 at the activities center. The clinic will consist of all phases of hitting in fast-pitch softball, over a three-hour session. MU softball players and coaches will be on hand to instruct young players who sign up. Pre-registration is required; the cost of the clinic is \$30. For more information contact head coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 516-5137, or via e-mail at awhite@madonna.edu.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Kevin Hayter, pictured above during a meet earlier this season, advanced to Saturday's Division 1 individual Regional meet after winning the 130-pound weight class at last weekend's District meet.

BIG TIPPER

Last-second shot by Miller lifts Agape to win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

After feasting on rebounds all night, Canton Agape's Jared Miller left a mighty big tip Tuesday in the

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Wolverines' pivotal showdown at Novi Franklin Road Christian. Miller, a senior, tipped in teammate Mark Mullett's missed shot with five seconds left to give Agape a 47-45 victory over the Warriors. Franklin Road was unable to sink a desperation last-second shot. The win improved the Wolverines' Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division record to 7-2, one-half game behind Franklin Road (8-2) heading into Thursday night's regular-season finale at Ypsilanti Calvary Christian. Miller notched a double-double with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Ty Majeski chipped in with 14 points for the winners. David Mansfield led the Warriors with 16 points. Franklin Road led 7-4 in a defensive-dominated first quarter before the Wolverines rebounded to grab a 20-18 halftime advantage. Agape led 35-32 with eight minutes to play. "We pressed them in the second quarter and kind of picked up the pace," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "This was a very good win for us because Franklin Road has a good, solid team." An Agape win on Thursday would deadlock the Wolverines and Warriors at 8-2 atop the Red Division standings. The Wolverines defeated the Warriors twice this season, thus giving them the tie-breaker.

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12 P-CEP grapplers advance to Saturday's individual Regional tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

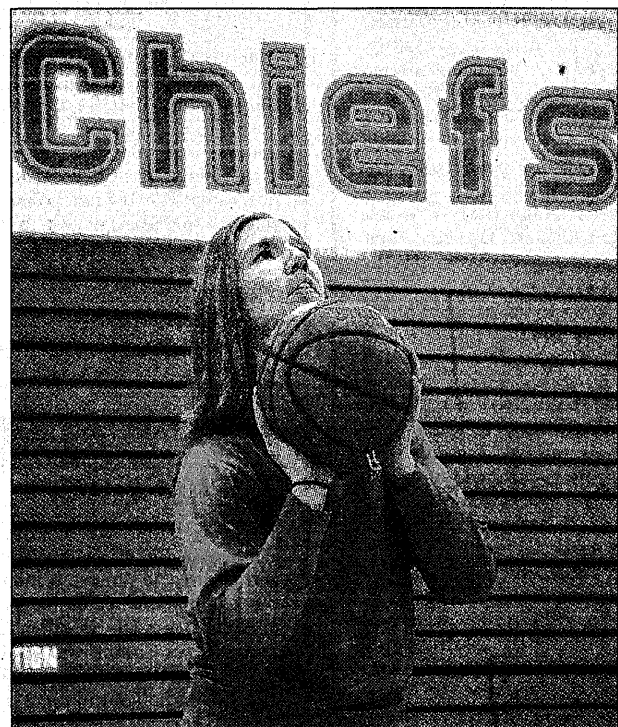
A dozen P-CEP wrestlers are two victories from a berth in the Division 1 individual state finals following impressive outings at Saturday's individual District tournament at Birmingham Groves High School. The individual state finals are set for March 6-8 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Nine Canton athletes — a school record — along with a trio of Salem grapplers placed among the top four finishers in their respective weight classes to advance to Saturday's individual Regional competition at Southgate Anderson. "Advancing nine wrestlers to the Regional is a testament to the program and how far we come in such a short time," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "I was proud to get that many through. We had a couple of heart-breakers, otherwise we could have got a couple more through, but nine is a huge accomplishment." Advancing for Canton were: Waleed Faraj (103 pounds),

Carl Lucke (119), Donnie Watkins (125), Steve Cox (135), Brent Winekoff (140), Rodger Kropp (171), Adam Powers (189), Dan Wanshon (215) and Luke Konsitzke (285). Salem's movers were Kevin Bennett (125), Kevin Hayter (130) and Jeremy Epley (160). Epley (40-3) placed first in his weight class after handing Livonia Stevenson's Ziad Kharbush his first loss of the season — a 4-2 overtime decision that came one week after Kharbush edged Epley, 7-6, in OT. "Jeremy was dominant against Canton (in the team District tournament Feb. 14) and on Saturday as well," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "Kevin is getting better and better with every match and Kevin is turning it on at the right time." A win in Saturday's opening match would give Epley 100 for his career, according to Woochuk. Faraj got things rolling for Canton Saturday with a second-place showing at 103. The sophomore, who is ranked

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Kitchener nips Whalers, 2-1

Mikkel Boedker scored a pair of third-period goals as the Kitchener Rangers defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 2-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 3,337 at Compuware Arena. Kitchener — the No. 1-ranked team in the 62-team Canadian Hockey League — improved its record to a league-best 43-9-1-2, good for 89 points. Plymouth gave Kitchener all it could handle over the final two periods and is now 31-22-2-2, good for 66 points. Chris Terry scored the lone Whaler goal (his team-leading 37th of the year), also in the third period.



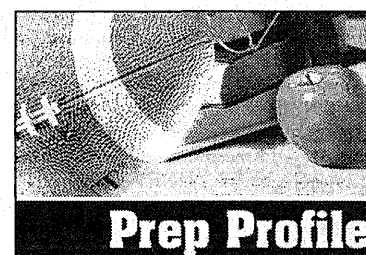
BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Baylee Hollowell earned WLA All-Western Division honors this season after averaging over 14 points and 12 rebounds per game for the Chiefs.

Hollowell excelled despite foes' undivided attention

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Three words undoubtedly dominated the pre-game strategizing sessions for opponents of Canton's girls basketball team this season: Contain Baylee Hollowell. The order proved to be easier said than done. Despite drawing double-teams seemingly the second she stepped off the bus, and triple-teams the second she touched the ball in the paint, Hollowell registered a stellar senior season for the Chiefs. The 6-1 center netted roughly 14 points and 12 rebounds per contest despite drawing defensive attention that LeBron James could relate to. Hollowell's prowess around the basket was on display during the



second quarter of Monday night's season-ending loss to state-ranked Livonia Ladywood. On one possession, Hollowell sealed off her defender, secured a pass from guard Melanie Pickert, faked a move right with her back to the basket before curling left and going up and under Ladywood's 6-1 center Alexandra Serowoky before banking the ball

Please see **HOLLOWELL, B3**

Anastos thwarts Canton rally; Blazers win, 48-29

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton was well on its way to digging out of a Grand Canyon-sized hole during Monday night's Class A District opener against Livonia Ladywood when the Blazers' Jenna Anastos stole the Chiefs' shovel.

The scrappy Chiefs had whittled a 16-0 deficit down to 16-10 on a Baylee Hollowell basket with 42 seconds left in the first half, but Anastos countered with a triple from the deep corner and a fast-break layup at the first-half buzzer to extend Ladywood's lead back to 21-10 at the intermission.

The Blazers carried the late momentum into the second half and continued on to win, 48-29, to advance into Wednesday night's semifinal showdown against Northville, which drew a first-round bye.

"Those five points Jenna scored at the end of the first half were very important because we didn't want to go into the half leading by just a couple of points after outplaying them for a quarter-and-a-half," said Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski.

Ladywood, which is ranked No. 7 in the state in Class A, improved to 18-3. Canton capped its season with a 6-15 mark.

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"I thought we came out a little tentative and not as aggressive as I would have liked," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Once we got flowing a little bit, we made a nice run to end the second quarter. I'm proud of the way the kids hung in there and battled."

Anastos led all scorers with 13 points. Alison Szczyka added 10 points and three steals, and Alexandra Serowky netted eight points and four rebounds.

Hollowell, playing in her last high school game, registered 11 points, 10 rebounds and three steals. Freshman forward Kayla Bridges was next with five points.

Ladywood's defense was stifling during the game's first 16 minutes when it held Canton to 0-for-8 shooting while forcing 10 early turnovers. The Chiefs' first points didn't come until the 4:25 mark of second quarter when a Hollowell put-back made it 16-2.

"The No. 1 thing I was most pleased with was the way we came out with a lot of energy," said Gorski. "That's something we hadn't been doing our past few games. I knew right off the bat that things were going to go well for us tonight."

Sophomores Lindsay Winters and Kaylie Martin contributed key baskets in

the Chiefs' late second-quarter streak.

The Blazers closed the third quarter much like they ended the first half — with a blaze of glory. This time it was Serowky who completed a catch-and-shoot at the horn to put her team up 32-17 with eight minutes left.

Both teams emptied their benches with just under four minutes to play.

A combination of tenacious defense by both teams, post-season jitters and poor decision-making resulted in a combined 52 turnovers — 27 for Ladywood and 25 for Canton.

The Blazers connected on 60 percent of their field goals (18-for-30) and half their free throws (8-for-16). Canton was 8-for-29 from the floor (27.5 percent) and 13-of-21 from the charity stripe (61.9).

"Looking at the season as a whole, were we successful when it came to the number of games we won? No," said Samulski. "Were we successful as far as improving as the season went on? Definitely. For instance, we lost to Walled Lake Western by 22 points the first time we played them and by seven the second time.

"The girls worked hard every second of every practice and in the games and they always played with effort, which shows what kind of character they have."

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D1 opportunity awaits Rolfe

Plymouth senior Colin Rolfe (seated middle) recently signed a letter of intent to play soccer at the University of Louisville. Rolfe was a multiple All-State performer for the Wildcats during his high school career. Pictured are (left to right) P-CEP athletic director Sue Heinzman, Jay Rolfe (Colin's dad), Colin Rolfe, Mary Rolfe (Colin's mom) and Plymouth soccer coach Jeff Neschich.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - February 12, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin. Staff Absent: Director Faas. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Minutes of January 16, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of January 22, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Minutes for January 29, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** **Item 1. REQUEST FROM TGI FRIDAY'S (A NEW YORK CORPORATION) TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF 2003 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS LOCATED IN ESCROW AT 41980 FORD ROAD, CANTON TOWNSHIP, CANTON, MICHIGAN, WAYNE COUNTY, FROM COOKER RESTAURANT CORPORATION (AN OHIO CORP.); MARTIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., RECEIVER TO TGI FRIDAY'S INC. (A NEW YORK CORP.); WITH LICENSE TO BE HELD IN ESCROW. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the transfer of ownership of 2003 Class C licensed business, located in escrow at 41980 Ford Road, Canton MI 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County from Cooker Restaurant Corporation (an Ohio Corporation); Martin Management Services, Inc., receiver to TGI Friday's Inc. (a New York Corporation); with license to be held in escrow. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CANTON NEWCOMERS MOM TO MOM SALE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs at locations for Canton Newcomer's Mom to Mom Sale which will be held on April 5, 2008 at the Summit on the Park. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING THE PARADE OF HOMES. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to grant special event status and to approve installation of signs advertising the Parade of Homes. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. APPOINTMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Canton Board of Trustees appoints Mr. Gary McFarren to a four-year term (February 12, 2008 - February 12, 2012) on the Canton Downtown Development Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR:** **Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR SCHOOLHOUSE MONTESSORI ACADEMY. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for special land use request for Schoolhouse Montessori Academy. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Schoolhouse Montessori Academy WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Michael Blaneck, has requested special use approval for Schoolhouse Montessori Academy, a day care center, to be located on Haggerty Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill Roads; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval based upon the findings outlined in the recommendation; and, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Michael Blaneck, to conduct the special use for the proposed Schoolhouse Montessori Academy subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item 2. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL AND SITE PLAN FOR THE WAL-MART SUPER CENTER EXPANSION. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use and site plan for Wal-Mart Expansion. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use and Site Plan for Wal-Mart Expansion WHEREAS,** the petitioner has requested approval of a revised Special Land Use and Site Plan approval for Wal-Mart expansion to a Super center located on approximately 33 acres of land located north of Ford and east of Lotz Roads; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission found the special land use amendment and site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Community and recommended APPROVAL, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed special land use amendment and site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the special land use amendment for the Wal-Mart Super center expansion and related site plan improvements, located on EDP #s 048-99-0022-707 and 048-99-0022-708 subject to all other regulations of the Township. **Item 3. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR 2006 UASI. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the Interlocal Funding Agreement between Oakland County and Canton Township for the 2006 Homeland Security Grant (UASI). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. APPROVE EMPLOYEE WORK RULES. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the employee work rules as presented to the employee work group and as approved by the Merit Commission at the January 28, 2008 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LICENSES FOR THE CITYWORKS ASSET MANAGEMENT. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of the Azteca, Inc., Cityworks software, associated update and support services, and on-site training and technical services for a total cost of \$ 9,975.00 from the Parks Division Capital - Park/Golf Maintenance Software account #101-270-977-0000.

Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. RENEW GOOSEWORK'S CONTRACT FOR GOOSE CONTROL AT PHEASANT RUN CLUB, SUMMIT ON THE PARK, AND HERITAGE PARK. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to renew the contract for humane goose control services at Pheasant Run Golf Club, Summit on the Park, and Heritage Park with Gooseworks, LLC, 12040 Crooked Lane, South Lyon, MI in the amount of \$8,000 to be paid from Pheasant Run account #584-756-818-0000 (\$6,000) and Parks Division account #101-270-818-0000 (\$2,000). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF START SMART SUPPLIES FOR LEISURESERVICES. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize purchase of Start Smart Sports supplies in the amount of \$11,370 from account number 101-691-742-6000 (Recreation, Program/Activity Supplies - Sports) from the National Alliance for Youth Sports, 2050 Vista Parkway, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. AWARD BID FOR PRINTING THREE EDITIONS OF THE LEISURE SERVICES DISCOVER BROCHURE. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for layout, design, printing and distribution of the 2008 editions of the Discover Brochure to S&N Graphic Solutions, located at P.O. Box 871296, Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$48,900 to be paid from the following accounts: Senior 101-672-900 0000 (\$7,335); Recreation 101-691-900-0000 (\$29,829); Summit 208-757-900-0000 (\$6,846); CSC 101-755-900-0000 (\$4,890); **TOTAL \$48,900. Motion carried unanimously. Item 9. AWARD CONTRACT FOR PORTABLE TOILETS FOR 2008 SEASON. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to award the contract for portable toilets for the 2008 season to John's Sanitation, Inc. of 24700 Milford Road, South Lyon, MI 48178 in the amount of \$7,614 to be taken from account #101-270-818-0000 (Parks-Contracted Services) in the amount of \$6,510, and account #584-756-818-0000 (Pheasant Run Golf Club-Contracted Services) in the amount of \$1,104. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 10. APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER FOR THEATER TICKETPROCESSING FEES FROM SABO. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a purchase order for Seat Advisor Box Office, Inc., located at 3904 Groton Street #103, San Diego, CA 92110, for ticket transaction fees in the amount of \$20,000 to be taken from account #101-760-818-0000 (Performing Arts Center, Contracted Services). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 11. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF COPIER FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to reprogram \$522 from Door Replacement in account # 101-755-975-0000 (Canton Sports Center/Capital Outlay - Buildings) to account # 101-755-977-0000 (Canton Sports Center/Capital Outlay - Equipment) for Copier Replacement. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 2510SPF copier for Canton Sports Center in the amount of \$6,022 from account #101-755-977-0000 (Canton Sports Center/Capital Outlay Equipment). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 12. ADOPT 2008 BUDGET FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS CONSTRUCTION FUND \$402. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the following 2008 budget for the Capital Projects Construction Fund to account for the sanitary sewer relief construction projects: Revenues: Interest income #402-000-664-0000 \$ 1,538,400; Appropriation from Fund Balance 402-000-699-0000 21,118,978; Total \$22,657,378. Appropriations: Contracted Services Engineering #402-302-803-0000, \$ 3,795,690; Construction 402-302-969-0000, \$18,861,688; Total \$22,657,378. This establishes the 2008 budget for the Capital Projects Construction Fund at \$22,657,378. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 13. APPROVAL OF 2007-2008 SPECIALIZED SERVICES OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2007-2008 Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program contract with SMART in the amount of \$31,942 and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 14. APPROVAL OF NORAL NCE-0201 LIGHTING. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the price quote from Service Electric Supply for \$7,022.00 for three light poles and lamps to be installed at the Cherry Hill School site. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 15. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 2009 M100 WARRANTY AND MAINTENANCE ON ELECTION EQUIPMENT (50 UNITS) (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2009 Maintenance agreement for 50, M-100 election tabulators with Election Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S), 11208 John Galt Blvd. Omaha, NE 68137 in the amount of \$6,650 (\$133.00 per unit) from account number 101-191-932-0000. Motion carried unanimously. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn to Study Session at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION:** A study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Eva, Jeff Goulet, Bill Serchak Staff Absent: Director Faas. Study Session: National Heritage Canton Academy West Traffic Impact Discussion. The Charter Academy presently serves 692 students. A mirror image building is proposed for the acreage to the north of the present school site location. It would also be a K-8 school designed to serve the 1031 students with submitted applications on the present waiting list. A traffic impact study is under review. The Academy is proposing to make improvements on Ridge Road to the north entrance of the proposed site. The improvement would include Two lanes of paving and if required a right hand turn taper. Mr. Amann representing the Academy feels that this would place the township in a positive position for securing a light at Ridge and Ford Roads The second building must be located on the same site as the present building to meet the requirements of the present Charter. The second building would access Ridge Road for entrance to the facility. The entrance to the first building would remain off of Ford Road. Principal Claudia Williamson, presented the current traffic management plan for managing the morning drop off traffic and the afternoon pick up traffic. The Board has expressed concerns about stacking on the shoulder of Ford and at Ridge, eastbound. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn the Study Session at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

- Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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"I thought Megan Quinlan did a nice job of guarding Alaya Mitchell in the first half and Kelsi made a couple of really big shots for us." Salem led 25-16 at the half and 33-28 with eight minutes to play.

The Rocks never trailed after Chelsea Davis banked in

a short jumper 1:30 into the game.

Salem hit 16-of-39 field goals (41 percent) and half of their 14 free-throw attempts.

Plymouth was 14-for-42 from the field and 4-for-10 from the stripe.

Both teams finished with 25 rebounds.

Salem took care of the ball, registering just eight turnovers.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **District Health, Dental, & Vision Insurance Coverage**. Specifications, bid forms, and "pre-bid" meeting information can be obtained by contacting the District's health insurance consultant Susie Roble of Gallagher/Raines at (248) 502-1138. Sealed bids are due on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, Attention: Dan Phillips (Health, Dental, & Vision Insurance Bid). The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2008 for the following:

CONCRETE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006 and Public Act 168 of 1959 of the State of Michigan, a Public Hearing will be held to remove a member of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance while in office. The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00pm. Written comments may be sent to the Charter Township of Canton Clerk at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI. 48188.

Charter Township of Canton Clerk
Terry G. Bennett

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Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Brooke Caccavelli (7), pictured in a game earlier this season, recorded a hat trick in the Penguins' 7-4 loss to Cranbrook-Kingswood Tuesday night.

Penguins fall 7-4 on 'Senior Night' Tuesday

Two of the top seniors on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team turned in outstanding efforts on "Senior Night" Tuesday night. Unfortunately for the Penguins, the well-timed performances weren't quite enough to register a victory against visiting Cranbrook-Kingswood.

The Cranes defeated PCS, 7-4, to drop the Penguins' record to 5-11 overall and 3-11 in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League.

Senior Brooke Caccavelli notched her first career hat-trick in the setback. Fellow senior Amy Coleman scored

the other goal and also contributed a pair of assists.

"Overall, I thought the Penguins played a good game," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "But we had 15 penalties — which is uncharacteristic for us — so it seemed like we were playing short-handed most of the night.

Michelle Schaffer tended goal for the Penguins, who battled the Cranes to a 3-all draw in the entertaining first period. Cranbrook led 6-4 after two periods before adding an insurance lamp-lighter in the final stanza.

Eight senior Penguins were honored Tuesday night:

Caccavelli, Coleman, Ashley Zaborowski, Emily Patton, Jenny Grodus, Brittany Chiado, Annie McTurner and Monica Doyle.

On Feb. 8, the Penguins waxed Northville's "B" squad, 7-0. Amy Coleman, Caccavelli (two), Zaborowski, Sarah Coleman, Kelsey Nikkila and Lauren Smith recorded goals for the winners. For Zaborowski and Smith, the net-finders were career firsts.

