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## **District** may move board elections to cut costs

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials will soon consider moving school board elections, which are currently held in May, to November to save money.

The biggest plus, according to Board of Education President Barry Simescu, is

"Sharing the cost of the election with the communities (which encompass the district) that have elections at the same time is a real benefit, especially with our budget situation," Simescu said. "We would be able to share costs with at least one community every November."

A law that went into effect in January 2005 gave municipal clerks the responsibility of running school district elections, taking it out of the hands of the school districts. When Plymouth-Canton Schools ran its own elect it cost the district "between \$15,000-\$20,000" according to Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent of business services

Since then, the costs have skyrocketed as Plymouth-Canton gets billed by Canton Township, Plymouth Township, Plymouth, Northville Township, Superior Township and Salem Township because the district has residents in all six communities. In May 2005, the first election conducted by the clerks, they collectively billed Plymouth-Canton Schools a total of \$38,000 for their services. That figure could easily have been doubled, except for the fact Schoolcraft College also had a question on the ballot and split the cost.

In May 2006, with a bond proposal and school board election on the ballot, the cost by the six clerks totaled

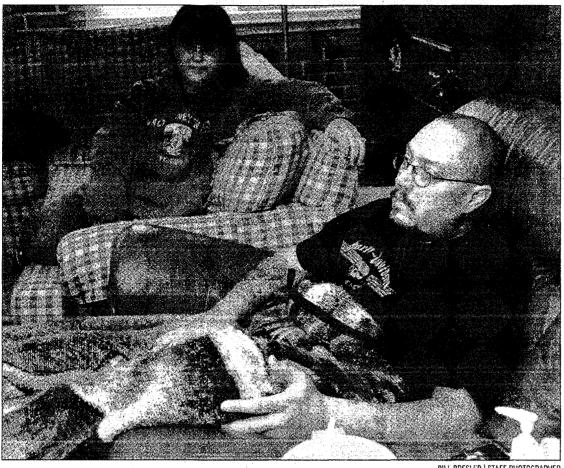
\$98,000. "It's hard for us to even budget for elections any-

more," said Brand. Simescu said there are a couple of negatives for changing school elections to

November.

"One of the concerns is our ballot questions would be on the back page of a long ballot, especially in presidential years," Simescu said. "Another difficulty would have newly elected board members coming on at the middle of a school year, instead of the beginning like they currently do.'

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Leukemia patient Chas Burley, his wife Amy, and the rest of their family are hoping for a bone marrow donor.

# A test of faith

## Family puts son's fate in hands of God

BY BRAD KADRICH

Not long after Chas and Amy Burley came back from a vacation trip to Florida in the late summer of 2005, Chas began suffering from a lot of pain in his

For awhile, they passed it off as nothing. His mom told him to drink some ginger ale or take some Pepto Bismol. Soon, the pain became too insistent to ignore, and Chas Burley finally made the trip to the emergency room. During the examination, doctors discovered Burley's spleen had swollen to twice its normal size.

The eventual diagnosis was devastating: Chas Burley suffered from acute lymphocytic leukemia, a fast-growing cancer of the white blood cells.

Though frightened by the diagnosis at first, the 31-yearold Burley, who lives in

Westland with his wife of 11 put his fate where he deeply believed it belonged: with God. Burley, who got a one-week reprieve from the hospital this week, talked about his prognosis from the Livonia home of his mother-in-law, Sue Eichstadt, who is a nurse at Providence Hospital.

'It was scary at first," admitted Burley, who is on leave from his job at Home Depot. "I put all my faith in God, and I just let it be in His hands.

That seemed to be a good strategy initially, since the cancer went into remission within some six weeks. But the Burleys got more bad news last month when Chas found out it had returned, and with more of a vengeance, getting into his spine and limiting Chas' ability to walk and get around.

PLEASE SEE MARROW. A6

## could be disastrous for school district BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

State budget mess

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators are bracing for a reduction of state revenue that could reach into the millions of dollars as state officials project a budget deficit upwards of \$800 million.

Patricia Brand, PCCS assistant superintendent for business services, spent Thursday and Friday in Lansing attending the Michigan School Business Officials Financial Strategies Conference, where the news to school districts wasn't good.

"It's safe to say we could be facing \$2-\$4 million in cuts,"

Plymouth-Canton Schools this year received a state foundation grant increase of \$210 per student, raising the district's allocation to \$7,410 per pupil. However, Brand said the state could take away anywhere from \$224 per student more than the increase given to PCCS - to a smaller amount to help the state balance its budget. In either case, Brand said, the results could be financially disastrous for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"Our year is 75-80 percent concluded, and to think we could make changes of that magnitude is unrealistic," she said. "Staff reductions won't garner a great

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reduction this late in the game. Besides, what we'd pay in unemployment would make it a wash."

That sentiment is echoed by Superintendent Jim Ryan, who is expecting to hear the final numbers from the state ometime in February

"We can look at spending the rest of the year, such as any hires we have yet to make and health care costs, but the reality is there's not much we can do for the remainder of this school year because it's comes so late." Rvan said.

However, if the state foundation cut is a stiff one, Ryan said next year's budget will see some harsh realities. "The next cuts will directly impact the classroom," said Ryan, who declined to give specifics on what that could

entail. "Everything is on the table, from instructional needs to support. Ryan points to \$7 million in budget cuts the school

board enacted the past four years. "We instituted pay-to-participate for athletics, split classrooms to reduce the number of teachers hired, as well as eliminating most district-sponsored field trips." Rvan said. "We're constantly trying to come up with cost savings, like our new telephone system and our participation in a con-

sortium for gasoline." Brand said the financial challenge stems from the state failing to collect enough tax revenue to fund expenditures, partially a result of the state cutting taxes the past few years. Brand also noted we're seeing the effect a downward economy has on Proposal A, a funding mechanism which is driven by sales taxes.

PLEASE SEE BUDGET, A5

## Spectators carve out a good time at ice festival

Drive Program,

www.marrow.org.

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The marquis on the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth promotes this weekend's movie. Ice Age: The Meltdown

Promoters and participants in the 25th anniversary of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular were hoping it wasn't an omen.

"We picked the movie on purpose, in keeping with the theme of the ice fest," said Ellen Elliott, executive director of Friends of the Penn, which operates the movie house. "I was just hoping we didn't jinx it."

Luckily for Elliott, some snow fell and temperatures weren't forecast to be above freezing during the entire three-day festival, which ends today.

Crowds of spectators began coming out on Friday afternoon, and many people were impressed by the ice sculptures and the artists making them. "I like how they take a huge

chain saw and it does little details in the ice," said Jon Lannertone, 12, of Northville, "It's so cool." Lannertone's friend, 11-year-old

Daniel Yake of Northville, agreed. "It's fun to see them carve, the technique they use and how much skill is involved," Yake said.

After strolling downtown Plymouth in sub-freezing temperatures to see the ice sculptures, the boys were headed back to Northville to play basketball - inside.

Jeff Prather of Dearborn, a member of the Henry Ford Community College ice carving club, spent much of Friday with a chainsaw in his hands, carving huge blocks of ice into penguins from the movie Happy Feet.

"It's tiring if you're out here for six or seven hours," said Prather. "Your arms get tired from holding the chain saw in all those awkward positions."



Plymouth resident Tajana Raukar, of Ice Dreams Sculptures, works on a carving of a forklift.

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### Rotary essay contest

The Plymouth Rotary is inviting middle-school students in the Plymouth-Canton community to submit a 250- to 500word essay about The Four Way Test and how the test can be used to make good decisions.

The Four Way Test is a decision-making model used by Rotary International. The test of things we think, say or do asks "Is it the truth?" "Is it fair to all concerned?" "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?" and "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

There will be two winning students from each middle level program in Plymouth-Canton, with the winning students receiving a \$100 savings bond. Essays must be submitted by Feb. 16 to Ellison Franklin, West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Entry forms can be obtained at middle schools or from the middle-level Language Arts teachers. For more information, call West Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin, (734) 416-7599.

### Art exhibit

Detroit-born artist and

Canton resident Byron Reed brings his vibrant and unique painting style to the Plymouth Community Arts Council with his current exhibit, The Way We Were, through Feb. 15.

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This septuagenarian has had a long career that began with graphic arts and progressed to Reed working as art director at various advertising agencies and television stations in the Metro-Detroit area. Reed devotes all of his time to his first love - art.

When I paint jazz scenes, quite often I can actually hear the music as I work on the piece of art," he explained. "I see and smell the perspiration of those jazz magicians as they perform under the hot lights. I feel greatly privileged to have this talent and to be able to present it to you for as long as I can."

Reed is also helping to shape young artists as a mentor in the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Aspiring Artist Mentorship Program. Visitors can view The Way We Were at the PCAC 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. For more information visit the Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

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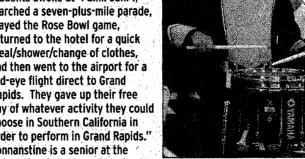
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### **Playing for Ford**

Adam Sonnanstine of Canton was one of the 150 members of the University of Michigan Marching Band to be chosen to play at the state funeral ceremony in Grand Rapids for President Gerald R. Ford. According to Matt Burrows, Director of Development and Marketing for the MMB, "these students awoke at 4 a.m. Jan. 1, marched a seven-plus-mile parade, played the Rose Bowl game, returned to the hotel for a quick meal/shower/change of clothes, and then went to the airport for a red-eye flight direct to Grand Rapids. They gave up their free day of whatever activity they could choose in Southern California in order to perform in Grand Rapids. Sonnanstine is a senior at the University of Michigan majoring in



computer science engineering. He graduated from Salem High School in 2003 and was a member of the Plymouth Canton Marching Band for four years. He is the son of Kathy and Alan Sonnanstine of Canton.

### RFD Boys concert

The bluegrass band RFD Boys are set to play a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Known as "the house band of Michigan bluegrass," the RFD Boys formed their four-member ensemble while they were students at the University of Michigan, and have performed together for more than 25 years. They've shared stages

with a "who's who" of bluegrass and country musicians, from Bill Monroe to Ricky Skaggs.

All are invited to attend. Admission is free: proceeds from a free-will offering will benefit a local Habit for Humanity project.

First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth, a mile east of Beck. The church offers barrier-free entrance and ample off-street parking.

### **New Liberty scholarship**

New Liberty Bank is offering one \$500 scholarship to a local high school senior who demonstrates scholastic achievement and upholds the Bank's "commitment to community" through volunteer service.

"When it comes to financing. a college education, every little bit helps," said New Liberty Bank President and CEO Raymond Reame. "We are very excited to be able to reward one outstanding student for their hard work and community contributions with this scholarship."

Applications are available at the Bank's branch or on-line. All materials must be returned to the Bank or postmarked by March 1. Applicants must be residents of Plymouth, Canton or Northville and planning to attend an accredited U.S. college, university or trade school.

### **AARP** tax assistance

Free income tax assistance will be available to Plymouth area seniors on Wednesdays beginning Feb. 7 through April 11. Volunteer Tax-Aide counselors trained by the IRS will help fill out your tax returns at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Appointments are available at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Seniors should bring their 2005 tax returns, W-2 and W-2P forms, Unemployment Compensation statement, SSA-1099 Form (if you receive Social Security benefits) all 1099 forms, 1099R forms for pensions and annuity records, all receipts or cancelled checks if itemizing on federal tax forms, all forms showing federal or state estimated tax paid, if you rent bring in the amount paid, and property tax bills, heating bill showing

amount of heat cost. For an appointment or more information, call the Plymouth Community Council On Aging, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

### Red Hat luncheon

Independence Village of Plymouth, 14707 Northville Road, hosts a Red Hat Society luncheon with "Elvis" as the entertainment noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Lunch will be served at noon. The event is to all Red Hat Society members and also to ladies who may want to join the Red Hat Society. It is a free event.

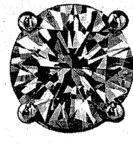
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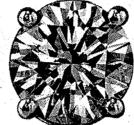
### **CORRECTIONS**

■ A Jan. 14 Health story on blood conservation inadvertently left out the first name of Dr. Jonathan Hoffberger, a physician who specializes in cardiovascular-thoracic surgery at Oakwood Hospital.

In an opinion column that

appeared in the Jan. 7 edition of the Observer, teen journalist David Hopper wrote officers with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department were involved with a drug sweep at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. They department did not take part.





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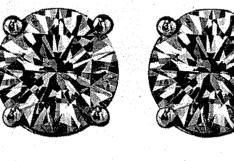
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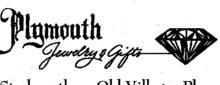


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Nearly 100 family members of the Headquarters and Service Company of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines Regiment based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base attended a luncheon in their honor. Among those in attendance included Renee McKarge, Plymouth Township (from left); Maria Falcon, key volunteer H&S Company; SSgt. William Rohrman; Maj. Shannon Wiley; SSgt. Michael Lustri; Beth Savalox, Plymouth.

# Honoring sacrifice

### Plymouth High teacher organizes luncheon to support military families

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

As a history teacher at Plymouth High School, Beth Savalox knew she wasn't doing her part to help support U.S. troops fighting in Iraq – and felt it important to do something ... anything.

"I teach the Vietnam War, and I realize the loss of the homefront support tends to sink a military effort," said Savalox, who lives in Plymouth. "I felt like I wasn't doing anything, and I felt bad about that."

During a recent girls' weekend, Savalox, her sister, Renee McKarge of Plymouth Township, and several other women – with political beliefs ranging from ultraconservative to ultraliberal – had some spirited conversations about the

conflict in Iraq.
"But, what we all agreed on is we are at war and we haven't done anything to help," said McKarge. "There's one segment of the population that's sacrificing, and their families are carrying the load for the whole country, while we go on with our daily lives."

Savalox met some key volunteers from the Headquarters and Service Company of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines Regiment based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, who suggested they could help sponsor a luncheon for family members of the 24th Marines, where they would receive an update on the status of their sons and daughters serving in Iraq. Savalox contacted about two dozen friends and family members by telephone and email, and it didn't take long before they raised about

green beans and salad served to nearly 100 family members of the 24th Marines at Giulo's Cucina Italiana restaurant in Livonia on Saturday, Jan. 13. Many of those same people made cookies, cakes and brownies for dessert.

The families – including Larry and Carole Oliver of Plymouth, whose son, Steven, is a cook with Charlie Company of the 24th Marines – listened as Maj. Shannon Wiley give an update on the nearly 1,100 Marines from the 24th who arrived in Iraq Sept. 22, and hopefully will be home April 22.

"They've been overwhelmed with packages and mail, and it almost takes a fleet of trucks to bring it in," Wiley updated family members. "They get so many Care packages that I'm expecting half the Marines to come back a little tight in their uniforms.

"It's the halfway point, but you want to look at it as the downhill side," he said. "They still have to be vigilant, have to work hard and do the same things they've been doing for the last 3 1/2 months until they get home."

Wiley said the gatherings like the one organized by Savalox and McKarge are great for support and morale of the families.

"It pays huge dividends if you take care of families back here," Wiley said. "The Marines over there know their families are taken care of and they can focus on their jobs. It's a great source for the families to find out what's happening in the battalion, and gives them a chance to bond and build new friendships."

his country is something 23year-old Steven always wanted to do.

"The day he joined he came home and had tears in his eyes and said, 'I just had to do it," said Oliver. "It was his calling, he felt it in his heart.

"He's very proud to be a Marine, and we're proud, too," she said. "We just want him to come home safely, and I just want there to be purpose to why he's there."

Larry Oliver said the Marines have helped his son grow.

"I think he will come back more mature, but more than just the time he's been in the Iraq," said Larry Oliver. "It will be years of maturity."

Steven Oliver, a graduate of Canton High School, was with the Headquarters and Service Company before being transferred to Charlie Company to be a cook.

"He sees those guys going out to sacrifice every day, and he can provide a warm meal for them," said Carole Oliver. "That's a lot of motivation for him.

"What I don't like is he helps chauffeur the commander in downtown Fallujah," she said. "I wasn't too crazy about that. But, as time goes on, you get used to it. That's their mission, that's their choice."

Oliver said she knew earlyon her son was destined for a military career.

"This is the same kid who used to watch *M\*A\*S\*H\** on television every day, and watched the movie *Top Gun* since he was a kid," she said.

McKarge said she was able

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to get as much satisfaction ed from the event as the Marine

families.
"I was amazed at the amount of appreciation the families had for somebody recognizing and supporting them,"
McKarge said. "It felt good to do something and know in your heart you've contributed something. I have never remembered feeling so good about doing something."

Savalox said she felt gratified and happy to contribute to the families of the 24th Battalion.

"What struck me the most is the fact they kept thanking us, like we did something special, when it's they who are giving the ultimate sacrifice," Savalox said. "I felt like it wasn't enough.

"There's so much more we could be doing, and I realized the next step is when they come home and how to properly welcome them," she said. "They deserve a heroes welcome."

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# Educator shares views on why boys suffer in school

BY JULIE BROW STAFF WRITER

Educator Sharon Strean was concerned to see declining test scores among boys at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, especially in reading and writing.

"It was particularly significant in writing," said Strean, an assistant principal at PCEP assigned to Salem High. "It became very worrisome to me. The question is why is that happening?"

Strean noted that boys' educational problems are of growing national interest, as evidenced by media coverage. She spoke Thursday, Jan. 18, to members and guests of the Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women, at a meeting at the Plymouth Community Arts Council building.

"There's a physiological reason for these things," said colleague Pam Dean of Canton, who teaches English/language arts at Salem and introduced Strean. "Sharon is quite the expert."

In the 1970s, the prevailing wisdom was that environment mattered the most, Strean said, but more recently many experts have begun to look at physiology. "Testosterone is testosterone. It affects how you learn"

She noted that boys are significantly more likely to commit suicide and make up twothirds of Plymouth-Canton special education students. "They receive the majority of the Ds and Es in school," and account for 80 percent of discipline referrals.

Females talk three times more than males, Strean said, and tend to be better listeners. Girls and women are better in group settings, while their male counterparts are more results-oriented.

"I'm not trying to change anybody," she said, agreeing stereotyping should be avoided. "I just want to understand."

Research shows females are better at using both sides of their brains and multitasking, Strean said. Strean recommended two books: *The Minds of Boys* (2005) by Michael Gurian and Kathy Stevens and *The Female Brain* (2006) by Louann Brizendine, M.D. Some schools, such as in Livonia, are trying single sex classes to see if they help students succeed, she said.

"Boys are hugely interested in video games," Strean said. Such "screen time" is a factor in attention deficit disorders. "There's permanence to that. It doesn't go away."

Strean urges parents to read to children, have them go out and play, and enjoy such board games as Scrabble. Video games appeal to boys because defeat is singular and private, and they don't have to worry about looking weak.

"They don't like sedentary jobs," she said of males with high testosterone. "They have to keep moving."

Males tend to have stronger right brain use, with spatial/mechanical ability, she said. "It isn't just a phenomenon in America." All of us are on a continuum, she agreed, and individual differences are significant.

Boys tend to be less able to memorize. Teachers of boys should consider: talking less and doing more; using lists, pictures and graphs; allowing for movement in the classroom; offering visual stimulation and predictable structures, along with competition and games.

Strean discussed the "boy code" which makes life particularly hard for more sensitive boys. "They have their own social group" at PCEP, she said, are bright and excel in many activities.

"These are the young men who have to be most protected in their early stages," she said. Strean also touched on nutri-

Strean also touched on nutrition and learning, including the importance of drinking water to achieve academically. "There's lots we don't know, but what we're taking in is having an effect."

She also urges people to be mentors to youth. "It can make all the difference. We all have power to effect tremendous change."



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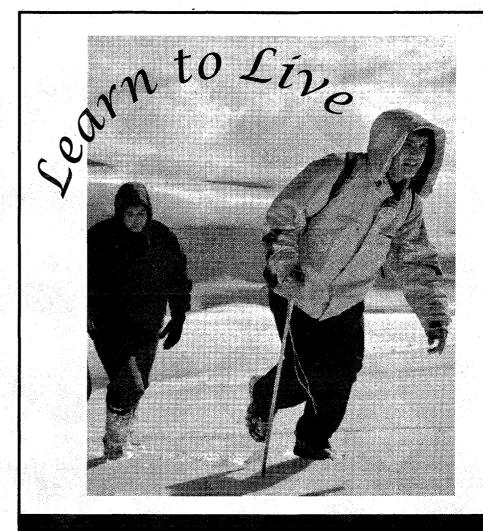
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# Magician has birds, needs home

STAFF WRITER

William Heine is a man of magic. He's done his feats of prestidigitation as the opening act for Robert Townsend and Harry Blackstone Jr. at the Fisher Theatre and on television. The late Bob Talbert called his performance on the best acts in Detroit.

But the Plymouth resident has a problem. He's allergic to his assistants – six white doves - so he's become a man with a mission of finding someone who will care for his birds.

"I'm not giving the birds away; I'm looking for a good family, a good safe home with people who can feed them, give them water everyday and do cage maintenance," said Heine, who's an instructor at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

Heine has had birds since he was 10 years old. That's when he found out he was very allergic to rabbits. Since he couldn't use rabbits in his act, he substituted the doves.

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That seemed to work, but five years ago his allergist suspected his allergies may be because of the birds. A wheezy fall led the allergist to suggest he move doves out of his living environment, saying Heine would "see a tremendous improvement in his breathing."

This isn't the first time Heine has found someone to care for his doves. The owner of a flower shop in Plymouth cared for his birds for a limited time and it worked out well. Heine hopes the same will be true this time.

He will pay for all of the supplies - bedding, food - and vet bills and will provide a cage.

The cage houses three birds in each of its two compartments. The order - which bird goes where - is important because they groupings are like families, Heine said. Leg bands are colored coded to determine which birds go together.

"The cage is designed with screens to keep feathers and seed inside, it's custom built to minimize things from getting out around the house," he said. "It's almost an aviary."

