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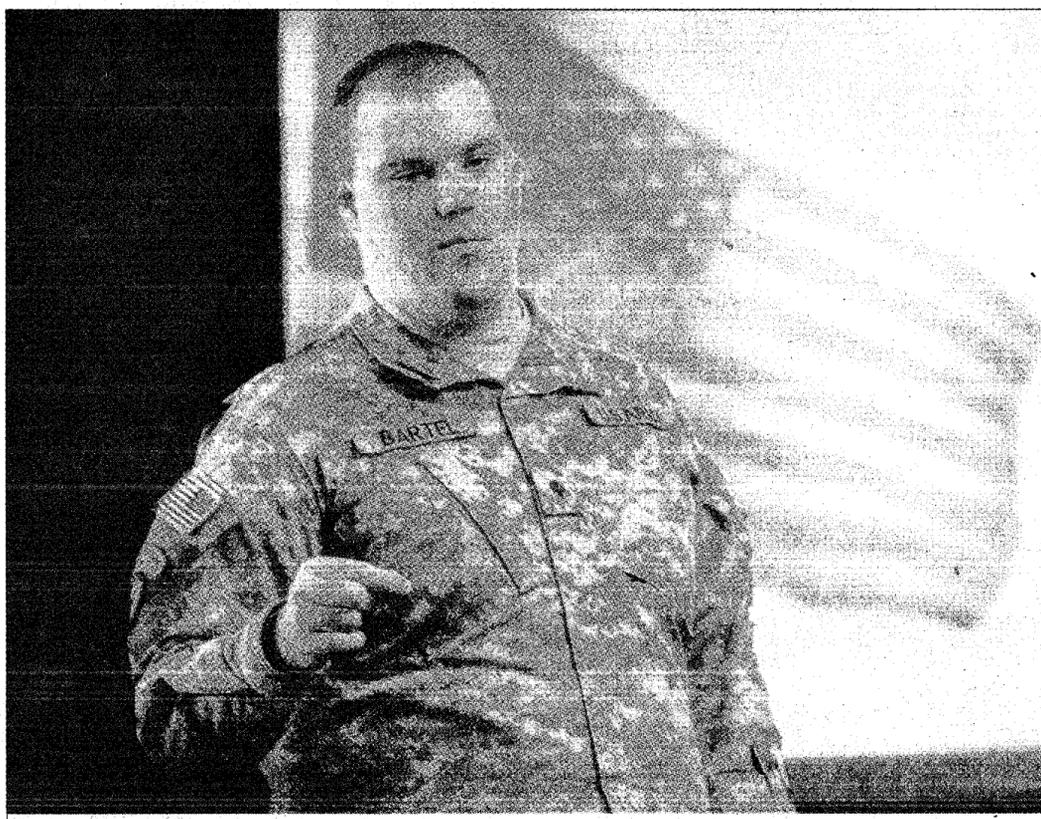
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Army Specialist Adam Bartel appeared at Bentley Elementary Thursday to speak to students about his experience in Iraq.

Local soldier teaches lessons from field

Former student tells what it's like to be stationed in Iraq

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

To emphasize what it's like to be a soldier in Iraq, Army Specialist Adam Bartel of Plymouth Township told Bentley Elementary students in Canton Township Thursday the kinds of conditions military personnel face daily.

"When we go out with our gear, it probably weighs about 60 pounds," Bartel told groups of kindergartners through fifth-graders. "That made it feel like 10 degrees hotter outside. So, when it was 140 degrees out, it made it feel like 150.

"About 3 or 4 in the afternoon, we'd have a sandstorm and it turns everything orange," he said. "Just like a snowstorm leaves layers of snow, it leaves a layer of sand over everything. We'd



Bentley students hung signs in the hallways to welcome Army Specialist Adam Bartel.

either have to stay inside or get something to cover our mouths so we wouldn't breathe in the sand."

Bartel, 24, was asked by Bentley first-grade teacher Alice Chrenko - his first-

grade teacher at Bird Elementary - to tell students about his tour of duty in Iraq.