On Feb. 5, the Penguins fell to unbeaten Grosse Pointe South, 9-1. Caccavelli scored the lone PCS goal, an unassisted effort.

HOLLOWELL

FROM PAGE B1

in with a soft touch off the glass.

On the next trip down the court, Hollowell hustled after an offensive rebound and deftly deposited the ball in the net with a deceptively quick release.

"Baylee was without a doubt the center piece of this team — she was our go-to player," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We had a very young team, so we needed her to step up this season, which she did.

"She's a very, very hard worker and she provided good leadership for the younger girls on the team."

Better with time

Basketball wasn't always a walk in the park for Hollowell, whose first taste of competitive action came in the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball League at the age of 8.

"I was pretty bad when I first started playing," she said, smiling. "But I've always seemed to have good coaching and good teammates who helped me get better."

After seeing limited varsity time as a sophomore, Hollowell came into her own during her junior season when she provided a formidable post threat for the Chiefs during their run to the Western Lakes Activities Association championship.

A shot to remember

The most glaring highlight of a highlight-

filled campaign came in a Class A District semifinal game against Salem when she scored the game-winning basket as the buzzer sounded.

The wins haven't come as frequently this season — Canton finished 6-15 — but the season can't be measured solely by what the won-loss ledger indicates, said Hollowell, who earned WLA All-Western Division status this season.

"We didn't win as many games as we would have liked, but we still stayed upbeat and we continued to play hard and have fun at practices," said Hollowell. "The thing I like the best about high school basketball is that it's so family-oriented. I've loved being a part of this team. It's hard to believe it's over."

Best yet to come

Hollowell is destined to play collegiate basketball — she's just not sure where.

"It's still up in the air," she said, "but there are some schools interested in me."

A solid 3.8 student, Hollowell enjoys photography and scrap booking when she's not rebounding and defending.

"I always have my camera with me," she said. "It's fun putting together scrapbooks of pictures of me and my friends."

It would probably take more than one scrapbook to contain the articles that described Hollowell's extraordinary high school basketball achievements.

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Taking it to the next level

Plymouth Christian Academy senior Bryson Machonga (seated middle) recently signed a letter of intent to play soccer for Erskine College, a Division 2 university located in Due West, S.C. Pictured are (left to right) Dr. David Butler, the headmaster and secondary principal at PCA; Bryson's mom, Ingrid; Ryan Machonga, Bryson, Jordan Machonga, Larry Machonga, Bryson's dad and soccer coach at PCA; and PCA athletic director Chris Johnson.

QUEST

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10th at his weight by Michigan Grappler, led 6-3 until succumbing to a third-period pin.

Lucke, a junior, will take a 30-16 mark into the Regional thanks to a pair of wins of Livonia Franklin's Justin Jacobson, whom he defeated 9-2 and 7-3.

Watkins placed first at 125 with a pin of Stevenson's Tommy Myshock in the finale.

Cox, who has been ranked as high as No. 3 this sea-

son at 135, pinned Livonia Churchill's Andrew Murray in the final to improve to 43-3.

Winekoff took gold at 140 by pinning Churchill's J.P. Gaffke in the last match to up his record to 43-4.

The Chiefs' four heaviest competitors all advanced, led by Kropp and Powers, who both took second.

"Rodger's wrestling really well," said Randolph. "He beat Ziemba from Churchill, 4-3, which was a really good win because he lost to him earlier.

"Adam seems to be peaking at the right time, too."

Wanshon earned a fourth-place showing in what Randolph described as "a very

tough weight class."

And Konsitzke notched a third in large part due to a pin over Livonia Franklin's Mike Modes, who had defeated the Canton junior twice previously this season.

"This should give Luke a good boost of confidence heading into Saturday," said Randolph.

Canton's Jeremy Filippelli (130) and Braden Price (145) came within one win of qualifying for the Regional phase of the tournament.

"Jeremy was especially heart-breaking because he led 2-0 in the third period," said Randolph.

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MAT RESULTS

Feb. 16 at Birmingham Groves

103 pounds: 1. Connor Caldwell (Novi); 2. Waleed Faraj (Canton); 3. Steve Tuyo (Livonia Franklin); 4. Jordan Russell (North Farmington).

112: 1. Jared Pieknik (Franklin); 3. Michael Fobar (Livonia Stevenson); 3. Matt Jaisie (N. Farmington); 4. Matt Hecksel (Livonia Churchill).

119: 1. Jonny D'Anna (Northville); 2. Robbie Yusko (Novi); 3. Carl Lucke (Canton); 4. Justin Jacobsen (Franklin).

125: 1. Donnie Watkins (Canton); 2. Tommy Myshock (Stevenson); 3. Kevin Bennett (Salem).

130: 1. Kevin Hayer (Salem); 2. Evan Bentley (Northville); 3. John Hebert (Northville); 4. Mike Jaisie (N.

Farmington).

135: 1. Steve Cox (Canton); 2. Andrew Murray (Churchill); 3. Matt Ladhoff (Northville); 4. Anthony Mainella (Stevenson).

140: 1. Brent Winekoff (Canton); 2. J.P. Gaffke (Churchill); 3. Brandon Smith (Franklin); 4. Matt Hintz (Franklin).

145: 1. Brian Baglan (Northville); 2. Gramos Pallasika (Churchill); 2. Raz Markosian (Stevenson); 4. Matt Lamer (N. Farmington).

152: 1. Ryan Thomas (Novi); 2. Don Stratz (Franklin); 3. Matt Hagan (Northville); 4. Elvin Ferreira (Franklin).

160: 1. Jeremy Epley (Salem); 2. Ziad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Nick Mudar (Northville); 4. Grant Morgan (Churchill).

171: 1. Dan Woodall (Franklin); 2. Rodger Kropp (Canton); 3. Johnathon Bryant (Oak Park); 4. Brandon Smith (Oak Park).

189: 1. Ryan Ridenour (Novi); 2. Adam Powers (Canton); 3. Emanuel Onwuemene (Stevenson); 4. Brandon Smith (Oak Park).

215: 1. Marcel Dubose (Oak Park); 2. Matt Greenman (Stevenson); 3. DiMarco Scarber (Oak Park); 4. Dan Wanshon (Canton).

285: 1. Aken Doman (Birmingham Brother Rice); 2. Mark Parrish (Churchill); 3. Luke Konsitzke (Canton); 4. Mike Modes (Franklin).

Note: Top 4 finishers advance to the individual regional 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at Southgate Anderson.

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The Whirlpool Kitchen Suite advertised on the inside back cover of this week's Lowe's newspaper insert contains an error. The correct price for the suite is \$2,592.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2008 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

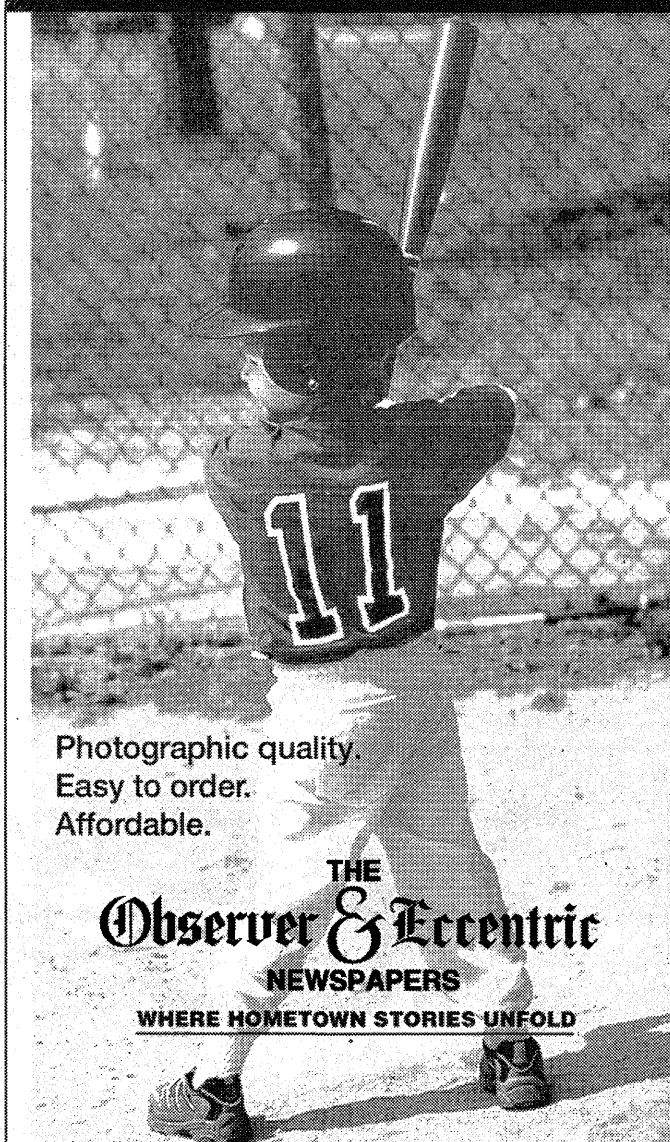
- Application 1455, 40810 Ann Arbor Trail: The applicant is requesting the following variances: lot width, lot area, lot coverage, front yard setback and side yard setback to build an 11 x 16 family room addition.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734-354-3210.

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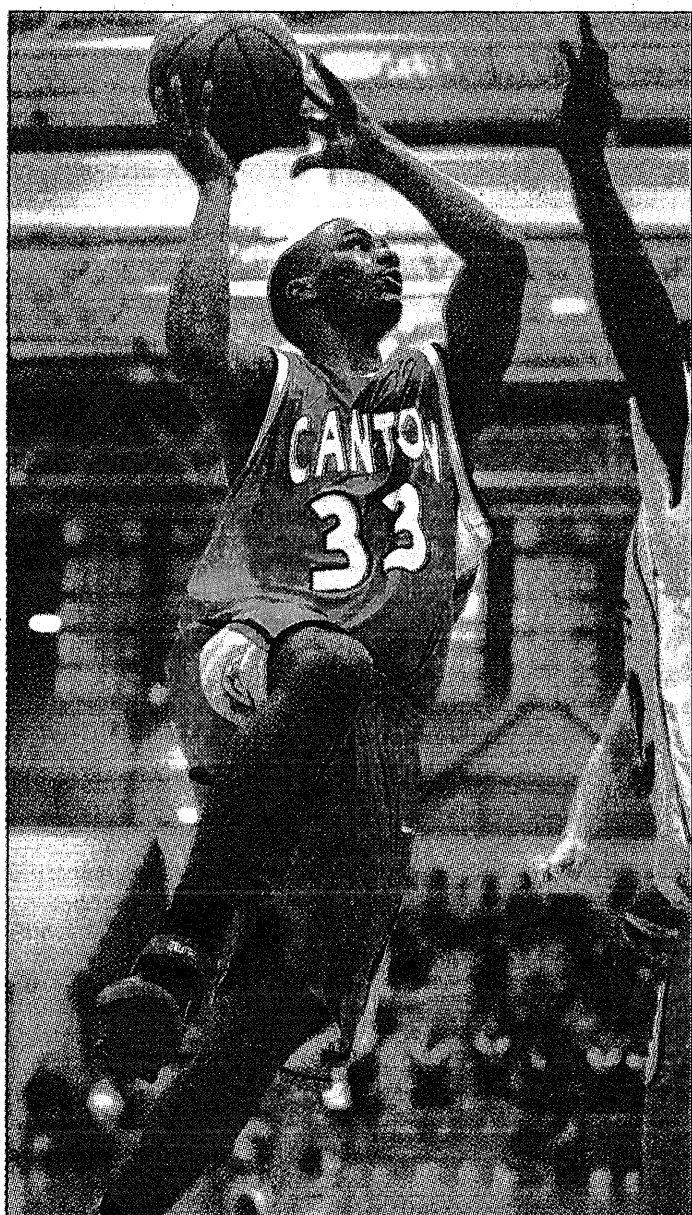
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Canton's Chris Bailey, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored 10 points in the Chiefs' 58-42 victory over Livonia Franklin Tuesday night.

Youth is served

Plymouth freshman doubles up Vikings

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The "Moss" Valuable Player for Plymouth's boys basketball team Tuesday night turned out to be a freshman. Ninth-grader Justin Moss, a 6-foot-5, 215-pound center, netted 18 points, 10 rebounds and a pair of blocks in the Wildcats' 59-53 triumph over Walled Lake Central in the final regular-season contest for both teams. Moss was promoted from the Wildcats' junior-varsity squad last week. He played the first 17 games of the season on the freshman team. "He's done bigger and better things in all three games on the varsity," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, whose team finished 7-13. "Beating Central was a nice way to finish the regular season. Hopefully, we can make the necessary adjustments and get the job done against Salem Monday night." The Wildcats open the Class A District tournament at 5 p.m. Monday night against

cross-campus rival Salem. Moss may have been the brightest star for the Wildcats Tuesday night, but he was far from their only star. Senior Brandon Roberts added 17 points while seniors David Harvey and Navraj Sandhu both chipped in with eight each. Mike Hanchett contributed five points and five rebounds to the winning cause. Derek Mitchell (14 points) and Cody Rzeznick (12) led the Vikings. Central (7-13) led 15-14 after one quarter before Plymouth bounced back to secure a 32-26 halftime advantage. The 'Cats held a 46-40 lead with eight minutes to play. Plymouth hit 14-of-19 free throws (73.6 percent); Central canned 16-of-21 (76.1) from the line. **CANTON 58, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 42:** On Tuesday at Canton, the Chiefs used a balanced attack to upend the visiting Patriots in the final regular-season tilt for both squads. The victory improved the

Chiefs' record to 7-13 while Franklin slipped to 5-15. Chris Bailey and Dan Stoney both scored 10 points for the winners, who also received eight-point efforts from Ryan Seely and William Tidwell. Nate Coleman led the Patriots with 12 points. "We had a very balanced attack tonight," noted Canton coach Dan Colligan. "I thought Dan Stoney did a great job all the way around. He really provided us with a lot of energy — he moves without the ball really well. He's getting better every game." "Ryan Seely took over in the fourth quarter for us. He had six points and three assists." **W.L. WESTERN 55, SALEM 33:** On Tuesday at Salem, the Warriors never looked back after grabbing a 13-10 first-quarter lead. The loss dropped the Rocks to 9-11 heading into Monday's 5 p.m. Class A District opener against Plymouth at Novi High School. Senior Grant Stone led Salem with 14 points. Sean Armstrong paced the winners with 19 points. "Western shot the ball well and we weren't very effective at the offensive end tonight," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They put a lot of pressure on us defensively and we only shot 25

ROCK-SOLID ACHIEVEMENT

Salem senior forward Grant Stone became just the fourth boys basketball player in the school's history to eclipse the 1,000-point mark Friday in the Rocks' 74-72 double-overtime victory over Plymouth. Stone, whose has averaged 16.1 points per game over his three-year varsity career, trails only Jim Ellinghausen, James Head and David Hoskins in career points. "The impressive thing about Grant's accomplishment is that he did it in just three years whereas the others did it in four," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. Stone has 1,023 points entering Monday's Class A District game against Plymouth.

percent (from the field). They were really getting after us." Western led 32-16 at the half-way point and 42-22 after three quarters. Salem hit 5-of-7 free throws; Western was 9-of-11 from the stripe. The Rocks turned the ball over 18 times. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

Victory within reach: Lady Ocelots ready to run through the wall

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Last year, Karen Lafata's Lady Ocelots hit the wall. This year, energized by newcomer Heidi Warczynsky, they seem determined to run through it. On Saturday, with Warczynsky scoring 20 points and contributing 11 assists, Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team breezed to a 95-66 win over visiting Wayne County Community. The victory enabled Schoolcraft (21-3, 14-1) to clinch the Michigan Association-Eastern Conference title for the second season in a row. All 12 players who saw action against the Wildcats scored at least two points, helping Schoolcraft set a new school record for field-goal

percentage in a game (36-58, 62 percent). "I like the way we did it in grand fashion," said Lafata, with a big smile. "We proved that we wanted it. It was a fine performance from the whole team. I'm proud, because it was one of our goals to win it again, and we did." "But we know there's bigger fish to fry. So, it's just one step. But it's good because we're playing well. Last year at this time, that wasn't the story." The Lady Ocelots, as a result, will be the top seed in the conference playoffs. Lafata is confident this season won't end on a sour note the way it did in 2006-07, when Schoolcraft dropped its final two games in the postseason to finish at 25-5. "It's because of the depth, the energy, the commitment, the kids

last year hit a wall and we didn't have the sophomore leadership," she said, asked about why she is confident things will finish differently this time around. One player who epitomizes those characteristics is sophomore guard Warczynsky, not on the '06-07 squad. An example of the fire she brings to the proceedings took place midway during Saturday's first half, when Wayne County (6-16, 4-11) took a brief 19-17 lead. That advantage lasted only as long as it took Warczynsky to take the ball to the other end of the court and drain a trey from the left corner. She pumped her fist into the air following the big bucket, and Schoolcraft went on a 15-0 tear that set the tone for the afternoon. "When you've got Heidi out there playing the way she's playing, she

just put us on her back," Lafata said. "She's our emotional leader. It's been like pulling teeth to get her to realize that, that she has to be more vocal out there." But the Wildcats didn't go away quietly, trailing just 46-37 at halftime thanks to the hot shooting of guard Ruth Bell (14 points), who hit four treys during the first 20 minutes. After Lafata made a couple adjustments during halftime, Bell and her teammates could not stem the Schoolcraft tide. The Lady Ocelots started running and gunning, with plenty of players getting in on the act. Sophomore forward Antoinette Brown and sophomore guard Brittney Ivey each scored 13 points while sophomore forward Janelle Harris chipped in with 12. Also providing plenty of that

energy Lafata likes were freshmen forwards Tayler Langham (Plymouth Salem) and Sheray Brown. Langham finished with nine points along with three steals while Brown contributed eight points and 10 rebounds. Both players did not look like freshmen against the Wildcats. "It's a byproduct of them working hard, ... coming to practice and being on a talented team and having to defend these talented sophomores every day (in practice)," Lafata explained. "Our practices are brutal. These kids are competitive. So they go at each other. And it reflects out on the floor." "They're really just starting to understand what we want to do out there offensively and defensively." tsmith@hometownlife.com

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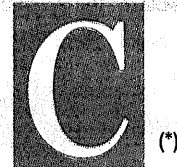
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Keep out winter's chill with energy-savings tips

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Livonia resident Len Singer knows a thing or two about energy savings, useful information in this chilly winter.

"Insulating the attic especially is one of the major components," said Singer, spokesman for DTE Energy. Blown-in cellulose insulation on top of rolled fiberglass is recommended.

"There are a number of contractors who can do that," said Singer, adding it's also a good project if you're handy around the house.

The recommendation for attic insulation is expressed in R-value. In Michigan, the recommended level of insulation is R49 — which equates to about 18 inches of insulation. Most homes don't meet that level. Homes built before 1995 typically have about R19 in the attic. Homes built after 1995 will have about R30 in the attic. DTE recommends blown cellulose insulation installed on top of existing insulation to achieve the recommended R49 level.

People often tend to think energy savings tips will save just a few dollars a month, but savings add up. Singer recommends sealing leaks, including for windows, and getting a programmable thermostat that drops the temperature when you're out at work or sleeping.

"Programmable thermostat is a great way to regulate natural gas or whatever your heating fuel is," he said, noting he has it in his home. "By the time we get home, the house is back to the comfortable temperature. It's a very painless way to save money on your heating bill."

You'll save about 3 percent on heating costs for each degree dialed down.

"That's a great way to regulate the amount of energy you're using," Singer said. Extra clothing helps to keep you warm when the wind blows in the winter as well.

DTE Energy offers the following tips to help manage winter energy



costs and save money on energy bills:

BUDGET WISELY

■ DTE Energy's Budgetwise Billing program can take the seasonal ups and downs out of your energy bills. DTE Energy will calculate an average monthly payment, based on your previous year's usage. You pay that amount for 11 months; the 12th bill

of the year will reflect the difference between the energy you actually used and the 11 payments you made. Enroll online at www.mydteenergy.com or by calling (800) 477-4747.

That program's offered for all customers, both gas and electric, said Singer.

"We recognize paying the heating bill or electric bill can be a struggle

for a lot of families." In addition to Budgetwise Billing, there are programs for low-income and senior customers, including the Winter Protection Plan which guarantees against service shutoff.

"Contact us sooner rather than later" if trouble surfaces with paying a bill, he said. "The worst thing to do is

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Learn to save on energy at home or small business

Everyone has advice on how to save money on your energy bills. But is it specific to your own abode?