He will need able to come and get his birds for performances. He does 20-30 shows a

"I won't show up unannounced and it won't be a weekly thing, at the most, a few times a month," he said. "I'm not going to be interrupting them daily, but I do need access to my birds."

Vacations are no problem either, since it's extremely easy for him to stop by and feed and water and do a quick bedding change, he said. And if something happens to a bird, it's "not a big deal."

"I'll go out and get another,"

The birds do make noise, but "not a hostile noise, a beautiful noise," Heine said. They need light, but when the lights are turned off, they stop cooing

and remain silent in the dark. If they are in an area where they need to be made quiet, the cage can be covered with a

"When the sun comes up, there's a beautiful cooing, they're a natural alarm clock," he said. "They also make a laughing sound. It's one of the coolest things.'

His doves can be treated as pets. They're very docile, very calm creatures who can be handled and are "totally people friendly."

And caring for his birds comes with a perk - at least one free magic show a year.

Heine would like to keep his birds in the western Wayne County area. People interested in caring for them can call him at (734) 454-9392.

"It's important I find a family that understands how important these birds are," Heine said. "They also have to be an animal lover first."

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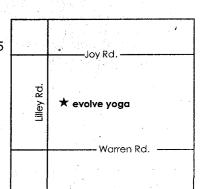
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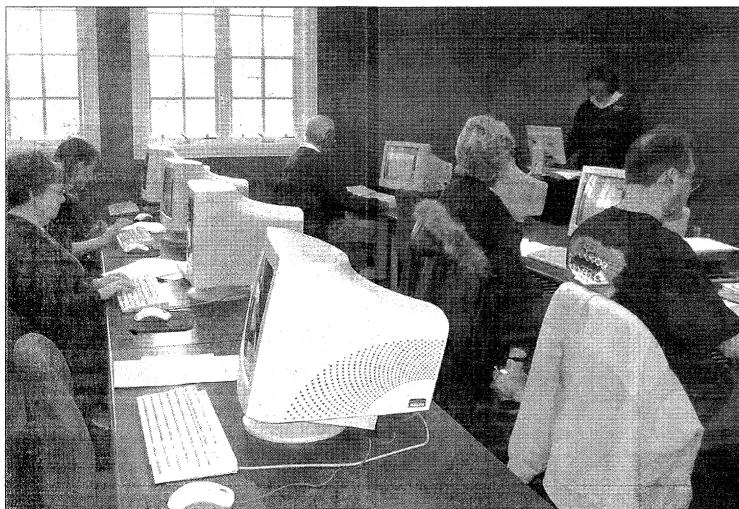
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Librarian Linda Pride taught this Beginning Word class at the Plymouth District Library last week.

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The newly opened upper level of the library has a new computer lab, updated and ready to resume the popular computer training classes offered to the public. For residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, the free classes rotate each month and cover a wide variety of software applications for users at all experience levels, library officials pointed out.

Participants should register at the library's Reader's Desk or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. Upcoming classes include:

■ INTRO TO RSS, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 — Set up your own news reader and subscribe to RSS feeds in this class. Have your own set of news items, blogs, sales alerts or even cartoons automatically sent to your reader. All class participants must have good keyboarding skills and be comfortable searching the Internet.

**■** DROP-IN COMPUTER TUTORING, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 - Highschool students will teach Plymouth residents to use a mouse, Windows 95/98, the library catalog, the Internet and how to set up a free e-mail account using Hotmail or Yahoo! Training in Microsoft Office products (such as Word or Excel), Windows ME or XP or other software programs, is not offered.

MADVANCED EMAIL, 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29 -Plymouth patrons who have Yahoo or Hotmail accounts will learn how to create an address book and signature file. Tell electronic junk mail goodbye; students will learn how to use an e-mail filter to get rid of it once and for all. ■ INTERMEDIATE MS

WORD, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31 — Students with keyboard skills and basic MS Word knowledge will learn how to work with two Word documents at the same time and to utilize Page Setup, auto correct, date insertion and more.

■ COMPUTER BASICS, 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2 - This course is designed to teach Microsoft Windows and basic mousing skills to Plymouth residents The class provides one session of mousing practice and hands-on work with the keyboard and Windows. Participants are urged to return during the Drop-in tutoring session on Saturdays

for additional practice. ■ DROP-IN COMPUTER TRAINING, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 and Feb. 17 -High school students will teach Plymouth residents to use a mouse, Windows 95/98, the Library catalog, the Internet and how to set up a free e-mail account using Hotmail or Yahoo! Training in Microsoft Office products (such as Word or Excel), Windows ME or XP or other software programs.

■ BASIC INTERNET SEARCHING, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 — This class for Plymouth residents will help computer users learn the basics of using the Internet. This will include an explanation of terms, use of a browser and utilizing search engines on the World Wide Web. Participants should be comfortable with the Microsoft Windows basics and using a mouse. Training is based on the hardware and software available in the Library.

■ BUDGET WITH MS EXCEL, 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9 — Find out how to make a household or personal budget while learning Microsoft Excel. You must be comfortable with keyboarding and Microsoft Windows basics before signing up for this class. Call (734)

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"We all knew that when we faced a downturn we would have significant challenges maintaining our expectations when it came to funding education, prisons, roads and health care," Brand said. "The state didn't see it coming as drastically as it is.

"Even with the foundation grant increases we received in the past, it didn't cover expenditure increases we can't control, like retirement rates and utility costs," she said.

School board trustee Steven Sneideman, one of three members on the district's finance committee, said the school

board was warned cuts could come, even when the state gave the \$210 per-pupil increase.

"We've started discussing what alternatives there are, and something concrete will come with the upcoming budget talks," Sneideman said. "Then, we'll have to decide how seriously we have to look at different alternatives to save money for the district.

"This district has made a lot of cuts, and it's difficult to make more and find more dollars," he said. "I'm very concerned about making wholesale changes before they're necessary, and undo the great things we've done in this dis-

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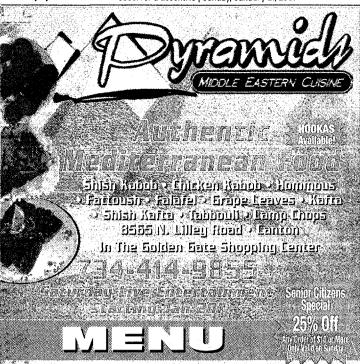
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"It was freaky to find out it came back," Chas said. "This time, it took my legs out and attacked my nervous system. Through the power of prayer, my legs have come back. I can stand, pivot and sit.

"I don't quite have walking down yet," he added with a slight chuckle. "But I believe that's going to come."

The family is relying heavily on its faith as Chas battles the leukemia. His parents, Bill and Jeri Burley of Plymouth, adopted Chas when he was 13. He is their only child, and the news he had leukemia hit them

"When he was 13, Chas came into our home and filled our lives," said Jeri Burley, a retired state racing commission employee. "When you hear your child is diagnosed with leukemia, it's the worst thing you can hear. You hear it a second time and the wind just gets knocked out of you.

"We decided to listen to God," she added. "We're not going to lose our son."

During treatment the first time around, Chas was subjected to some eight spinal taps. When he relapsed last month, doctors put him in Southfield's Providence Hospital. They're treating him through intravenous means, as well as treating the spine through an Omaya reservoir, a device inserted just beneath the scalp.

While those treatments continue, the family has organized a bone marrow drive in hopes of finding an unrelated donor. The drive takes place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Beck in Northville, where Jeri Burley now works.

Family members say doctors have told them it's the only way to keep the cancer from relaps-



Chas Burley's family - parents Bill and Jeri Burley of Plymouth, mother-in-law Sue Eichstadt of Livonia, and wife Amy Burley - have put their faith in God as Chas battles leukemia.



Chas Burley of Westland was diagnosed in September 2005 with leukemia, then relapsed last month.

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"If he gets the bone marrow transplant, there's a good chance it won't come back," Amy Burley said.



Chas Burley's mom, Jeri Burley of Plymouth, relies on her faith when

dealing with his illness. Chas' dad, Bill Burley, who works for Nissan North America in Farmington Hills,

can't be a donor because he's a

diabetic on insulin. However,

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he believes the bone marrow drive will help not only his son,

but other people, as well. "As much as I'd like to do that for my son, I can't," Bill Burley said. "We're looking for someone else to do that, and we believe there will be some-

one. It's a test of faith. "There are so many potential donors," he added. "We're hoping not just to find a donor for Chas, but for other people who need one. Somebody's going to benefit

besides Chas." Chas Burley knows death is a possibility, but he doesn't

believe it'll happen. "I don't believe God put me on this earth to die at 31," Burley said. "My faith is rooted very deeply. I've been saved by the grace of God and whatever happens is in His hands.

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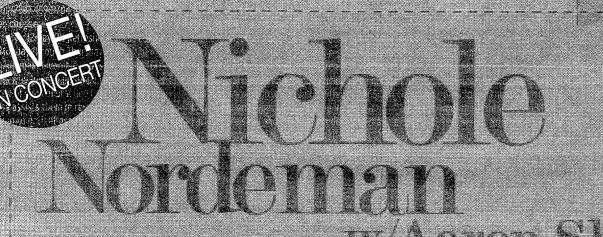
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Hnath, 103, of Oak Park, died Jan. 1.

O'Connor, 75, formerly of Livonia, died

Ritter, 74, of Birmingham, died Jan. 12.

Schmeisser, 81, of Holly, died Jan. 8.

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Jan. 13.

Doris R. O'Neill

Myrtle Marie Adkins (Brown) Adkins, 89, of Plymouth, died Jan. 16. James A.V.F. Aldridge

Aldridge, 88, of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 15.

Anderson, 85, died Jan. 7. Alberta G. Anthony

Anthony, 93, of Plymouth, died Jan. 12. George Breckenridge Beard

Beard, 82, formerly of Southfield, died Jan. 15.

Margaret (Peggy) Edmonds Edmonds died Jan. 13. Harold O. (Hal) Erickson Jr. Erickson, 84, died Dec. 12.

Clara G. Foreman Foreman, 98, died Jan, 14, George Benhardt Fraumann Fraumann, 93, of North Port, Fla., died

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# Hip-hop group wins local air time

Verb, a local hip-hop group, is receiving air play on 88.1-FM, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, as a result of a prize package the band won as the top group in the station's "Out of the Box: The Search for Plymouth-Canton's Best Unsigned Band" contest.

Verb is made up of Canton residents Matt Trevarthen and Mariio Villanueva. The group has been performing together since they met on a bus ride to Lowell Middle School in the sixth grade.

"We always were rapping other people's lyrics, Trevarthen said. "We finally decided to do a song in the eighth grade talent show."

"I knew we'd still be doing it," Villanueva said. "As soon as we decided to do it, I knew. I still know we're going to always be doing it. It's something I can't

The station is playing Verb's song, "Verb Music." Recording the new CD was part of their prize package for winning Out of the Box.

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Class Dates: March 28-May 9th (No class April 11th)

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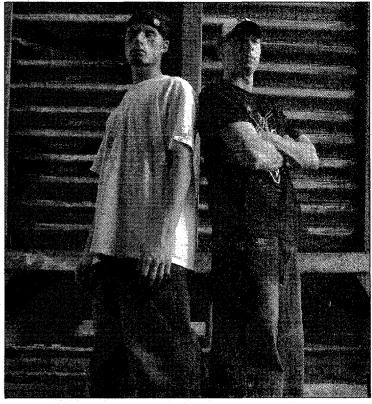
"We recorded all of it in one place, thinking we were done," Villanueva said. "It just wasn't up to par. Then we went to Third Monk Records with Jeff Robinson and recorded it all over again."

The station is preparing for the next Out of the Box competition. Applications and rules are available on the station's Web site, www.881The Escape.com and applications are due Feb. 9.

Bands chosen will perform at a showcase at Summit on the Park in Canton Friday, March 30. The top group will receive a package that includes studio time at Third Monk Records, airplay on 88.1-FM, a video shoot, a gift certificate at Music Go Round in Novi, a press kit and other prizes.

"We are always excited to learn about the talented artists in Michigan," said Bill Keith, station manager. "I look forward to seeing what band will win this year's competition."

More information about Verb is available at www.verbhiphop.com



Mario Villanueva and Matthew Trevarthen, both Plymouth-Canton schools graduates who form the group VeRb, are getting air time on 88.1-FM after winning the station's Out of the Box competition.

## 'Exclusively Women!' heads for Hills

Women of all ages and walks of life are invited to participate in the acclaimed Reaching Higher Program's first women's only seminar series,

"Exclusively Women!" this winter at the Farmington Hills Church of God in Farmington.

This Christ-centered motivational series, based on the successful teen/adult Reaching Higher program, was first presented by Reaching Higher Cofounder Sue Dahlman and Bible Study Teacher Debbie Innis at the Farmington Hills Church of God fall women's church retreat.

The pilot met with such success that it is now being offered to the public in a 9-week format, on Thursdays, beginning Jan. 25 from 6:30 - 9 p.m.

"My experience at our women's retreat was one that elevated my spiritual growth to the level of knowing where I am going," said church member Maria Urbonas, of Waterford. "I feel now that I know better what God wants me to do in my life."

"My mission is to bring Christ's love to humanity," said Dahlman, whose 25 years as a teacher, 20 years as a Dale Carnegie instructor and decade of successfully applying Reaching Higher's mind-bodyspirit approach to over 1,000 metro area students and adults, has culminated in the creation

of "Exclusively Women!" "My passion is to share God's word with others and to illustrate how God's truths impact our everyday lives," said Debbie Innis, whose background includes an education degree and over 15 years as a Bible study leader.

The program offers tools for participants to deepen their faith; learn how to value one's self, overcome limiting beliefs to realize full potential, create new, healthy choices, apply tools to reduce stress and enhance well being.

The cost of the nine-week course is \$300. To enroll in Exclusively Women! or for more information, contact the Reaching Higher Office at (810) 220-8812, or the church office at the Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power Road, Farmington Hills, MI at (248) 477-9144.

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## Treasurer's office will help prevent tax foreclosures

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But it doesn't have to be. Not if you as a homeowner do everything you can to make sure you don't lose your home. In case you didn't know, Wayne County leads the nation in property tax fore-

closures. There are many reasons for this troubling distinction, and the decline of the auto industry - which has resulted in the loss of thousands of jobs is certainly a major contributor to the decline of the local economy. But the loss of jobs related to a

once-thriving industry is still only part of the problem. Another equally serious part of the problem is, well, personal responsibility. If you own a home, then you should know that property taxes need to

be paid on that home. If you are unable to pay those taxes, or if you believe you will be late, then it is up to you to seek help and/or contact the Wayne County Treasurer's office for assistance with your problem.

Believe it or not, the treasurer's office is not the Grim Reaper and has no interest in snatching your property. Our strong preference is that Wayne County residents keep their homes and not lose them to property tax foreclosure, and our office is doing whatever it can to make this a reality.

But to do this, we need your help. If you're in trouble, we need to hear from you and we need to hear from you soon. You can contact us one of several ways: By mail at The Office of the Wayne County Treasurer, Taxpayer Assistance, 400 Monroe, Suite 530m Detroit, MI 48226; by phone at (313) 224-6105; or online at www/waynecounty.com/treasurer

■ How to avoid foreclosure

1) Always pay your taxes on time. Property taxes are always due in July and December of each year. Current taxes are payable to your local treasurer's office in the city where your property is located. You need to contact your local treasurer's office for further information on current property tax billing dates.

2) There are different ways to pay your taxes. Your property taxes can be paid in one of three ways: online, in person or by mail. Payment for delinquent taxes can be paid by personal check (current delinquent tax year only), certified funds, cash in-person, or on-ine by an electronic debit from your checking or savings account. Our office does not accept credit card payments. If your mortgage company pays your taxes out of an escrow account, be sure to check to make sure that they are making timely payments. Ultimately, you are responsible for timely payments, not your mortgage company.

3) When am I late? Officially, if you did not pay your 2004 property taxes by March 1, 2005, then those property taxes are now recorded as delinquent and a \$15 collection fee was added Oct. 1, 2005, to each delinquent parcel that is listed under your name. Also, it is now the responsibility of the Wayne County Treasurer's office to collect the delinquent taxes and interest immediately kicks in at 1 percent per

month. There is also a 4 percent administration fee. 4) When am I really late?

Unpaid property taxes become delinquent March 1 of each year and are forwarded to the county treasurer for collection. State law requires a 4 percent administration fee and 1 percent per month interest. For example: Unpaid 2004 property taxes were forwarded to the county treasurer as delinquent March 1, 2005. On March 1, 2006, unpaid 2004 delinquent taxes were forfeited to the county treasurer. State law requires the addition of a \$175 fee and \$26 in recording fees. Interest is increased from 1 percent per month to 1.5 percent per month retroactive to the date the taxes became delinquent.

5) But seriously, when am I really, really late? If your 2004 property taxes still aren't paid by March 1, 2007 (this year), then circuit court enters a judgment of foreclosure against your property. The only way to retain ownership of your property at this point is to pay all of your delinquent property taxes, including fees and interest, by March 31, 2007. If you don't? You're out of luck. This is your absolute last chance to get your property back. Period. As of April 1, your property will be foreclosed, and you will lose all rights as owner of what used to be your property. Title to your property will be passed to the county treasurer. So what happens now?

During the months of September and October 2007, your property will be sold at auction.

Former owners are allowed to register to bid on their property, however they must follow the same rules and regulations as every other bidder. There will be no special privileges or allowances granted to anyone simply because they are the previous owners of a property about to be auctioned.

Options if you are facing foreclosure 1) Hardship extension — except for a verifiable legal challenge proving that you do not owe the amount of delinquent taxes the county says you owe, applying for a hardship extension is just about the only way to hold onto your house while attempting to get caught up on your delinquent property taxes. Important: If you believe you will need to apply for an extension, please keep in mind that this is only an extension, not an exemption. Even if you are granted an extension on the time allowed to pay your taxes, you are really only delaying the inevitable, and you will also be required to continue paying interest charges throughout the duration of the extension.

2) Contact the treasurer's office. If you are facing foreclosure, trying to hide and act like it will all somehow go away is the worst thing you can do. What you need to do is get some help, and quick. One thing you can do is contact the Taxpayer Assistance Section at (313) 224-6105. Taxpayer Assistance is an in-house division at the treasurer's office dedicated solely to assisting taxpayers in any way it can. Once you have sought assistance, you may find out that it's not as bad as you think. But if you decide to ignore the problem, it will most likely turn out much worse than you could have ever imagined.

Raymond J. Wojtowicz is the Wayne County treasurer.

## McNamara team vindicated with end of investigations

n 1989, I was thrilled to be given the opportunity to work as a public servant for Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. Since childhood, I considered public service as a way to give back to the country that had adopted

me. By working for Edward McNamara, I learned that public service is not a career but an obligation of trust. With his leadership, the majority of us tried and strived to make life better for the people of Wayne County. We tried to serve with integrity and hard work.

Terry Ahwal

We worked long hours and were always cognizant of the public trust in us. To the best of our ability, we tried to be good public servants. Our dynamic team worked tirelessly at the county until Nov. 22, 2002, when the FBI and State Police raided

our office accusing us in the media of corruption. Since the raid, our lives have been challenged, our names have been sullied, our careers took a different route and our integrity has been questioned. Newspapers and the media proclaimed us guilty of corruption. Some politicians tried to put distance between themselves and McNamara and his team for fear of being labeled corrupt. Others used the horrible headlines against McNamara to further their career.

The term "innocent until proven guilty" did not apply to McNamara and his staff. We were all guilty until proven innocent. For me, the four years of hell is over. We lived a life of uncertainty and fear. We went to sleep worrying what the headlines might be the next morning. We all wondered if the FBI was going to knock at our doors with a subpoena. We were anxious about our future. Although we knew we did not do anything wrong, we started to think of what if we can't prove our innocence.

Last week, through a small article in the Detroit News, we learned that the U.S. District Attorney dropped the charges against former Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and his staff. This week we woke to a new reality, a reality without nightmare. This article brought to us a little sense of relief, anger, hope, vindication and a twinge of pain for the now deceased Mr. McNamara and his wife Lucille.

After four years of living with this hell, we no longer have to worry about criminal lawyers, FBI, bad news headlines, the stare of people and constant suspicion. We now can look toward the future without the fear of investigation hovering over our head. Although there are no front page stories

declaring us clear, we now can rest that there will be no more headline stories declaring us corrupt. We no longer have to have a criminal attorney on retainer. So those of us who were under investigation are thrilled with the outcome. Our life of uncertainty and is over. We now also hope that no one else go through the same trauma as we did.

But with all the jubilation, we cannot help but feel the sadness for our beloved Mr. McNamara and his family about the timing of this declaration. It would have been wonderful had the news come before he died last February. He served this community with honor and distinction yet the cloud of the investigation cast a shadow that followed him until his death. We are sad and, yes, angry that a man of honor who brought vision and selfless public service to this community died before his name was cleared by federal officials.

For over 50 years, Mr. McNamara dedicated his life to public service, building communities and making Livonia and Wayne County a great place to live. His fingerprints on the development of our region can be found all over Wayne County. After saving Wayne County from bankruptcy, he worked on making it economically viable. Through his vision, we now have a great airport, two stadiums in downtown Detroit, a wonderful park system, a state of the art morgue, a juvenile building and a juvenile system that helped children rather than recycle them to the adult correction facilities.

He was a leader who broke through barriers and worked with everyone. Although he was a strong Democratic leader, he extended his hand to work with his Republican rivals to accomplish his goals of building a healthy county. He was the consummate public servant, yet some viewed him as too powerful and went out to destroy him and his reputation. They worked with the media and federal officials to ensure that his power was diminished. Fortunately for us, McNamara's legacy was never and will never be destroyed. His legacy is far reaching and leaves an unsurpassed imprint on Wayne County and the state of Michigan.