"While you guys were eating Thanksgiving dinner in November 2005, I had that for breakfast that day because I had to get on a plane from Kuwait to Iraq," Bartel said. "They sent me home when you were getting into school last September (2006)."

SHARING STORY

Bartel, who was a radio operator in Iraq, said he welcomed the opportunity to tell his story to students.

"I want to teach them about something that someone in their community did," said Bartel, who spent 4½ years in the Army. "Many people don't under-

PLEASE SEE **SOLDIER, A4**

Regional fire piques interest

Community reps gather for preliminary talks on joining forces

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The combination of improving fire and emergency medical services while at the same time saving money were enough to get representatives from seven local communities to the table Tuesday afternoon to discuss the possibility of moving toward establishment of a regional fire department.

More than a dozen delegates from Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Westland, Livonia and Northville Township met for two hours - no strings attached - in the first of what could be several meetings to determine if there's value in continuing discussions on consolidating fire services.

That could be determined soon, as the group is expected to hear the scope and costs of a feasibility plan by consultants Plante Moran at a second meeting, at which time each community will have to decide if it's worth putting money toward further discussions.

"The more communities you get involved, the more complicated it gets, but the better your odds of getting some real savings," said Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who lobbied government leaders of the other six commu-

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unities to at least attend the first session. "The representatives from each of the communities will look at it hard and careful to see if they want to be a part of the feasibility study.

"Who knows what it will look like, maybe a regional fire authority or maybe just sharing some equipment," he said. "Or, maybe we go at it for a year and find out that given all the factors we're not going to save any money and everybody goes away with that information. That's good government."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume admitted his Board of Trustees were cool to the idea of regionalization when it was thought only the Northvilles and Plymouths would be part of the discussion. But, with the additions of Canton Township, Westland and Livonia, Reaume said his board became more interested.

PLEASE SEE **REGIONAL, A2**

Township has no luck reducing water hike

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township officials believe the 29.1-percent rate increase they're being charged by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is an unusually high, unfair increase.

They just weren't able to convince anyone at the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

After several meetings, including one with DWSD director Victor Mercado, and an appearance before the Board of Water Commissioners, township officials couldn't change anyone's mind. Shortly after Supervisor Richard Reaume appeared before them, the Board of Water Commissioners voted to recommend the rate hike to the full Detroit City Council.

"I was on record as opposing the increase and asking for a more fair, equitable and steady rate formula," Reaume said. "We went to bat for the residents. We did everything we could, we just

weren't able to convince them."

The DWSD announced its rate hikes in December, and Plymouth Township got the biggest bill. Rates are based on a formula the department has followed since the early 1980s. According to George Ellenwood, the department's assistant director of public affairs, the formula is composed of 11 basic computations, with the primary drivers being distance, elevation and the community's peaking factor.

The peaking factor, he explained, is "determined by the maximum usage of a community on a given hour of a given day against the department's maximum usage."

Reaume once again pointed out the increase will only apply to the line item for water on residents' water bills. Line items for sewer, trash pickup and debt retirement would not be affected.

Reaume said the average user in the township uses some 8,000 gallons a year and would probably see "an increase of \$5 or \$6."

Gaidica forecasts solid United Way campaign

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chuck Gaidica speaks to the early morning United Way crowd at the annual meeting Friday. Gaidica will chair this year's United Way campaign.

The Plymouth Community United Way announced Friday morning that WDIV-TV weather forecaster Chuck Gaidica will lead this year's fund-raising effort as the PCUW's 2007 campaign chairman.

Gaidica spoke to volunteers during the PCUW's annual meeting at Johnson Controls in Plymouth Township, shortly after it was announced the 2006 campaign surpassed its \$1.3 million goal.

"I'm proud to take my name and my face and my image, and all the good things that Channel 4 has built over time, and leverage them for us to try

and bring some awareness to this great cause," Gaidica said. "Looking at last year's budget projections and the goals that were set, and the great achievement of raising \$1.3 million-plus, it's apparent to me this exemplary effort has become somewhat routine."