DTE Energy has launched a free, online tool designed for all energy users, including small businesses. Called MyEnergy Analyzer, it helps customers understand their energy usage by asking questions specific to their own apartment, condo, house or small business.

MyEnergy Analyzer, at www.mydteenergy.com, has two parts — a bill-analyzing tool and an energy-efficiency tool. It provides customized energy-efficiency recommendations and will show you how much you can expect to save if the recommendations are followed.

"We're offering this to our customers because the information goes beyond what we can offer on our

paper bills," said Joyce Hayes-Giles, DTE Energy senior vice president, Customer Service. "MyEnergy Analyzer can provide immediate answers to energy-related questions and identify factors that cause energy bills to go up or down."

Customers are led through a series of questions such as the style of residence, how many levels it has, the year it was built, the number of rooms, how

many people live there and the type of heating/cooling systems. It also asks about the appliances used and with the help of your mouse, can tell you how much it costs to operate individual appliances annually.

Lastly, it recommends different tactics to save energy and the expected savings, and will allow you to compare bills and see your billing history.

Ownership can hold conflict of interest

Q. We just found out that our attorney owns or owned a portion of our property management company. Do you think that creates any conflict?

A. It depends on what interest the attorney had in what management company. Obviously, if the attorney owns an interest in the management company that currently



Robert Meisner

represents your association, that would clearly be a conflict, and it should have been disclosed to you in detail. Also, if the attorney formally represented the management company or another management company which may have had some involvement with your association, that may indeed represent a conflict. The fact that the attorney owned an interest in the management company, which may have resulted in him or her getting referrals, should be a source of concern to any particular association, and it should demand full details from the attorney as to when and where that attorney had or has an interest in the management company.

Q. I have heard that some associations have been able to negotiate a compensation package with one or more of the cable companies for access to their condominiums. I also understand that the FCC has a new ruling regarding exclusivity. Do you have any comment?

A. Many of our firm's clients have been able to negotiate a compensation package in exchange for the non-exclusive right of the cable company to provide service to the members of the condo association. An exclusivity clause gives a video services provider the exclusive right to provide service in a community. If an association has entered into an agreement for video services on behalf of its residents, that agreement could be affected, even if the community consists of single family homes. It's best to consult with a knowledgeable community association attorney.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column should be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price	
Canton	43531 Argonne Ct	\$163,000	
	704 Ashton Woods Dr	\$100,000	
	5070 Belleville Rd	\$95,000	
	7486 Burgundy St	\$230,000	
	3945 Cornerstone Dr	\$46,000	
	39442 Dorchester Cir	\$276,000	
	46953 Glastonbury Dr	\$330,000	
	49054 Hawksbury Rd	\$181,000	
	2055 Hendrie	\$305,000	
	45902 Henley Dr	\$336,000	
Farmington	8528 N Canton Center Rd	\$75,000	
	2589 N Woods Blvd	\$245,000	
	41653 Ravenwood St	\$169,000	
	3492 Riverside Dr	\$228,000	
	2570 Stever Dr	\$300,000	
	7015 Stonebrook Ct	\$80,000	
	21269 Birchwood St	\$7,000	
	31831 Grand River Ave	\$31,000	
	Farmington Hills	28892 Bannockburn St	\$184,000
		37961 Bradley Dr	\$295,000

33870 Cotswold St	\$230,000	
30027 Kimberly Ct	\$90,000	
29640 Middlebelt Rd	\$79,000	
33143 Tulipwood Rd	\$250,000	
29001 W 11 Mile Rd	\$250,000	
Garden City	5843 Arcola St	\$137,000
	29021 Block St	\$90,000
	31034 Rosslyn Ave	\$85,000
	6542 Sunset St	\$99,000
	Livonia	11300 Berwick St
38254 Bristol St		\$275,000
36250 Brookview Dr		\$195,000
9812 Camden St		\$148,000
14195 Cavell St		\$176,000
37482 Eagle Dr		\$85,000
36718 Gardner St		\$198,000
31087 Grennada St		\$187,000
19470 Haggerty Rd		\$250,000
9160 Henry Ruff Rd		\$126,000
Livonia	19642 Ingram St	\$165,000
	18615 Irving St	\$123,000
	38608 Lancaster Ct	\$224,000
	16252 Marsha St	\$275,000
	18713 Mayfield St	\$255,000
	14478 Merriman Rd	\$128,000
	15210 Middlebelt Rd	\$210,000
	18962 Myron St	\$149,000
	29635 Nottingham Cir	\$138,000
	15792 Southampton St	\$201,000

18435 University Park Dr	\$85,000	
29600 Wentworth St	\$260,000	
27967 Whitcomb St	\$216,000	
Milford	175 E Maple Rd	\$185,000
	3061 Exeter Dr	\$325,000
	4577 S Milford Rd	\$300,000
Northville	2643 Wildemere Dr	\$365,000
	16871 Abby Cir	\$475,000
Novi	42108 Gladwin St	\$108,000
	47088 Merion Cir	\$500,000
	49390 Parkshore Ct	\$728,000
	822 Revere Ct	\$110,000
	511 W Cady St	\$281,000
	49476 Waterstone Estates Cir	\$590,000
	28568 Carlton Way Dr	\$165,000
	40357 Guilford	\$220,000
	27863 Hopkins Dr	\$130,000
	41132 McMahon	\$153,000
Plymouth	22617 Summer Ln	\$505,000
	47080 Burning Tree Ln	\$510,000
	738 Burroughs St	\$360,000
	11157 Chestnut Dr	\$203,000
	9069 Cobblestone Cir	\$330,000
	11732 Deer Creek Run	\$350,000
	9777 Fellows Creek Dr	\$710,000
	48567 Quail Run Dr S	\$290,000
	480 Ross St	\$195,000

50983 Weston Dr	\$379,000	
12417 Woodlands Ct	\$450,000	
Redford	25301 Five Mile Rd	\$34,000
	24762 Ashley Ct	\$185,000
	16776 Brady	\$55,000
	25987 Cathedral	\$125,000
	17424 Centraira	\$116,000
	8888 Grayfield	\$165,000
	14990 Kinloch	\$36,000
	18357 Lexington	\$76,000
	17394 Macarthur	\$152,000
	18491 Norborne	\$73,000
South Lyon	12876 Woodbine	\$89,000
	60453 Lillian St	\$150,000
	120 Maplewood Ct	\$155,000
Westland	59373 Pacers Path	\$250,000
	856 Wood Run	\$290,000
	8550 Alper St	\$138,000
	6830 Apache Trl	\$150,000
	32339 Birchwood St	\$145,000
	32415 Cowan Rd	\$245,000
	35115 Florence St	\$147,000
	33666 Hazelwood St	\$160,000
	37630 Laramie St	\$201,000
	549 Ravenscrest Ln	\$150,000
1720 Regene St	\$113,000	
33499 Unicorn Ct	\$142,000	



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 <p>GREAT FIND This 3 bd brick ranch is perfect for you. Spacious Liv Rm, updated bath, Kit w/dining area, finished bsmt w/bar & bath, 2 car Garage w/workshop, Cent Air & so much more. \$189,900 (P-724CA)</p>	 <p>GREAT HOUSE Beautiful colonial shows like a model. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kit, newer carpet, vinyl windows, beautiful fin bsmt w/glass block, & fenced yard close to schools & parks. \$189,000 (P-569AY)</p>	 <p>THIS HOME HAS IT ALL Located close to x-ways, this 4 bd brick colonial offers a 3 car Garage, 2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, cherry cabinets, stainless steel appl's, & a huge Deck. \$250,000 (P-700CA)</p>	 <p>BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION Great new construction condo feat a Great Rm w/soaring ceiling, 2.5 baths, wonderful Master w/sitting area, private entry, private bsmt, & great location. More units avail, call for details. \$227,400 (P-750CO)</p>	 <p>BETTER THAN NEW! Very updated 3 bd bungalow w/new roof, siding, windows, exterior doors, Kit, bath, furnace, A/C, beautiful hwd floors, close to schools, parks, & Rec Center. \$114,000 (P-948GL)</p>	 <p>BUILDER CLOSEOUT! Rare opportunity to build your dream home in Novi's prestigious Asbury park. Lots could accommodate walkout or daylight bsmts. Call for further details. \$199,000 (P-540MA)</p>	 <p>ABSOLUTELY STUNNING Beautiful 4000 sq ft home on 1 acre. Seller leaving all furniture! Lots of built-ins, granite, hwd flrs, Master w/32x26 bath, finished bsmt, 4 car Garage, & 2 story marble Foyer. \$550,000 (C-458NO)</p>	 <p>STUNNING COLONIAL Gorgeous Windsor Farms offers this 4 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod w/granite Kit, LR w/frpl, formal DR w/crown molding, 1st fl Master w/bath, Patio, Deck, & on almost an acre! \$325,000 (C-586WI)</p>
 <p>CUSTOM RANCH Unique 3 bd, 2 bath ranch on gorgeous lot w/1.5 acres of trees & streams. Open floor plan, custom Kit, finished bsmt, hwd floors, & great location. \$289,900 (P-461BR)</p>	 <p>IMMACULATE CONDO Priced below market value! Nestled in Brighton's popular Northridge Sub. 2 bd, 2.5 baths, walkout bsmt, vaulted ceilings, appl's stay, 1st fl Master w/WIC & bath, 1st fl laun, & a Deck. \$223,000 (P-233CE)</p>	 <p>HUGE YARD! Lovely updated home on almost 1 acre of land backing to woods. Newer paint, refinished hwd floors, vinyl windows with warranty, & a 2 car garage. \$117,500 (C-721HA)</p>	 <p>NEW CANTON CONDO 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo featuring a loft area, Master w/jetted tub, gourmet Kit w/builders finest cab's, & c-tops, part finished bsmt, & 2 car att Garage. \$277,500 (P-131MA)</p>	 <p>BRICK RANCH W/WALKOUT Huge 4 bd brick ranch w/3.5 baths, finished walkout bsmt, Great Rm w/frpl, 2.5 car Garage, backs to commons & great location. \$279,900 (C-281PA)</p>	 <p>RANCH ON 4 ACRES! Located in Canton, offering a large floor plan with over 4 acres (possible split), 3 bd, 1.5 baths and a 40x48 pole barn. Fam Rm w/frpl & appl's stay. Call now. \$364,900 (C-331SA)</p>	 <p>FORGET ABOUT BUILDING! Cape Cod w/premium lot backing to protected woods. Walkout bsmt w/rec room, 5th bd, bath, & storage areas. Great potential for in-laws quarters. 2 story GR w/frpl, 1st fl laun, & more. \$364,900 (P-143SU)</p>	 <p>UNPACK & RELAX Spice up your life in this Canton colonial. Kit w/appl's & new floor. Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR, Master w/WIC & bath, 2.5 car Garage, & plenty of storage. \$184,500 (C-831WO)</p>
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 <p>CHARMING CAPE COD Spacious home w/over 2200 sq ft. Updated Kit, formal LR w/new carpet, 1st fl laun, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Master w/WIC & bath, updated roof, furnace, C/A, carpet, flooring, & more. \$215,000 (P-266PO)</p>	 <p>BRAND NEW CONDO Fantastic location overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cathedral ceilings, walkout bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car Garage, & more. Convenient Plymouth location. \$244,500 (C-935RI)</p>	 <p>STUNNING COLONIAL Immaculate 4 bd colonial feat: 2.5 baths, ceramic baths, Master w/jetted tub & large WIC, finished bsmt, open floor plan, & 1st floor laun. \$300,000 (P-755SH)</p>	 <p>CANTON RANCH CONDO Are you ready for this? Move right into this beautiful 2 bd condo featuring large Master, cath ceilings, big bsmt, fresh paint & new carpet, & close to everything. \$122,900 (P-388SO)</p>	 <p>AWESOME HOME 4 bd, 3.5 bath home w/1st fl Master w/Jacuzzi tub, vaulted ceilings, Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl laun, Kit w/ss appl's, convenient location close to shopping, marinas, & schools. \$285,000 (P-692SU)</p>	 <p>CUSTOM COLONIAL Beautiful & expansive home feat: 4 bd, 3.5 bath, open floor plan w/maple hwd flrs, vaulted ceilings, 1st fl Mast w/frpl & bath, 1st & 2nd fl laun, Northville Schools, & stamped Patio. \$560,000 (P-520SU)</p>	 <p>GARDEN CITY RANCH Located in a great area & priced to sell quickly! This one has a finished bsmt w/frpl bath, stove, fridge, home warranty, updated furnace, sliding Kit, & more. \$114,900 (C-753WI)</p>	 <p>PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP Love to entertain? This 3 bd, 2 bath, well maintained ranch offers 2 full Kit's. Enjoy the summer breezes by the pool or in the shade of a covered Patio. Hwd flrs, updated baths, 311x11 rec room, & appl's stay. \$154,900 (C-364BA)</p>
 <p>BREATHTAKING! Excellent curb appeal on this great home! 4 bd, 2.5 baths, huge Kit, 1st fl laun, 2 story Great Rm, lovely paver Patio, & quiet cul de sac location. \$200,000 (C-777DA)</p>	 <p>ENJOY THE PARK You can't find a better location! Brick ranch perfectly situated across from the Community Center & park. Spacious floor plan w/large Liv Rm, finished bsmt, & all appl's stay. \$174,900 (P-431EL)</p>	 <p>WALK TO DOWNTOWN Charming Plymouth contemporary home w/an inground pool, finished bsmt, large Liv Rm, Fam Rm w/frpl, 1.5 baths, & unbeatable location. \$439,000 (C-670EV)</p>	 <p>START PACKING!! 4 bd, colonial loaded w/beautiful features. Oak hwd flrs, sharp Kit w/nook & all appl's, Great Rm w/frpl, French doors to Library, large Master, Patio, & more. \$275,000 (C-653GL)</p>	 <p>GREAT FIND! Fabulous 2 bd, 2 bath condo in popular South Lyon neighborhood. 1139 sq ft, neutral décor, Master w/WIC, Florida Room, vaulted ceilings, & area pool & tennis. \$99,900 (C-133GR)</p>	 <p>GORGEOUS OLD ROSEDALE Beautiful updated home w/hwd floors, gourmet island Kit w/cherry granite, finished bsmt, oversized Garage, & large Deck. \$239,900 (C-419ME)</p>	 <p>CUSTOM BUILT RANCH Situated on almost an acre in Livonia, this ranch offers a newer furnace, hwh, elec, plum, Pella windows, oak floors, 2 baths, finished bsmt, large Garage w/water & attic space. \$248,000 (C-723NO)</p>	 <p>SHARP COLONIAL Beautiful 4 bd, 3.5 bath home in Independence Hills. Feat: finished bsmt, inground pool, hot tub & cabana. Great for entertaining w/westbar, large Kit, Formal Din Rm, & updated galore. \$305,000 (C-801LJ)</p>
 <p>ROOMY RANCH Solid brick ranch w/huge Kit, 1000+ sq ft, 3 bds, 2.5 baths, & Garage. Many updates done inc furnace, hwh, plum, elec, glass block, & huge bsmt w/plenty of storage space. \$129,900 (C-425PA)</p>	 <p>OVER AN ACRE LOT! 3 bd bungalow situated on a great lot w/trees, 2 car Garage w/office space, 2nd Garage, 3rd build for garden equip or storage, newer roof, windows, carpet, & updated elec. \$139,900 (C-988RO)</p>	 <p>GREAT OPPORTUNITY Well cared for brick home w/plaster walls, hwd flrs, newer mechanicals, formal DR/LR, Fam Rm, & possible in-law/rental quarters on 2nd level. Easily convert to single family home. \$59,000 (C-862RU)</p>	 <p>GREAT LOCATION Located at the end of 11 Mile & within walking distance to golf course, this condo has all the charm & comforts you desire. Efficient Kit, Great Rm, Master w/bath & WIC, & 2 car att Garage. \$199,000 (C-176SA)</p>	 <p>PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP Freshly painted St. James on a quiet street. Large island Kit w/appl's, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, formal Dining, Master w/volume ceiling, bath, & walk-in. \$249,900 (C-527SH)</p>	 <p>GREAT CONDO Beautiful townhouse located in elite Tana Hill Sub. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, Formal Din Rm, updated Kit w/marble frpl, large Master w/WIC, finished bsmt w/study area, fenced patio, & more. \$115,000 (C-801VI)</p>	 <p>DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Gorgeous condo w/huge hwd, gourmet Kit w/waiting area, LR w/marble frpl, large Master w/WIC, finished bsmt w/study area, fenced patio, & more. \$115,000 (C-801VI)</p>	 <p>NEW BOSTON CONDO 2 year old condo w/huge cul de sac location backing to woods. End unit w/assitional windows, bright Great Rm w/frpl, 2 bds, 2 baths, & full bsmt. \$176,000 (C-443AV)</p>
 <p>LUXURY CONDO Gorgeous executive ranch w/3 large bd, 2 custom baths w/jetted tub, open floor plan, gourmet Kit, Great Rm w/frpl, great Deck overlooking wooded area, & 2 car garage. \$255,000 (C-880BE)</p>	 <p>MOVE IN READY! This home is fully updated - roof, walls, windows, furnace, ducts, hwh, siding, hwd floors, maple cabinets, doors, & carpet. Utica schools & great neighborhood. \$159,000 (C-404BU)</p>	 <p>NEWER COLONIAL This 4 bd, 2.5 bath home has a lot to offer. Spacious Fam Rm w/cathedral ceiling & gas frpl, island Kit w/pantry, 1st fl laundry, 3 car Garage, & much more. \$244,900 (C-075LC)</p>	 <p>GREAT VALUE 3 bd, 2 bath home w/frpl bsmt, fireplace, hwd flring, newer windows, fenced yard, glass block windows, newer tile in Kit, freshly painted interior, & so much more. \$119,900 (C-602DE)</p>	 <p>UPDATED WESTLAND RANCH 3 bd, 2 bath home w/oak Kit, LR w/refin hwd, patio door to nice sized yard w/2.5 car Garage, privacy fence, hot tub in enclosed Gazebo, fin bsmt w/bar, & more. \$125,000 (C-629FL)</p>	 <p>THE BEST ON THE SUB Tons of upgrades on this cape cod home w/hwd flrs, 2 story Great Rm, corian counters, finished bsmt w/media room & bath, & backs to pond. Move in ready! \$275,000 (C-674AU)</p>	 <p>UPDATED RANCH 2 bd, 1 bath Eastpointe ranch boasting a remod Kit, large bedrooms, new carpet & paint in Great Rm, 2.5 car mechanic's dream Garage w/workshop, newer roof, & windows. \$74,900 (P-745BE)</p>	 <p>PRESTIGIOUS WYNDHAM COLONIAL Great price for this area & you get to pick carpet, paint, & granite. 3 way frpl, gourmet Kit, Master w/huge bath & closet, fin bsmt w/1/2 bath & 2nd Kit, & 3 car Garage. \$474,900 (P-253BE)</p>
 <p>CONDO ON THE POND Imagine the view! Precious 2 bd, 2 bath condo w/very open floor plan, Great Rm w/frpl, walkout to scenic pond, welcoming décor, & so much more. \$144,900 (P-052BO)</p>	 <p>CHARMING COLONIAL This home features cherry hwd flrs, LR w/bay window, island Kit w/ceramic tile & oak cabs, Fam Rm w/frpl, & built in 2002. \$264,900 (P-241BR)</p>	 <p>LOVELY TRI-LEVEL 3 bd, 2 bath tri-level w/newer Kit cabs, both baths updated, freshly painted, over 1500 sq ft, 2 car Garage, and Immed Occupancy. \$140,000 (P-913CH)</p>	 <p>LIVONIA GEM Over 1100 sq ft of living space in this great home feat hwd flrs, Kit w/ceramic & appl's, LR w/cove ceiling, finished bsmt w/wetbar, & new stamped concrete Patio w/peaced yard. \$150,000 (P-205CO)</p>	 <p>PRESTIGIOUS STEEPLCHASE This 5099 sq ft home is definitely a 10! 4 bd, 4 baths, Kit w/granite, Conservatory, Den, Fam Rm, crown mlds, dual staircases, daylight bsmt, & backs & sides to protected land. \$725,000 (P-070CR)</p>	 <p>PURE LUXURY 4169 sq ft, 4 bd, 3.5 bath Cape Cod offering the highest quality of materials & craftsmanship. 3 way frpl, 100x300 lot w/basketball court & stunning covered porch. Too much more to list! \$795,000 (P-175GI)</p>	 <p>BEAUTIFUL CANTON CONDO Over 2000 sq ft w/3 large bdrms, 1st fl Master w/bath, all bdrms w/private bath, bonus room, 2 car Garage, 2 story Great Rm w/frpl, large bsmt, & quiet Deck. \$215,000 (P-568GL)</p>	 <p>AWESOME LOFT LIVING Downtown Plymouth condos w/soaring ceilings, granite island Kit's, all appl's, balcony & terrace's, tile baths, 1-3 bdrms, & still time to choose colors. Call for more details. Starting at \$199,900 (P-300HA)</p>
 <p>CUTE & CHARMING 3 bd bungalow w/newer roof, windows, remod Kit w/drwl to Patio, finished bsmt, immediate occup, & more. \$118,000 (C-217HA)</p>	 <p>ESTATE SIZE HOME & LOT 2352 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod w/walkout bsmt, field stone fireplace, 90+ furnace, Andersen windows, 2 master bedrooms, & situated in the middle of 34 tranquil acres. \$324,900 (P-015LA)</p>	 <p>CHECK THIS OUT! Buy this home and get a week's stay at a beachfront Ft. Myers condo! When you get back you can move right in to this 3 bd, 2 bath brick ranch w/too many updates to list! \$142,000 (P-247MA)</p>	 <p>LIVONIA STARTER Awesome deal on this 3 bd, 2 bath solid brick ranch in quiet Livonia sub. Large LR w/frpl, bsmt w/frpl & bar area, 2 car Garage, Sunroom, & peaceful setting backing to Hines Park. \$144,900 (P-605MI)</p>	 <p>CHERRY HILL VILLAGE Great location on this 2 bd, 2 bath home w/gourmet oak Kit w/appl's, cozy sitting area, vaulted Master w/WIC & bath, 1st fl laundry, & more. \$195,000 (P-197MO)</p>	 <p>GREAT PRICE! Don't miss out on this barley lived in, condo in Canton. 2 bds, 2.5 baths, 1st fl Master, an abundance of cabinets, DR w/French drs to Deck, 2 car Garage, & loft area perfect for office. \$159,900 (P-914RA)</p>	 <p>SOLID BRICK HOME Great 3 bd, 2 bath w/updated Kit, vinyl insulated windows, beautiful finished bsmt, appl's stay, over 1000 sq ft, 1 yr home warranty & Livonia Schools. \$149,750 (C-326SA)</p>	 <p>ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL Tonquish brick ranch feat: updated Kit, bath, furnace, plumbing, windows, & elec. Stylishly decorated, open finished bsmt, great location, & ready for you now! \$145,000 (C-465TO)</p>
 <p>CUSTOM BUILT 2200 sq ft brick cape cod offering a finished walkout bsmt, elaborate landscaping, brick paver stones, & superior craftsmanship t/o. Too many custom features to list! \$375,000 (P-215VI)</p>	 <p>GREAT STARTER Solid brick ranch offering 3 bds, LR w/bay window, updated bath, fin bsmt w/peas 4th bdrm, large 2 car Garage, tiered Deck w/pool, fenced yard, & great location. \$114,900 (P-559WE)</p>	 <p>LOCATION, LOCATION Rare opportunity to own 1 acre private wooded lot in Fairways West. 2 story Great Rm w/bridge overlook & frpl, gourmet Kit w/hwd flrs & all appl's, Master w/2 WIC's & spa bath, & 3 car Garage. \$399,900 (P-201WO)</p>	 <p>BUILD IT YOUR WAY! Here's a chance to have the home you want! Great lots avail w/67.5 ft frontage located in residential area of established homes. These lots are hard to come by and won't last long. \$45,000 (C-853GA)</p>	<p>A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE! All Real Estate Companies Are Not The Same If you are serious about entering the business and profession of Real Estate sales, you owe it to yourself to investigate why we are best suited to insure your success. Take the real estate compatibility test at www.cbpreferred.com ALISSA NEAD OR LILLIAN SANDERSON (734) 459-6000 OR (734) 392-6000 COLDWELL BANKER PREFERRED, REALTORS</p>			