As we put this misfortune behind us, we can remember one of the most important lessons we learned from Edward McNamara is the capacity to overcome adversity. Although those who went out of their way to destroy Mr. McNamara and his legacy failed, I dread that one of the long-term effects may be that bright young people will be discouraged from entering public service careers.

Terry Ahwal was an assistant county executive under McNamara. She lives in Canton.



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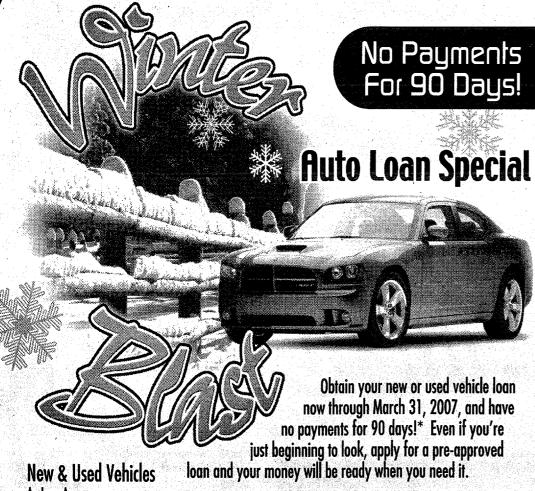
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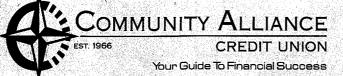
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# For many, Roth IRA may be better than a 401(k)

Q: My employer offers a 401(k) plan with no matching contribution. I'm not sure whether it would be better to contribute to my 401(k) plan or a Roth IRA. I cannot afford to do both. What would you recommend?

A: Dear Bob; I am a huge fan of Roth IRAs and I generally recommend that if possible people take advantage of Roth IRAs. When someone does not have an employer match, my general advice is to fully fund the Roth IRA and then if you can save more money for retirement to then use the 401(k) plan. A 401(k) grows tax-deferred while a Roth IRA grows taxfree. In a 401(k), you do receive

a double tax benefit in the fact

invested pre-tax and all of the

that your contributions are

income grows tax-deferred.

However, always remember

it means you are eventually

that when it grows tax-deferred

subject to taxes. In a Roth IRA,



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you never pay income tax on withdrawals after age 59. That is why if someone is eligible for a Roth IRA and if they have a long-term horizon, I lean toward fully funding the Roth IRA first and then going into the 401(k) plan.

The one exception to the rule is if your company matches your 401(k) contribution. If your company offers a match, I would contribute up to the match and then invest into the Roth IRA. If I could save more, then I would go back to the 401(k) plan.

Q: I was listening to your radio show and you were discussing equity-indexed annuities. I was thinking about purchasing one and I want to know what I should look for.

Dear Carla: I like equity-indexed annuities, especially for a conservative investor who wants to do better than CDs without taking unnecessary risks. However, not all equity-indexed annuities are the same. Unfortunately, there are many pitfalls that investors have to be concerned with. It is sort of like mutual funds - there are good mutual funds and there are bad mutual funds. The same thing applies to equity-indexed annuities.

To me, some of the issues that you need to concentrate on are fees. In any investment I make, I always concentrate on fees. High fees always equal low returns. The equity-indexed annuities I like are no-load which means 100 percent of your money goes to work for you at all times. Unfortunately, many insurance companies do

a good job of hiding fees, therefore buyers must use caution.

In addition, you need to be concerned with the cap rates. The cap rates determine what rate of return you receive. In an equity-indexed annuity, there are two elements that determine return. The first is the guaranteed return. The second portion is if the stock market does well. If the stock market does well, you get an additional return. The beauty of the equity-indexed annuity is that if the market performs poorly, at a minimum you still receive a guaranteed return. The higher the cap rate, the better it is for investors. Generally, with equity-indexed annuities, you cannot buy them directly, you must go through an agent. A local agent who I have confidence in, and one who only represents no-load investor friendly equityindexed annuities is Hutton Financial, (800) 870-4444.

Q: I would like to invest \$10 a week automatically into a gold mining stock as a hedge against inflation. Can you tell me a brokerage firm where I can make this type of investment? Joe

A: Dear Joe: There are a couple of options that you can consider for your investment. First, if you belong to a credit union you should consider contacting the credit union. Most credit unions have programs that allow you to buy individual stocks for very low minimums. In addition, one of the things I like about credit unions is that credit unions have very low fees. As I have always mentioned, low fees equal higher returns. Another company that you can consider is

www.sharebuilder.com. Sharebuilder.com also offers a program where you can invest small amounts into stocks on a regular basis.

Another alternative if you would like, is to consider a mutual fund. Some mutual fund companies such as T. Rowe Price offer programs where you can invest as little as \$50 a month if you sign up for their automatic investment program. The beauty of using a mutual fund is the fact that you will get professional management and diversification. Furthermore, using a company like T. Rowe Price, you will have lower transaction fees. One last note and that is, the strategy of investing a set amount on a regular basis, known as dollar cost averaging, is the best way to build up a portfolio. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. O&E readers can submit questions to be answered in print and online at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. Listen to Rick on Sundays from noon to 3 p.m., on WDTK 1400 AM or visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

## Friends of Rouge offer learning opportunities

Friends of the Rouge is offering multiple opportunities to learn about the Rouge River watershed, its inhabitants, and what you can do to improve it.

■ Spring Peeps and Croaks: Come spring, Michigan wetlands will echo with the calls of amphibians. Learn how to tell them apart by signing up for Friends of the Rouge's watershed-wide Frog and Toad Survey. Surveys are done in the evening and simply involve listening at local wetlands. Attend one of four training sessions where you will receive everything you need, including a compact disk with the calls. Families welcome with a responsible adult. Registration required.

Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey workshops are available at:

10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 3 – Farmington Hills City Council Chambers, 31555 11 Mile Road, Farmington

7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 8 - E.L. Johnson Nature Center, 3325 Franklin Road,

Bloomfield Hills 7-9 p.m, Thursday, March 15 - Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

10 a.m to noon, Saturday, March 17 - Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville

■ How can plants save our river? Believe it or not, the millions of plants that once graced the banks of the Rouge River played a vital role in keeping the river clean. What can you do to improve water quality? Attend one or more of the below workshops sponsored by Friends of the Rouge and the University of Michigan-Dearborn's **Environmental Interpretive** Center as well as Wayne County DOE, ECT, Inc., the Greening of Detroit, and the City of Farmington Hills.

■ Native Planting Workshops and Earth Day Festival

Teachers/homeowners: Schoolyard/backyard Habitat Workshop

6:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23, at University of Michigan-Dearborn, EIC

Learn how you can create a habitat at your home or school. Presenters: Schoolyard Habitat: Sharon Oliver-Merchant (Adler Elementary), Sue Erhardt, Greening of Detroit (Neinas Elementary), Rick Plecha (Field Elementary, funding and benchmarks)

Back (front)yard Habitat: Dan Ballnik, Bill Craig

Using your site for nature study: Dorothy McCleer (University of Michigan-Dearborn, Environmental Interpretive Center)

■ Municipalities/public land owners: Grow Zones Workshop

8:30-11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13 at University of Michigan-Dearborn, EIC

Learn how to save money and time by creating "Grow Zones." Grow Zones create

wildlife habitat and improve water quality. They have been sprouting up all over the metro Detroit area. Presenters: Matt Best (Hines Park ), Bob Belair (Canton), Bob Fox (Birmingham), Dan Ballnik. (Ford land), tba.

Rain Garden Workshop 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday March 13 at University of Michigan-Dearborn, EIC

Rain, sleet and snow can be a problem for a river when too many paved surfaces increase it, heat it and pollute it.

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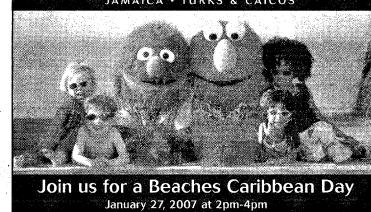
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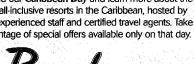
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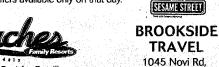




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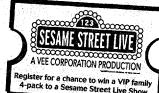


















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BY ED WRIGHT

Canton's volleyball team isn't quite where first-year head coach Jen Barnes wants it to be yet, but if the Chiefs continue to play like they did Wednesday night against Plymouth, they'll be there soon.

In the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division opener for both teams, the Chiefs prevailed in three sets — 25-19, 25-17 and 25-16 — to improve to 4-7-6 overall and 1-0 in the division. The Wildcats slipped to 10-7-3 and 0-1, respectively.

"I liked the way the girls kept the

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momentum and stayed intense the entire match tonight," said Barnes. "They served aggressively, too, and put the ball where they had to.

"We didn't have a match on Monday, so we were able to come over after practice and watch Plymouth play Salem. That gave the girls a good idea of what they had to do if they were going to control the match."

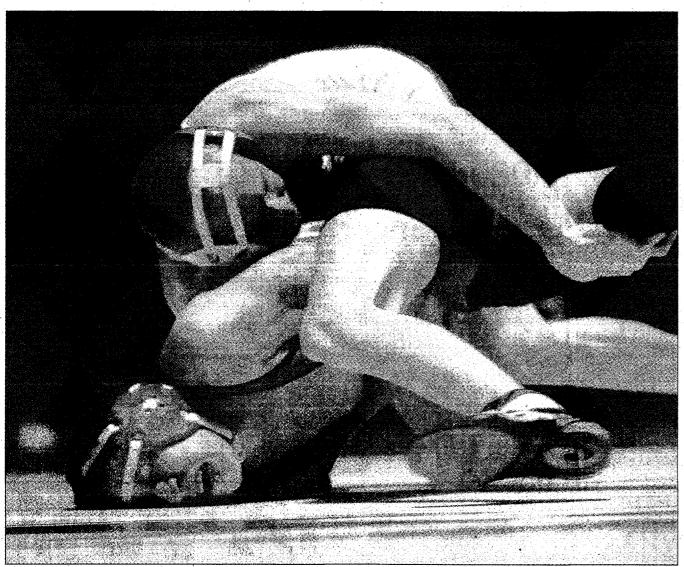
Canton received strong performances from veterans as well as some of its younger players. Junior Marie Martin, a three-year varsity player, paced the Chiefs with 12 kills. Freshman Jordan Kielty registered eight kills and 12 digs while junior Hannah Mills recorded a team-high 22 digs.

"Marie ran a quick tempo tonight and did a great job for us up front," said Barnes. "I couldn't ask for a better player in the middle.

"Jordan's only a freshman, but she has a great attitude and she's very mature for her age."

The Wildcats were led by outside hitter Rachel Heaton, who led the team in kills. Clare Baptist also turned in a stellar effort for Plymouth. The Wildcats' chances of winning the match were greatly diminished when their top front-row player, Brittany Hengesh, was sidelined mid-way through the second game with an apparent leg injury.

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Canton's Steve Cox (top) made life miserable for Livonia Franklin's Brandon Billiou during Thursday's 125-pound match. Cox won, 10-4, but the Chiefs lost an early commanding lead and fell to the Patriots, 35-26.

# 'Weight'ing game

## Upper-weight performers lead Pats' rally over Canton

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's wrestling team spent most of the first half of Thursday night's dual meet against Canton on its collective back, staring up into the spotlight that illuminated the mat in the Chiefs' Phase III gymnasium.

But in the second half, it was the Patriots who cast the larger, more ominous shadow.

In a match that pitted two of the top

programs in the state and arguably the two deepest line-ups in the Western Lakes Activities Association, Franklin reversed an early 20-6 deficit and escaped with a stirring 35-26 victory before an energetic crowd at Canton.

The victory improved the Patriots' dual-meet record to 18-1 overall and 3-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. The setback dropped Canton to 14-2 and 1-1, respectively.

Led by its young and talented group of lower-weight performers, Canton stormed out of the gate to capture five of the first seven matches. However, following a 10-minute halftime break, the Patriots regrouped and won six of the final seven contests to put them in the driver's seat for another WLAA Western Division title.

"The 10-minute break actually helped us a little because we were able to go back into the locker room and refocus," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola. "We understood that we'd have to come back and almost sweep them

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For more information on how to apply for the positions, contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

## St. Patrick's din-

The Hockey has Heart Dinner will be St. Patrick's Day - 6 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The attire will be business casual (no denim); green tie is optional. The event includes special guest Jiri Fisher, Irish music and dancers, live and silent auctions, raffle, dinner, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, sweets table and dancing with the Ultraviolet Band.

For more information see the Web site at www.hockeyhasheart.co

### Martial arts benefit

The World Martial Arts
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on Saturday, March 17, at
the World Class Institute
of Martial Arts, located
at 31839 Eight Mile
Road, Livonia.

Celebrities will be on hand for autographs, along with vendor onsite tables during the expo and championship tournament in all styles of martial arts.

Grand Master Dr.
Ibraham Ahmed, promoter and president of the World Martial Arts
College, also announced three recipients for the 2007 Martial Arts
Leadership Award to be

presented at the event.
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# BUZZER BEATERS

# Cassidy's triple at 0:01 buries Vikings

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The first 31 minutes and 59 seconds of Friday night's nip-and-tuck basketball game between Salem and Walled Lake Central begged for a hero.

With 0:01 left, the Rocks' Dan Cassidy answered the call.

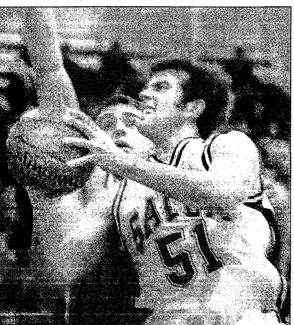
Salem trailed the visiting Vikings 37-35 with one tick left when Cassidy, a senior forward, caught J.P. Truesdell's in-bounds pass five feet beyond the three-point arc near the top of the key, pump-faked his defender into the air, dribbled once, then calmly swished a rainbow jumper as the buzzer sounded.

The Rocks' 38-37 victory raised their record to 5-4

overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. The Vikings fell to 3-6 and 0-2, respectively. "We ran a stack (formation) on the in-bounds play,

then I set a screen for Grant (Stone)," said Cassidy,

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Salem's J.P. Truesdell, pictured in a game earlier this season against Canton, notched four rebounds and the assist on the game-winning shot in the Rocks' 38-37 victory over Walled Lake Central Friday night.

## Chiefs win on Sharma's 'J'

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

With Friday night's Canton-Wayne Memorial basketball game hanging in the balance, junior forward Neil Sharma tipped the scales in the Chiefs' favor with a dramatic last-second shot.

Coming off a doublescreen, Sharma buried a three-point basket as the clock expired to give the Chiefs a thrilling 50-49 victory in Canton's Phase III gymnasium.

The win was the Chiefs' fifth straight and improved their overall mark to 5-4 and their Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division ledger to 2-0. The Zebras slipped to 4-5

and 0-2, respectively.
"One of my assistants, Dan Colligan, drew up the play

and the guys executed it to

perfection," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "We set a double screen for Neil, he caught it and shot it just behind the three-point line.
"To be honest, I think Wayne outplayed us tonight in every part of the game, but we came up big in the end.

there are going to be a lot of games like this that come right down to the last shot." Sharma came off the bench to lead the Chiefs with a career-high 22 points. Senior center Ryan Waidmann

added eight points and 10

Our division is so well-bal-

anced this year that I think

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Crusading to a title

The Our Lady of Good Counsel Crusaders varsity "B" girls basketball team captured the Dearborn Sacred Heart Christmas tournament Dec. 23-30. Pictured (front row from left) are Audrey Cords, Lindsey Winkler, Monica Thibodeall, Chloe Williams, (middle row from left) Madison Williams, Haley McNiven, Erin Cronyn (back row from left) assistant coach Tim Cronyn, Angela Broggi (tournament MVP) and head coach Stephanie Childs.

# Salem spikers sweep Spartans

In a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division opener Wednesday, host Salem cruised to a 25-12, 25-13, 25-12 triumph over Livonia Stevenson.

Salem is 18-1-1 overall, while Stevenson falls to 9-4-1.

Stevenson has a good, young team," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "But our attack was just too much for them. We served and attacked

well tonight. Jansan Falcusan had one 10-point run that helped us win one game."

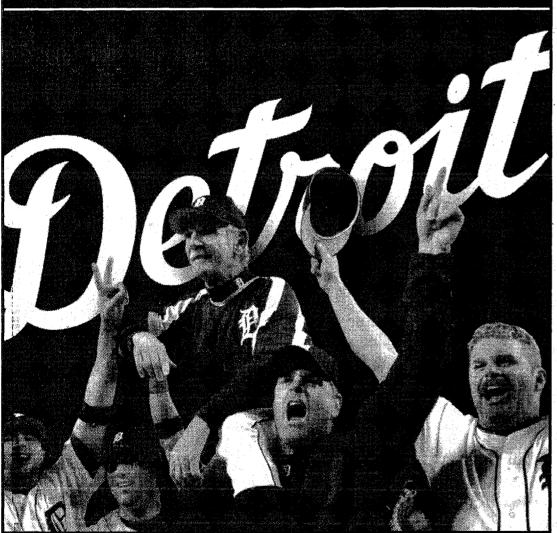
Falcusan, a sophomore setter, finished with 33 assists and four service aces. Other key contributors were Teresa Coppiellie (12 kills and nine digs), Lauren Kurtz (14 kills and six blocks) and Katrina Cope (eight blocks).

"Salem's got a lot of height and very good athletes,"

Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "We're struggling right now. There are peaks and valleys. We're working hard, but this is probably the worst match we played this

Setter Jill Flaugher went 6for-6 serving and had 10 asc sts for the Spartans. Laura Khalil and Hannah Diebel contributed seven and six kills, respectively.

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## 'Cat hoopsters fall to W.L. Western, 50-44

Darryl Warthen and Quinton Cooper combined for 33 points to lead Walled Lake Western to a 50-44 victory over visiting Plymouth in a Western Lakes Activities **Association Western Division** showdown in the Warriors'

The duo was deadly from outside the arc as six of Warthen's 21 were the result of triples while all 12 of Cooper's points came from four threepoint bombs.

Both teams stood at 3-6

overall after the game. The loss dropped the Wildcats to 0-2 in the division; Western improved to 2-0.

The Warriors exploded to a 16-10 first-quarter lead and went into the break with a 25-18 advantage. The Wildcats trailed 38-31 with eight minutes to play before tying the game at 44-all with two minutes left.

"We had the ball and a chance to take the lead with two minutes left, but they blocked our shot and scored at the other end," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "Our slow starts are killing us. We didn't get out of the gate well and they hit three threes in the first quarter and another to start the second."

Junior guard Myron Puryear led the Wildcats with 18 points. Brandon Roberts added 13 points while junior center Jake Hager contributed six points and six rebounds.

The Wildcats canned 11-of-16 free throws; Western was 4of-9 from the stripe.

## Agape cagers rout Crusaders

Canton Agape Christian overwhelmed Novi Franklin Road, 77-39, Friday night in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division game played Garden City United Christian.

The victory improved the Wolverines' record to 5-3 overall and 2-0 in the division. The Crusaders slipped to 2-5 and 1-1,

Agape led 18-16 after one quarter and 39-22 at the half before burying their visitors with a 32point third quarter.

Jack Anleitner led the Wolves with 18 points, six assists, five steals and six rebounds. Also playing well for the winners were Ty Majeski (14 points, six steals, two boards), Terrell Pierce (10 points) and Will Pientowski (10 points).

Josh Mansfield led Franklin Road with 18 points.

"The key for us was the second quarter when we really picked it up defensively," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "In the second quarter, we started getting all the loose balls they were getting in the first quarter. We played good man-to-man and zone defense,

"Franklin Road was hurt by their best player, David Mansfield, getting into foul trouble early. Our big guys inside -Jared Miller, Sho Olojo and Terrell Pierce — did a nice job on

him when he was in there." The Wolverines drained 15-of-19 free throws. The Crusaders managed to swish just 2-of-7 shots from the charity stripe.

### **CASSIDY**

recalling how his heroic shot unfolded. "I rolled off the screen and I guess I was the only one open. J.P. got me the ball, I pump-faked, took a dribble and got a good look. I was kind of surprised I was able to get it off in time.

"I wasn't shooting very well during warm-ups before the game, but that shot felt good coming out of my hand. It's the biggest shot I've ever made and the first game-winner I've ever

Cassidy's heroics were even more impressive considering his playing time was scarce during the second half. In fact, his game-winning triple was his only make of the night.

We drew up an in-bounds play that had a couple of options," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "J.P. spotted a good shooter on the perimeter and he got him the ball. Dan wasn't our first option on the play, but he's a very good shooter. He didn't play a lot in the second half, so he was fresh. That was a clutch shot. It was good to see.

"It's a big win for us because you always want to string together as many wins as you can. We've been up and down all year, but this was our third win in a row, so, hopefully, we've found some consistency."

The loss was just the latest chapter in a thus far hard-luck season for Central, which suffered a hard-fought, six-point setback Tuesday night to Westland John Glenn.

We saw the play they ran on film, so we were prepared for it," said Central coach Dennis Butcher. "They line up in a straight line then make cuts out of it. I thought we defended it well, but No. 20 (Cassidy) had the presence of mind to ballfake our guy off, take a dribble then bury the shot. What can you say? He buried it from 23 feet away or whatever it was, so my hat's off to him.

"Nothing's been easy for this team all year. We've had to work hard to get the wins we have and even in defeat we've had to work hard in some difficult situations. We can't afford to dig ourselves into holes during the course of games like we've been

Salem junior forward Grant Stone provided some heroics himself with 54 seconds left when he connected on a long triple that knotted the game at 35-all. Central grabbed its final lead of the night at the 37-sec-ond mark on Brandon Joseff's driving layup. With 20.9 seconds left, the

Vikings seemed on the verge of sewing up a huge road win when they regained possession by forcing a jump ball. Salem then fouled the Vikings' best player, Cody Rzeznik with 17.6 seconds left, but he misfired on the front end of a 1-and-1 and the Rocks' Ross Davis snared the rebound.