The 2006 PCUW campaign raised \$20,000 more than budgeted, making it the 23rd consecutive year the goal has been met or exceeded.

Gaidica said part of his decision to chair the 2007 campaign came after looking at the PCUW numbers, including administrative costs, which are only 7 percent of the budget.

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Snow shoveling

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging is looking for volunteers to help seniors with snow shoveling. Volunteers can contact Bobbie Pummill, program coordinator for the Plymouth Community Council on Aging at (734) 453-1234, ext. 236.

Wedding workshop

A unique Wedding Workshop has been designed so couples-to-be can enjoy a stress-free wedding by spending only 90 minutes now at a roundtable with the experts they need to hear from. The workshop is arranged like speed dating, or musical chairs, but it's all about meeting experts who can help plan. The opportunity begins 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Meeting House Grand Ballroom, just south of Ann Arbor Trail at 499 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. The workshop is free to those who make reservations in advance by calling (734) 416-5100. Tickets at the door will be \$10. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided. For more information visit www.MHGB.com

"We are very excited about an entirely new concept in wedding planning called the wedding workshop, organizer Randy Lorenz said. "It is designed around the concept of speed dating, only this interaction is between brides and grooms and wedding professionals. "Every ten minutes brides and grooms will move from one expert to the next. Along the way, our experts will reveal

pearls of wisdom gained through years of experience in the wedding business."

The panel of experts include photography, florist, DJ, videography, wedding cakes, reception facilities, honeymoon travel, bridal accessories, chair covers and engraving.

Seating is limited. For information, or to reserve your spot, call 734-416-5100 or visit www.mhgb.com

New Morning open house

Officials at New Morning School think their facility is the "perfect fit" because of things like "individualized education, small class sizes and parental involvement."

They'll have a chance to prove it to parents of prospective students when they host an open house of the school and the New Morning Museum for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the school, located at 14501 Haggerty in Plymouth Township.

For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.newmorningschool.com or call (734) 420-3331.

Rabbit rescue

February is Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month, and the folks at Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary will conduct two adoption events in the area.

According to GLRS officials, rabbits "are the third-most popular house pet in the country, they are companionable, intelligent, and use litter boxes."

The two events: ■ Specialty Pet Supplies, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb.



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Fond farewell

Plymouth Township Police Department employees bade farewell to retirees Sgt. Jim Jarvis (left) and Officer Bill Groff at their recent retirement party. Jarvis, who helped start the department in 1985, left in December after more than 21 years on the job. Groff left last fall after some 18 years with the department.

10, 1449 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. This event features pooch photographer Cindy Rogers for pet portraits.

■ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Pet Emporium, 4940 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, (734) 929-6533.

For more information or to complete an application to adopt a rabbit, visit the Web site at www.rabbitsanctuary.org

Caregiver support group

Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month from 7-8:30pm at the Plymouth Library. These meetings provide support, information and encouragement to caregivers who are caring for a spouse, parent or others.

The group will help family and friends deal with their emotions, learn about resources and meet others who are going through similar experiences.

First-time participants should call Chris Goldberg, (313) 359-0736 or e-mail at cgoldberg@awbs.org

Living safely

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a living safely/fall prevention seminar 10:45-11:45 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Participants will learn some tips from certified therapists on how to avoid some of the most common injuries and illnesses that affect the senior population. The class is sponsored by Heartland Plymouth Court.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to sign up.

Senior living

Waltonwood at Carriage Park hosts a free buffet lunch along with a presentation on

Senior Living noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Participants can have lunch and learn about the luxury of senior living.

Call to sign up at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. Deadline is Feb. 16.

Blood drive

St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth hosts a blood drive for the American Red Cross 2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12.

Drop-ins are welcome, but appointments can be made by calling Carolyn Libeau, (734) 455-5395.

Radio auction

Local businesses can support WSDP 88.1-FM, the student-run radio station serving the Plymouth-Canton school district, by sponsoring the station's annual auction, scheduled 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

Businesses and individuals can sponsor half-hours and hours of the auction broadcast. The station is also looking for businesses interested in a more significant sponsorship for a title sponsor, major sponsors and key sponsors.