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ENERGY

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ignore bills." In addition, remember homes with proper humidity levels will provide greater comfort at lower temperatures. When humidity is kept at a proper level — about 35 percent at 70 degrees — windows will not sweat and the air won't feel dry. Replace the humidifier pad or clean it of calcium deposits for best results.

FINE TUNE YOUR FURNACE

Examine furnace filters. They should be checked regularly during the heating season," Singer said of furnace air filters. Dirty, dusty filters block the warm airflow in the home, which causes the furnace to work harder. Many furnace filters cost very little, and others can be used again. You'll need to check in warmer weather, too, if you use central air conditioning.

"Another thing is to have the furnace inspected professionally on a regular basis," Singer said. Clean and vacuum ducts, vents and heat registers. Check heat registers to ensure that drapes or furniture do not block airflow.

ADD INSULATION

Insulate all heating ducts located in attics and unheated crawlspaces, and make sure there are no leaks in your ductwork. Place an insulation blanket around your hot water heater. Electric water heaters should be placed on an insulated surface, such as foam. Adjust water heater temperature to the warm setting (about 120 degrees F).

KEEP THE COLD AIR OUT

Seal windows and doors with caulk and weather stripping to block unwanted drafts. If caulk cracks and peels away, it allows your home's heat to escape. "Air leaks are one of the major causes of problems," Singer said. Caulking or using weather stripping for windows helps. Plastic over windows offers

an additional layer of warmth: "Anything you can do to seal those openings is going to help," he said.

Singer said fireplaces, which also lose energy, should have the flue closed when not in use, and installing glass doors is a good idea. However, if you have a gas fireplace, the flue should be partially open to allow fumes from the pilot light to escape.

Use kitchen, bath and other ventilating fans wisely. In just one hour, these fans can pull out a houseful of warm air. Turn fans off as soon as they have done their job.

LET THE SUN SHINE IN

Open curtains on south facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home. Be sure to close the curtains at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

Singer added that ovens, stoves or other devices not meant for heating shouldn't be used to heat a home. For more energy savings tips, go to www.my.dteenergy.com.

SOURCE OF HELP

The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) at 1212 Griswold St., 10th floor, Detroit, Mich. 48226 helps people with utility costs. Those who need help with utility bills should call (800) 866-THAW (8429). Information on donating to THAW online is at www.thawfund.org. The nonprofit's e-mail is info@thawfund.org.

John X. Miller, chief executive officer of THAW, appreciates Detroiters' generosity, noting some half million dollars were raised earlier this month in a radiothon with co-sponsor WWJ radio. Utility companies assist THAW with matching funds.

Miller said THAW works with people to avert crisis, working on such things as energy conservation. You can better insulate your home, Miller said, turn down the thermostat when going to bed and even be attentive to recharging of a cell phone or laptop.

"We're advocates for long-term solutions for energy issues," Miller said.

Learn energy basics at local workshop Saturday, Feb. 23

The Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center will hold the next workshop in its popular Sustainable Energy Series, "A Home Energy Audit: The First Step to Saving Money," presented by Don Nelson of D.R. Nelson & Associates. It will be 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center in Oxford.

Nelson will discuss common claims for energy savings products and how to sift through them. He will explain how the house performs and the benefits of a home energy audit. He will also review the discounts and state rebates available, for a limited time, to offset the cost of an audit.

He will then demonstrate the

use of home energy audit technology, including the blower door test, and home sealing products. There will be time for questions and answers throughout the workshop.

"Many homeowners know that they are wasting money heating a drafty house but they don't know what to make of the energy savings claims of various products and services, or where to get started," said John Batdorf, executive director of Upland Hills EAC. "There are proven ways to save money but they need to be targeted to each home and be cost-effective. The way to determine that is to start with a home energy audit. We are lucky to have a local company to provide this service with

over 25 years of national leadership in home energy savings."

The workshop will be held at the Upland Hills EAC, an authorized Michigan Energy Demonstration Center, located in northern Oakland County at 2375 Indian Lake Road, Oxford, MI 48370 (directions are available at www.uheac.org). The cost is \$10 for non-members and \$5 for UHEAC members. Advance registration, by e-mail to info@uheac.org or by phone at (248) 693-1021, is highly recommended as seating is limited. Payment can be made at the door.

"The problem has been the cost of a qualified audit," said Batdorf. "We are excited to announce that D.R. Nelson is

offering significantly reduced fees and an additional UHEAC member discount. Plus, the State of Michigan is offering a generous rebate that is available for a limited time only."

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<p>COMMERCE \$975,000</p> <p>Brick Cape Cod! Water Front W/O, Goth Design, Italian Marble & Gran. 3 Fp, Study w/Wet Bar, Hwd, Gourmet Kit, FF Mstr, Imported Mahogany DR & 3 Car Gar.</p> <p>MLS# 28020648 248-347-3050</p>	<p>DEARBORN \$119,000</p> <p>Well maintained 3BR brick bungalow near downtown Dearborn. Nice size kit, newer wndws & furn. Plenty of storage. Home war incl.</p> <p>MLS# 28004449 734-453-6800</p>	<p>DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$100,000</p> <p>Brick 3 BR ranch in perfect condition & priced to sell! Updates include: kit, bath, plumb, window, furn, a/c & H2O. Part fin bsmt.</p> <p>MLS# 28022824 734-453-6800</p>	<p>FARMINGTON HILLS \$189,900</p> <p>Sharp Country Setting Close to Everything! Many Updates Incl Gutters, Porch, Elec, Mstr Ste & BA, Deck, H2O, Part fin bsmt. 2.5 Car Det Gar w/Big Yd.</p> <p>MLS# 28018516 248-347-3050</p>	<p>FENTON \$171,000</p> <p>Nice updated ranch, huge bright fam room, newly fenced yard, newer roof 2003, hardwood flrs, very close to school. Motivated seller.</p> <p>MLS# 27173686 734-453-6800</p>	<p>GREEN OAK \$275,000</p> <p>Colonial on Priv Lot! Backs to Woods! Updated Kit w/ Corian Cntrs, FR w/Nook, Remod Mstr & Main BA. Fin W/O w/Rec Rm, Hwd, FR w/Wet Bar & Built-in Cabs.</p> <p>MLS# 28013633 248-347-3050</p>
<p>LIVONIA \$150,000</p> <p>Why Rent?! Move-In Ready Brick 3 BR 2 BA Ranch! Fin Bsmt w/over 950sq; Hwdw T/O, Updates Incl Kit, BAs & Wndws, C/A & Furn Humidifier. All Appls Stay!</p> <p>MLS# 28013660 248-347-3050</p>	<p>LIVONIA \$199,000</p> <p>Immaculate 4BR Quad. Newer roof, CA, updt'd BA's, freshly painted. Lg bckyard! Maint free, open & airy best descr this home! Hurry!</p> <p>MLS# 28011786 734-453-6800</p>	<p>LIVONIA \$289,900</p> <p>Small Complex of Det Condos in NW Liv Tucked Away for Privacy! Beautiful Manicured Grounds, Lg FF Mstr Unit w/3 BRs, 2.5 BAs, Att 2 Car Gar & Full Bsmt.</p> <p>MLS# 28024063 248-347-3050</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE \$175,000</p> <p>Totally Remod End Unit w/Fin W/O! FF Lndry, Backs to Sarene Creek, 2 Car Att Gar, Common Pool, Clubhouse & Grounds Maint. Assoc Fee Incl Gas & Water.</p> <p>MLS# 28022545 248-347-3050</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE \$475,000</p> <p>Surrounded by Woods! Priv Yd w/Ingrnd Pool! Up-dated Kit w/Cherry Cabs, Walnut Fir & Gran. Stamped Concrete, Fin Bsmt w/Rec Rm, BA & Exer Rm.</p> <p>MLS# 28026970 248-347-3050</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE \$915,000</p> <p>Awesome Location! Marble in Foyer & 5 BA. Hwd in LR & DR, Mahogany Staircase, Fin Daylight LL w/Gym & Rec Rm, 2 Stry FR, Paver Walks & Multi-tier Deck.</p> <p>MLS# 28018958 248-347-3050</p>
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<p>PLYMOUTH \$419,900</p> <p>Remarkable Home! Priv Lot, Prem Brick Elev & Landscaping. Open Floor Plan, Dual Staircases, Kit w/ Island & Hwd. Mstr Ste w/WIC & Mstr BA.</p> <p>MLS# 28025357 248-347-3050</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH \$638,900</p> <p>Custom 4BR, 3.1BA on statly lot. Gourmet kit w/ island, HWDW flrs, newer carpet, sunroom, butler pantry, wet bar & fin LL. Meticulous landscaping.</p> <p>MLS# 27125257 734-453-6800</p>	<p>SOUTH LYON \$109,900</p> <p>Beautiful end unit. 2Bd, 2ba w/ finished LL. Offers lg FR w/ gas FP & Lib/guest room. Private patio. All appls. C/A Adult 55+.</p> <p>MLS# 27200916 734-453-6800</p>	<p>SOUTH LYON \$150,000</p> <p>Beautifully Maintained Ranch! Near Schools, Shops & Local Cafes. Updates Incl Cer Tile, Cabs & Stove in Kit, Remod BA & RI. Hwd, Cove Cigs & Fresh Paint.</p> <p>MLS# 28024509 248-347-3050</p>	<p>VAN BUREN \$151,000</p> <p>Price reduced! Great value, bank owned home 2000 built, 1868 sqft, 3BR 2.5BA. Mstr ste w/jet tub. LR, DR, FR w/FP. Lg corner lot. Priced to sell!</p> <p>MLS# 27202236 734-453-6800</p>	<p>WESTLAND \$125,000</p> <p>Move right into 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA colonial. Home feats: living room, dining room, 1st floor laundry & fam rm. 2 car detached gar.</p> <p>MLS# 28021675 734-453-6800</p>

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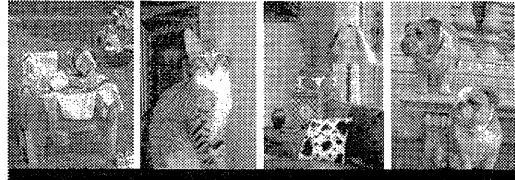
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- 21 Reassure
- 22 Cereal toppers
- 25 Canute's foe
- 29 French article
- 30 Rains ice
- 32 Without a tan
- 33 Moon, in verse
- 35 Camel kin
- 37 Universal rival
- 38 Made fast
- 40 Disadvantages
- 42 Potatoes - gratin
- 43 Char
- 44 Camper

DOWN

- 1 Turn sharply
- 2 A Gabor
- 3 Drip-dry fabric
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- 5 Badger st.
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- 10 Pasture grazer
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- 16 Bombay nanny

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Level: Beginner

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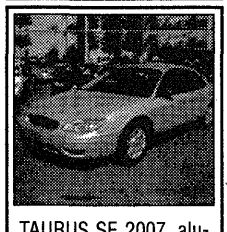
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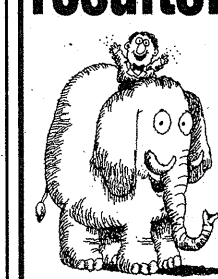
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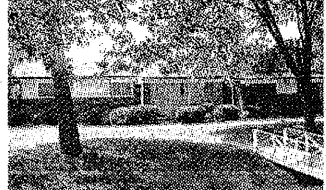
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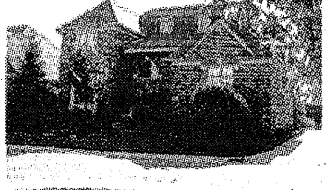
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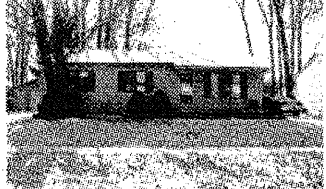
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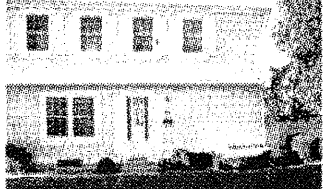
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ABSOLUTELY TURN-KEY! Immaculate upper level 2 BR/2 BA ranch condo in Lilley Pointe. Mstr ste w/priv bath. Lg GR w/doorwall to deck. Beautiful dining rm. Spacious kitchen w/all appl. (27189939) \$119,900



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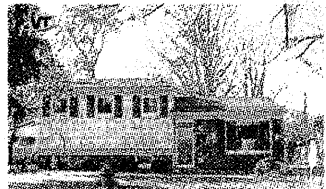
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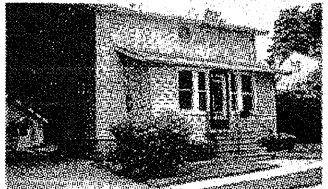
Commerce 248-684-1065
Gorgeous home w/ 3 car gar. Home off. 2 sty foyer. 2 sty GR. Huge kit w/ granite, SS appls, skylites. 1st flr laun & mstr ste w/ jacuzzi & dbl sinks. 1 acre. (28001930) \$384,000



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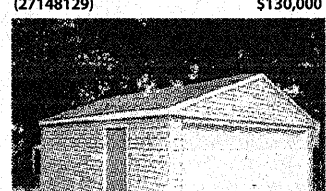
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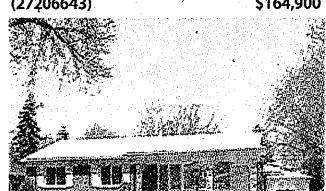
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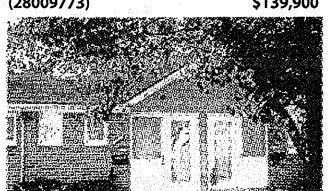
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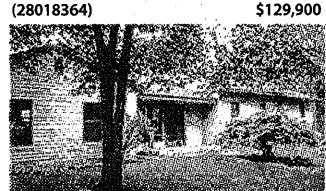
Waterford describes this renovated home with updates throughout. New roof, carpet, bath, paint, kitchen flr & cabs, Pella windows. Deck to wooded yard. (27209453) \$89,900



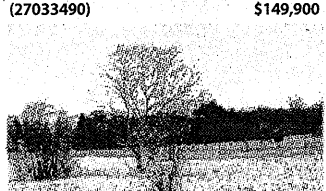
White Lake 248-684-1065
Sharp 1994 3 BR w/pos. 4th BR or office in approx. 400 sq. ft. fin. bsmt. Open flr plan w/ beautiful wrap around deck. Heated 2-car garage. Lake Privileges. (28005447) \$174,900



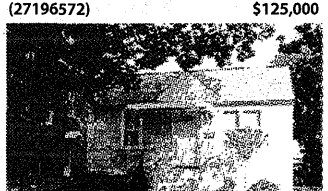
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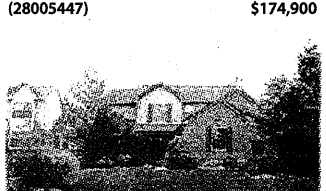
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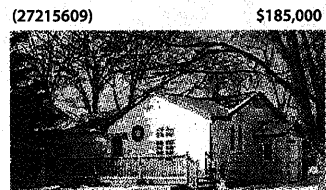
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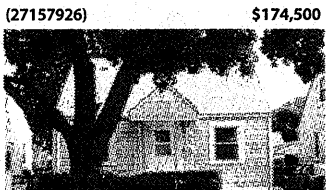
Hartland 248-684-1065
Dbl lot w/ lk privs on Handy Lk. Open flr plan, LR w/ Berber carpet. Oak kit cabs. Glass blk wndws in bsmt. 14x14 shed w/ elec. Unfin bsmt. Comfortable & cute. (27162906) \$139,900



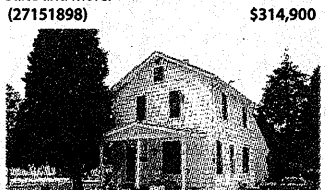
Milford 248-684-1065
Walk to downtown Milford from this 1870 Sq Ft Historic Village home that has 5 bds, 3 ba, with 1st flr master, Many updates, large fence backyard. (27219626) \$189,900



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How do your grasses grow?

Goldner Walsh hosts seminars with landscape expert

BY WENSIDY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

While many people spend snow-filled days dreaming of walking barefoot in the grass, local gardeners are itching to plant it.

Goldner Walsh Nursery in Pontiac will host "Grasses and the Design of Livable Landscapes" on Feb. 29 as part of its ongoing speaker series. The program will feature internationally-known

author, photographer and horticulturist Rick Darke. Darke will sign copies of his books, including "The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes" at 6:30 p.m., and offer a presentation at 7:30 p.m.

"We are known for having national and international speakers come in, particularly garden speakers," said Tim Travis, owner of Goldner Walsh. "It's part of our Cabin Fever series we've set up for our customers who are anxious to do gardening but can't because it's winter."