After milking the clock down

inside five seconds, the Rocks put the ball in Stone's capable hands, but the Vikings - who had a foul to give — hacked Stone with 0:01 left, forcing the in-bounds play underneath the Salem basket.

Following a timeout, Cassidy brought the Salem fans to their feet with his last-second shot.

Stone paced the Rocks with 15 points and six rebounds. Salem sophomore point guard Anthony Mullins had a stellar first half, during which he scored all eight his points. Davis added six points and four rebounds to the winners' cause.

Rzeznick was solid in defeat, netting 14 points, six rebounds and four steals. Joseff finished with eight points and Nick Green added six for the Vikings.

Salem managed just 13 shots in the entire second half after uncorking that many in both the first and second quarters alone. The main reason for the lack of shots was the Vikings' zone defense, which forced the Rocks into a more deliberate style of play.

The Rocks hit 16-of-39 field goals (41 percent) and 4-of-5 free throws (80 percent). Central canned just 15-of-55 field goals (27.2 percent) and 4of-9 free throws (44.4).

Salem led 22-21 at the half and 32-28 with eight minutes to play. The Rocks' biggest lead — 30-21 — came with 4:20 left in the third quarter on a dazzling, double-pump layup by Stone.

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boards, while senior guard Josh Butler contributed six

points and five assists. Junior guard Mike Lee paced the Zebras with 20

Canton led 15-8 after one quarter and 33-28 at the half. Wayne narrowly grabbed a 4039 lead with eight minutes to play and held a 49-47 advantage before Sharma's heroic buzzer-beater.

"We're not a real explosive team offensively this year, so we're going to have to hold teams in the 40s to win," added Paye. "In the first half, we played a zone, but we lost Lee quite a bit and he had 15 at halftime. We did a better job on him in the second half.

"I give Wayne a lot of credit.

They're a very quick team." Canton connected on just 2of-8 free throws. The Zebras

were 0-for-2 from the charity stripe. The 2-0 Chiefs are now tied for the division lead with Northville and Walled Lake

Western, which visits the Phase III gymnasium on Tuesday night for a key WLAA contest.

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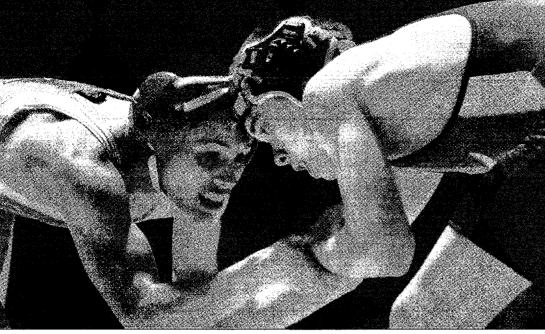
"I told the team before the match that if we started at 103, we'd be behind at the break. Nobody was surprised on our

side (by the early deficit)." The Chiefs rolled to their early advantage behind strong efforts from 103-pound Donnie Watkins, a 16-0 winner over Jared Pieknik; 112pound Carl Lucke, an 8-4 victor over Grant Phillips; 125pound Steve Cox, who recorded a 10-4 triumph over Brandon Billiau; 135-pound Brent Winekoff, who edged Josh Billiau, 7-5, in overtime; and Corey Phillips, who pinned Brandon Smith at 140.

Following the intermission, which included a performance by the Canton cheerleaders and three youth exhibition matches, the Patriots seized the momentum when triumphs from Justin Zanger (145), Justin Jaroh (152) and Dan Woodall (160) brought them to within 20-19.

The Patriots grabbed their first lead of the night, 23-20, when Nate Turco outpointed Kiel Price, 11-3, at 171. Pins from Pat Roumayah at 189 and Vince Benavides at 215 gave the Pats a 35-20 cushion, thus making the heavyweight finale inconsequential.

Chiola said his team's pivotal performances came from Jaroh and Roumayah, who is



Canton's Carl Lucke (left) sizes up Franklin's Grant Phillips during the early stages of Thursday night's 112-pound match. Lucke's 8-4 victory gave the Chiefs an 8-0 lead. Franklin rebounded to win, 35-26.

finding success following three years on the junior varsity.

"Pat's been coming up big for us this year in his first year of varsity wrestling," Chiola said. "That win was very big for us. It could have gone either way. We only had him getting a decision. When he got the pin, that was huge.

"Canton has a very good team. In the five years Casey (Randolph)'s been the coach, we've beaten them all seven times we've faced them, but every single match was a down-to-the-wire nail-biter. We've never blown them out. It always seems to come down to the final match or two. We'll probably see them again in the Regional team tournament if everything falls into place."

Chiola said his lower-weight class line-up is still a work in progress.

"We have six or seven kids battling for three spots between 135 and 145," he explained. "We break them up and switch them depending upon who is hot and who I think can handle each particular match-up. It keeps the kids sharp because they don't have a spot, so they have to work for it every day at practice." **LIVONIA FRANKLIN 35 CANTON 26** 

Thursday at Canton 103 pounds: Donnie Watkins (C) won by major decision over Jared Pieknik, 15-0; 112: Carl Lucke (C) decisioned Grant Phillips, 8-4; 119: James Benitez (LF) dec. Phil Rollinger, 8-5; 125: Steve Cox (C) dec. Brandon Billiau, 10-4; 130: Jon Cauchi (LF) dec. Josh Hurst, 9-5; 135: Brent Winekoff dec. Josh Billiau, 7-5, in overtime; 140: Corey Phillips (C) pinned Brandon Smith in 5:20; 145: Jason Zanger (LF) won by major decision over Rodger Kropp, 18-5; 152: Justin Jaroh (LF) pinned Joe Sanders in 56 seconds; 160: Dan Woodall (LF) dec. Brian Brubaker, 11-4; 171: Nate Turco (LF) Kiel Price, 11-3; 189: Pat Roumayah (LF) pinned Adam Powers in 3:18: 215: Vince Benavides (LF) pinned Dan Wanshon in 3:28; HVY: Donnie Laramie won by void.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL** Tuesday, Jan. 23 Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m. Southfield Christian at PCA, 7 p.m. Agape at Huron Valley, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 Calvary Christian at Agape at G.C. United Christian, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. Inter-City Baptist at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL Monday, Jan. 22 W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 PCA at Southfield Christian, 7:30 p.m. Agape at Calvary Christian, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24 Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.

Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 Canton Agape at PCA, 6:30 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Wednesday, Jan. 24 Salem at W.L. Western

at Lakeland Arena, 7:20 p.m. Plymouth at Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 Salem at W.L. Central at Lakeland Arena, 8:20 p.m. **Utica Stevenson at Canton** at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m. PREP WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 25 Westland John Glenn at Salem, 6:30 p.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth, 6 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 Observerland Invitational at Livonia Churchill, 9 a.m. **BOYS SWIMMING** 

Tuesday, Jan. 23 Canton at Salem, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 Salem at Dexter 9/10 Invite, 11 a.m. **GIRLS GYMNASTICS** Tuesday, Jan. 23 Salem at Canton at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24 W.L. Northern and W.L. Central at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 Salem Invitational at Plymouth H.S., 9 a.m. **Canton at Troy Athens** Invitational, 10:55 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Jan. 24 Alpena CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m. Concordia at Madonna, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 3 p.m. Madonna at Davenport, 3 p.m. **WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** Wednesday, Jan. 24

Alpena CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m. Concordia at Madonna, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 1 p.m. Madonna at Davenport, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Jan. 26 Whalers vs. Ottawa Generals at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27 Whalers vs. Sault Ste. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 Whalers at Toronto Marlies, 2 p.m. MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

Saturday, Jan. 27 Ignition at Baltimore Blast, 7:35 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 Ignition vs. Philadelphia KiXX at Compuware Arena, 4:35 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

### **SWIM RESULTS**

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Thursday at John Glenn 200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Nick Hoffmeyer, Stan Chen, Nick Leone, Matt Underhill), 1:51.78; 2. Salem (Jim Crabill, Nate Spala, Kory Dondzila, John Babb), 2:00.7; 3. John Glenn (Lara, John Whitt, Dan Fabrey, S. Long), 2:02.39.

200 freestyle: 1. Dan Olson (S), 2:02.13; 2. Matt Espy (JG), 2:03.84; 3. John Burgess (JG), 2:11.42. 200 IM: 1. Nick Leone (S), 2:11.10; 2. Joe DeTassayi (\$), 2:30.51; 3. Kevin Chappelle (JG), 2:32.40. 50 freestyle: 1. Stan Chen (S), 24.64; 2. John Babb (S), 24.72; 3. Casey Olson (S), 26.97. 1-meter diving: 1. John Whitt (JG), 243.05; 2.

Andrew Thorne (JG), 134.90. 100 butterfly: 1. David Olson (S), 1:01.38; 2. Dan Fabrey (JG), 1:09.12; 3. Kevin Chappelle (JG), 1:13.50. 100 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 52.19; 2. (tie) Matt Espy (JG) and Jason Williams (S), 56.62. 500 freestyle: 1. Stan Chen (S), 5:32.54; 2. Doug Fransioli (S), 5:54.44: 3, John Burgess (JG), 6:01.36. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Matt Underhill, Jason Williams, David Olson, Nick Leone), 1:37.09; 2. John Glenn (Kevin Chappelle, S. Long, Andrew Thorne, Matt Espy), 1:14.08; 3. Salem (John Babb, Doug Fransioli, Nate Spala, Casey Olson), 1:45.35. 100 backstroke: 1. Jimmy Crabill (S), 1:06.83; 2. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 1:08.59; 3. Dan Fabrey (JG), 1:12.50. 100 breaststroke: 1. John Whitt (JG), 1:11.41; 2. Nate Spala (S), 1:13.20; 3. Kory Dondziła (S), 1:18.88. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Nick Leone, Stan Chen, Matt Underhill, David Olson), 3:32.87; 2. Salem (John Babb, Casey Olson, Doug Fransioli, Jason Williams), 3:56.85; 3. John Glenn (John Burgess, Kevin Chappelle, S. Long, Matt Espy),

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Salem, 2-1; John Glenn, 0-4 overall, 0-1 in WLAA Lakes Division. PLYMOUTH 143

**WAYNE MEMORIAL 49** Thursday at Canton H.S. 200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Kyle Dull, Jack Distel, Peter Nolan), 1:54.50; 2. Plymouth (Justin Scaparo, Ben Ambrose, Ethan Weiner, Jason Oldani), 2:07.19; 3. Plymouth (Alex Ruedger, Joe Eudy, Adam Wing, Nick Cobane),

200 freestyle: 1. Chris Wilson (P), 2:03.26; 2. Paul Snyder (P), 2:06.57; 3. Tony McLaughlin (P), 2:07.75. 200 IM: 1. Steven Ogg (WM), 2:23.38; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 2:23.39; 3. Kyle Dull (P), 2:28.96. 50 freestyle: 1. Mike Conger (P), 24.26; 2. Jordan Holland (WM), 25.19; 3. Jack Gruszczynski (P),

1-meter diving: 1. Dylan Thomas (WM), 140.05; 2. Kyle Wilkenson (P), 133.00; 3. Ryan Williams (P),

100 butterfly: 1. Mike Conger (P), 1:00.94; 2. Jack Distel (P), 1:03.63; 3. Justin Scaparo (P), 1:12.77. 100 freestyle: 1. Jordan Holland (WM), 55.76; 2. Joe Eudy (P), 56.82; 3. Mike Snyder (P), 56.94. 500 freestyle: 1. Jason Oldani (P), 5:40.47; 2. Jacob Barnes (WM), 5:46.91; 3. Paul Snyder (P), 5:47.06. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Kyle Dull, Jack Distel, Ben Ambrose, Peter Nolan), 1:41.96; 2. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Paul Snyder, Mike Snyder, Jason Oldani), 1:42.36; 3. Wayne (Jordan Holland, Jacob Barnes, Steven Ogg, Nick Martin), 1:43.76. 100 backstroke: 1. Ethan Weiner (P), 1:09.79; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 1:10.44; 3. Alex Ruedger (P), 1:13.30. 100 breaststroke: 1. Tony McLaughlin (P), 1:13.30; 2. Dan Stoscup (P), 1:14.54; 3. Danny Shirley (WM),

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Jason Oldani, Ethan Weiner, Joe Eudy), 3:50.81; 2. Wayne (Jacob Barnes, Jordan Holland, Nick Martin, Steven Ogg), 3:55.24; 3. Plymouth (Adam Wing, Jack Gruszczyński, Jack Distel, Mike Snyder), 3:57.83. PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 3-2.

### **GYMNASTICS**

**CANTON 141.15** NORTHVILLE 140.925

VAULT: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.4; 2. Makenna Pohl (N), 9.05; 3. Julie Foucher (N), 8.95; 4. (tie) Kaitlyn Burns (C) and Kate Staley (C), 8.8; 6. Jessie Murray (C), 8.7. UNEVEN BARS: 1. Julie Foucher (N), 9.2; 2. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.1; 3. Amy Reynolds (N), 8.9: 4. Makenna Pohl (N), 8.75; 5. Kate Staley (C), 8.7; 6. Jessie Murray (C), 8.6.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Jessie Murray (C), 9.55; 2. Kate Staley (C), 9.1; 3. Amy Reynolds (N), 8.9: 4. Julie Foucher (N), 8.85; 5. Caileigh Deacon (N), 8.8; 6. Kailtyn Burns (C), 8.7. FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.3; 2. Julie Foucher (N), 9.25; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 9.15: 4. Amy Reynolds (N), 9.0; 5. Caileigh Deacon

(N), 8.75; 6. Cassidy Winters (N), ALL-AROUND: 1. Julie Foucher (N), 36.25; 2. Alyssa Kelley (C), 36.20; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 36.0; 4. Amy Reynolds (N), 35.0; 5. Kate Staley (C), 34.95; 6. Makenna Pohl (N), 34.55; 7. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 33.40. **CANTON 141.15** 

**TRENTON 128.50** Tuesday at Plymouth H.S. VAULT: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.4; 2. (tie) Kaitlyn Burns (C) and Kate Staley (C), 8.8: 4. Jessie Murray (C). 8.7; 5. Brittany Redmond (T), 8.45; 6. (tie) Chelsea Selden (C) and Lyndsey Abraham (T), 8.3. UNEVEN BARS: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.1; 2. Kate Staley (C), 8.7; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 8.6; 4. Lyndsey Abraham

(T), 8.3; 5. Andrea Houdek (C), 8.15; Chelsea Selden (C), 8.1. BALANCE BEAM: 1. Jessie Murray (C), 9.55; 2. Kate Staley (C), 9.1; 3. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 8.7; 4. Kim Moutgalias (T), 8.5; 5. Alyssa Kelley (C), 8.4; 6. Brittany Redmond (T),

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.3; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 9.15; 3. (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Kaitlyn Burns (C), 8.35; 5. Marisa Markowsky (T), 8.2; 6. Lyndsey Abraham (T), 8.15. ALL-AROUND: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 36.20; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 36.0; 3. Kate Staley (C), 34.95; 4. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 33.40.

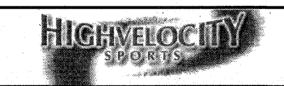
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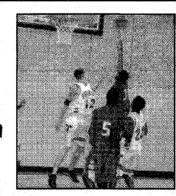


Canton's Jessie Murray placed first on the balance beam with a 9.55 during Tuesday's tri-meet against Trenton and Northville.



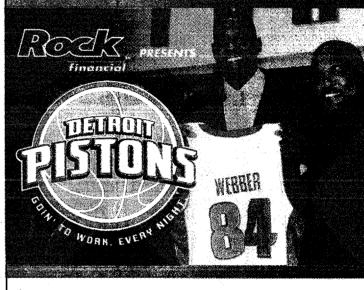
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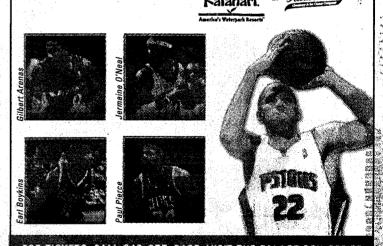
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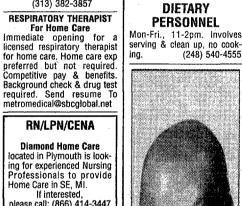
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The Plymouth-Canton Pride 14U Stars took first-place honors Jan. 6-7 at the NSA Cabin Fever Beater tournament at the "The Dome" in Fort Wayne, Ind. The Stars went 4-1 and outscored the competition, 26-12. The victory earned the Stars a berth in the NSA National World Series set for the week of July 22 in Indiana. Pictured (front row from left) are Mariah Tesarz, Kelli Janiczek, Marissa Blassic, Lauren Roberts, Briana Lee, Mary Johnson, (back row from left) coach Kevin Dunleavy, Amanda Burnard, Carolann Sexauer, coach Mike Burnard, Lyndsey Look, Amy Dunleavy, Alyssa Gietl and coach Katie Gietl.

## Plymouth icers blank Patriots

Plymouth's hockey team bounced back from a jarring loss to Canton by upending Livonia Franklin, 5-0, Wednesday night at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

The victory improved the Wildcats to 10-5-2 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The 'Cats' lone divisional loss came Saturday when the cross-campus rival Chiefs handed them a 4-3 setback.

"The win over Franklin was a good bounce-back game for us," said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois. "The kids looked forward instead of worrying about the loss."

"This was one of the few games we've had this year that we didn't have a multiple-goal scorer. It was nice to see the even distribution on the offensive end. And Justin Desilets played well in net, too, with 24 saves.'

Five different players scored goals for the winners, including Connor Dresser, who tallied a power-play goal and one assist in the win. Kyle Rockov, Charlie Webb, Rick Cigile (short-handed) and Brandon Patterson netted the other Plymouth goals.

Franklin was outshot, 34-

Plymouth goalie Justin Desilets made 34 saves, while Franklin's Austin Mesler turned away 19.

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Skate" sessions that will run 30

ey," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "We're not playing as a team. Too much individual play and running around. We also took too many penalties (seven). We're playing almost playing a period short-handed.

SALEM 3, W.L. NORTHERN 3: On Tuesday, the Rocks received goals from Kurt Driscoll, Mike Haburne and Aaron Markwell and a strong game in goal. from Ralph Aspenwall, who registered 22 saves.

The Knights jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first period thanks to goals from Al Harvey and Michael Roberts. The Rocks cut the deficit in half on Driscoll's goal from Tony Garbarino with 3:01 left in the first period.

Salem secured a temporary 3-2 advantage with secondperiod goals from Haburne and Markwell. Haburne was assisted by Joel Cheesman and Markwell.

Northern tied the game with just three seconds left on Harvey's second goal of the game.

Northern goalie Ed Hojnacki stopped 27 shots. PCS 4, G.P. NORTH 3: The

Penguins bolted to a 4-1 lead before yielding a pair of thirdperiod goals to the visiting Norsemen in a Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League contest played Friday night at the Arctic Edge in Canton. Plymouth-Canton-Salem

# Important issues discussed at Bowling Congress meeting

he second annual meeting of the Metro Detroit U.S.

Bowling Congress was staged last Sunday at the Shriners Auditorium in Southfield. This is the largest local association of the USBC in the nation and carries

the most clout at the national conventions (scheduled for this year in Knoxville, Tenn.).

Currently

there are 72,059 adult and 5,608

youth members

in the Detroit

Ten Pin Alley

Harrison

In all, approximately 59,000 awards for bowling

achievements were handed out by the local association during the past year. Libbi Fletcher serves as presi-

dent of the Metro Detroit chapter has done a stellar job during its inaugural year of operation under the umbrella of the USBC. The nominations for office

were taken by voting ballots during the meeting with Gerald DeRuiter selected as First Vice-President. He is currently serving as Vice-President of the Metro Detroit USBC Board of Directors. Michael De Rousie of Livonia

and Douglas Moye of Farmington Hills were also among those elected to the board.

On Jan. 10, Dave Riger of Farmington Hills rolled his first certified 300 game in the Jewish War Veterans League at Drakeshire Lanes. He had previously bowled four 300s, but only in practice.

It just proves that practice makes perfect.

Riger collected a pair of 299s previously in official league play. Dave also had to fill out the USBC award forms and send it into himself because he is also the secretary of the league.

His mother, Frayda Riger, enjoyed watching her son bowl. Dave asked her before the 12th shot: "Which pin will I leave standing?" he asked.

She replied, "none," and she was quite right.

Dave is the same guy whose voice listeners hear when you tune on WDFN Sports Talk

■ I'll take one Cadillac, two Lincolns and an Aston-Martin please. The Michigan State Lottery has a form available (IRS No. SS-4) for starting up a lottery

My own Sunday Goodtimers League at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills started one last week. The State Lottery office has the right forms available, complete with instructions for getting started.

Twenty-three of the 40 bowlers in this league are participating over the next 15 weeks until the end of the 2006-07 season.

With 23 club members paying \$2 each week, we are able to purchase one of each Big Money ball, thus reducing the odds.

This has nothing at all to do with the bowling. It's simply because we are a large enough group and a non-profit organization, it looks like we can all get rich quick.

If we do happen to win the big one, I will buy everyone a beer (or ginger ale). I will also let you readers know how it worked out three months from now. So far we have won \$6 after the first

two weeks. ■ The honor scores keep piling up at the Mayflower Senior Classic. Last Wednesday, Jesse Macciocco, 74, of Canton, has joined the 300 shooters list with a 782 series

It was the fifth perfect game in his career.

Jack Dahlstrom had the dubious honor of receiving the Jack Dahlstrom Award himself, presented to him by league secretary Ted Kress.

This award, which Dahlstrom created last season, is awarded to a bowler who scores at least 100 pins less than his previous game.