"Sponsorship not only helps the station but is a great way to introduce your business to our listeners," said Bill Keith, station manager. "In addition to our regular listeners, many additional people tune in just for the auction. Sponsorship is a very cost-effective way to reach them."

Anyone interested in sponsoring the auction can contact Keith via e-mail at keithb@pccs.k12.mi.us or by calling (734) 416-7732.

Barefoot production

Barefoot Productions presents the third production of its

premiere season, "Later Life," by A.R. Gurney.

The production runs 8 p.m. Feb. 22-24, with 2 p.m. matinee performances Feb. 24-25. The production takes place at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth. Tickets cost \$15 for general admission, \$10 for seniors and students, and will be available at the door a half-hour before each performance. Advance tickets will be available at the Book Cellar & Café beginning Feb. 8. The Book Cellar is located at 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, visit the Barefoot Productions Web site at www.justgobarefoot.com

DAR meeting

The Daughters of the American Revolution of Northville/Plymouth meet 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at the Plymouth District Library on Main in downtown Plymouth.

The program includes the Good Citizen Reception. For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Movie lover Thursdays

The Penn Theatre is launching Movie Lover Thursdays, a four-month long movie series that premieres tonight (Thursday, Feb. 1) with *Sleepless in Seattle*.

Every Thursday for 18 weeks, The Penn will present a classic movie supporting a monthly theme. February is Romance month, followed by Comedy (March), History (April) and Mystery (May). Upcoming titles include *Somewhere in Time*, *The Graduate*, *Young Frankenstein*, *A Man for All Seasons* and *The Sixth Sense*.

After *Sleepless*, February's schedule includes *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (Feb. 8), *Somewhere in Time* (Feb. 15) and *An Affair to Remember* (Feb. 22).

Tickets are \$3 and all showtimes are at 8 p.m. Free movie passes are available at select downtown Plymouth businesses. "Movie Lover Thursdays" is sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, with additional support from the DTE Energy foundation.

The Penn Theatre is one of the few remaining single-screen classic movie houses in Michigan. Today, The Penn is home to second-run movies and also features live performances by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth Community Band.

For more information visit the theater's Web site at www.penntheatre.org

Rotary essay contest

The Plymouth Rotary is

inviting middle-school students in the Plymouth-Canton community to submit a 250- to 500-word 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.

Sagear scholarship

With its Sandra Sagear Scholarship, the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District high school senior who has overcome adversity. The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community.

The recipient of this award will receive the \$500 Sagear scholarship, named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio.

Application deadline is April 7. For more information go online to <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/sandrasagear.html>

Damaris award

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Damaris Fine Arts Award recognizes a Plymouth-Canton School District senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field.

Applications for the \$600 award will be accepted March 1-21. Students artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material.

Applications can be downloaded on-line at www.artsculturelink.com/DamarisAward.pdf. For more information, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

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"The larger the group, the more likely it would be more economically advantageous," Reaume said. "Economics drives it, and I think we need to look at the short term and long term goals, and assumptions."

Reaume noted intergovernmental agreements aren't new to Plymouth Township, and pending the cost of the feasibility study, he'd like to move forward.

"We're already in two formal agreements, police dispatch and fire, with the city of Plymouth," Reaume said. "We jointly sponsor the hazardous waste day with Plymouth. And, we work with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging with programs."

Canton Township Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said he and his bosses are always interested in ways to deliver fire services better and cheaper.

"If we get any ideas to maintain that high-level of service and become more cost-effective, we want to listen," Rorabacher said. "You have to be forward thinking on this."

Rorabacher said consolidation of services isn't totally new to the communities who began discussing regionalization this week.

"Through mutual aid we have a Hazmat team that is made up of individuals from 24 fire departments," he said.

"That's a very expensive service to provide. But, for the cost of two people from my department to go for training, I have at my disposal a 50-man Hazmat team should I need it."