GARDENING WITH GRASSES

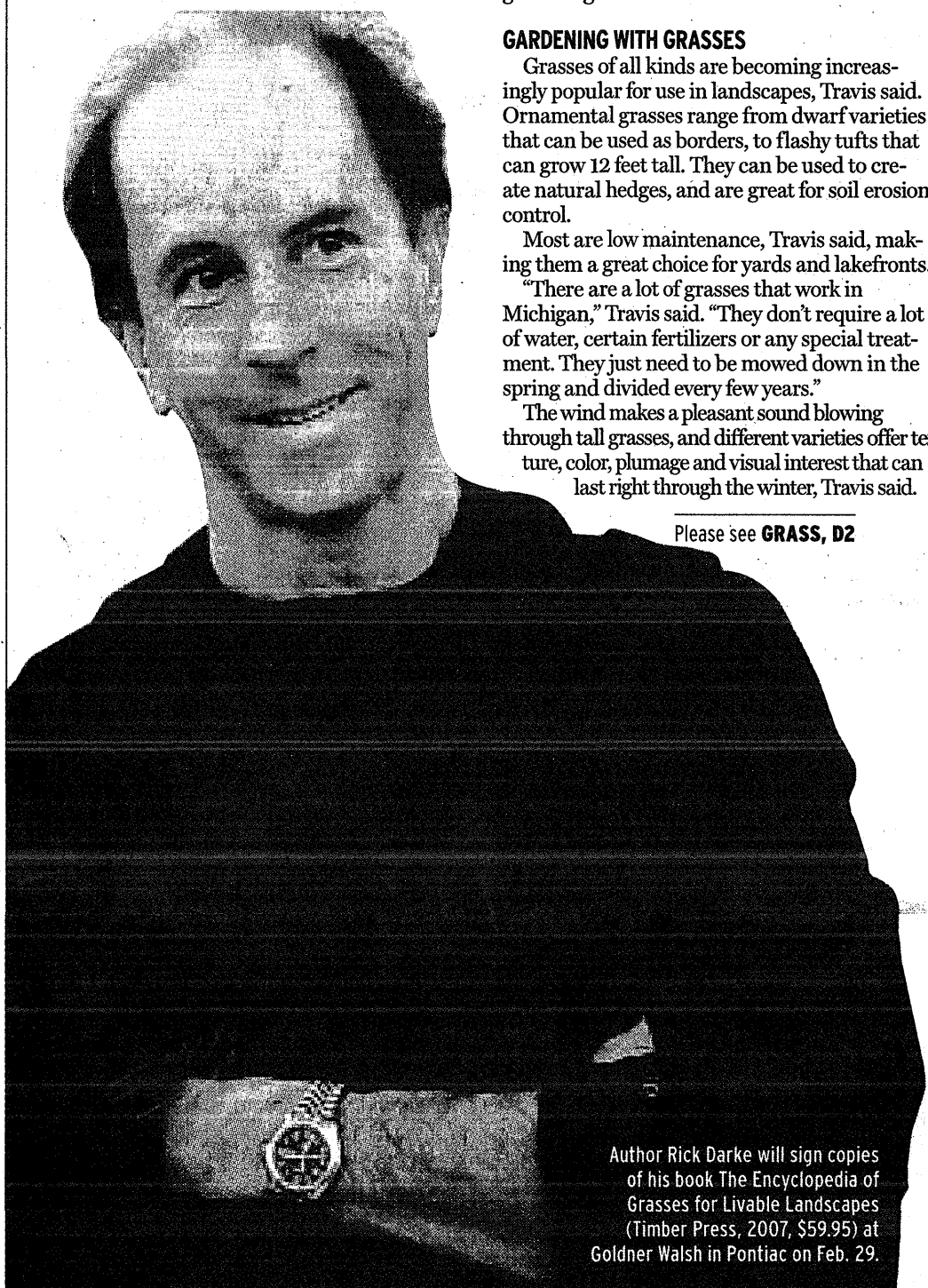
Grasses of all kinds are becoming increasingly popular for use in landscapes, Travis said. Ornamental grasses range from dwarf varieties that can be used as borders, to flashy tufts that can grow 12 feet tall. They can be used to create natural hedges, and are great for soil erosion control.

Most are low maintenance, Travis said, making them a great choice for yards and lakefronts.

"There are a lot of grasses that work in Michigan," Travis said. "They don't require a lot of water, certain fertilizers or any special treatment. They just need to be mowed down in the spring and divided every few years."

The wind makes a pleasant sound blowing through tall grasses, and different varieties offer texture, color, plumage and visual interest that can last right through the winter, Travis said.

Please see **GRASS, D2**



Author Rick Darke will sign copies of his book *The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes* (Timber Press, 2007, \$59.95) at Goldner Walsh in Pontiac on Feb. 29.



RICK DARKE WORKSHOPS

Grasses and the Design of Livable Landscapes

When: Friday, Feb. 29

What: At 6:30 p.m. Author Rick Darke will sign copies of his books "The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes," "Pocket Guide to Ornamental Grasses," and "The American Woodland Garden: Capturing the Spirit of the Deciduous Forest." At 7:30 p.m., Darke will present *Grasses and the Design of Livable Landscapes*

Cost: \$35, advanced registration required. Landscapes Through the Lens: Digital Photography and the Art of Observation

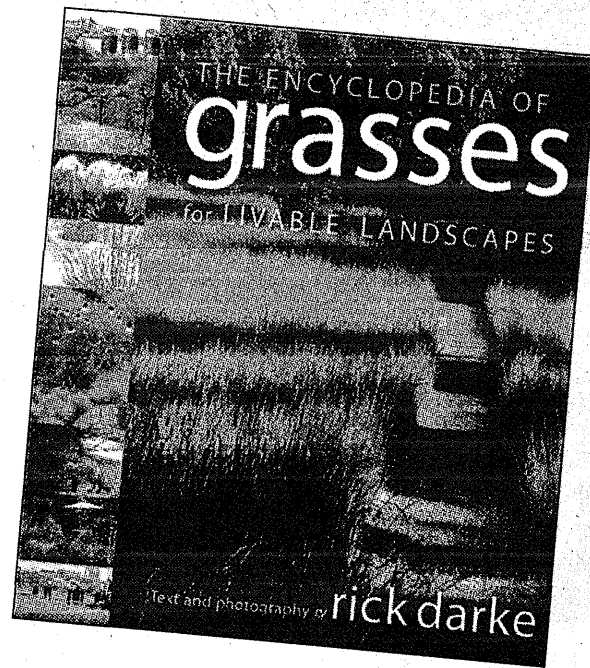
When: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 1

What: Celebrated photographer Rick Darke will demonstrate techniques for maximizing the potential of digital cameras and related computer hardware and software, and explore how the camera can be an important creative tool in landscape design.

Cost: \$165 includes lunch

Where: Both programs take place at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac

Information: Call (248) 332-6430 and visit www.goldner-walsh.com or www.rickdarke.com.



Seek out reasonably priced 2005 Bordeaux now

Bordeaux with its 12,000 wine chateaux and more than 250,000 acres, producing some 800 million bottles annually, remains California's biggest competitor for high-end wines.

Yet, if you believe that some Napa Valley high-end cabernets have become out of reach at \$125 to \$200-plus per bottle, then you must think that prices for 2005 Bordeaux high-end bottlings at three times that and more are stratospheric. You're right, yet that's a small fraction of what's produced in Bordeaux.

Vintage 2005 in Bordeaux was sensational and you should seek out some wines that are more reasonably priced. It has long been said, that in a great Bordeaux vintage, real value lies in seeking out the best from lesser-known chateaux.

However, within the Bordeaux region, there are 57 appellations in the Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC) system and unless you've become a student or connoisseur of Bordeaux wines, discovering these wines can be head spinning.

CHRISTIAN MOUEIX TO THE RESCUE

The Christian Moueix Regional Series, including a wine from each of St.-Emilion, Pomerol and Medoc appellations, retailing between \$23 and \$25, was just introduced to the Michigan market. For the uninitiated, these three bottlings offer an introduction to these appellations. For those in the know about Bordeaux wines, some fine drinking at sensible prices.

In addition to the Moueix family vineyards including the renowned Chateau Petrus, Chateau Trotanoy and Chateau La Fleur Petrus, to name a few, Christian Moueix acts as a buyer and supplier of up to 100 wines from the region each year, including Chateau Gazin and Chateau Lafleur in Pomerol and Chateau Belair in St.-Emilion.

Please see **WINE, D3**

Sexiest vegetarian lives in Birmingham

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

There's a contest to vote for the country's sexiest vegetarian and one contestant is a Michigander from Birmingham.

His name is Jonny Kest, a handsome and healthy, dedicated husband and father. What makes him special is that despite his chiseled face and toned abs, there's not a huge ego pouring out of Kest. Instead, he's a leader in the Yoga community working hard to promote healthy bodies and minds.

And to add a cherry to the top of the soy ice cream sundae, Kest is also a staunch protector of animals. He does not tolerate cruelty or mockery of animals — or humans.

No wonder Kest is one of just 16 finalists, out of hundreds in the U.S. and Canada, chosen by People for Ethical Treatment of Animal's *Sexiest Vegetarian Contest*.

The reason for the competition isn't popularity. Rather, it's to help publicize the connection between human health, the environment, animal compassion and vegetarianism.

Kest, 40, is the owner of the successful Center for Yoga studios based in Birmingham and West Bloomfield. He's an instructor in a variety of Yoga forms including Ashtanga, also known as "eight limbed yoga," that focuses on breathing and posture.

He's been a vegetarian since the age of 12 and went vegan two years ago — meaning he eats no animal flesh (no fish) or animal by-products such as dairy or eggs. He thanks his father for teaching him kindness toward animals and respect for his body.

VOTE FOR JONNY KEST!

What: Birmingham's own Jonny Kest beat out hundreds of entrants nationwide in PETA's Sexiest Vegetarian Contest. He's one of just 16 finalists.

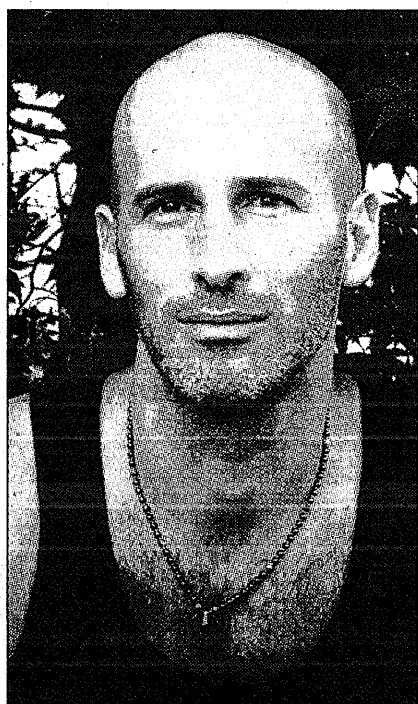
What he could win: Seven nights in Maui — and Kest was raised in Hawaii so he would be re-connecting with his roots.

Why he deserves it: For starters, he's hot. But it goes deeper. Kest volunteers his time educating the public about compassion for animals. And, as a Yoga instructor, he's promoting better health in our community.

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"I am lighter, stronger, freer and happier," Kest said.

He is humble and attributes his energy and youthful appearance to veganism and Yoga. He doesn't preach or judge, but when asked, he will encourage students to read the *New York Times* best selling book *Skinny Bitch* by Rory Freedman and Kim Barnouin, a book that bluntly explains that you can be thin and eat a lot — just make it vegan.

And to make him even sexier, Kest is not a nightclub-hopper or a show-off. Instead he prefers reading, meditation, walks and swimming in the ocean with his wife and three vegan sons.

If he wins the PETA contest, he joins the ranks of celebrity sexy vegetarian winners such as *American Idol*'s Carrie Underwood, *The Tonight Show*'s Kevin Eubanks, and actors and actresses Joaquin Phoenix, Natalie Portman, Nicollette Sheridan, Alicia Silverstone, musician Prince and professional triathlete Brendan Brazier.

Jonny Kest's Center for Yoga studios are located at 555 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham and 6710 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 258-YOGA or visit info@centerforyoga.com.

PECAN-CRUSTED FRENCH TOAST

Makes 6 to 8 slices

- 1½ cups soy or rice milk
- 3 tablespoons corn starch
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon chickpea flour or brown rice flour
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans
- 2 tablespoons refined coconut oil, or more as needed for cooking
- 6 to 8 slices vegan whole wheat or whole wheat raisin bread
- maple syrup, for serving

In a medium bowl, whisk together the soy or rice milk, corn starch, and cinnamon. Whisk the chickpea or brown rice flour. Transfer the mixture to a shallow bowl. Place the pecans in another shallow bowl.

In a large skillet over medium heat, melt the coconut oil. One slice at a time, dip the bread in the milk mixture, turning to soak both sides. Dip one side in the pecans, pressing to coat. (Yeah, it's a little challenging to make 'em stick in there. Quit whining. You're about to have French toast!) Arrange the bread in the skillet (you might have to do more than one batch), pecan side down. Cook 2 to 3 minutes, until the pecans are well browned. Carefully turn the bread and continue cooking until the second side is browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve immediately with maple syrup.

* Source, *The Skinny Bitch Cookbook*

WINE PICKS

Although Bordeaux varieties are grown in many places around the globe, Zinfandel is not. California is its home and the following are some superb wines from the 2005 vintage.

Outstanding: 2005 Rancho Zabaco Toreador Monte Rosso Vineyard \$60

Excellent: 2005 Mazzocco "Pony" Dry Creek Valley \$27

2005 Mazzocco "Maple" Dry Creek Valley \$36

2005 Rancho Zabaco Sonoma Valley Monte Rosso Vineyard \$45

Very Good: 2005 Kenwood Sonoma County \$14

2006 Artezin Mendocino County \$18

2005 Kenwood Reserve \$20

2006 Dashe Late Harvest Dry Creek Valley \$30 (dessert style)

2005 Kenwood Jack London Vineyard \$25

2005 Montevina Terra d'Oro Deaver Vineyard \$30

2005 Montevina Terra d'Oro SHR Field Blend \$30

2005 Wilson Carl's Vineyard Dry Creek Valley \$32

2005 Dashe Florence Vineyard \$32

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.

Put your videos on YouTube for public, private consumption

If you've ever seen the famous Mentos-and-Coke video, the four guys dancing on treadmills, or Miss Teen USA South Carolina's beauty pageant train wreck, then you're no doubt familiar with YouTube.

The site is the Web's top destination for streaming video, the kind you view inside your Web browser.

Today I'm going to explain how to put your own videos online. When you're done, you'll be able to invite select friends and family to view them or make them available for public consumption.

There's no cost to sign up for a YouTube account (youtube.com), though obviously you'll need some kind of video recorder to make your movies.

This can be a traditional camcorder, a digital camera or cell phone that's able to record video clips, or even a Webcam. (YouTube's Quick Capture feature can record up to 10 minutes of Webcam footage, meaning you can sit down at your PC and create a new video almost instantly.)

For the ultimate in convenience, consider a digital-video camera like the Flip Video Ultra (theflip.com), which records up to an hour's worth of YouTube-ready video clips. I find it ideal for those moments when the kids are doing something incredibly cute.

After capturing the moment, you plug the camera directly into your PC's USB port for quick and easy uploading to YouTube.

Similarly, Casio's latest Exilim digital cameras (exilim.com) offer a YouTube capture mode that records video using YouTube's preferred settings.

Pop the camera's memory card into your PC and Casio's special software simplifies the process of uploading the videos to the service.

Of course, these methods are best suited to short, impromptu clips that require no editing. If you're using a camcorder and/or making an actual mini-movie, you'll need editing software.

Windows user need look no further than Windows Movie Maker, which comes baked into Windows XP and Vista. Mac users can turn to iMovie, an OS X staple.

Both programs enable you to edit your video, add titles and transitions, apply special effects, and turn an MP3 or similar audio file into a soundtrack. You can then output the completed video in a YouTube-friendly format.

Speaking of which, YouTube limits videos to 10 minutes apiece. It also limits resolution to 640 by 480 pixels, though if you upload a higher-resolution video, the service will automatically down-convert it.

Just be sure to keep the file size under 100



Armed with a camera or camcorder, an Internet connection, and an idea, you can easily add your own videos to YouTube.

megabytes; anything larger requires you to install YouTube's Windows-only Uploader utility, which can accommodate files up to 1 gigabyte. (The 10-minute length limit still applies.)

That utility also lets you select multiple files to upload at a time. Otherwise, you can use YouTube's Web-based single-file uploader.

Just click the yellow Upload button that appears on every YouTube page, then provide a title, description, category and tags.

You'll also want to choose public or private status for your video; the latter limits you to 25 viewers, while public videos can be viewed by anyone. Finally, pick your sharing options, like whether external sites (such as blogs) can embed your video.

YouTube also allows you to upload videos straight from your phone. You'll need to venture into your account settings first and configure a mobile profile.

Once that's done, you can send a video message (also known as an MMS) directly to YOUTUBE, or attach your video to an e-mail and send it to the special address listed in your profile (which you should add to your phone's address book for easy future use).

Now that you've added your video to YouTube's massive library, how can you attract eyeballs? Start by getting it off YouTube and onto your blog.

For every uploaded video, YouTube provides an "embed" code that you can copy and paste into a new blog post. The result is an embedded YouTube video player — the kind you've clicked countless times before, but this time it's your very own video on the Tube.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wendy Von Buskirk at wvonb@hometownlife.com.

English Gardens Events

English Gardens will host a free presentation on perennial gardening 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at its retail stores in Ann Arbor, Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield. Learn how to create a colorful garden that will come back every year. Also, English Gardens is hosting its 6th Annual Orchid Festival through Feb. 26, with displays of more than 50 varieties of orchids at all stores. Visit www.englishgardens.com.

A Bit of Green

Goldner Walsh, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac, will host a benefit for Shades of Pink, a Birmingham-based organization that helps women battling breast cancer. A Gardening Lecture and Luncheon 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 will feature lunch in the Event Greenhouse at artist-created tablescapes, and lectures by local experts. A Wine Tasting and Tablescapes Preview 6-10 p.m. tonight will include hors d'oeuvres by candlelight and a sneak peek at the tables; \$60 per event, or \$100 per person to attend both. Call (248) 594-1249 or visit www.goldnerwalsh.com.

Master Composter Classes

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority will hold Master Composter classes for environmental gardening enthusiasts beginning 6:45-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Birmingham Department of Public Services Building, 851 S. Eton. The course includes six classes and a field trip to the SOCRA compost facility. Cost, \$30, includes supplies. Call (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

Tropical Breezes

Get ready for some "Tropical Breezes" — that is the theme for the annual Flower Show Competition to be held within the Michigan Home and Garden Show at Ford Field in Detroit March 7-9. The Livonia Garden Club is one of 43 Michigan garden clubs participating in the competition. Admission to the show is \$9, adults; \$4 children 6-14; free, 5 and under. Call 1-800-328-6550 or visit www.FordFieldHomeShow.com.

Monster Plants!

The Michigan Cactus & Succulent Society will host Monsters, Crests and other Bizarre & Ugly Plants! at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9 in the Commons Room of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 38651 Woodward, Birmingham. Free. Call (248) 790-9089.

Hostas 101

The Royal Oak Garden Club will present Hostas 101 at 7 p.m. March 10 at the Royal Oak Public Library. A Royal Oak gardener who has turned his backyard into a successful nursery business will explain how to propagate and cultivate hostas at the free event. Call (313) 861-6579.

Orchid Show

The Michigan Orchid Society will host its 54th Annual Palm Sunday Show March 15-16. Formerly at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, the show will move to the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Programs for beginner, intermediate and casual growers of orchids; 30 vendors selling orchids, supplies and related items. Free. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.miorchids.com.

GRASS

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"When everything else is dying down and kind of drab, the grasses are still there like a sculpture. They add drama to the landscape when it's pretty dull," Travis said.

Travis said Rick Darke's background as a photographer gives him a unique perspective on the aesthetics of various types of grasses.

"He sees the added value of what they do visually in the landscape, not just by themselves but the shadow and lighting they create," Travis said. "Most people don't think about moonlight in a landscape, but if you imagine a full moon night in the winter or fall, grasses add just as much dimension as an old oak tree."

DARKE'S PERSPECTIVE

Rick Darke heads a Pennsylvania-based consulting firm, and is an internationally-recognized authority on the use of grasses in landscapes. While grasses will be a thread that runs through his talk at Goldner Walsh, he will also cover the gardener's role in creating sustainable environments.