The three senior leagues will be competing for prize money in the annual Senior Leagues Tournament beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at Mayflower Lanes.

The tourney is a spin-off from the Senior/Youth Challenge, which was dropped last year because there not enough bowlers in the Saturday youth leagues. The new management is rebuilding the youth program and it is likely that the Senior/Youth event will resume next season.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a member of the Bowling Writers association of America. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839; or e-mail: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.

### Greyhounds drop Whalers, 5-2 The Plymouth Whalers period lamp-lighters followed od. Plymouth net-minder

dropped a 5-2 decision to the Soo Greyhounds Friday night in a Ontario Hockey League game played in Sault Ste. Marie.

The game was knotted at 2all after the first period, however, the Greyhounds took control with a pair of secondby one in the third.

Plymouth led 1-0 on James Neal's goal that was assisted by Evan Brophey and Wes Cunningham. With the game tied at 1-all, the Whalers' Dan Collins scored off helpers from Chris Terry and Zack Shepley with 3:19 left in the first peri-

Jeremy Smith stopped eight shots before getting pulled for Mike Neuvirth with 1:02 left in the second. Neuvirth stopped four third-period

Kyle Gajewski was stellar between the pipes for the winners, stopping 23 shots.

### **SPORTS BRIEFS**

### **FREE-THROW CONTEST**

Boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2007 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be

held today at 1:30 p.m., at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, which is located at 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton.

The championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. Last year nearly 179,000 youngsters participated in more than 3,000 local competitions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information, contact Lou Brotchner at (734) 453-7684. Pre-registration will be available at St. Thomas a'Becket after all weekend masses up until Jan. 21.

### **BASEBALL SIGN-UPS**

Registration for the 2007 Canton Little League will be held Feb. 17, 2007, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran School, 1309 Penniman Ave. in Plymouth (a quarter-mile east of Sheldon).

The leagues offered will be: Minors (7-10 year-olds); Majors (11-12); and Juniors (13-14).

The league is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents. Proof of residency and a birth certificate are necessary at the time of registration.

For more information, visit www.cantonlittleleague.org; or send an e-mail to info@cantonlittleleague.net.

### **PLYMOUTH REC**

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is currently offering the following youth sports programs:

improved to 8-0-1 while

"It was a pretty big win for

us against a very good team,"

said PCS coach Eric Mink.

"They just got their leading

scorer back from an injury, so

we knew it wasn't going to be

easy. They're good enough to

go all the way this year, so to

beat a team like that is nice."

the Penguins' offense with a

Kowalski, who stopped 22

shots.

Katie Zimmerman sparked

hat trick. Defensively, the win-

ners were led by goalie Kristie

Adrienne Cercone staked

the Penguins to a 1-0 lead 15

seconds into the game after

securing a pass from Nikki

Songer. North's Sarah Hughes

knotted the game at 1-all with

2:54 left in the second period.

Zimmerman then netted

three straight lamp-lighters,

remaining in the middle peri-

od off an assist by Edra Burris

the result of a perfectly exe-

Cercone with 13:53 left in the

and Kelsey Nikkila registered

helpers on Zimmerman's final

"We were outshot tonight,

but the girls hung in there,"

returns to the ice Saturday against Livonia Ladywood,

which also holds an 8-0-1

game. Stephanie Matusiak

the first coming with 1:10

and Kara Bongiovanni. Zimmerman's second goal was

cuted give-and-go with

goal at the 10:33 mark.

said Mink, whose team

North slipped to 7-3.

Lacrosse for boys and girls in grades 3rd through 8th is available for the spring of

The season will run from mid-April through mid-June with all practices and games played mostly on mid-week nights. Registration will run through January on a firstcome, first-served basis.

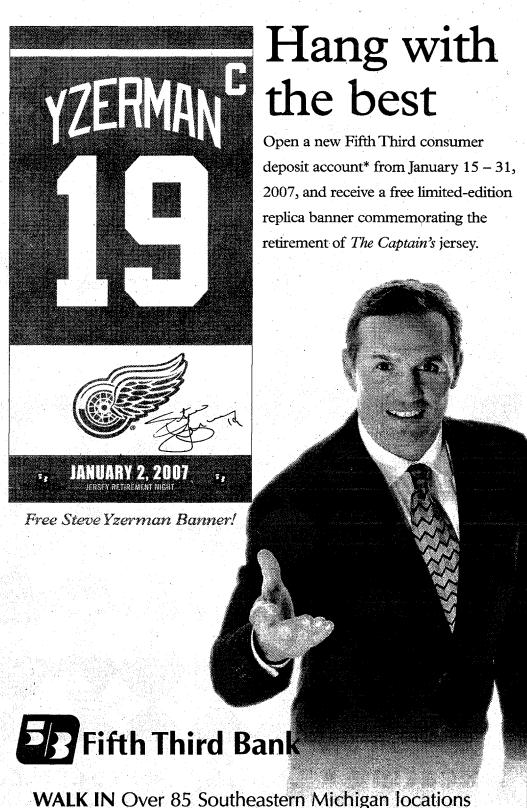
Spring youth soccer registration will run throughout January at the recreation office, which is located at 525 Farmer in downtown Plymouth. The office is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All first-time registrants need to supply a birth certificate. For more information, call (734) 455-6620 or visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

### **2007 SPRING SOCCER**

Spring 2007 registration is under way through Sunday, Feb. 18, for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League for both its recreational and premier teams (ages 5 through high school).

Late fees start Sunday, Jan. 21. Forms are available at either the Westland Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, or the Wayne Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road.

Locations for new fields have been created through Wayne Recreation until the Central City Park complex has been deemed safe. Call (734) 467-5260 or visit www.wwslsoccer.com.



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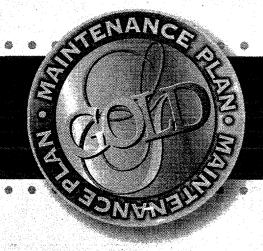
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## Mindful eating, late snacking and plateaus

any people find comfort in food. Comfort eaters tend to skip meals Comtort eaters tend to correct or overeat, or focus on other tasks while eating. Comfort eaters turn to food to address negative emotional issues. Often, such eaters aren't fully aware of their behavior. Emotions or situations may trigger some people to eat even when they are not hungry.

Losing weight successfully requires having the proper



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mindset. In order to avoid comfort eating, it's important to be aware of your eating behavior at all times. Do you think about how hungry you are when you eat? Is it time for lunch or dinner? If

not, you may just need a snack. Or you may just be feeling a craving that will pass. Try drinking some water

and then see if you're still hungry Also, consider your feelings. Maybe you're thinking about food because you're bored, upset, angry or stressed. Try addressing any emotional issues first. For example, participate in a leisure activity, such as a relaxing bath or listening to music. Then decide if

you're feeling physically hungry. When you do eat in response to hunger, take time to focus on your meal and avoid distractions. Pay attention to your food selections and portions, and enjoy your meal. Be aware of your body's signals telling you when you're full, so eat to satisfaction rather than

Lots of mindless eating happens after dark. Do you, like many people, look forward to that moment in the evening when you get to kick up your feet and relax? If so, you might find nighttime munchies a part of your daily routine.

Do you feel as though you cannot sit down and relax without a snack? There are some measures you can take to break the habit of late-night snacking on high-fat/high-calorie foods. Try eating more frequently throughout the day. Aim for five to six small meals/snacks per day to help curb your appetite.

Also, if you don't have junk food around the house, there won't be any for you to eat late at night. When you go grocery shopping, choose healthy snacks and bypass the junk. Keep lowfat snacks such as fresh fruits and vegetables, pretzels and reduced-fat string cheese sticks on hand. Remember, it only takes an extra 100 calories a day to put on 10 pounds in a year.

Take up a hobby or become involved in some other activity while relaxing in front of the television. Work on arts and crafts, play with a pet or have a significant other or friend give you a massage. Breaking the habit of late-night snacking by developing new healthy habits is a measure that will certainly help you take off those extra pounds.

If you're exercising to help you lose weight, congratulations. However, even though you have a great exercise routine and you're sticking to it, you may eventually hit a plateau.

It's natural for our bodies to adjust to any routine over time, whether it's eating the same foods or doing the same exercises all the time. So it may be necessary to change your routine in order to boost your body back into weight

In general, you should probably change your routine about every six weeks, and you can change it in a variety of ways.

One way is by changing the duration of your program. For example, try adding an extra five or 10 minutes to your session. Or try adding or changing the days you exercise.

Changing the intensity of your exercise might also help. For example, try increasing or decreasing weights for strength training. Or try walking instead of jogging.

Of course, trying a whole new activity is also an option. Maybe you would like to try aerobics, join a martial arts class, or try yoga.

Don't be discouraged if your weight loss progress has slowed down even though you're eating right and staying active. Your body may just need a little change to keep things going.

Linda Aubuchon is the owner of Diet Center of Canton, a provider of personalized weight loss solutions. She can be reached via e-mail at Linda@DietCenterofCanton.com or by phone at (734) 414-9200.

# EVETVOIR'S Reading

## 'Arc of Justice' opens discussion of area's race history

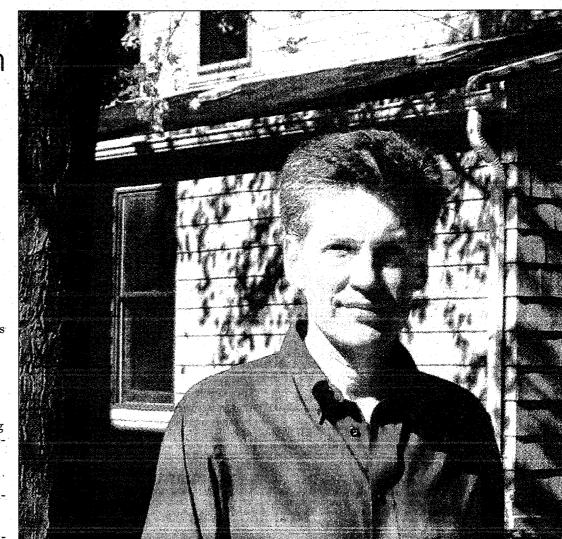
BY HUGH GALLAGHER

Kevin Boyle says he's always been drawn to stories about working people, the labor movement and immigrants.

"I like being in the street," he

In 2004, Boyle's dramatic history of a pivotal event in civil rights history vividly took readers to the violent streets of 1920s Detroit. Boyle's Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age is now the centerpiece for the Detroit area's sixth annual Everyone's Reading program. Libraries throughout the area are focusing on Boyle's book and the still relevant issues it raises about race relations in Detroit and the

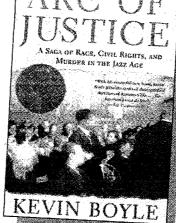
The National Book Award winner for non-fiction in 2004 tells the story of Ossian Sweet, a black doctor who moved his fam-



PLEASE SEE READING, C5 Kevin Boyle grew up in the Detroit area. His book Arc of Justice won the National Book Award

## **Events** explore the themes of 'Arc of Justice'

Twenty public libraries from the tri-county are participating in this year's Everyone's Reading including — for the first time — the Detroit Public Library. Numerous events are planned concerning the issues raised by Kevin Boyle's Arc of Justice, a history of the Ossian Sweet murder case of 1925.



Kevin Boyle's Arc of Justice won the 2004 National Book Award.

Boyle, an Ohio State University professor, with a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Detroit and a doctorate from the University of Michigan, will visit local libraries in February and April.

His appearances in Observer & Eccentric communities are:

■ 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills 7 p.m. Monday, April 16, at the Baldwin Public

Library, 300 W. Merrill St., Birmingham ■ 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, Southfield Public Library,

26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, Canton Public Library.

1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Events will include book discussion groups, movie

PLEASE SEE EVENTS, C5

## How an idea went from column to community

Sarah Ormond, adult services librarian at the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, knew that choosing a book for Everyone's Reading in 2007 would be a big task.

The 2006 selection, a non-fiction book about diving, had drawn more participants than expected into the annual adult reading program offered by many libraries in the tri-county

"Who'd think you'd get a bunch of women to read about scuba diving and World War II wrecks?" Ormond said, adding that last year's book, Shadow Divers, was unexpectedly

"very popular." We thought we'd have large shoes to fill here."

Luckily, Ormond had read a column by Observer managing editor Hugh Gallagher in December 2005 and immediately e-mailed the other Everyone's Reading committee members. The group, made up of librarians from participating libraries in the tri-county area, annually chooses one book for the program.

In his column about communitywide reading programs, Gallagher proposed Arc of Justice, by Kevin Boyle, as a "high school read for the metro Detroit area."

The nonfiction work tells the story

of a black doctor who moved his family to a working class white section of Detroit in 1925. Gallagher pointed out that Boyle "describes the elements that have helped create our sadly divided and antagonistic metro area."

"It is a book that every high school student should read, discuss, understand, to appreciate why the place they call home is what it is," Gallagher wrote. "It's a good read and an important one as well."

That's all Ormond and her committee needed to know.

They contacted Boyle, told him about Gallagher's column and the author agreed to participate in Everyone's Reading 2007.

"I really think that Hugh Gallagher's column was so important ... it convinced a group of librarians . and it convisioned the author," Ormond said.

She said the committee members all knew of Boyle's book, but hadn't necessarily read it when they contacted the author.

"I recommended it without having read it," Ormond said.

They're glad they began planning the 2007 program more than a year ahead of time, given the popularity of last year's book.

- Sharon Dargay

## Dance the night away while helping domestic violence victims

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Brian Duggan is a hero to the women and children of First Step. Last year, his charity dance raised \$42,000 to help provide shelter and services for domestic violence victims. Frequently, they leave home abruptly to escape the battering.

"What would we say to families at police stations in the middle of the night if First Step's shelter beds went away," asks Theresa Bizoe, the nonprofit organization's associate director. "It's important we're here even if the family just needs us for a couple of nights."

Bizoe is uncertain about the reason for the 25-percent increase in women seeking shelter last year, but says tough economic times

generally lead to more violence. The 17th annual Charity Dance and Casino Night is 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster, Livonia. The evening begins with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres followed by dessert and pizza. There's always plenty of dancing to the music of Steve King & The Dittilies. For those who like to gamble, the casino portion of the dance runs from 7:30 p.m. to

Tickets are \$40 and sold only in advance. For more information, call (734) 422-4333.

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PLEASE SEE FIRST STEP, C9 First Step supporters danced the night away at last year's benefit.

### **AROUND TOWN**

Princess ball The Northville Parks and Recreation Department hosts the Princess Ball 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, for girls ages 3 and older and their dads. The event takes place at the Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline in Northville. Register by going to the parks and recreation office, 700 W. Baseline. Cost is \$10, and each little princess gets a gift bag, cookies and crafts. For more information, call Cheryl Mudd, (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411.

### Open house/science fair

St. Sebastian Catholic School in Dearborn Heights hosts an open house and science fair 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28. The school is also accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year for students in preschool through eighth grade. The school is located at 20700 Colgate. For more information, call (313) 563-6640.

### Vegas Night

Notre Dame Prep/Marist Academy Pontiac campus is holding a Vegas Night featuring Texas Hold 'em, poker, craps, blackjack and more to raise money for the school. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. Admission \$25 at the

### door, 1300 Giddings Road, Pontiac. **Bariatric seminars**

The Michigan Bariatric Institute at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia hosts a free educational seminar about gastric bypass, adjustable gastric banding and sleeve gastrectomy 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 or Wednesday. Feb. 24, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile (at Levan) in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-2693.

### Winter garage sale

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Sts. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church Ladies Auxiliary hosts its seventh-annual Winter Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with a bag sale 3-4 p.m.) Saturday, Feb. 24 at Sts. Peter & Paul Banquet Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly (between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill) in Dearborn Heights. For more information visit www.spproc.org

### Egg-citing science

Crack Open "EGG-citing" Science at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum's March Sciencepalooza Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4. For March's Sciencepalooza, visitors can "egg-splore" the many uses of the egg. Sciencepalooza is a special themed event held the first weekend of every month at the Ann Arbor

### activity hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 995-5439 for more information. Fibromvalgia workshop

Hands-On Museum. Sciencepalooza

The National Wellness Foundation hosts a free fibromyalgia workshop at the Carl Sandburg Library 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31. To register, call (248) 426-0201.

### **Waste to Watts**

The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

### Candyland Extravaganza

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department hosts the "Candyland Extravaganza" 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, for children 3- to 8-years-old. The event takes place at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main in Northville. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the recreation department office, 700 W. Baseline. For more information, call the parks and recreation department, (248) 349-0203.

### VNA seeks volunteers

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's hospice program needs compassionate volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. In as little as two-to-four hours per week volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office

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support. A free 15-hour comprehensive training program is provided. The next training session is February 10, 17 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, For more information or to register, call (800) 882-5720, Ext.

### 8361 or visit www.vna.org Career development scholarship

The Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is now accepting applications for a "Career Development" Scholarship" to recognize and support women entering or re-entering the work force or seeking to advance their careers. Candidates seeking application forms should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club, Career Development Scholarship Committee, 34030 Fountain Blvd., Westland, MI 48185. Completed applications are due postmarked by Jan. 31. For more information, call Amy Allen, (734) 522-1603. **Genealogical society** 

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets with a help session at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell. A panel discussion will be conducted on "Self Publishing Your Family History." The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745. Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

### **Hospice training**

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers

provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

### **Literacy Council tutors**

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

### Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza, For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

### **Grief support**

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

### CLUBS

### Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural: Center, 525 Farmer, New members are always welcome. Call Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., at (734) 455-6620.

**Plymouth Newcomers** Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or

### robertplusjanet@aol.com Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. Call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

### **MOPS** meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. Call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

### Mosaic

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007** 

7:00 PM

(734) 453-1234

Downtown Parking

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and

services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes

of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to

individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street

Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

may be made by writing or calling the following:

PUBLIC HEARING: Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has smallgroup discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church. 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

### LEGAL NOTICE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE **FEBRUARY 27, 2007** PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SPECIAL ELECTION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PLEASE NOTE: that January 29, 2007, is the last day to register for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Special Election to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. Registration for Plymouth Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 9955 Haggerty Road, or at any Secretary of State Office. The Clerk's Office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during regular office hours a call to the Clerk can set up a convenient time for the resident. Township Clerk's phone number is (734) 354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: January 21, 2007

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE PETITION OF RICHARD GARY LUNSFORD TO ADOPT AMANDA LEIGH PRICE AND CHANGE OF NAME TO AMANDA LEIGH LUNSFORD

Case # 07-A-2

### ORDER FILING PETITION FOR ADOPTION AND SETTING HEARING

On the 10th day of January, 2007 came the Petitioner, Richard Gary Lunsford, by counsel, Aaron C. Amore, with a Petition for adoption of Amanda Leigh Price and change of name to Amanda Leigh Lunsford.

The Court finds the requirements of West Virginia Law have been met as the petition is proper in form. It is therefore accordingly ADJUDGED and ORDERED that the petition be filed.

It is ordered that this matter shall come on for a hearing on the t day of March, 2007 @ the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. It is further ordered that a home study is not necessary since the

adoptive parent is the stepfather of Amanda Leigh Price and Amanda's mother, Veronica Lunsford has signed an Irrevocable Consent to Adopt.

The Clerk shall enter the foregoing order as of this date and shall send attested copies to all counsel of record and pro se parties.

PLANNING COMMISSION

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** 

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110

of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the

Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold

a Public Hearing on Monday, February 5, 2007 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section

WTUA LOWER ROUGE EXPANSION SPECIAL LAND USE -CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATION & BASIN (ESSENTIAL SERVICES) AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 21A.02B FOR PARCEL NO. 099 99 0001 705. Property is located east of

27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

Thomas Steptoe

Affirmed by:

Aaron C. Amore ID #6455 Kratovil & Amore P.L.L.C. 211 W. Washington Street Charles Town, WV 25414

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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at

the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing

upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services

should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road

Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 6A.11, 6A.17, 6A.23 AND 6A.25 RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE LEGIBILITY AND MINIMUM REQUIRED LETTER SIZES FOR GROUND SIGNS, REFERENCING THE SIGN BONUS PROVISIONS FOR WALL SIGN AREA AND CLARIFYING CORNER LOT BONUSES.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., prior to February 2, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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**FEBRUARY 27, 2007 ELECTION** FOR THE PLYMOUTH/CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that JANUARY 29, 2007, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Plymouth Canton Community School Election to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. Registrations will be accepted at the

1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can also be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerks' Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registration will be accepted postmarked by January 29, 2007.

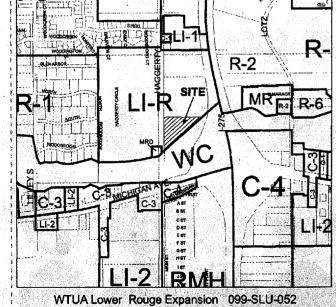
office of the Canton Township Clerk,

Terry G. Bennett Clerk

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

### **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE** CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

Z 07-01 801 Harding

Non-Use Variance Requested Attached Garage Distance to Main House Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Peter M. Karr

Z 07-02 520 S. Main Street

Non-Use Variance Requested Parking Zoned: B-2, Central Business Applicant: The Shops of Main Street, LLC

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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IN RE: THE PETITION OF RICHARD GARY LUNSFORD TO ADOPT BRANDON THOMAS PRICE AND CHANGE OF NAME TO BRANDON EVAN LUNSFORD

Case # 07-A-1

### ORDER FILING PETITION FOR ADOPTION AND SETTING HEARING

On the 10th day of January, 2007 came the Petitioner, Richard Gary Lunsford, by counsel, Aaron C. Amore, with a Petition for adoption of Brandon Thomas Price and change of name to Brandon Evan Lunsford.

The Court finds the requirements of West Virginia Law have

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It is further ordered that a home study is not necessary since the adoptive parent is the stepfather of Brandon Thomas Price and Brandon's mother, Veronica Lunsford has signed an Irrevocable Consent to Adopt.