Pete Kunst, Livonia's director of public safety, said barring the cost of the feasibility study becoming prohibitive, he would like to see what the experts say can be achieved through regionalization.

"Exploring these possibilities is the right thing to do as you plan long term, in light of revenue issues, particularly the cuts from Lansing," Kunst said. "Fire and EMS services are fairly standardized compared to police service, which can be different from community to community."

"But, the devils are in the details as it would take a lot of work to overcome a lot of obstacles - including politics - to come up with a plan," he said. "We also want to do right by our community and firefighters by being cognizant of salaries, benefits, training and career opportunities."

Dwyer said representatives from Plante Moran, who are also working with Downriver communities on regionalization of fire departments, indicated communities could save from 20-25 percent with consolidation of services.

"If the savings were that big, we could save \$250,000-\$300,000 a year," Dwyer said. "That encourages me to look at it further, no matter how long it takes."

Westland Fire Chief Mike Reddy said his community wanted to be on the ground floor of regionalization discussions before making a decision

if consolidation will work.

"Our department is always active in finding new ways to provide service," said Reddy, who referenced the Auto-Aid program with Garden City, Wayne and Inkster, in which fire departments from all four cities respond to a commercial fire in any of the communities. "We want to take a look and explore it, to see if there's merit to it."

Michigan State University professor Eric Scorsone, an extension specialist for state and local governments, said there are many examples of successful consolidation efforts that have achieved cost savings and maintained service quality in outstate Michigan and other states.

"One can create some kind of fire joint venture in a fairly reasonable time frame, but cost savings and improved service definitely can take several years to realize," Scorsone said.

"Communities may need to rethink where operations are located, staffing patterns and overcome transition costs."

Annual NorthRidge program dares churches to change

When Brad Powell came to NorthRidge Church in 1990, then known as Temple Baptist Church, he was told by many that stopping its rapid decline in attendance couldn't be done.

Under Powell's leadership for the past 16 years, NorthRidge has transitioned from a dying church locked in a pattern of cultural irrelevance, to a contemporary church communicating God's Word to people from every generation.

"The church is the hope of the world ... when it's working right," Powell said.

With this passionate belief, he led NorthRidge Church through a transition. The result: A minimum of 20 percent growth annually for the past eight years, ministering to some 12,000 people during week-



Powell

end services. As Powell writes in his soon-to-be-released book, *Change Your Church For Good, The Art of Sacred Cow Tipping*, "In our journey from irrelevant to relevant; bound by tradition to freed by God's truth; unhealthy to healthy; dying to thriving, we learned a lot ... much of it the hard way. God has allowed us to experience our transition in order to provide help and hope; for Christians who know in their hearts that something is desperately wrong with their church; for pastors, leaders and churches wanting to fulfill God's purpose in the world again; and for skeptics and seekers who, whether

they know it or not, are desperately looking for God and His hope ... which means they desperately need a church that's working right."

This passion to see the "church working right" has resulted in an annual conference hosted by NorthRidge Church Ministries called "Change Without Compromise." This conference provides insight, help and encouragement to all churches - whether new or existing, contemporary or traditional, growing or dying - that need to transition.

This year's conference, "Dare You to Try It!" runs Feb. 8-10 and has a "hot sauce" theme, challenging church leaders to take the dare to change. Powell indicates the value of the church is found in how hot they are.

"Jesus says it best in Revelation 3:15-16, 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!'"