"It will be a broader discussion of the smart design of landscapes that are as sensual and practical and walkable as we want them to be, and at the same time in sync with regional resources and showing some kind of reverence of place," Darke said.

Darke will explain how grasses, sedges and rushes can be used in patterns and approaches that will work in southeast Michigan.

"They are beautiful spontaneous landscapes to live in and to share, and at the same time they are truly sustainable, maintained without taking an unfair amount of resources or being harmful to local ecologies," he said.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

Darke has been photographing landscapes for more than 30 years. "The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes," is the world's most complete individual reference on the topic, and he'll use photographs from the book to embellish his talk. According to Travis, that's what makes Darke such a unique speaker.

"His presentation is like an art show," Travis said. "He speaks of plants in an artistic way, not just a horticultural way. You learn a lot about plants but also their artistic value in a landscape."

On Saturday, Darke will lead a second workshop in which he teaches attendees how to use their digital cameras to observe and improve their gardens. Landscapes Through the Lens: Digital Photography and the Art of Observation is limited to 20 people.

The workshops at Goldner Walsh are part of Darke's mission to share his inspiration with others, both through his photography and his passion for ecology.

"If we take a decent and inspired approach to our landscaping and our design work and the gardens we make, we can be contributing in meaningful ways to the environment and world we live in," he said.

A SHORT GUIDE TO GRASSES

Susan Charette, perennial manager and buyer for Goldner Walsh, offers a snapshot of some grasses that grow well in Michigan.

Feather Reed Grass: One of the most common grasses used in landscapes, it grows upright, 4-5 feet tall. Starts blooming fairly early in the season and stands up through Michigan winters.

Japanese Silver Grass: There are many different varieties of this colorful grass. The green and white variegated Cosmopolitan variety grows 6-8 feet tall, with big silvery plumes in the fall.

Little Bluestem Grass: An example of native grasses that are becoming more popular, especially around lakes, Little Bluestem grows 2.5-3 feet tall. Very blue in color, it turns pinkish-red in the fall. Good for soil erosion control.

Golden Leaved Japanese Forest Grass: This graceful weeping grass, 12-18 inches tall, looks beautiful bowing over rock boulders and used as a border grass. Its golden color shows up nicely in the shade.

Clumping Bamboos: Various bamboos, such as the 8- to 10-foot-tall Umbrella Bamboo, are becoming increasingly popular in Michigan. They can create shade for other plantings in a landscape.

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Specifications may be obtained online at www.ycu.org or by contacting YCUA's Service Center at (734) 484-4600, extension 300.

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37 - Approved minutes of 1/22/08.
 - Bulk Fuel Bid-Mansfield Oil, truck transport; and RKA for tank wagon deliveries.
 - Public Educ. & Rouge River Prgm., amt. of \$18,000.
 - Adopted Ord. 253, to amend Chptr 2, Art. X, Section 2-701 thru 2-708.
 38 - Approved voucher list: \$1,066,360.22 and Prepaid \$1,354,967.28.
 - Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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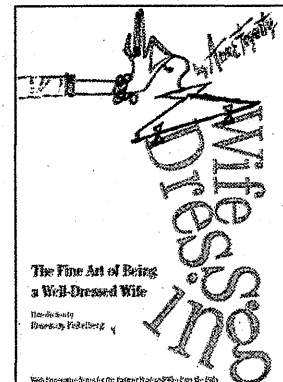
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A girl's ski weekend Up North

Vera Wang goes vintage

Revolutionary designer veers toward look of yesteryear

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP FASHION WRITER

To talk about bridal fashion trends is almost moot: Yes, there are subtle differences from season to season but, in the end, the gowns are almost always white, feminine and pretty.

A subtle shift away from floaty, ethereal gowns toward more fitted, glamorous ones — as in Vera Wang's newest collection — actually is a notable change.

"The shape I was feeling for was extremely fitted. It's not something I've been doing a lot of," says Wang.

A slinky, sexy silhouette is often easier to pull off in bridal than in everyday clothes or even evening wear because the market for show-stopping wedding gowns tends to be a specific demographic: youthful women eager to have all eyes on themselves.

"It's a finite group," the designer says. "In ready-to-wear, it's from my daughters all the way up to someone who is 60 — and I'm headed in that direction myself."

(Wang, 58, won the Council of Fashion Designers of America award as the industry's top womenswear designer for her ready-to-wear collections in 2005.)

If the silhouette was going to hug the body, Wang says, it became important to her to make the surface details, including cabbage-rose corsages, interesting. That led to a look that seemed rooted in the 1950s and early '60s on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, though modern enough to be worn by the granddaughters of that era's famed socialites.

"Once I saw a little Jackie Kennedy in it, I knew we were heading in a very sophisticated direction. It reminded me of



Vera Wang's 2008 line includes unique embellishments like tulle sashes (above) and cabbage-rose corsages (at right).



VERA WANG TRUNK SHOW

When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 14; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 15; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 16
Where: The Bridal Salon, Macy's Somerset, 1st floor
What: A representative from Vera Wang will present the elegant designer's latest collection.
Appointments: Call (248) 816-4270.

women who were the predecessors of Jackie: Babe Paley and the other women Truman Capote ran with," Wang says.

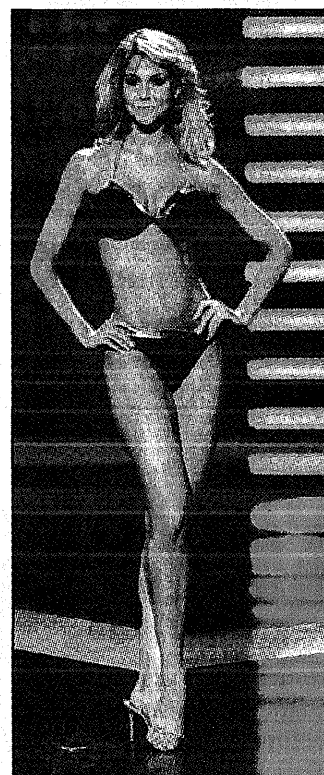
"That formality looks very new to me. The glamour was fresh to me."

It's also a classic American look, notes Wang. "It's sweet and racy. ... The women from the '40s to the early '60s had a polish and a thoroughbred good look. They were just to me what American glamour was about."



The many looks of Miss America

PHOTOS BY TOM DONOGHUE



Kirsten Haglund wore a black bikini edged in gold during the swimsuit competition.

Everyone is still buzzing about hometown girl Kirsten Haglund, who won the Miss America crown on Jan. 26 at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. Here's another glimpse of the high style the 19-year-old Farmington Hills native displayed during competition. As Miss America 2008, Haglund will travel 20,000 miles a month speaking to audiences about her platform of raising awareness of eating disorders, and acting as the official National Goodwill Ambassador for Children's Miracle Network.



After she was crowned, Haglund, was honored by PINK's, a legendary hot dog stand in Hollywood that also serves Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino. The Observer & Eccentric's PINK salutes Haglund too.



Haglund wore a beautiful blue gown designed by Larry Kralowski of Kray Chic in Farmington Hills during the talent phase of competition, in which she sang 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow.'



Haglund was crowned in the stunning, jeweled dress she wore for the evening gown competition, designed by Kralowski. Carol LaBute of The Mane Connection in Farmington Hills traveled with Haglund to keep her loose, wavy hair looking impeccable throughout the show.

Malls & Mainstreets

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

Kohl's Holds Job Fair

CANTON — Kohl's Department Stores will wrap up its job fair today to fill 150 full- and part-time positions for its Canton store, opening in April. The job fair will be held 12:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Holiday Inn, 46194 I-94 North Service Dr. in Belleville. Call (877) NEW-KOHLs or visit www.kohls-careers.com.

Cooking Up Culture and Couture

DETROIT — The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History will host "Cooking Up Culture and Couture" 6-10 p.m. tonight. The event will recognize fashion designer Kevan Hall, and style and food expert B. Smith. Detroit-born Hall has dressed celebs from Angela Bassett to Charlize Theron. Restaurant owner and author B. Smith is spokeswoman for Lawry's "Cooking Up Culture" campaign, celebrating the diversity of American cuisine. The gala includes a fashion show featuring select gowns from Hall's 2008 spring line, along with artwork by Annie Lee. The museum is located at 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 494-5853 or visit www.maah-detroit.org.

Reem Acra Trunk Show

TROY — The Bridal Salon at Macy's Somerset will host a Reem Acra bridal trunk show Feb. 22-24 featuring the latest designs and a representative from the company. The Reem Acra look is a combination of old world tradition with a modern sensibility and features attention to detail, signature beaded embroideries and unique fabric combinations. Appointments are suggested. Call (248) 816-4270.

Parisian Clinique GWP

Parisian stores in Livonia, Rochester and Clinton Township are offering a Clinique cosmetics gift-with-purchase through Feb. 24. With a Clinique purchase of \$21.50,

receive a gift valued at \$50. A bonus Allure Magazine opportunity also is included.

Ashka Salon VIP Event

Ashka Salon & Spa in Brighton will host an exclusive VIP Event 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26. The evening will include 15 percent off Aveda products, 10 percent off gift cards, a fashion show featuring hush and impulse, hors d'oeuvres, Barefoot Wine & Bubbly, and drawings for a spa day and prizes from Rotterdam Jewelers. First 100 guests receive a free gift. Ashka is located at 9740 Village Place Blvd. in Brighton. Call (810) 225-9441 or visit www.ashkasalon.com.

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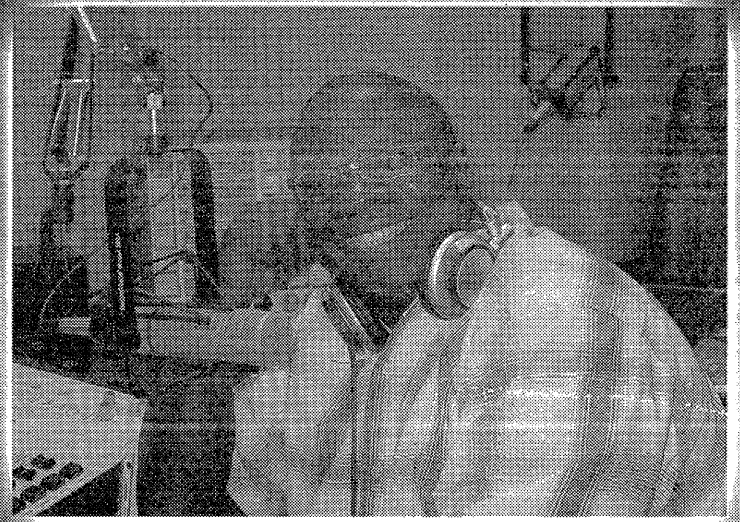
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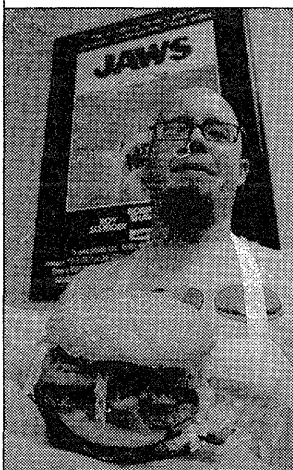
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Kelsey Beckett, of Stoney Creek High School in Rochester, earned a gold key for her drawing titled "Mutilate."

DSO resident conductor honored at Classical Roots gala

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Thomas Wilkins didn't hear the beat of a different drum. More likely, he heard the flow of violins and triumphant horns, all encouraged and nurtured by a conductor's hand.

Wilkins heard his first symphony at the age of 8, listening to the Norfolk Symphony Orchestra. "And that's always what I wanted to do," Wilkins said.

This weekend Wilkins will be honored with a special recognition award as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Classical Roots Concerts Feb. 21-23, now celebrating its 30th anniversary. Wilkins, formerly of West Bloomfield, will be the honored guest at the 8th annual black-tie Classical Roots Gala Celebration on

Saturday, Feb. 23.

Like most children, Wilkins wrestled with ques-

What: Classical Roots Concerts, celebrating the contributions of African-American composers and musicians to classical music

Where: Orchestra Hall in the Max M. Fisher Music Center

When: 8 p.m. Feb. 21; 10:45 a.m. Feb. 22 and 8:30 p.m. Feb. 23

Classical Roots Gala Celebration: Honoring Thomas Wilkins, resident conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra; cocktail reception, 6 p.m. Feb. 23; 7 p.m. dinner in the Music Box; followed by 8:30 p.m. concert in Orchestra Hall and dessert and dancing afterglow in the Music Box. Tickets \$275-\$500. Tickets for Classical Roots Young Friends (ages 21-40) are \$100. All tickets include valet parking.

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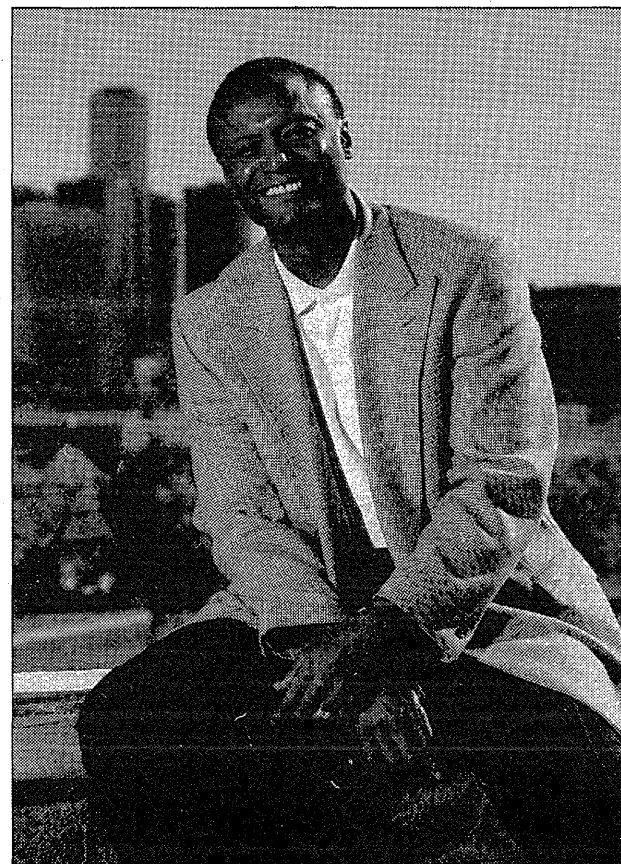
with the Classical Roots series and outstanding work as a resident conductor. "The Classical Roots series builds recognition of African-American composers and musicians in their performances, builds recognition in educational activities, and promotes activities like the African-American fellowship programs and residency," said Anne Parsons, president and executive director of the

questions about attending college, who he should socialize with and what he should do in his spare time. These questions are universal ones and factor into what quality of life children experience later, said Wilkins, resident conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"Those questions were answered for me with a schedule that included practice, library, orchestra and music," Wilkins said. Music "saved my life," Wilkins said.

Today Wilkins advocates and promotes classical music in discussions with students in hopes they might hear the same notes he did at a young age.

Wilkins will be recognized for his work in the DSO



Thomas Wilkins

DSO.

"He's a pillar in our educational programs," Parsons said. "He's just fabulous with kids, he's gracious with them, he's funny and warm. When he's on that stage, he's commanding. You feel he's talking to you, but he's still conducting for the entire audience."

The annual series celebrates the contributions of African-American composers and musicians to classical music. In 1978, the DSO was the first major orchestra in the country to dedicate a series of regular subscription concerts to classical music by African-American composers.

That program helps demonstrate that classical music has a historical perspective for African-Americans and gives composers a voice, Wilkins said.

Joining Wilkins and the DSO this year will be mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves as the featured soloist in Berlioz's La Mort de Cléopâtre (The Death of Cleopatra) and traditional songs; tenor Bernard Holcomb; and the Brazeal Dennard Chorale.

After opening with "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," the program includes "Hiddekel: Third from Life" from Beyond Rivers of Vision by Michigan-born composer James Lee III, a graduate of the

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Denyce Graves

CONDUCTOR

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University of Michigan and a member of the music faculty at Morgan State University; Exegesis by Detroit's own Augustus Hill, a song inspired by a speech by Hill's grandfather; the Negro spiritual "This Little Light of Mine" and William Levi Dawson's "O, Le' Me Shine, Shine like a Morning Star!" from Negro Folk Symphony.

Wilkins, who was raised by a single mother in a housing project, often speaks to young students. "I have 'street cred' which is the term that I use, due to my background," Wilkins said. "I talk to them about the necessity of dreaming, and that the greatest, most gratifying qualities of life take time. It's important to dream and it's important to do the

work to get to that dream. It's important to have patience. You work to get there, and once you get there, you realize you can see even further."

Wilkins is music director of the Omaha Symphony in Nebraska where his tenure was launched in 2005 with the opening of a brand new concert hall. For the DSO,

Wilkins conducts classical, jazz, pops, special concerts, young people's series concerts and educational concerts.

American opera singer Denyce Graves made her professional debut at New York's Metropolitan Opera in 1995. Dubbed by USA Today as one of the "singers most likely to be an operatic superstar of the 21st century," the mezzo-soprano has since appeared with opera houses around the world.

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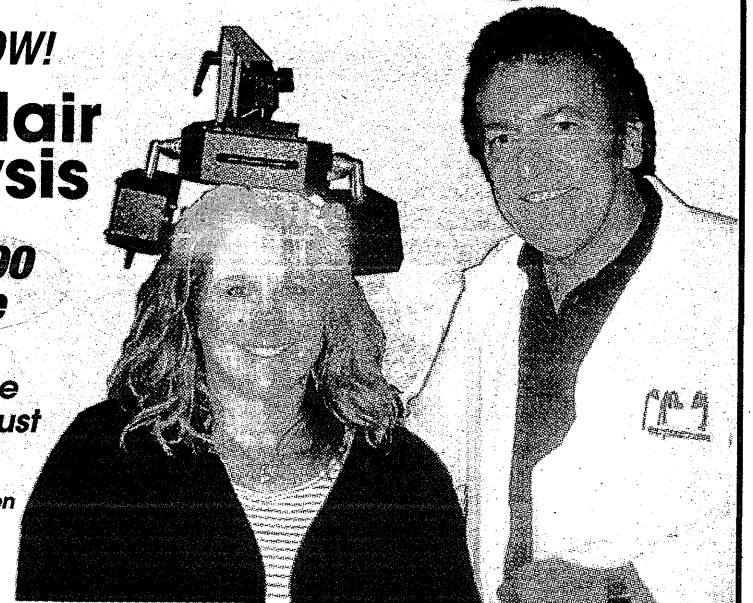
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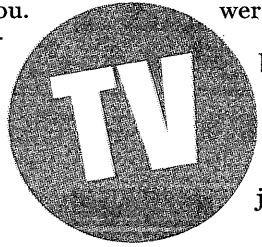
Readers share a few words on 'Lost' ...

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Oh, Sawyer, the women swoon over you.

Badboy Sawyer showed us his vulnerability on *Lost* when he admitted he doesn't want to leave the island. He wants to stay and play "house" with Kate!

Shocking us further is the realization that Ben has been leaving the island often throughout his lifetime there; and somehow getting a lot of money.



Plus, somehow there's a connection between dead Naomi and the blonde woman whom Sayid fell in love with, and then killed. She and Naomi were wearing the same bracelets.

Our prediction is she and Naomi are both with the Dharma project and tried to kill Ben because he killed the original Dharma residents.

Our prediction is also that Sayid is being forced by Ben to work for him, just to prevent the Dharma people from

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Will Sawyer or Locke be one of the Oceanic Six? Tell us your "Lost" predictions while we share ours.

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Daniel Fairbanks was awarded for his painting titled "Yellow." Fairbanks is a student at Stevenson High School in Livonia.

Local artists awarded for their American Visions

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Kelsey Beckett, of Rochester, plans to carve a career as an artist in Michigan. Unlike those who complain about the cold, Beckett is happy with the seasons, and plans to stay if she can find a job where her artistic skills are embraced.

Beckett, a 17-year-old student at Stoney Creek High School, is a two-time Gold Key recipient of the prestigious American Visions Award, by the The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers of New York. She was also a winner last year meaning she has three keys; a difficult feat to achieve.

The competition honors just five artists from the region out of thousands of entries.

Beckett's, and other artists' works, are on display through Friday, Feb. 29 as part of an exhibit at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit featuring more than one 1,000 pieces of art by local artists in grades seven through 12.