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> Thomas Steptoe JUDGE

Affirmed by:

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### **Links West Red Hatters give back**

Members of the Red Hat Society at Links West Pheasant Run in Canton embody the spirit of the society - "fun after age fifty." But while having fun, the group has also remembered to give back to the larger global community. The Canton group has adopted a 10-year-old Central American child. The Red Hatters contribution provides an education for the fifth-grade student in Belize. The Links West Red Hatters are pictured here after a recent luncheon outing. The local group, which was founded by Shirley Barthold and Connie Slazinski, enjoys monthly day outings to theaters, restaurants, festivals, concerts and picnics. Founder of The Red Hat Society is "Queen Mother" Sue Ellen Cooper of Fullerton, California. "We believe silliness is the comedy relief of life and since we are all in it together, we might as well join red-gloved hands and go for the gusto together," said Cooper. "Underneath the frivolity, we share a bond of affection, forged by common life experiences and a genuine enthusiasm for wherever life takes us next." To find out more about The Red Hat Society go to www.redhatsociety.com.

### LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the library's list of best-sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

### **FICTION**

- 1. "For One More Day," Mitch
- 2. "The Hunters," W.E.B. Griffin
- 3. "Cross," James Patterson 4. "Next," Michael Crichton
- 5. "Shadow Dance," Julie Garwood

### **NON-FICTION**

1. "The Audacity of Hope,"

- Barack Obama 2. "The Innocent Man," John
- Grisham 3. "Marley & Me," John Grogan
- 4. "The God Delusion," Richard Dawkins
- 5. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron

### **PARENT'S CHOICE**

### **NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE** BOOKS

- 1. "Snow is My Favorite and My Best," Lauren Child
- 2. "The Scarves," Daniela
- Bunge 3. "Snow Sounds," David
- Johnson 4. "Sally's Snow Adventure,"
- Stephen Huneck 5. "Snow," Joan Clark

Please recycle this newspaper

## Send a singing valentine to your sweetie

Nothing says you care like a Singing Valentine. A barbershop quartet from the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society will serenade your sweetheart at home, at work, or anywhere else you choose in the Wayne, Dearborn, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, or Northville areas.

In addition to the Valentine serenade of two love songs, your special person will receive a red rose and a personalized Valentine's Day card.

The vocalists will even deliver your special personal gift if you wish.

The cost for a Singing Valentine is \$40. If you wish to present the Singing Valentine in person by singing with the quartet, the cost is only \$20.

Call (734) 467-9681 or (734) 422-7468 to schedule the delivery between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 14, or send an e-mail to Valentines@WeSingBarbershop.com.

Orders will be taken up to Feb. 12.

## Author to present lecture on Michigan Shadow Towns

Multimedia presentations, based on the book Michigan Shadow Towns, continue in Livonia 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, before moving on to other venues in the metro Detroit area and outstate.

Presented by the Friends of Livonia Public Library, the show features a lecture by Michigan Shadow Towns author Gene Scott. Admission is free.

The 45-minute show is based on the book which tells of the decline and survival stories of 128 smaller Michigan communities in 64 counties. Michigan Shadow Towns was selected as a Library of Michigan Notable Book of 2006. Livonia is one of nearly 400 libraries in the state which received copies of the book under a Michigan Humanities Council grant. The book project was cosponsored by the Livonia and Redford historical societies.

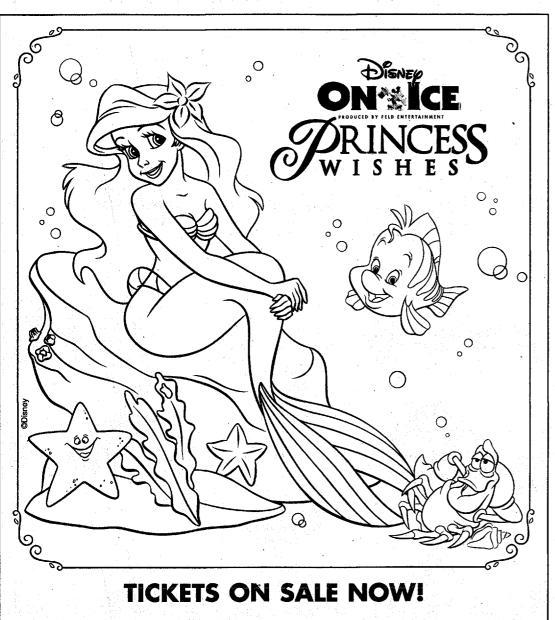
For more information on the Jan. 21 show, call the Friends of Livonia Library at (248) 474-7213. For information on the book or to obtain a copy, call (734) 523-7844.

## Comic book show returns

The X-Trava Con Comic Book, Toy, and Non-Sport Card Show returns 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Farmington Hills.

Admission is \$3. The show features a large selection. For more information, call (248) 426-8059 or visit www.motorcityconventions.com.





Contest courtesy of Observer & Eccentric

### HERE'S HOW TO ENTER:

Color the picture and mail this bottom portion for your chance to WIN tickets to see Disney On Ice presents Princess Wishes. No purchase necessary to enter or win. Disney is neither a sponsor nor an endorser of this contest. Send in the bottom portion by Sun. FEB. 18. Winners will be announced in the paper on Thu. FEB. 22. Twelve winners get a Family Four-Pack of Tickets to the Thu. MAR. 1 ★ 7:30 PM performance!

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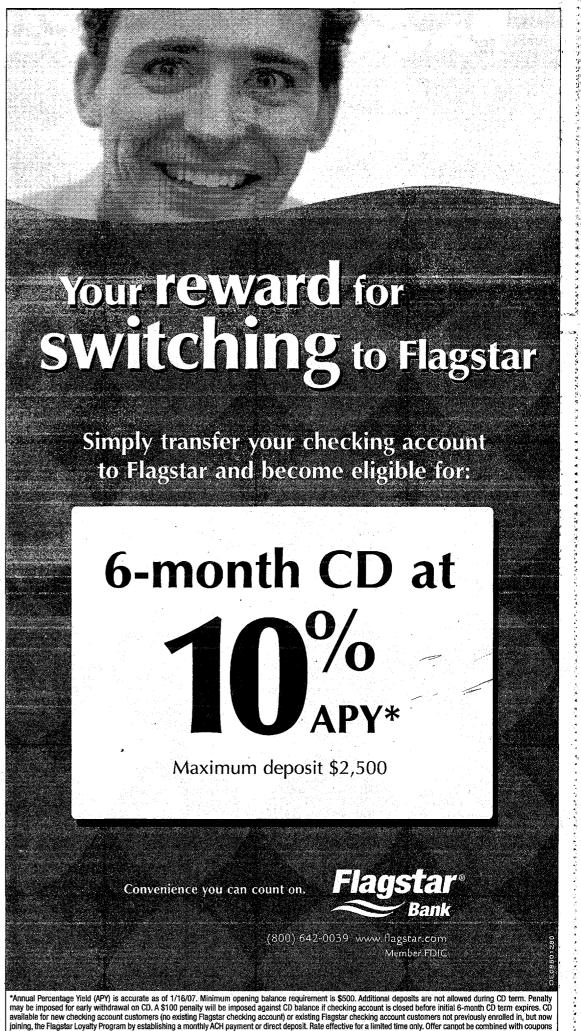
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Mail entries to: Disney On Ice Contest c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Road Livonia, MI 48150

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www.disneyonice.com



### **ANNIVERSARY**

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, January 21, 2007

### Kucharczyks celebrate

40th anniversary

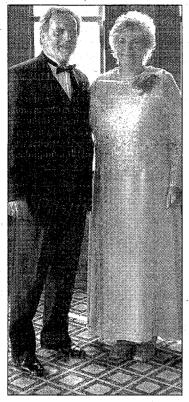
Jack and Mary Ann Kucharczyk, of Livonia will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Jan. 21.

They were married at St. John Cantius Church in Detroit on Jan. 21, 1967.

They celebrated at their reception with over 1,000 of their family and friends.

They are much loved by their two children, Keith and Kimberlyn (Cihangir), two grandchildren, Lauren and Seth, and their four-legged friends Maggie, Charlie, Riggins, Puck, and Lulu.

Jack retired from Chrysler in 2001 after 35 years of service, and Mary Ann continues to be a full-time homemaker. They plan to celebrate their anniversary at a dinner hosted by their children.



### Wyzywany-Swingle

Lisa Wyzywany of Livonia and Blake Swingle of Milan were married Oct. 13, 2006, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with the Rev. Edmond L. Ertzbischoff officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Karen Wyzywany of Livonia. She is a 1998 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in elementary education. She is teaching in Plymouth-Canton and Romulus schools.

The groom is the son of Carol Swingle and Jim Swingle of Ann Arbor. He is a 1993 graduate of Milan High School. He is currently working as a chef at Thee Irish Pub Restaurant at Metro Airport.

The bride was attended by maid of honor Cheryl Wyzywany and bridesmaids. Kim Walker, Barb Faltisco,

### WEDDING



Kristen Simor and Lindsay Hyland.

The groom was attended by best man Ryan Pietruk and groomsmen Scott Swingle, Matt Synder, Michael Wyzywany and Jack Swingle.

A reception was held at Weber's Inn of Ann Arbor. The couple honeymooned at the **Dreams Resort in Puerto** Vallarta,

They are making their home in Belleville.

### **ENGAGEMENTS**

### Taube-Murray

James and Mary Ann Taube of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynn Taube, to Kevin John Murray of Ypsilanti.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as a social worker.

The prospective groom is the son of John and Ann Murray of Ypsilanti. He is studying criminology at Eastern Michigan University and is employed at Domino's Farms.

A July 28, 2007, wedding is



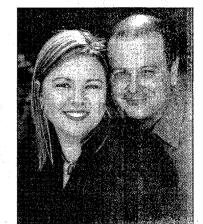
planned for St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City

### Seifert-Rea

Kurt and Joanne Seifert of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Karrie Lynn Seifert of Livonia, to Jack Joseph Rea of Ann Arbor, the son of Jack and Pamela Rea of Canton.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Michigan State University in 2000, her teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University in 2002 and a master's degree in teaching from Madonna University in 2006. She is a science teacher at Northville High School.

The prospective groom is an Aquinas High School graduate who attended Ferris State. He



is self-employed in Michigan A June 23, 2007 wedding is Wayne, with a reception to fol-

### Truck Parts, a family business. planned at St. Mary's in low at the Dearborn Inn.

### **SINGLES**

### Moon-dusters

Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Ladies - date style clothes, gentlemen - jackets and ties, for more information, call Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197.

**Bethany Suburban West** Volunteer Night

Monday, Jan. 29. Call Michele for details at (313)996-8644.

### **Metropolitan Single Professionals** Join our E-mail list at

www.mspsc.com for special events. Information (248) 544-6445. Office (248) 851-9919 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Anytime 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills.

Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/non-members.

Volleyball Anvtime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and

fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.



# BUDGERBE

Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

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### ROBERT ANDERSON

Age 85, Toolmaker, Business Owner, died January 7th 2007 at PontiacOsteopathic Hospital. Mr. Anderson is survived by two loving sisters Mary Lane Zell and Patricia Rzemien, four children: Jeanine Anderson, Dennis (Debbie) Anderson, Mark (Sharon) Anderson, & Kenneth Anderson. Seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service, mass and lunch will be held at St. Regis Catholic Church w/ Father Peter Fennessy and Father Norocki presiding on Wednesday Jan. 31st . Memorial Service will be at 10:00 a.m., mass at 11:00 and lunch immediately after. St Regis is located on Lasher Rd. at Lincoln in Bloomfield MI. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to Angela Hospice, Sobriety House, Manresa Capital Campaign or St. Regis Catholic Capital campaign.

### JAMES A.V.F. ALDRIDGE

Of Bloomfield Hills, MI; passed away at 88 years of age January 15, 2007. Loving husband of 60 years. Father of three sons and grandfather of four. Enlisted combat veteran of WWII. Retired as an Air Force Major. He retired from Ford Motor Co. as an engmeer at 70 years of age. A private family service will be held at his home town in Mississippi.

### DR. GEORGE **BRECKENRIDGE BEARD** Professor Emeritus of

Physics at Wayne State Physics L. University, resident L. Michigan since Michigan MI) (formerly of Southfield, MI) passed away Jan. 15, 2007 at the age Born in Marblehead, Massachusetts on Feb. 22, 1924. He graduated from Fairport (N.Y.) High School in 1941. He served in the US Army Air Corps during WWII and graduated from Harvard University in 1947. He earned his Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics from the University of Michigan. He married Eveline Roehling on Jan. 29, 1955 in Ann Arbor. He was a professor of Physics at Michigan State University until 1960. He was preceded in death by both his wife and his daughter Louisa Ann in 1998. He is survived by his brother Richard PhD (Marilyn), sons Kevin PhD (Loretta), William (Jean), Glenn, Randall (Kathleen), son-inlaw Keith McDonald, and grandchil-Kaitlin, Daniel, McDonald, Jessica, Katherine, Michael, Nicholas, and TessaMarie. Services were held Saturday, January 20, 2007 at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak. A donation may be made in his memory to any college scholarship fund.



### **EVELYN A. JONES**

of Troy, Michigan died on 2007 at Evergreen Health and Living Center. She was a graduate of Highland Park High School, the Highland Park Junior College and the University of Michigan, where she earned a Baccalaureate and a Master's Degree. She served as a Wave Officer in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946 at the Naval Air Station at Anacostia, Washington D.C. Miss Jones was employed by the Highland Park Board of Education for 41 years as a teacher and administrator. She was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, the University Of Michigan Alumni Association and the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. Miss Jones has no immediate family, but is survived by many dear friends No services are planned at her request.

### FLORENCE M. MURRAY

Age 71. January 18, 2007. Loving mother of Karen, Terrie, Gerry, Mark, David, Denise and Gloria. Cherished grandmother of 17; great-grandmother of one. Dear sister of Mary and Gloria. Funeral Mass Tuesday 11 AM (In-state 10:30 AM) at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road, Farmington, Visitation Monday, 3-9 PM, Rosary 7 PM at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Avenue, downtown Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

### JEROME T. O'CONNOR

Age 75, of Howell, former 25 year resident of Livonia. Mr. O'Connor passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2007 at his home in Howell following an extended illness. He was born June 3. 1931 in Detroit, the son of Daniel and Hanna O'Connor. On October 13, 1951 he was married to Marie Mayotte in Detroit and they moved from Livonia to Brighton in 1995. Mrs. O'Connor preceded him in death on September 12, 1995. Surviving are two children: Diane (Mark) Walters of Howell and Danny (Rachel Culp-O'Connor of Howell; grandsons Eric Walters of Huntington Beach, California, Ryan Walters of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, and Brett Walters, Elliott O'Connor and Elmo O'Connor, all of Howell; and three sisters: Rita Rom, Josephine DeMarois, and Patsy Hildebrand. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service and Irish wake will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2007 at the home of Diane Walters, 3343 Brighton Howell, Michigan, 48843. Memorial contributions in Jerry's name are requested to Mother Waddles Mission in Detroit and please contact them at 313-393-0045 for donation instructions. The family was served by Keehn Funeral Home in Brighton.



### ANDREW THOMAS SURBER

We will forever celebrate the life of Andrew Thomas Surber. He was the loving son of Susan and William and brother of Will and David. Andrew died suddenly while teaching English to middle school students in the Zhejiang Province of China. After graduating from Seaholm High School, Andrew continued his education at Northern Arizona University and pursued international studies at Technical University, Prague and Robert Schumann University Strasbourg, France. His unbridled curiosity, extraordinary wanderlust and boundless energy impacted all of those who knew him. Andrew's family and friends from around the world miss him, his unfailing kindness and keen sense of humor. He lived his life to the fullest doing the things he loved - skating, snowboarding, rock climbing, gardening, and making friends while traveling. The service celebrating Andrew's life was held at New River Gorge, West Virginia, overlook-ing the cliffs where he spent his youth rock-climbing. Remembrances may be made to the Andrew Thomas Surber Memorial Fund at The Wellness Center, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48323 or Common Ground/Sanctuary, 1410 South Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

### In Memory Of

### In Loving Memory of MARGARET (PEGGY) EDMONDS

Andrew Edmonds, Brad Edmonds

Who passed away peacefully on January 13, 2007 after a long illness. Beloved wife of 61 years to Ted (Edwin). Loving mother to Leslyann (Don) Wisch, Cheryl Brevik, Michael Deb), and Gary (Rustine). Caring grandmother to Kim (Doug) Maer, rodd Brevik, Craig Brevik, Scott Brevik, Valerie (Doug) Lohse, Nathan (Jamie) Wisch, Darold Edmonds, kyan Edmonds, Tyler Edmonds, and the late Eric Wisch. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Newburg United Methodist Church with Rev. Marcia Wooley officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Cemetery. "May you rest in peace and have a perfect forever".

### Let others know...

When you've lost a loved one, place your notice on our website and in "Passages" ... a directory located in every edition of your hometown newspaper.

Observer & Eccentric Call 1-800-579-7355 As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

### REUNIONS

### **Dearborn Fordson** Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.

### Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn, Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efhs67@yahoo.com **Detroit Chadsey** 

### Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other class mates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski. (989) 366-9288,

### **Detroit Cody** Class of 1957

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites,

Livonia Oct. 5. 2007. Cost is \$95 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD and much more. We extend this invitation to all 50's graduates. Deadline is June 25. Don't miss out.

### Call 800-859-9502 for details. **Detroit Henry Ford** Class of 1967

A 40th reunion will be held 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia. Seeking January, June and summer graduates from 1967. For information, call Ellen (Neihoff) VanderRoest at (248)684-7705 or email chuckandelvan@comcast.net

### **Detroit Holy Redeemer** Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion. Oct. 12, 2007, at O'Kelley KofC Council, Dearborn. In interested in attending or know the whereabouts or former classmates, contact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol.com or phone (734)261 3346

### **Detroit Mackenzie** Class of 1957

Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at (734)425-8278.

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A 45-year reunion will be held in September 2007. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Judy Hull Rakowski at (734) 459-3832 or Judy Spiro Scranton at

### jlscranton@yahoo.com **Detroit Southwestern** Class of 1957

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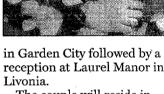
### **Ahwal-Sleeper**

Adib and Rosanne Ahwal of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Marie Ahwal, to Michael James Sleeper of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Divine Child High School and has a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She works for Masco in Taylor.

The prospective groom is the son of James Sleeper of Redford and Patricia Bono of Garden City. He is a 1995 graduate of Redford Union High School. He is employed by Best Buy in Novi.

A May 2007 wedding is planned for St. Raphael Church



The couple will reside in Livonia.

### Hooker-Lampen

Lesley Hooker and Tim Lampen announce their engagement and are planning a March 10 wedding.

Their parents are Harry and Rebecca Hooker of Livonia, and Jim and Donna Lampen of Zeeland.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and is the assistant manager at Staples in Grand Haven.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Davenport University



and is contracted through Tek Systems at Spectrum Health Hospital in Grand Rapids.

### Monk-Stankewich

Robert Monk of Spring Hill, Fla. and Brenda Monk of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter. Valerie Suzanne Monk, to Shawn Michael Stankewich, son of John and Christine Stankewich of Farmington

A December 2007 wedding in Bloomfield Hills is planned.



### **Hulett-Henderson**

Patrick and Catherine Hulett of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Hulett of Canton, to Michael Alexander Henderson, son of the late Priscilla Henderson, Robert Henderson, and wife Lee of Bark River, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of John Glenn High School and is a receptionist for a dentist's office in Novi.

The prospective groom is a 1988 graduate of Bark River-Harris High School. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1988-1994 and is currently working as a controls engineer for ThyssenKrupp Krause, Inc. in Auburn Hills.

### **BIRTHS**

### **Alexander Douglas Pollard** Patrick and Beth Ann

(Tofil) Pollard announce the birth of their son, Alexander Douglas Pollard, on Nov. 6, 2006, in Burnsville, Minn. Both parents are gradu-

ates of Michigan State University. Alexander is their first child. Grandparents are Dr. Charlie and Janet

Pollard of Ludington and Jerry and Barbara Tofil of Canton.

Great grandparents are Eileen and Harvey Pollard of Wilmington, N.C., Kathryn Richardson of Ludington and Catherine Tofil of Livonia.



### **Connor Patrick Hulett**

Steven and Lisa **Hulett of Howell** announce the birth of their son, Connor Patrick Hulett, on Nov. 4, 2006. Both parents are graduates of Westland John



Glenn High School and Eastern Michigan University. Connor was born at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital in Commerce Twp.He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21½ inches long at

Connor's grandparents are Dennis and Laurie Brown of Gladwin, previously from Westland, and Patrick and Catherine Hulett of Canton.



### READING

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ily from Detroit's Black Bottom to a bungalow in a working-class white section of Detroit in 1925.

Sweet realized he would be faced by hostility, as had others before him in other white sections of the city. He, his wife and friends were armed when a white mob formed outside and began throwing rocks. A shot was fired from inside the house and a man was killed. Sweet, his wife, Gladys, and nine others were charged with murder.

The NAACP took on the case as a cause celebre, as it was already pursuing a case for fair housing to the Supreme Court. It hired famous trial lawyer Clarence Darrow to head the defense.

Boyle, an Ohio State University history professor, had written books on labor history.

"I had started teaching courses in civil rights history, enjoyed doing it so much I decided I wanted to write something on civil rights history," he said. "But I didn't want to write about Alabama in the '50s. There were others who had written about that."

### **GREW UP IN DETROIT**

Boyle grew up on the east side of Detroit and was aware of the Sweet case and of Detroit's long history of racial tension.