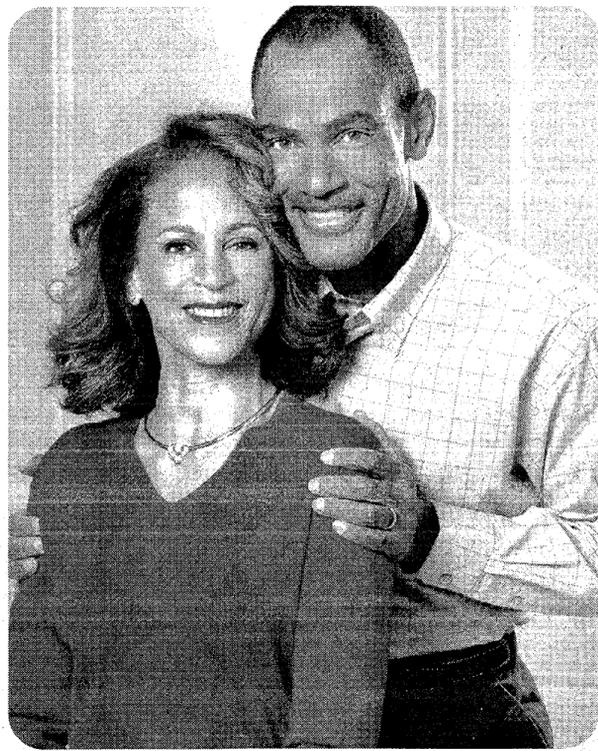
So, because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth," Powell said. "No matter where a church is today, it can go from bland to hot ... if you Change Without Compromise."

For more information and to register for the conference go to www.ChurchDare.com

Powell's book will release in February 2007. In this book, Powell provides a passionate, principled and practical resource for all churches facing the daunting challenge of transition.

For more information about Powell and the book go to www.BradPowellOnline.com.

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SOLDIER

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stand what the Army is all about, and I wanted to let them know that what's going on (in Iraq) is not necessarily as bad as they are hearing."

Among his slides were a picture of Bartel with U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, who visited troops in Iraq on Memorial Day. Both were wearing Detroit Tigers hats.

"She brought us Tigers hats because the Tigers were playing so well," Bartel said. "And some dried cherries from Traverse City, so we could have something from home."

Students had questions about any battles Bartel may have taken part in.

"Nobody in my particular unit was shot," said Bartel, who noted bullets from his 12-pound rifle could travel three football fields. "We were shot at, but none of my guys were injured or shot."

Third-grader Lucas Martin, 8, said he learned a few things while listening to Bartel.



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Bentley students ask Adam Bartel, an Army specialist from Plymouth Township, questions about his experience during his visit to the school Thursday.

"I thought it was a lot harder to be in the Army," Lucas said. "I thought the guns would be a lot heavier. I know I would be scared."

Jillian Yuhas, 8, said she "thought it was pretty cool" Bartel visited her school.

"They had to learn how to cut (barbed) wire and get up at 5 in the morning," Jillian remembered. "I thought it was pretty dangerous."

TIME TO LEARN

Second-grade teacher Nancy Weyerker said learning about the Army and Bartel firsthand is important for students, even those in the younger grades.

"Current events are very important, we want them to know what's going on," Weyerker said. "When we have one of our own come to talk, it makes it feel more real for them."

Bartel, dressed in the Army's

'I thought it was a lot harder to be in the Army.'

Lucas Martin
Bentley third-grader

new fatigues, said he decided to join the Army, in part, because his grandfather served in World War II and his father was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam conflict. When asked if he ever was embarrassed to walk around in his Army uniform, Bartel stood tall while giving his answer.

"To me, this is a source of pride," Bartel said. "I know what I've done and I'm proud of my country, and it doesn't embarrass me at all to wear this uniform."

Chrenko, a teacher for 33 years, said she's proud to see how he has developed as a young man.

"It's neat for the kids to see a real soldier, who is doing something for our country," Chrenko said. "It's really nice to know you taught somebody years ago and they're here giving something back."

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Police question vacuum salesmen in ring theft

Plymouth Township Police questioned a pair of vacuum cleaner salesmen in the Jan. 29 theft of a gold diamond wedding ring stolen from a home on Tavistock.

The homeowner told police two vacuum salesmen arrived around 3 p.m. to do a demonstration. One of the men left some 15 minutes into the demonstration, instructing his partner to finish up. The partner left about 4 p.m.

Shortly after he'd left, the homeowner noticed the ring, which she told police she always set on the countertop for her husband, was missing. She contacted the vacuum company and spoke to the manager, who sent the salesmen back to the house.

Police were then when they arrived, and obtained permission to do a body search. The ring did not turn up.