Don't be deterred from the event because of the young age of the artists. Their work

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What: Southeastern Michigan Region of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards with more than 1,000 pieces on display by artists in grades 7-12

When: Through Friday, Feb. 29

Where: College for Creative Studies, Walter B. Ford II Building located on Frederick Douglass between John R and Brush on the CCS campus. CCS is located at 201 East Kirby, Detroit, (313) 664-7400.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

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has quality and depth.

Five awarded young artists represent the metro Detroit region, on the national level, as American Vision nominees. A national panel selects one nominated works from each region as the American Visions Award recipient for 2008. The Wayne and Oakland County Region American Vision Awards are:

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Ringwald Theatre keeps Ferndale edgy

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

In just under a year, the theater company at the 95-seat Ringwald Theatre in Ferndale has found its niche and packs in audiences week after week.

Life is sizzling at the Ringwald as a venue that produces edgy, smart and wild plays.

Bug definitely fits into the wild category, said director Joe Plambeck, of Ferndale.

"Comic paranoid theater are the best words describe *Bug*," Plambeck said.

It's the story of a lonely waitress who lives in a hotel and meets a handsome drifter. He begins to convince her, quite disturbingly, that the government has injected them with tracking devices.

"It's a lonely sad love story, but it's infused with wild moments and humor," Plambeck said.

He stresses that it's a play for ages 18 and over because it contains full-frontal nudity and drug themes.

Bug stars Cassandra McCarthy of Royal Oak, Jon Ager, Joe Bailey, and Audra Lord of Ferndale, and Dan Morrison of Ann Arbor.

Who Wants Cake, the resident theatre company at The Ringwald has produced a minimum of one play per month since May 2007. Plambeck said gay themes and thought-provoking unconventional topics are what attracts the crowds.

Bug is the dark comedy set in the seedy Oklahoma City motel room where Agnes discovers a fondness for isolation and cocaine while hiding from her ex-con, ex-husband.

Her lesbian biker friend named R.C., introduces her to the drifter - an AWOL Gulf War veteran who is a conspiracy theorist and speaks often about the war in Iraq, UFOs, the Oklahoma City bombings, cult suicides, and then secret government experiments on soldiers, of which he believes he is a victim.

His delusions infect Agnes and the tension mounts as mysterious strangers appear at their door, past events haunt



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Jon Ager and Cassandra McCarthy in the Who Wants Cake? production, "Bug."

BUG

What: Psycho-thriller/comedy play.

Where: The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave. in the Times Square of Ferndale buildings located just south of Nine Mile Road. Showtimes are Friday, Saturday, and Monday nights at 8 p.m. Sunday performances are at 3 p.m. The show runs through March 9.

Notable: Ticket prices are \$20 for Friday and Saturday performances, and \$15 on other Sunday matinees. Monday is half-off night (\$10)

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them at every turn and they are attacked by bugs.

Written by Tracy Lett, it's a psycho thriller that mixes terror and laughter at a fever pitch.

Bug was originally produced in London and then went to New York to garnish The Lucille Lortel and Obie awards.

His most recent play, *August: Osage County* was named the play of the year (2007) by both *Time* magazine and *Entertainment Weekly*.

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■ Beckett, two pieces, titled *Mutilate* and *Regret*, both pencil drawings, teacher Diane Heath

■ Daniel Fairbanks, painting titled *Yellow*, of Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Livonia, teacher Wayne Johnson.

■ Jeremy Lassila, painting titled *Buhhh uhmm Bug*, of the Center for the Advanced Studies in the Arts in Madison Heights, teacher Jerome Lemenu.

■ Steven Riparip, drawing titled *Version 5*, of Athens High School in Troy, teacher Lisa Matel.

The Scholastic Art Awards culminates with a National Awards Celebration at Carnegie Hall in New York City. A virtual gallery of art and writing selected for awards at the national level will be available for viewing online at www.artand-writing.org.

Beckett's paintings often contain Biblical passages, for her own spiritual reasons, she said. For example, the painting titled *Mutilate*, focuses on the guilt felt after an abortion.

"I wanted to concentrate on issues that people don't always discuss, or issues that are more controversial but need to be looked at," Beckett said.

After high school she hopes to attend CCS or the School of Art Institute in Chicago with plans to major in illustra-



Kelsey Beckett, of Stoney Creek High School in Rochester, earned a gold key for her drawing titled "Mutilate."

tion and minor in fine art or graphic design.

She's been drawing since childhood her interest in art intensified through encouragement by educators at Stoney Creek High School.

"(Heath) my teacher and our principal is really supportive of the arts," Beckett said. "Stoney Creek is known for it which is why there's so many talented artists here."

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a non-profit organization located in New York, is a national program that nurtures artistic talent among students in grades 7-12. It's the largest awards program for creative young people in the country and was launched in 1923 by Scholastic, Inc., the global children's publishing and media company.

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going after the Oceanic survivors who are still living on the island.

And Hurley, how can he be so sneaky?

"I was disappointed in Hurley," said Sylvia Stefanovich, the owner of the trendy Rise Clothing women's boutique in Royal Oak. "I didn't think he would do something like that."

Stefanovich was referring to Hurely pretending to be tied-up by Locke, just to lure Sayid and Kate into Locke's trap.

Who will be the next Oceanic 6 survi-

vor after Kate, Jack, Hurley and Sayid?

Crystal Voytal of Berkley has keen observations.

"I'm thinking that Juliet and Sun are the other two," Voytal said.

"Juliet is desperate to see her sister and Sun must get off if she wants to survive with her (unborn) baby. Although Juliet wasn't on the plane, I think she will find a way to get off the island."

Filter predicts that Sun will be tonight's Oceanic 6 survivor.

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BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

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Porter said owner David Stein opened the restaurant five years ago in Southfield to recreate burgers he recalled from his childhood.

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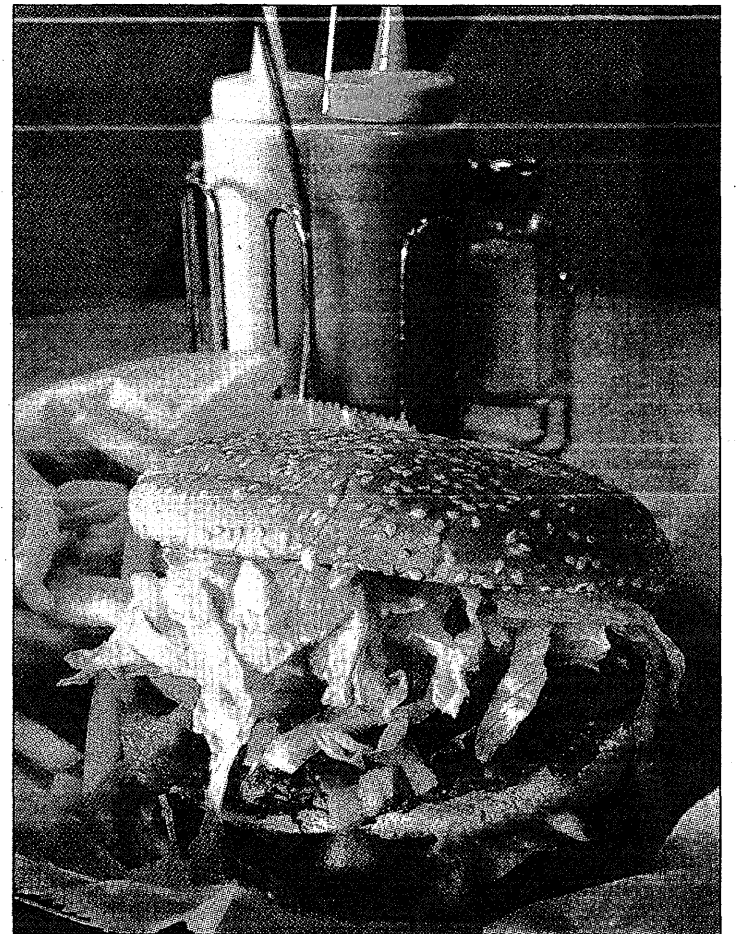
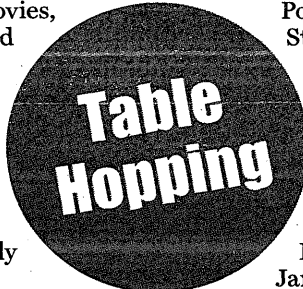
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Night at the Museum or Shark Tale.
The shark motif continues with movie posters on the walls, plastic shark figurines perched on countertops, fishing nets strung on the windows and seashells on the sills. A huge papier mache hammerhead bites into a JAWS burger over the front door.

The centerpiece of the decor is the 185-gallon freshwater tank stocked with live iridescent sharks (yes, the real thing).

But after all, this place is more about the food, and the burgers don't disappoint.

The patties are juicy, the bacon is cooked to crisp perfection, the toppings are fresh and the fries are hot and salty. In addition to dining in, it's a great place to grab lunch on the run or pick up bags of burgers for office luncheons. Customers are encouraged to call ahead so carry-outs are ready when they arrive.

"We don't cook your French fries until you come in," Porter said. "That way if you get stuck in traffic, your fries won't be cold."

Best of all, the prices are right. A JAWS Jumbo Deluxe Burger Combo with fries and a pop is \$5.99. The meal is sure to leave you stuffed for the rest of the day.

But make sure you come with cash. Jaws doesn't take credit cards, and you won't want those sharks coming after you.

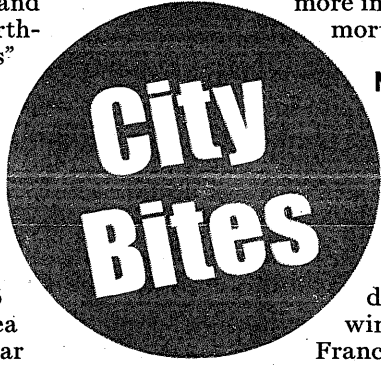
Morton's The Steakhouse is celebrating leap year by offering a free steak and seafood dinner to people with a birthday on Leap Day, Friday, Feb. 29. Morton's in Southfield and Troy will offer a free birthday dinner to "leaplings" who make advance reservations to dine in the restaurant on their birthday.

The free birthday dinner consists of a single-cut filet; choice of Morton's jumbo lump crab cake, shrimp Alexander, or broiled sea scallops; choice of Caesar salad or Morton's salad with blue cheese dressing, chopped egg and anchovies; and choice of Morton's Legendary Hot Chocolate (Birthday) Cake or key lime pie. A non-alcohol beverage is included.

Morton's asks that all "leaplings" show proof of date of birth (valid I.D.), as well as make advance reservations. (Morton's reserves the right to limit the number of free birthday dinners to 20 guests per restaurant.)

To make reservations, call Southfield at (248) 354-6006 or Troy at (248) 404-9845 and specify "Leap Year

Birthday."
Morton's The Steakhouse is located at 1 Towne Square in Southfield and 888 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy. For more information visit www.mortons.com.



NEWMAN'S WINES DEBUT

Actor Paul Newman is debuting his new wines at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29.

The premiere wine dinner will showcase the winemaking talents of both Francis Ford Coppola and the new release of Newman's Own wines.

The two selections making their debut at Fleming's Premiere Wine Dinner are the California Chardonnay and the Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Premiere Wine Dinner will have all the glitz and glamour of a Hollywood premiere, so guests are encouraged to "dress to impress." The excitement begins outside the restaurant when the "Red Carpet" welcomes eager patrons.

The hit film, *The Color of Money*, will play as a backdrop while guests

challenge their Hollywood IQ with Newman and Coppola movie trivia questions.

The Premiere Wine Dinner costs \$95 per person (excludes gratuity and tax). Reservations should be made early. For restaurant locations and more information, visit www.flemingssteakhouse.com.

DUNKIN' DONUTS EXPANDS MENU

Dunkin' Donuts today officially launched its new, all-day Oven-Toasted menu on Feb. 13.

New Dunkin' Donuts' Oven-Toasted menu items now available all throughout the day include: Flatbread Sandwiches, available in Turkey, Cheddar & Bacon; Ham & Swiss; and Three Cheese (Monterey Jack, Cheddar and Swiss); Personal Pizzas, in Supreme (Italian sausage, pepperoni and green and red peppers); Pepperoni (mozzarella and diced pepperoni) and Cheese (asiago, mozzarella, parmesan and romano.), and Hash Browns, lightly seasoned and served as bite-sized medallions. (The special Hash Browns container was specifically designed to fit neatly into a car cupholder, perfect for on-the-go occasions.)

For more information, visit www.DunkinDonuts.com.



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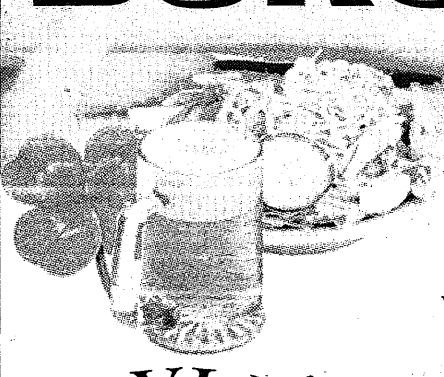
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ART EXHIBITS

Arab American National Museum: Fragmentation & Unity: The Art of Sari Khoury through April 27. Gallery talk 2 p.m. March 2, noon March 14, 2 p.m. March 30, noon April 11, 2 p.m. April 20. Free. 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, www.arabamericanmuseum.org, (313) 582-2266.

Majestic Cafe: Is There Room For Me ... On Your Couch through Feb. 29, artwork by Wendy Case and Dan Mulholland, 4021 Woodward, Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com, (313) 833-9700 ext. 207.

Oakland University: Image & Text, OU Biennial Faculty Exhibition, through Feb. 24, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, www/oakland.edu/ouag, (248) 370-3005.

Waterford Cultural Council: "Quiet Moments," group exhibition of Oakland County painters, Feb. 29-April 3, opening reception 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 29. WCC's de la Ferriere Gallery, 2303 Crescent Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 618-7529.

University of Michigan Museum of Art: Inge Morath and Arthur Miller: China, photographs and journal excerpts, through March 23, guided tours 2 p.m. March 2 and 16, 7 p.m. March 13; 1301 S. University, (734) 763-UMMA.

ART GALLERIES

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: "Take a Look Inside the BBAC" through Feb. 29. Free. "2008 Michigan Fine Arts Competition," largest all media competition in Michigan, March 14-April 11. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. March 14, free. Competition juror Brian Rutenberg will talk about his work and creative process 11:30-12:30 p.m. March 15, free. 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

City Gallery: Aspirations: A Series of New Paintings by Stephen Deeb, through Feb. 26, meet the artist 6-8 p.m. Feb. 29. City Gallery, lobby of Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1856.

Community Arts Gallery: MFA Thesis Exhibition II, Erica Bartels, Carol Tomasso and Darci Trame, Feb. 29-April 4, opening reception 5-8 p.m. Feb. 29. 150 Community Arts Building, Wayne State University, Detroit, www.art.wayne.edu, (313) 993-7813.

Clay, Etc. Studio and Gallery: Tea Time at Clay, Etc., through March 31, 701 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 399-3294.

Lawrence Street Gallery: The Body Electric, through Feb. 29, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lemberg Gallery: Small Treasures, through Feb. 23, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

PaulKotulaProjects: Jim Shrosbree: Zero Suspension, through Feb. 23, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.com.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: "Otherworldly" runs through Feb. 23, First Floor Gallery presents multimedia work of Nicole Pangas, through Feb. 23, all at 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

River's Edge Gallery: Underexposed, artists showing work for the first time, through March 14, (734) 246-9880, www.artat-theedge.com.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Winterfresh, Brian Mahoney, through March 1, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com. The Print Gallery: 29173



Northwestern Hwy., Southfield www.EverythingArt.com, (248) 356-5454.

ART, ETC.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Winter workshops, 12-week class, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Spring break art camps, grades 1-8, March 24-28, 1516 Cranbrook Rd., Birmingham, (248) 644-0866, www.BBArtCenter.org.

D & M Art Studio: Oil and Acrylic painting classes for teens 11 and up, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fridays; register for 18th Summer Art Camp "Wild Things"; free portfolio consulting for college bound art students. 8491 N. Lilley Rd., Canton, \$24, (734) 453-3710, www.dmartstudio.com.

Janice Charach Gallery: Arts Events Lecture Series with David Morrison and Lisa Van Allsburg on "Carpets of Israel from the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple Road in West Bloomfield.

BALLET

Detroit Opera House: "Peter Pan," 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 1, \$15-\$35, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-SING.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Creative Arts Center: Vintage Black Film Series with "Green Pastures," Feb. 23, \$3 suggested donation, 47 Williams, Pontiac (248) 333-7849.

Detroit Film Theatre schedule is as follows: "Xala," Feb. 21; "Black Girl" and "Borom Sarret," Feb. 22; "Ceddo," Feb. 23, and "Moolade," Feb. 24. Visit the DIA Web site for times and ticket information.

Detroit Institute of Arts: Pyeng Threadgill, Feb. 22; while Brunch With Bach presents Harlem Quartet, the first place laureates of the Sphinx Competition, 11:30 a.m. Feb. 24, 5200 Woodward, (313) 833-7900.

Detroit Institute of Arts: Madelyn Porter weaves tales of joy, wisdom, and spirit, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24; also workshops throughout the month, for information, visit www.dia.org.

Henry Ford Museum: Quilting Genius 2: The Improvisational Quilts of Susana Hunter; Minds on Freedom, call for times and dates; Montgomery Bus Boycott Tribute Walk, Made in America, Your Place in Time, Rosa Parks Bus, special food offerings at the Michigan Cafe, visit www.thehenryford.org for information.

Rackham Symphony Choir: Michigan premiere of Donald McCullough's "Let My People Go! A Spiritual Journey Along the Underground Railroad," Feb. 29-March 1, choir performs with the Marygrove College Choir and Memorial Bach Choir, Marygrove College Liberal Arts Theatre, 8425 W. McNichols, (313) 404-0222, www.rackhamchoir.org.

CHORAL

Madonna University: Voice master class for high school students, chance to win prizes and perform at March 30 public recital, class is March 1, \$20, to register, call (734) 432-5715, www.madonna.edu/pages/music.cfm.

CLASSICAL

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: James VanValkenburg, Detroit Symphony Orchestra assistant principal viola, solo recital, 8:30 p.m. Feb. 22, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 559-2095, www.detroit-chamberwinds.org.

Macomb Symphony Orchestra: "The World's Greatest Melodies," 3 p.m. March 2, (586) 286-2222, www.macombsymphony.org.

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: Michael Feinstein, March 1, Ticketmaster and Music Hall box office, 350 Madison, Detroit, www.musicall.org, (313) 887-8500.

Plymouth Canton Symphony Society: Special Benefit Concert, A Beatles Blast, 8 p.m. Feb. 21, Penn Theatre, downtown Plymouth, pre-concert cocktail party, 6:30 p.m. Lotus Arts Gallery, \$100 a ticket, tax deductible; (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

University Musical Society: Orion String Quartet, 8 p.m. March 5, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538.

CLUBS

Bosco: Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge: Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

Edison's: The Blue Kings, Feb. 21; Larry Lee, Feb. 22-23; The Push, Feb. 28; Bazooka Charlie, Feb. 29-March 1; 220 Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.



See Louisiana's Dax Riggs 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, the Pike Room, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. He's currently touring in support of his latest release, "We Sing of Only Blood or Love," available on Fat Possum. Tickets \$10 at www.ticketweb.com.

The Magic Stick: SIA, March 1, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.
The Majestic Theatre: New York Dolls, Feb. 22; Yellowcard, March 13; 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.
The Pike Room: School of Language, March 13, at 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Jef Brannan, Feb. 21-23; Mark Sweeney, Feb. 28-March 1; John Caponera, March 6-8; Allyn Ball, March 13-15; Keith Ruff, March 20-22; Patrice O'Neal, March 27-29; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.com.

Fox Theatre: Chris Rock, Feb. 29 and March 1, \$65.50-\$99.50; Frank Caliendo, March 8, \$42.75; In Living Color stars Damon Wayans, Tommy Davidson and David Allen Grier, March 29; \$51.50-\$78; Katt Williams, April 24, \$53.50-\$73.50, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Holly Hotel: Norm Stulz, Feb. 29-March 1; Don Reese, March 7-8; Chad Thornsberry, March 14-15; Dave Landau, March 21-22; Chili Challis, March 28-29; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Brian McKim and Traci Skene, Feb. 14-16, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

Michigan Theatre: Bob Saget, 8 p.m. April 19, mature audiences, \$29.50-\$39.50, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.