"I grew up in an all-white neighborhood," he said. "As I was becoming a teenager, it began to change. I saw racial tensions played out at the neighborhood

Boyle began his research with the NAACP papers, but he soon became drawn to the personal history of Sweet and his attempt to rise to respectability and a middleclass lifestyle.

"I visited Barstow, Fla., where he was from, went to Wilberforce University, went to the house on Garland where this took place. I was following Dr. Sweet's path,"

'I had started teaching courses in civil rights history, enjoyed doing it so much I decided I wanted to write something on civil rights history. But I didn't want to write about Alabama in the '50s. There were others who had written about that."

Kevin Boyle, author of Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age

Boyle said.

Boyle's history reads with the emotional and dramatic detail of a novel. He begins with the deadly confrontation of Sept. 8, 1925, and then goes back to tell the story of Sweet that mirrors the story of other hardworking, striving African Americans to make their place in America.

Sweet was representative of a group of African Americans that NAACP leader W.E.B. DuBois called the Talented Tenth. DuBois exhorted this group to take up leadership for others.

"Think of the burden it places on you," Boyle said. "He came from a humble black background. He pushes himself up. The Talented Tenth places an extraordinary burden. You're a representative of your race, a leader of your race. It's not something whites feel - 'Oh, now I'm a doctor so I'm a leader of my race."

Sweet was also a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The AME church put an emphasis on achievement.

What that culture is is the classic American dream. If you work hard, get an education, you can rise as far as your talents take you,' Boyle said. "It dovetails with the

Talented Tenth - as you climb, you have the responsibility of having others follow in your foot-

Boyle said one of the reasons the NAACP took on the case was because the Sweets were respectable, educated people. He said the case was important for the NAACP's black leadership, under James Weldon Johnson, to assert itself.

### **KU KLUX KLAN**

White residents in the city of Detroit were already moving into white-only neighborhoods. A major force in the city's politics was the Ku Klux Klan.

"In the '20s, the Klan had a greater influence in the North than in the South," Boyle said.

The city had 35,000 Klan members and many more that were sympathetic to the cause.

"It wasn't just anti-black. It was anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic and anti-immigrant. It was a way of slashing out at all sorts of people," Boyle said.

On the other hand, the city also had a group of progressive white politicians and activists, many from the Catholic and Jewish communities. A young jurist, Frank Murphy, was the judge for the Sweet trial. Murphy went on to become mayor of Detroit, governor of Michigan and a U.S. Supreme Court justice.

But the news media of the day reflected the general prejudices of the white majority. Boyle said the News was staunchly conservative and business-oriented, the Free Press was "arch conservative and race baiting" and the Hearstowned Times was "a scandal sheet."

"None of the papers took a progressive line," he said.

This spilled over into news coverage. Boyle writes of a *Detroit* News reporter who witnessed the events on Garland Street and returned to the office and filed an accurate account. The editors at The News spiked his story in favor of the biased police account being run in the other two papers.

### A MASTER OF CONTROVERSY

The most famous figure in these events was Darrow, an often contradictory and baffling character who was probably the most famous trial lawyer in American history.

"The book takes an upturn when Clarence Darrow enters the stage,' Boyle said. "He was the greatest criminal lawyer of his time or ever. He was a master of controversy."

It was Darrow's fame the led the NAACP to seek him out as a lawyer. It is Darrow's eloquence that puts into perspective the events on Garland Street.

"Darrow didn't know much law, he admits as much himself," Boyle said. "He was a propagandist, a manipulator. This wasn't about legal technicalities."

Boyle's book presents excellent portraits of Johnson, the president of the NAACP and a poet, who Boyle said "reshaped the NAACP" and Walter White, Johnson's righthand man and successor, who was an African American with white skin and blue eyes, which he used as an entree into white society.

The saddest figure is Sweet, himself.

"He accomplished extraordinary things," Boyle said. "Were he white, he would be a representative of the American dream. But he was deeply scarred."

Boyle said his book is a tragedy, not a victory. He said the Sweet case didn't end segregation, which continues today.

"Any author would love to think readers would have a different attitude," he said. "But the best you could hope is that the book would raise questions about segregation."

Those issues will be what everyone is talking about when everyone is reading Arc of Justice.

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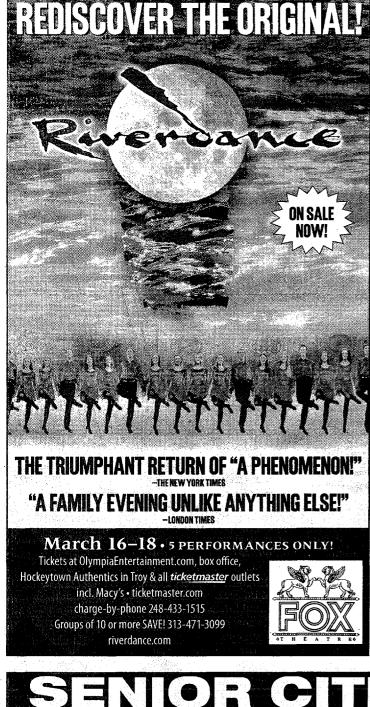
screenings, a theatrical production about 1925 Detroit and a traveling "Sweet Project" exhibit.

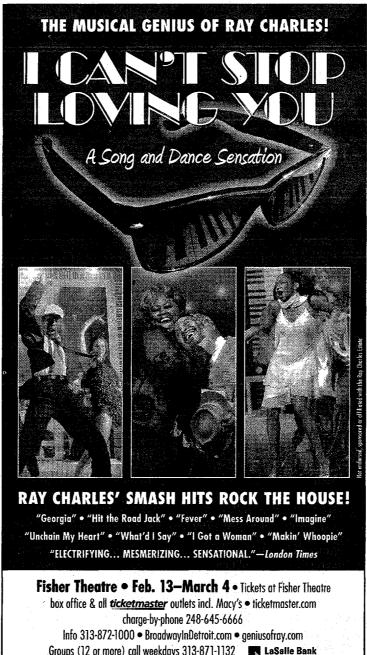
In February, the University of Detroit-Mercy Theatre Company will present Malice Aforethought: The Sweet Trials, a play that dramatizes the Sweet story. Several guest speakers will also discuss related topics. Among those slated to speak is former Detroit Police Chief Dr. Isaiah McKinnon, who will discuss the life and trial of Ossian Sweet. Other topics to be presented will include:

- The History of African Americans in Detroit
- How Race is Portrayed in Movies
- The Role of Race in the Courtroom
- Courtroom Drama in Film Race in Detroit, the U.S. and
- Europe ■ Detroit Jazz History
- Detroit and the Roaring '20s ■ Detroit's Infamous Purple Gang

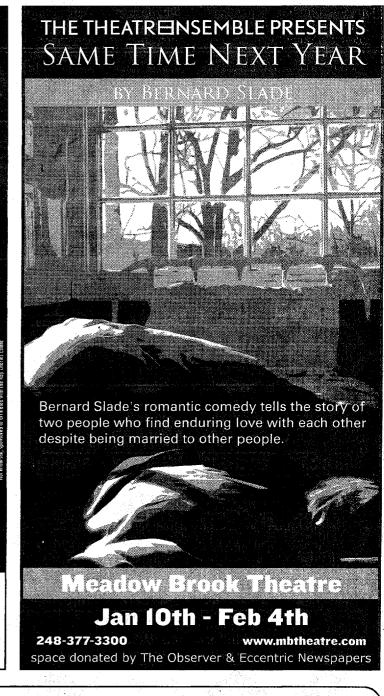
Events are open to the public. A reader's guide and Everyone's Reading program brochure containing complete information about these events is available at all sponsoring libraries and at the Everyone's Reading Web site at www.everyonesreading.info.

Sponsoring libraries of the 2007 Everyone's Reading program include: Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township Public Library, Canton Public Library, Chesterfield Public Library, Clinton-Macomb Public Library, Detroit Public Library, Farmington Community Library, Harper Woods Public Library, Lenox Township Library in New Haven, MacDonald Library in New Baltimore, Macomb County Library in Clinton Township, Rochester Hills Public Library, Romeo District Library in Washington, Roseville Public Library, Royal Oak Public Library, Shelby Township Library, Southfield Public Library, St. Clair Shores Public Library, Sterling Heights Public Library and West Bloomfield Township Public





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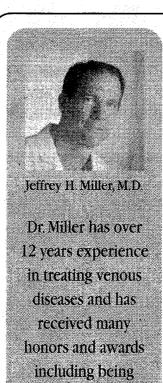
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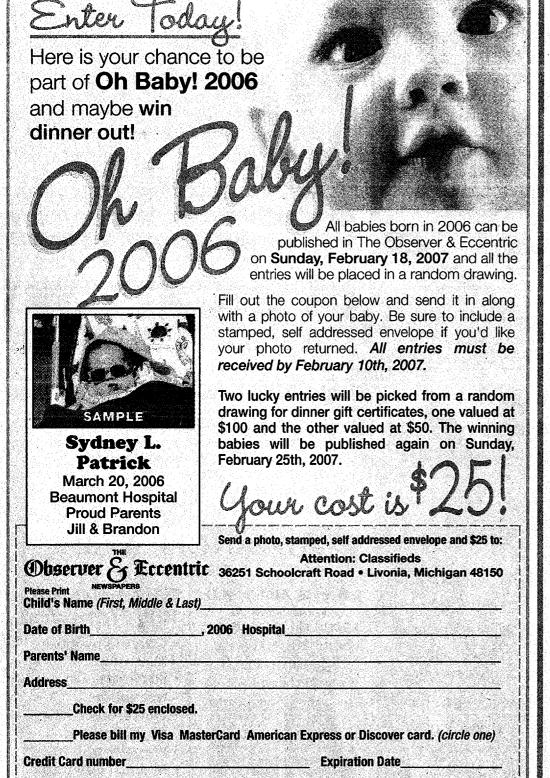
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See individual muscles up close in Our Body: The Universe Within at the Detroit Science Center.

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Our bodies

Exhibit nudges visitors toward healthier lifestyle

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

A smoker's lung was a "huge attraction" when the Our Body exhibit opened at the Detroit Science Center on Jan. 13, according to Lynn Simmons, a Pi Society docent.

Simmons relied on her science background as a former elementary school teacher not only to answer questions about the blackened organ but the 20 human specimens and 135 anatomical displays of bones and body systems in the exhibit. The science center requires Pi Society docents to have a background in a related professional field. During her years as a volunteer, Simmons spent many hours explaining the digestive system on an anatomical model permanently displayed on

She carries a 25-feet long piece of twine in her pocket to demonstrate for visitors the length of intestines in the human body. An audio tour available with the Our Body exhibit supplements the presentations with facts about the intestines. processing about 2.5 gallons of food, liquids and bodily waste every day.

"I'm so excited this exhibit is here," said Simmons of Clarkston. "I've always been fascinated about how the pieces of the body go together. People want to know how parts of their bodies work. They don't know how we breathe or how our heart works or the digestive

system. Seeing it in a book isn't the same as seeing how it all goes together. "The smoker's lung was a point of discussion for families, children telling their parents why they need to quit smoking, parents

### telling children why not to start smoking." **WAY TO LEARN**

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The science center spent nearly \$5.8 million to present Our Body: The Universe Within in 12,500 square feet on the fourth and second levels. Simmons thinks the exhibit is an easy way for parents to talk with their children about the body. Exhibit organizers recommend that parents planning to bring their children determine if the material is age appropriate as the specimens not only reveal muscles, blood vessels, tendons and organs, but genitals. They suggest reviewing the content on the Web site first (www.ourbodytheuniversewithin.com) then discussing the visit with children to prepare them. The Prenatal Gallery underscores the term Miracle of Life as it features human fetuses in different stages of development.

"When you're trying to open discussion between parents and children or grandchildren, the body is a very sensitive thing to talk about," said Simmons. "A little girl was there with her grandmother and her mother was pregnant. After visiting the Prenatal Gallery the little girl now knows how big the baby is and what her mother is doing to take care of the baby."

Dressed in white lab coats, docents are available to answer questions about the human specimens preserved through a polymer impregnation process that removes all fluids and fats from a cadaver and replaces it with plastic. All of the bodies were donated to a Chinese foundation to promote educational and medical research of the human

After 40 years as a medical examiner, Dr. Walter Hoffman thought he understood the complexities of the human body, but found himself taking photographs.

"It's the way the bodies were dissected," said Hoffman. "One is sectioned longitudinally. You can see the organs like I've never seen before. On another where the muscles are flayed out, you see how all the muscles relate to one another, triceps, abs, how when you pull on something and the muscle contracts you see what bone is moving with that."

### LIFESTYLE CHANGES

Hoffman hopes the exhibit nudges visitors toward a healthier lifestyle. As medical and anatomical consultant for the exhibit, he oversaw the placement of specimens including the examples of liver cancer and an artery with atheroscolosis. In several instances, a diseased specimen such as the gray liver is positioned next to a healthy pink organ.

"You can see what happens if you smoke, drink, if you really don't take care of yourself. Once you do major damage to your body we can help, but can't restore it," said Hoffman, who began his career as a medical examiner in Wayne County. "People have to begin to take responsibility for themselves. They can't start at age 60. Hopefully the exhibit will educate people to take care of their bodies."

Through the fourth floor exhibit and audio tour, visitors learn about the muscular, skeletal, circulatory, digestive, respiratory, nervous, and reproductive systems before heading for MicroWorld two levels down. Pi Society docents such as Rita Sol invite visitors to view dozens of slides of cells in the body and pick up informational material including Web sites that make learning about the body fun.

"On Sunday, kids as young as 6 wanted to know how the slides get made," said Sol, a Bloomfield Hills resident who recently completed a master's degree in computer science at Wayne State University.

Tickets for the Our Body exhibit (produced by the Universe Within Touring Company) are \$24.95 adults, \$22.95 seniors, and \$19.95 children, and include science center admission. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

In conjunction with the exhibit, The Human Body film is being shown for an additional charge (\$3, \$2 children and seniors with purchase of exhibit ticket) in the IMAX Dome Theatre at the Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R. For more information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

The exhibit continues to May 28.

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Madonna University's 12-day RN Refresher Course runs Jan. 22-Feb. 8 (Monday through Thursday only), 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on main Livonia campus. Designed for registered nurses who have maintained their license, but have been out of clinical practice for more than two years, this course assists them in re-entering the job market. In addition to patient assessment, this threeweek course covers accepted practice guidelines, management of urgent care, roles of the staff nurse in an acute care setting, and legal and ethical aspects of patient care. Students also receive an update on the most common adult medical/surgical conditions encountered in hospital, home care, and long-term care

Nurses can register online at www.madonna.edu (click on Quick Links, then Continuing Education &

Professional Studies, click on Registration and fill out the online non-student registration form (choose from mail-in, in-person or online registration.) Payment due at time of registration. Tuition \$800. For information, call (734) 432-5449 or send e-mail to mharton@madon-

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7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at Livonia Civic Center Library. Presented by Dr. William H. Karl, D.C. If you suffer from hair loss, cold hands or feet, stubborn weight gain, or unwanted pain, there may be help. Learn reasons for these health problems and the safe, natural, effective alternatives to help yourself. No charge. Seating limited. To register, call (734) 425-8588.

### Maintain your brain

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### **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

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### Divorce support group

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, legal aspects of divorce with Laura Reyes Kopack, attorney, who presents an overview of the process of divorce including information on property settlements, custody, child support, visitation, spousal support, etc., in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 462-

### New support group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is starting a support aroup for adults who are facing the impending death of a loved one. Whether a caregiver or dealing with your loved one's illness from a distance, the group helps you deal with the emotional, spiritual and medical issues. It meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Sunrise Assisted Living Center, 16100 Haggerty, between Five and Six Mile roads, Livonia. The professionally led group provides educational information and allows participants to ask questions and discuss issues. For information, call (248) 348-0115. No registration required.

### People's medical college

New Year, New You is an educational program on women's health combined with fun and pampering, hosted by Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, the evening of January 28, at Wyndham Gardens Hotel & Resort, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi. Pre-registration required. Call (888) DMC-2500 or online at www.dmc.org/peoplesmedicalcol-

### Depression and sleep disorders

6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at the Noble Library, Livonia. Presented by Dr. Carol A. Fischer, D.C., N.C. Are you feeling depressed or living without sleep? Let us help you with natural alternatives. No charge, Seating limited. To register, call (734) 425-8588.

### Medical education seminar

Weight Loss and Anti-Aging with Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement Therapies presented by Dr. Pamela Smith, a speaker and author on the subject of wellness, anti-aging and functional medicine, and director of The Center for Health Living and Longevity and the Anti-Aging and Functional Medicine Fellowship, Smith also will be discussing her new book Demystifying Weight Loss at a free seminar 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Space is limited. To register, call (248) 489-1573, ext. 304.

### Weight loss seminars

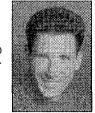
3-5 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at Providence Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile (at Newburgh), Livonia. The Wellness Seminar Program for weight control is a highly effective seminar combining the power of hypnosis with behavior modification to help participants lose weight without feelings of deprivation or denial and eliminate unproductive habits such as overeating, bingeing, snacking and emotional eating, in one convenient session.

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Sharon from Taylor suffers from migraines and e-mails asking for the latest information on the painful

Sharon, science is still trying to figure out some of the things that can trigger a migraine attack, but there are some interesting clues that they have come up with so far: For instance, kids who have parents that are migraine sufferers are 50 percent more likely to get the headaches themselves. The various causes behind migraines are known as Triggers. They include things like alcohol, lack of sleep, missed meals, food preservatives like MSG, and especially too much stress! Women get migraines more than men and usually during their peak reproductive

years. That's why some doctors

are focusing on hormones as a

key factor, but with so many of

pinning down an exact cause

the triggers I mentioned,

can be tricky. A great way to track your triggers is by keeping a diary of the symptoms. Note things like when you get the headaches and keep track of what you think may have caused the migraine. Knowing what to avoid can be a great way to cut the frequency of the painful headaches.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, email Peter Nielsen through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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### ONE PERSON, TWO JOINT PROBLEMS

Physicians like to make a single diagnosis to explain all the pain. In arthritis, it is ssible, even likely, that understanding the problem requires the doctor to identify that wo different conditions are present

That point comes up when you have two or even three joints in pain. Your physician keeps in mind that you may have more than one joint problem. In my practice, the most frequent combination occurs in a person with rheumatoid arthritis who has a flair of that arthritis in the wrist, but has a knee problem secondary to osteoarthritis.

Making a distinction of which arthritis causes the joint pain is important. If only one joint, say the wrist, reflects a flare of rheumatoid arthritis, then a joint injection rather than a change in medication is likely the treatment of choice. Treating the osteoarthritis of the knee would take a non-steroidal medication for pain, with drainage of the knees and an njection of cortisone if the knee is fluid filled. Another frequent combination is a painful knee and an associated anserine bursitis.

These two conditions concur because a strain on the bursa can lead to osteoarthritis of the knee, and/or the knee osteoarthritis can cause strain on the leg precipitating the

Each condition needs to receive its own treatment. Resolving either the arthritis or the bursitis will not make the other problem disappear. In such cases, your doctor must have

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## Organ donation campaign urges all to 'show your heart'

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is reminding residents that the state's new organ donation campaign has begun and everyone adding their name to the donor registry receives a heart sticker for their driver's license or state identification card.

The heart sticker is placed on the front where it's easily visible to law enforcement, emergency responders and hospital personnel of the person's wish to be a donor. Michigan law supports residents rights to make their own donation decisions. No further consent is required once enrolled on the registry.

"Organ donation can be a tough subject

to talk about, but its benefits are literally lifesaving," said Terri Lynn Land. "That is why we're eliminating any barriers to enrolling and making the process as simple as possible. A single donor can save or enhance the lives of up to 50 people."

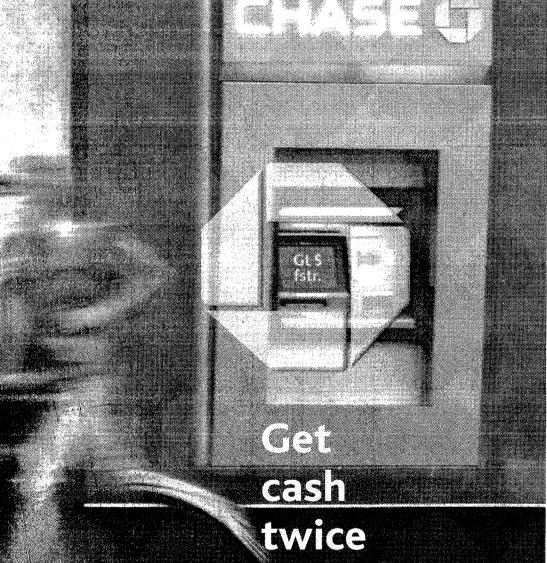
The Michigan Organ Donor Registry is a confidential database of residents who wish to be organ donors and is maintained by the Department of State. Anyone wishing to add their name may do so online at www.Michigan.gov/sos or at any Secretary of State office.

Public Acts 140-143 of 2005 authorize the department to place a heart insignia on the front of the driver's license or state

Land explained that it is important for anyone who has added his or her name to the registry in the past to re-enroll. This will ensure that their donor registration is current and that they receive the heart

Gift of Life Michigan, the state's authorized organ recovery organization, accesses the donor registry to assist hospitals in the recovery and transplantation of organs and tissue. For more information about donation, visit

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beds exist for women and children victims of domestic violence, said Bizoe. Last summer, First Step residents had to sleep on cots in the living room at times.

We generally house 42 people," said Bizoe. "Women are having a harder time finding a job that would allow them to find an apartment and leave."

First Step's nearly \$2.4 million budget covers services not only for victims of domestic violence, but sexual assault in 36 Wayne County cities through its offices in Plymouth, Redford, Taylor, and Downriver. In addition to a community response program with staff following up on every domestic violence police report, First Step provides advocates in district courts in Westland, Dearborn and other areas to assist women and advise about personal protection orders.

In 2005, about 12 percent of their funding came from donations, about 8 percent from Plymouth United Way and United Way of Southeast Michigan, more than 7 percent from foundations, 5.1 percent from state and other revenue, 58 percent from federal programs to eliminate homelessness and block grants, and 9 percent from volunteer servic-

"Having a shelter and a 24-hour helpline gives families an opportunity to leave their situations and sometimes that saves their lives," said Bizoe. "By going to court we're holding batterers accountable legally. We work really hard with women to meet children's needs, provide counseling, teach them appropriate anger techniques and how to handle their emotions, and just telling children domestic violence is not right. It is not the norm for families. We believe there is a better life."

### **NIGHT OUT**

Every time this year, Duggan says he gets nervous about selling tickets to the benefit that supports women and children in search of a life without abuse. Still, the Livonia resident is excited about this year's night out. Before the event, raffle tickets are being sold to win a two-year lease on a 2007 Ford Freestyle from Bill Brown Ford, a 2007 Pontiac G6 from Sellers Buick, Pontiac, GMC, or \$5,000 cash. Tickets are \$20 and as an extra incentive DOC's Sport Retreat and Giulio's Cucina Italiana are offering a buy

one dinner, receive one free (a \$30 value)

with some restrictions.

"We still have 30-35 tables left," said Duggan. "We have fewer tables this year to make it easier for people to get around. Last year, we had about 1,800 people and we're hoping for the same this year. I'm excited. It's fun seeing how people of all ages have fun dancing and those who don't like to dance have fun at the casino. This year we have Elvis, not the real Elvis, and Burton Manor is doing their delicious food."

Art Cole admits he mostly watches the dancers. His enjoyment comes from seeing people in the community. His company, Cole, Newton & Duran, CPAs of Livonia, is one of the sponsors. The longtime Livonia resident first attended the dance 13 years ago.

"It's a great cause and they helped a family member of mine at one time," said Cole. "It gives us the chance to give out a number of tickets to staff and clients because we get six tables (of tickets as a sponsor). The majority of my staffers go and bring their spouse so it's kind of a nice break during tax season to see each other out of the office."

Scott LaRiche attended his first charity dance nine years ago after moving back from Ohio where he was president of the board for a domestic violence shelter. For several years, he's bought tables of tickets for his staff at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth.

"Not only is it a good cause, but Brian knows how to throw a party," said LaRiche, dealership executive manager and vice president. "He not only makes it fun but makes people aware of First Step's services."

First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis can't say enough about Duggan.

"Brian has been instrumental in the foundation of building community support for First Step in western Wayne County," said Ellis. "I hope people realize the amount of work, time and energy it takes for a volunteer to put an event like this together. The amount of money it raises is phenomenal especially in these tough economic times. People like Brian are worth more than their weight in gold."

If you are a battered woman in need of help, call the First Step hotline at (734) 459-5900 or (888) 453-5900 (toll free).

For information about First Step, visit www.firststep-mi.org or call (734) 416-1111.

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Ray Nikolai shares his love of model trains with grandsons Duke (left) and Butchie.

## Show spotlights old toys and trains

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Ray Nikolai fell in love with model trains when he came across a layout in a hardware store in 1948. Today, he shares the hobby with kids of all ages. As president of Lincoln Park Train Club, Nikolai annually organizes the St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club Old Toy and Train Show which this year takes place 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at St. Robert Bellarmine School, 27101 West Chicago at Inkster road, Redford.

Admission is \$3 per person, \$6 per family. Early bird admission at 9 a.m. is \$10. This is the 21st year that proceeds from the show will help fund St. Robert's school children sports and school programs.

"We get all the guys together and everybody's buying and swapping trains," said Ray Nikolai, a Dearborn Heights resident who owns quite a few trains. "Every once in a while I

find a nice enough diamond to buy."

More than 150 dealer tables of trains and toys will have items available for purchase or swapping. One lucky winner will win a Lionel train set when it's raffled off at the end of the show.

As in years past, visitors will

be able to have their trains tested by the Lincoln Park Train Club as well as see four trains operating on the same layout. The show also spotlights two other operating layouts, the second of which is the Clance Train Travel layout from the Detroit Historical Museum with double main lines, switching operations and all radio controlled. The third layout is an American Flyer set amidst the country side and small town scenery. It was created by Bob Pardington of the Lincoln Park Train Club.

The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society will sell videos of their train trip on a 1225 steam locomotive.

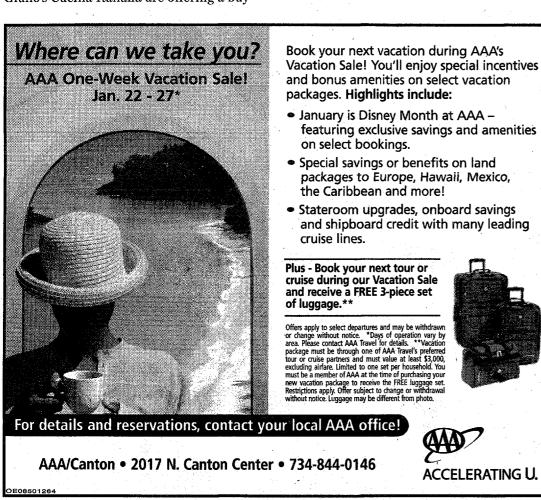
Members will be showing videos of trains around the country and presenting their 2007 train trip plans.

The Norfolk Southern Police will be on hand to show train safety videos, give away free coloring books to the kids, and explain train safety and what to watch for at railroad cross-

If train enthusiasts miss the show, Nikolai says not to worry. The Lincoln Park Train Club take their layouts to schools in the area. To set up a visit or for more information about the Jan. 28 show, call Nikolai at (313) 277-2419.

'We set up tracks, show how trains run and how much fun it is, and talk about how to safely cross a track," said Nikolai, "or they can come down any Saturday to watch the trains run when the club is at the John Kennedy Memorial Building, east off Fort Street on London in Lincoln Park near the band shelter."

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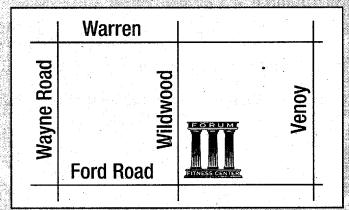
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# Focus: HOPE lauded for helping minorities, women

The Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao presented Focus: HOPE, the Detroitbased civil rights organization, with an Exemplary Public Interest Contribution (EPIC) Award recently in recognition of its success in opening employment opportunities for minorities and women over the last 25 years.

The award is presented each year to a select few organizations that support equal employment opportunities and work with federal contractors. Since 1981 when it opened the Machinist Training Institute (MTI), Focus: HOPE has received more than \$22 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Labor to support training in the areas of manufacturing, engineering and information technology.

"EPIC Award winners such as Focus: HOPE can take great pride in their efforts to provide access to equal employment opportunities to women, people of color, veterans and people with disabilities," Chao said.

Focus: HOPE has graduated more than 4,500 students into sustainable careers since 1981, and provided skill enhance-



Focus:HOPE was presented the 2007 EPIC award from the U.S. Department of Labor for its effectiveness in opening employment opportunities for minorities. Pictured at the awards program are (from left) Deputy Assistant Secretary Charles James, Focus: HOPE CEO Keith Cooley, Focus: HOPE co-founder Eleanor Josaitis, Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao, and Assistant Secretary of Employment Standards Victoria Lipnic.

6,000 students. After tailoring its machinist training to the needs of area machine shops, it was able to place the first African Americans and women into nearly 300 shops in southeast Michigan during the early

"This award recognizes our long history of working with the federal government to open education and training opportunities for talented, inner city men and women," said Eleanor Josaitis, who co-founded

William Cunningham in 1968 in the wake of the Detroit riots. "We broke the race and gender barriers in the machinist trades and proved that the color of your skin doesn't matter when you have the appropriate skills and work habits. We are truly

making a difference in our community.'

Focus: HOPE's first federal program was the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Supplemental Food Program which started in 1971 and currently provides 43,000 women, children and senior citizens with food each month. The education programs evolved out of the desire to help people support their families, and eliminate the need for food assistance programs. The MTI program which opened 25 years ago was followed in 1993 with an engineering program in the Center for Advanced Technologies (CAT). Through CAT, machinist graduates can earn a bachelor's degree in manufacturing engineering and obtain hands-on work experience while pursuing their academic studies. The engineering program was funded, in part, through the National Science Foundation.

In 1999, the Information Technologies Center (ITC) opened with a \$2.3 million three-year grant from the Department of Labor's **Employment and Training** Administration. It has since dents into careers in PC technology, network administration, and desktop and server administration. ITC will launch a new college degree program in January that addresses the need for more minorities in the high technology, highly skilled, and higher wage technology careers.

CEO Keith Cooley noted that Focus: HOPE's partnerships with the U.S. Departments of Labor, Commerce, Defense and Education and the National Science Foundation have enabled the organization to help more minority students get into science, technology. engineering and math areas. "These are our growth areas," said Cooley. "We are encouraging more young men and women to get into these fields to help our country maintain competitiveness in the global market. We will continue to expand our programs in these areas to continue opening career opportunities for underrepresented minorities in our community."

This is the first time since 1999 that the EPIC award has been presented to a Midwest organization. Last year's winners were from Tennessee,



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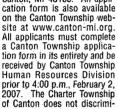
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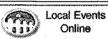
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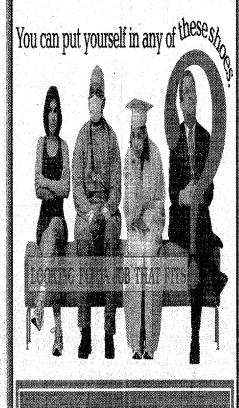
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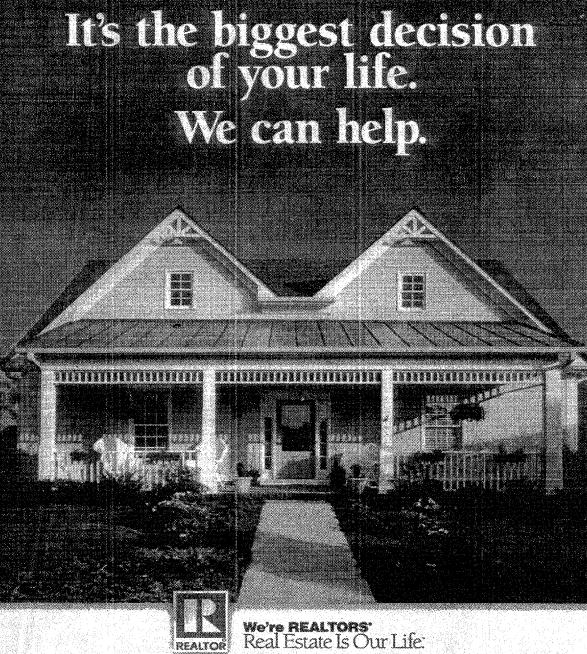
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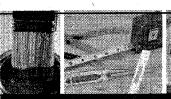
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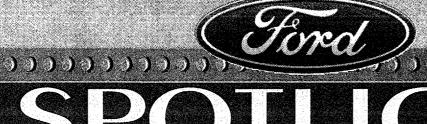
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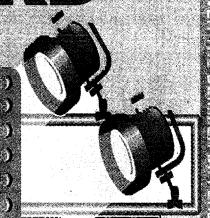
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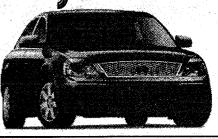
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# Consider energy efficiency when buying a new home

(NAPSI) — By spending one day in the attic, many homeowners may improve their energy efficiency, lessen their environmental footprint and increase the salability of their home.

A new survey reveals Americans still have leverage when it comes to selling their homes. According to the survey, 96 percent of homebuyers consider energy efficiency when purchasing a new home and 71 percent are interested in a home that reduces overall impact on the environment. Adding insulation in the attic helps the home-seller appeal to both of these criteria.

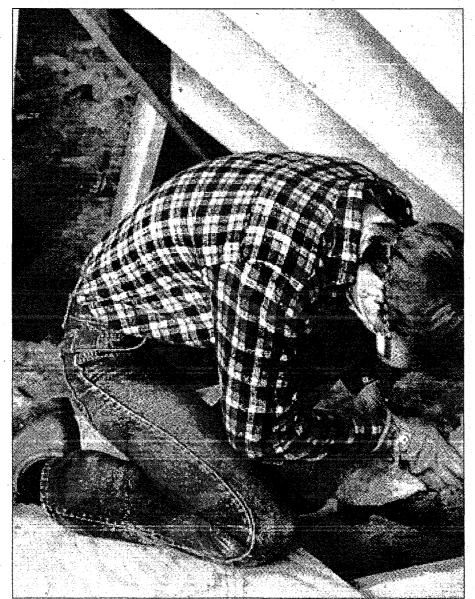
"In an increasingly competitive housing market, differentiation is key for the home-seller," says Kirsten Kemp, host of TLC's Property Ladder, a television show dedicated to the art of flipping homes. "With the lure of reduced energy costs and environmental footprint, adding insulation to the attic is one of the easiest, most cost-effective ways homeowners can make their home more attractive to potential buyers."

Despite homebuyers' interest in energy-efficient homes, the survey, conducted by a leading building materials manufacturer, Owens Corning, revealed that homeowners are generally unknowledgeable when it comes to the amount of insulation in their attic. For example, 78 percent of homeowners have added no insulation to their attic largely because they believe their home already has enough. However, 80 percent of homes built before 1980 are not insulated to proper government standards.

Whether you're selling, buying or just maintaining a home, the following tips from Kemp can help you decrease energy operating costs and improve your home's value:

- Replace old windows for improved sound control and energy efficiency;
- Have your heating and cooling systems inspected
- In particularly hot or cold climates, caulk and weather-strip windows and doors for an inexpensive "quick-fix" to drafty entranceways.

To help educate homebuvers and homeowners, the building materials company created a Web site that addresses the question of insulation levels and energy efficiency in the home. Visit www.owenscorning.com for information



Adding enough insulation to your attic can help make your home more comfortable now and more valuable when you're ready to sell it.

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### **Building association courses**

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor the following:

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Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group Inc. will instruct attendees on ways to manage every phase of customer interaction from the initial contact through construction, the warranty period and beyond.

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

■ A lien law seminar — "Find Out What's New in the Michigan Construction Lien Law Act & The Lien Procedures" — from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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There are three bedrooms upstairs in this floor plan. Each has a nice view window and adequate closet space along with vaulted ceilings. One bedroom has its own bathroom, while the other two share a common bathroom. There is a storage area along with the laundry chute off the fourth bedroom. For the family with children in school or for the computer buff, there is a small room that can serve as a study room or computer area.

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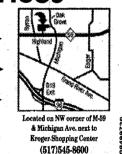
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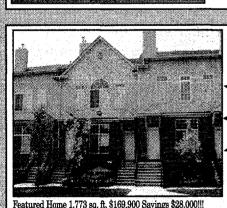
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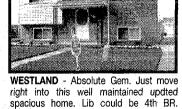


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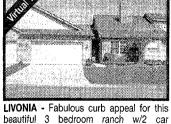
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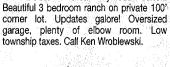
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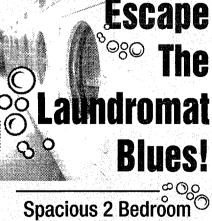
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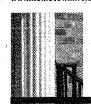
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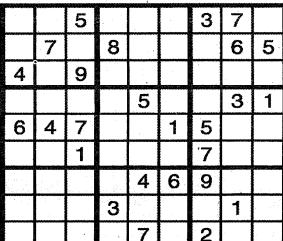
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## SUBARU LEGACY 2.5 GT SPEC B WORTH A CLOSE LOOK

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By Dave Menard **Avanti News Features** 



When you first see the 2007 Subaru 2.5 GT spec. B, it might take a minute to figure out just exactly who makes it. The big distinction for Subaru has always been more mechanical than with looks; the hook with Subaru is that all of its cars are all-wheel drive. The GT spec. B doesn't have an obvious profile, like a Mercedes or a Range Rover, but that doesn't mean it's not a goodlooking car. In fact, when you see it, you'll want to take a closer look, and when you do, you'll see a lot to like.

Get closer and you'll see 18-inch alloy wheels with performance tires, a generous amount of chrome trim, fog lamps, body color foldable power mirrors, and a hood scoop. The lines look nice from the front and sides, but the rear design is rather plain, for a sports sedan. A spoiler would be a nice touch.

There are some nice touches inside the cabin. On the GT spec. B version of the Legacy, you get a sporty interior, complete with aluminum-allow pedal covers and footrest. The steering wheel and the shift knob are leather-wrapped, and the standard power seats leather with cloth inserts, and they come with seat heaters. They are comfortable and provide good support and are easy to adjust. The instrument panel is well laid out, and provides a tachometer and coolant temperature gauge. I find the little "DRL" light that comes on during the daylight hours to tell you that the Daytime Running Lights are on a bit odd and somewhat distracting. You can't turn them off, so why does it need to tell me they're

The center console features two cupholders and a storage area, which flows up into the controls for the climate control system, audio system and the standard yes, standard - touch-screen GPS navigation system. The audio and climate controls look sharp, with chrome against black, and they're easy to figure out.

The GT spec. B comes with automatic climate control, cruise control, power windows, doors and locks, a power trunk release on the key fob, adjustable steering column and a power sunroof.

The standard audio system on the GT spec. B is an AM/FM/six-disc CD changer, and it's pre-wired for XM satellite radio. The system sounds very good, and there



Vehicle class: Sports sedan. Powertrain: 4-cylinder Boxer turbocharged engine, six-speed manual transmission. Mileage: 19 city/33 highway. Where built: Lafayette, Ind. Base price: \$33,995. Price as tested: \$34,620.

are audio controls mounted on the steering wheel. The system has an auxiliary input jack, so, with the proper cable, you can add your iPod or other mp3 player into

There's a deceptive amount of room in the GT spec. B and I mean that in a positive way. From the outside, it doesn't look that big, but there's plenty of room, both front and rear. The rear seats are 60/40 fold-down split seats for easy access to the trunk from the inside, and for more cargo area.

The GT spec. B is powered by a standard four-cylinder horizontally opposed (Boxer) turbocharged/intercooled engine. The turbo system allows the engine to put out more power than your average four-cylinder - 243 hp and 241 lb.-ft. of torque. One caveat: it does require premium fuel, and it's EPA estimated mileage is 19 city and 33 highway miles per gallon.

The engine is mated with a six-speed manual transmission, and it's fun to run it through the gears. With this powertrain, you get off the line quickly, but like with all manual transmissions, using it in stop-and-go city driving can be taxing.

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The spec. B handles pretty well, too, with quick steering response and a comfortable ride that's not mushy. The Bilstein Sport Suspension system includes specially-tuned shocks and aluminum-allow lower L-arms. The rear multi-link system features aluminumalloy rear arms and upper links.

Vehicle Dynamic Control for stability is also included. My only complaint is the wide turning circle of the spec. B - it makes parking lot maneuvering a little more difficult and executing a "U" turn is an adventure. As I mentioned earlier, the spec. B, like all Subarus, is an allwheel drive vehicle.

The standard anti-lock brakes are very good, and the spec. B comes with side curtain airbags, front-seat sideimpact airbags, and a tire pressure monitoring system.

The 2007 Subaru Legacy GT 2.5 spec. B (you guys at Subaru HAVE to do something about that ridiculously long name, by the way) starts at about \$34,000, and doesn't get much higher. With most everything you might want already on it (the only option that I could find was to add the XM Radio), it stays around \$34,000.

The spec. B is a fun car to drive, with good response, a sporty interior and a lot of nice standard feature. Next time you see one, you might want to look at it a little

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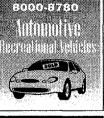
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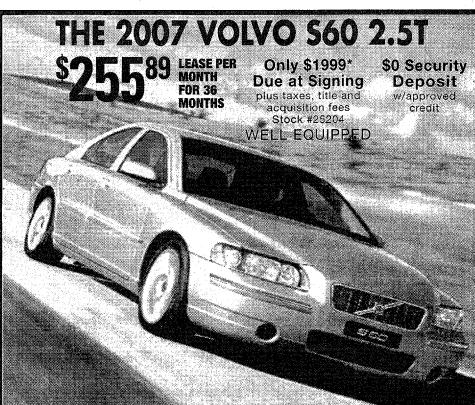
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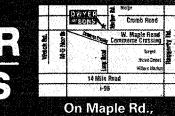
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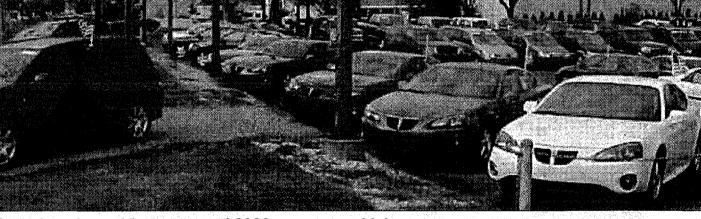
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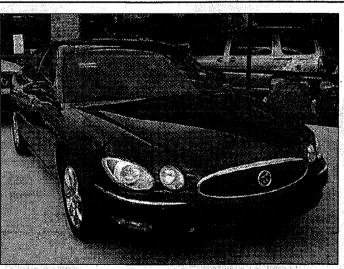
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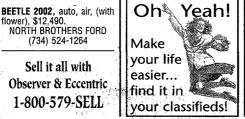
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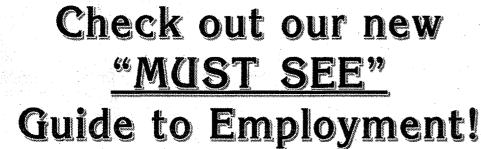


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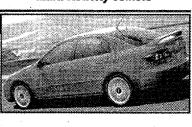
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