The Second City: The Best of Second City-Detroit, on Sundays, (Mondays and Tuesdays for group booking); The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue, shows throughout November and December, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

CONCERTS

The Ark: Concert Series to honor program director Dave Siglin's retirement, March 6-9, featuring Arlo Guthrie, Anne Hills, Barry O'Neill, David Jones, John Roberts & Tony Barrand, and Michael Cooney, along with Cheryl Wheeler, Chris Smither, John Gorka and Susan Werner, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor (734) 763-TKTS, www.ticketmaster.com.

Cobo Arena: Rockstar Taste of Chaos Tour with Avenged Sevenfold, Atreyu, Bullet For My Valentine, Blessthefall, Mucc, D'espairsray, The Underneath, March 8, 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

The Fillmore-Detroit: Angels and Airwaves

with Meg and Dia, The Color Fred, Ace Enders, Feb. 23; Jann Arden, Feb. 26; Chevelle and Finger Eleven, March 5; Feist, April 10; Panic at the Disco, May 20, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.

The Fox Theatre: The Jonas Brothers, two shows Feb. 23; Jill Scott, March 21; O'Jays with The Whispers, March 22; Marvin Winans with Tye Tribbett, March 23, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Joe Louis Arena: Foo Fighters with Against Me! and Serj Tankian, Feb. 24; Def Leppard with REO Speedwagon and Styx, April 19; Rush, June 10, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

Majestic Theatre: Galactic, April 13; Anti-Flag, April 18; Reverend Horton Heat, April 26, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700.

Michigan Theatre: James Blunt, Feb. 23; Steve Earle with Allison Moorer, March 5, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: Michael Feinstein, March 1, 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 887-8501.

The Palace: Bon Jovi with Daughtry, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20; Luke Bryan, Feb. 21; Blue Man Group, Feb. 23; Three Days Grace, March 21; Avril Lavigne with Boys Like Girls, March 22; Lynyrd Skynyrd and Hank Williams Jr., April 19; Kanye West, Rihanna, NERD and Lupe Fiasco, May 22; Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, May 31, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Citizen Cope, Feb. 22; Nofx, March 6, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (248) 645-6666.

St. Andrew's Hall: Snoop Dogg, Feb. 26; Blind Melon, March 16; Bamboozle Road Show with Saves the Day, And Armor for Sleep, Set Your Goals, Metro and Lydia, April 26, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

DANCE

Detroit Ignition Dance Team: Dance clinic with The Spark March 8 for ages 7-18 at High Velocity Sports, Canton. Participants will perform at the Detroit Ignition soccer game 4:35 p.m. March 9 at Compuware Arena, Plymouth. \$55 includes game ticket. Register by March 3, www.detroitignition.com, (248) 304-2855 ext. 1355.

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: Bright Side of the Road, 8 p.m. April 5, various locations, call (248) 852-5850 or see www.ede-dance.org.

University Musical Ensemble: Leila Haddad, March 12, Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org.

FAMILY

Campus Martius Park: Skate at the rink through March 16, (313) 963-9393 or visit

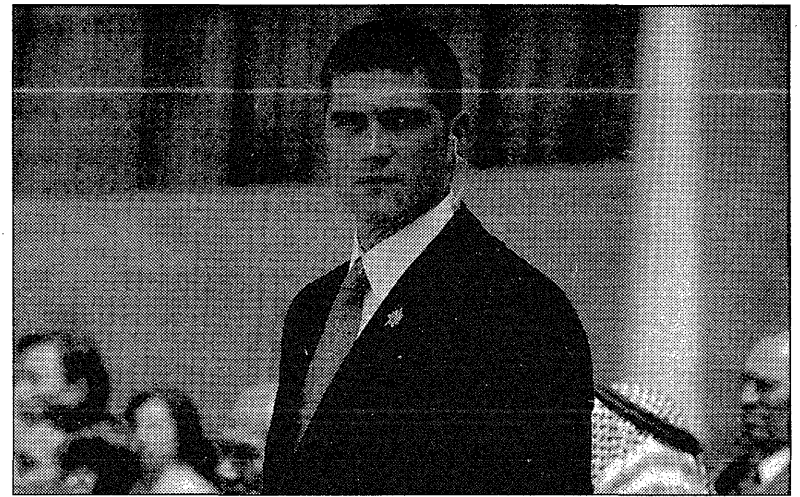
PURE PICKS FEB. 22-26

22 At 7 p.m. the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts presents one of the most influential films in African cinema, *Black Girl* (Ousmane Sembène, 1965). In it a Senegalese maid comes to understand that she's

treated as property by her employers. Also showing is *Borom Sarret*, a short portrait detailing a day in the life of a cart driver in Dakar. Program runs 80 minutes. Entrance at John R just north of Warren Ave. in Detroit. Tickets \$7.50 at www.dia.org/dft.

23 Detroit Symphony Orchestra hosts a gala celebration on the third day of its program the *30th Anniversary of Classical Roots*, featuring maestro Thomas Wilkins. The show, just in time for Black History Month, celebrates the contributions of African-American composers and musicians to the genre. It's all at 8:30 tonight at the Max M. Fisher Music Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$31.50-\$63.50. Call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.detroitssymphony.com.

24 It's been everlong since the Grammy-winning Foo Fighters graced a Detroit stage. Fans will surely come out to welcome them, with openers Against Me! and Serj Tankian, 7:30 tonight at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. Tickets \$25-\$45, call (248) 645-6666.



Matthew Fox plays it serious in "Vantage Point," opening Feb. 22.

25 Don't miss Columbia Pictures latest headliner, *Vantage Point*, now in theaters. When the President is shot moments after his arrival in Spain we watch the events unfold from eight distinct perspectives, thanks to director Pete Travis. This movie, starring Dennis Quaid, Forest Whitaker and *Lost's* Matthew Fox, is rated

PG-13 and in area theaters now.

26 St. Andrew's Hall might as well be the one-and-only Snoop Dogg takes the stage 8 p.m. for an all ages performance at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$49.50, call (248) 645-6666.

Compiled by Stephanie A. Casola



See the film that transformed African cinema, "Black Girl," showing at the Detroit Film Theatre.

www.campusmartiuspark.org for hours and admission prices; Woodward Avenue between Fort Street and Michigan Avenue. **Outdoorama:** Feb. 28-March 2, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi, \$9 adults, \$4 children 6-14, www.Outdoorama.com, (800) 328-6550. **The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Disney On Ice Presents: "High School Musical The Ice Tour," Feb. 29-March 2, Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers, (248) 377-0100.

FILM

Movies at the Marquis: "Sabrina," Feb. 23; "To Catch a Thief," March 1; "Some Like It Hot," March 8; "Casablanca," March 29; doors open 7 p.m., 135 E. Main, Northville, www.downtownnorthville.co. **Penn Theatre:** "A Hard Day's Night," Feb. 28; tickets \$3; free tickets at Michigan Made & More, Plymouth Coffee Bean, Hands On Leather (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.

FOOD AND WINE

Downriver Council for the Arts: The Art of The Brew, 5-8 p.m. March 2, fund-raiser for council, Fort Street Brewery, 1660 Fort St., Lincoln Park, (734) 287-6103 or e-mail dc4arts@downriverarts.org. **Flint Institute of Arts:** Ninth annual Bacchanale Celebration of Wine, 6-9 p.m. Feb. 22, FIA fund-raiser, 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint, (810) 234-1695, www.flintarts.org.

JAZZ

Baker's Keyboard Lounge: Gospel Show 2 p.m. Sundays; The International Detroiters Tuesdays, Jam Session Wednesdays, 20510 Livernois, Detroit, (313) 345-6300. **Cliff Bells:** Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra, 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Jesse Palter Quartet 9:30 p.m. Thursdays; Social Sundays featuring blues, roots, americana at 8 p.m., 2030 Park, Detroit (313) 961-2543. **Detroit Windsor Jazz Club:** Saturdays at Shield's (1-4 p.m.), Dave Tatrow and Friends, March 1; Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars, March 15; Ragtime Rick, April 5; Dave

Bennett Quartet, April 19; Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Band, May 3; Kerry Price and Friends, May 17; 25101 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 356-2720. **Firefly Club:** Saxophonist Danny Lerman releases CD, "Meow Baby," Feb. 26, 637 S. Main, Ann Arbor, fireflyclub.com, (734) 665-9090. **Oakland Community College:** "Tribute to Louis Armstrong," Marcus Belgrave, Charlie Gabriel, Joan Bow and band, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (248) 341-2270. **University Musical Society:** SFJAZZ Collective, 8 p.m. March 13, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538.

MORE MUSIC

Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society: Michael Chapdelaine, 7:30 p.m. March 1, 22331 Woodward, Ferndale, www.fingerstyle.org. **Palmer Woods Concert Series:** Peter Psarianos & Odyssey, Feb. 23; Violinist Jannina Barefield, March 15; Straight Ahead Trio, April 26; A. Spencer Barefield & Donald Mayberry, May 24, tickets \$25 per concert or \$100 for the series, (313) 920-4864.

MUSEUMS

Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center: Bill McElhone, director of Birmingham Historical Museum, presents Birmingham during World War I, 1-3 p.m. March 4 and Early Aviation History of Detroit, 1-3 p.m. March 11, at the center, 2121 Midvale, Birmingham, call (248) 203-5270 to register before each lecture. **Cranbrook Art Museum:** "Richard Knight: Photographing Saarinen," through March 22; "From Frank Lloyd Wright to George Nakashima: Uncovering the John Bloom Bequest," through March 22; "William Massie: An American House," March 7-Sept. 14, all at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, call (877) 60-CRANBROOK (1-877-462-7262) or visit www.cranbrook.edu. **Cranbrook Institute of Science:** The PGA Championship History Exhibit, golf artifacts and memorabilia, May 23-July 30, museum's west entrance building, free

with museum admission, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills (248) 645-3200, <http://science.cranbrook.edu>.

Cranbrook Science Museum: Featured exhibit is "It's a Nano World." Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

The Henry Ford: "With Liberty and Justice for All," through Feb. 29; Alan Axelrod discusses Edison's inventions, March 1, at 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Plymouth Historical Museum: "Batter Up! Generations of Baseball" exhibit open through June 1, at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday. Admission \$2-\$10, (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

Troy Museum & Historic Village: Thursday Tea at Two, 2 p.m. Feb. 28, learn to crochet with Cherie Roife, \$4 admission; \$5 for supplies, or bring your own hook and yarn. 60 W. Wattles, www.troymuseum.org, (248) 524-3570.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm: Balthazar Korab's "Images of Michigan," runs through June, open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester, (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

OPERA

Detroit Opera House: "Giselle," March 14-16; 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit www.michiganopera.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Detroit Kennel Club: Annual Celebration of Dogs, 100th-101st annual shows, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 1 and 2; (248) DKC-SHOW; www.detroitkennelclub.com.

Detroit Zoo: Wild Winter Weekends, held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second weekends January through March, at the Ford

Education Center, Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak, call (248) 541-5717.

Farmington Historical Society: WJR's Tom Wilson, "Somewhere in Time," music of the 1930s and '40s, 7 p.m. Feb. 27, Farmington Library, at Liberty and State in downtown Farmington, (248) 476-0113.

Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 24, \$10, Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, 800-968-4242, www.motorcycleswap.com.

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: Christopher Gardner, who inspired the movie "The Pursuit of Happyness," 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28, 350 Madison, Detroit, www.ticketmaster.com.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church: Harmony in the Hills concert - Zenith Brass Ensemble, 7 p.m. March 2, 620

Romeo, Rochester, \$10, stpaulschoir.org. **Oakland Community College:** Evening of music and sign language with deaf performers Sean Forbes and Jake Bass, 5 p.m. March 12, Southfield campus, 22322 Rutland Drive, just south of Nine Mile Road between Southfield Road and Providence Drive; 5 p.m. March 13, Royal Oak campus, 739 South Washington, north of I-696, (248) 233-2822.

The Palace of Auburn Hill: Blue Man Group "How to Be a Megastar Tour 2.1," Feb. 23 (248) 645-6666.

StarBright Dinner Theatre: "Love Letters" through May 18, Uptown Eatery, 19701 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, \$49.95 per person on Feb. 14, \$39.95 Friday-Saturday shows, (248) 423-1452.

The Vagabond Variety Show 3: Witness bellydance, fire, juggling, burlesque, featuring the Lunatic Vagabonds, Tim TV, Flec, Lucy Caboose, and more. 8:30 p.m. March 15, at the RKS Recording Studio, 17 West Lawrence, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. \$10 at the door. www.lunaticvagabonds.com.

Tuesday Musicals of Greater Pontiac: Oklahoma Hoedown 2, featuring Troy Country Fiddlers, 7 p.m. Feb. 26, \$20, Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland, Waterford (248) 683-4240, pontiacmusicals2@gmail.com.

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University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company: "The Play About the Baby," March 28-April 6; 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit (313) 993-3270, theatre.udmercy.edu.

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Avon Players: "The Cemetery Club," Feb. 29; March 1-2, 7-9, 14-15; "Little Shop of Horrors," April 25-27, May 2-4, 9-10, at 1185 Washington Blvd. (one mile west of intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills, reserve tickets by calling (248) 608-9077.

The Farmington Players: "Chapter Two," March 1-8; "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," April 25-27, May 1-7, ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955, www.farmington-players.org.

Heart of the Hills: Senior community theatre group presents "Funny Stuff III," 1 p.m. Feb. 27-29, \$7, Shelby Senior Center, 51670 Van Dyke, Shelby Township (586) 739-7540.

Marquis Theatre: "Velveteen Rabbit," March 15-16, 24-30, April 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, 135 Main, Northville (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Novi Theaters: "Father Bingo," March 7-9, 14-15, Novi Middle School Auditorium, 49000 Eleven Mile Road, Novi, (248) 347-0400.

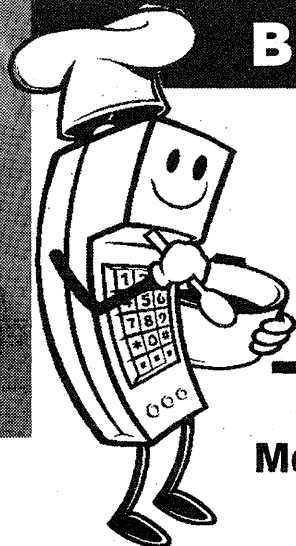
St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild: "The Cemetery Club," March 7-15; "Greater Tuna," April 11-19; "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," May 30-June 14; (248) 737-3587 or www.stdunstanstheatre.com, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www.stdunstanstheatre.com.

Tippling Pointe Theatre: "Almost Maine," through March 8, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville, (248) 347-0003.

Spotlight Players: "Rehearsal for Murder," 8 p.m. Feb. 22, 23, Feb. 29 and March 1, 7 and 8; 2 p.m. March 2, 9; Audition for "Company," 6:30 p.m. Feb. 25-26; all at Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton (734) 394-5460, www.spotlightplayers.net.

SRO Productions: "Five Tellers Dancing in the Rain" by Mark Dunn, Feb. 22-24, 29, March 1-2, 8-10, Historic Burgh, 26060 Berg Road, Southfield, (248) 796-4645.

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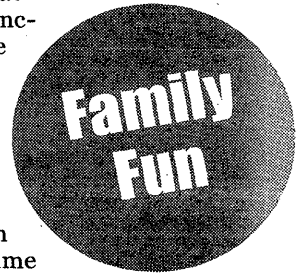
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Some family fun to beat the winter blues

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER



If you're a stay-at-home parent, chances are you and the little one may be feeling a bit stir crazy during these cold days.

We asked a few local moms for suggestions on how to pass the time this winter. And we want to hear your suggestions too.

Lori Fillmore, of Royal Oak, has a 3 year-old son and suggests Java Jungle.

Java Jungle is located at 27658 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, (248) 919-3284, www.junglejavaplay.com.

"The parents can relax and have coffee while the kids jump around and play and get rid of all the energy they stored up this winter," Fillmore said.

Java Jungle is located at 27658 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, (248) 919-3284, www.junglejavaplay.com.

There's also BounceU, located at 1101 Rochester Road, Troy, (248) 626-5867, www.bounceu.com.

"It has open jumping for kids in giant inflatable structures indoors... another place where they can safely rough house," Fillmore said.

Libraries always have story-time hours, Fillmore said.

The Ann Arbor Hands On Museum creates a nice full day of activity, inspiring kids to discover science, math and technology in a fun way. The museum is located at 220 E. Ann St. Ann Arbor (734) 995-5439, www.aahom.org,

Maria Roth, of Bloomfield Hills, who also has a 3 year old, often goes with her parenting social group to places like Great Lakes Crossing for the huge play area plus the carousel.

Roth also suggests Troy Gymnastics, www.troygymnastics.com, 1600 W. Maple, Troy, (248) 816-TGYM.

The facility has a Mom-and-Tot gymnastic hour where kids can play in a safe, supervised area - and moms can burn calories too.

We want to hear your suggestions, too. Tell us about an entertaining indoor activity for preschoolers. Please include your name the city where you reside. Send ideas to imini@hometownlife.com, subject line: Winter fun for kids.

Livonia-based film collective to premiere two short films

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Local filmmakers in the Livonia-based film production collective SuperHouse Pictures are about to unveil their current projects, marquee style. The group, spearheaded in 2003 by Shane Sevo of Livonia, Joe Wells and Plymouth resident Greg Morrison, will premiere new short films and revisit previous projects with a premiere party this weekend at the Novi Town Center Theatre.

"We like to make films that are meaningful and have some relevance," said Sevo.

The annual premiere has become a sort of tradition, a way for SuperHouse filmmakers to show their appreciation to all the cast and crew members who have contributed time and energy to independent works. It's also a great chance to show that work to the community, said Sevo. "It's the big payoff moment," he said. "You get to appreciate what you've done on the big screen and there's a real audience to respond."

The first new short, titled *A Slow and Steady Drip*, uses a leaky bedroom faucet as a metaphor for a troubled marriage. Running 25 minutes, it developed out of a 2006 screenwriting initiative called

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What: A SuperHouse Pictures Premiere of "A Slow and Steady Drip" and "The Norm."

When: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23

Where: Novi TownCenter Theatre, 26085 Town Center Drive, Novi

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More information: Visit www.novitowncenter8.com.

Project LightStand. "SuperHouse Pictures originally organized Project LightStand as a means of generating scripts feasible

to shoot in the Detroit area on an independent budget," said Sevo. "While many genres were considered, the key factor was that the story have meaning, moral, or tell some life truth."

Shot in high definition, Morrison's *A Slow and Steady Drip* is considered the "most ambitious film to date" for SuperHouse. "It's a big step in a

direction we've wanted to go for a long time," said Sevo, who plans to submit it to film festivals.

The Norm came out of SuperHouse's participation in a national film competition called The National Film Challenge. The contest charges teams of filmmakers

across the country to write, shoot and edit an 8-minute film in just one weekend. SuperHouse has entered the contest, and earned a nod for Best in Genre, since 2004. Dubbed an "alternate reality comedy," *The Norm*, directed by Greg Zonca in 2007, deals with an attempted escape from one's support system, only to uncover the value of friendship. It has been re-edited with additional scenes for the screening.

Sevo said the National Film Challenge brings people in to work on films because

it's completed in a single weekend. SuperHouse participants tend to experiment with different roles every time - giving interested participants a first shot at directing or lighting or acting. "You have one weekend to figure out how to do something," Sevo said. "Necessity is the mother of invention and inspiration."

Both films were written and filmed in the metro Detroit area.

Anyone interested in participating in a future film production can learn more at www.superhousemedia.org.



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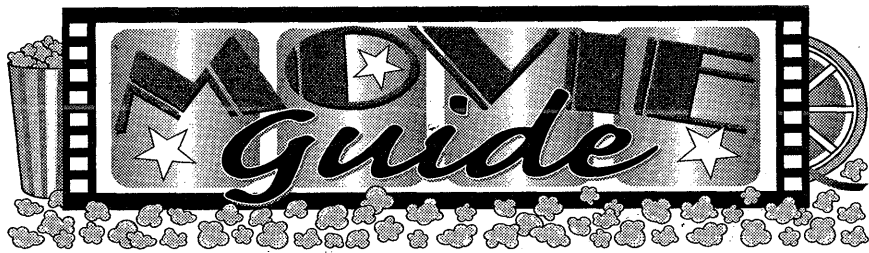
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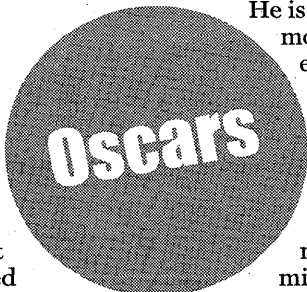
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