According to police, both men denied knowledge of the ring.

Waste tank theft

AISIN officials told police a 300-gallon waste fluid tank had been stolen from their

POLICE BEAT

parking lot. The tank, according to police reports, had been stored in a handicapped-parking space.

Converter stolen

A woman called Plymouth Township police to report the theft of the catalytic converter from her 2002 GMC Savana, which had been parked in the northwest parking lot.

The owner also said she consulted Midas employees, who told her the thief also had tried, but failed, to steal a second converter.

Midas officials told police, according to reports, that catalytic converters are becoming a popular item for thieves because of the metals used to make them.

Defibrillator swiped

A Maple Ridge resident told Plymouth Township police someone had stolen an Automatic External Defibrillator from the back seat of his unlocked Chevy Trail Blazer, which had been parked

in his driveway.

The AED belonged to the car owner's employer.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period from Jan. 24-30:

■ Tuesday, Jan. 30 — Residential rescue runs on Sheldon and on A Drive; rescue run on Sheridan; carbon monoxide detector run on Mayville; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; smoke investigation on Plymouth Way.

■ Monday, Jan. 29 — Vehicle accident at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail; rescue run on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Colony Farms Circle, on Northview and on Mill; investigation on Oregon Trail; open burning violation on Burning Tree Lane.

■ Sunday, Jan. 28 — Residential rescue runs on Graefield Circle, on Haggerty and on Brookside; vehicle accident at Wilcox and Hines; fires on Tyler Drive and on Beck south of M-14.

■ Saturday, Jan. 27 — Commercial rescue run on Concept; residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Old Pond Circle, on Quail Run and on Brownell; single-family fire on Evergreen; smoke investigation on Plymouth Road.

■ Friday, Jan. 26 — Smoke investigation on S. Tyler; residential rescue runs on Washington, on Northville Road and on Draper Circle; commercial rescue runs on Schoolcraft and on Concept; industrial rescue run on Sheldon.

■ Thursday, Jan. 25 — Residential rescue runs on Rucker, on Tavistock and on Pineway Court.

■ Wednesday, Jan. 24 — Residential rescue runs on Robinwood, on Ross, on Maplewood, on Inbrook, on Woodland Place and on Ross; downed wires on Turkey Run; vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Beck; rescue run on Maplewood; commercial rescue run on Haggerty; rescue run to a public building/school on Haggerty.

DEATHS

A
George M. Adams
Adams, 59, died Jan. 28.

C
Mary P. Chika
Chika, 91, of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 31.

D
Lawrence A. Damask
Damask, 86, formerly of Westland, died Jan. 27.

E
Mary B. Ekberg
Ekberg, 84, formerly of Birmingham, died Jan. 26.

J
Robert M. Jones
Jones, 75, formerly of Westland, died Jan. 31.

K
Cpl. Mark D. Kidd
Kidd, 26, of Milford, died Jan. 25.

L
Marylu Stewart Lloyd
Lloyd, 83, died Feb. 1.

N
Grace Marie Neal
Neal, 82, died Jan. 31.

S
Patricia Corrigan Sharp
Sharp, 82, of Livonia, died Feb. 1.
John L. "Swede" Swanson
Swanson, 74, of Garden City, died Dec. 16.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C5.

@ THE LIBRARY

The Plymouth District Library offers the following programs during February:

■ **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES** — Completion of the Youth area is drawing nearer. Check out the latest developments on the Library's renovation project by going to plymouthlibrary.org and clicking on the Building Blog. Current project updates and photos will take you behind the scenes.

■ **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**, Monday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m. — Social worker Chris Goldberg of Adult Well-Being Services will answer a wide variety of concerns for individuals caring for ill or aging family members. No registration required.

■ **GREAT BOOKS**, Monday, Feb. 5 and 19, 7 p.m. — The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, go to <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 20, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

■ **\$\$\$ AND SENSE**, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1 p.m. — Join with others who are interested in learning and sharing information on personal finance and investing at this discussion group at the Library. The group provides a forum to study and share personal investment information, learn investment terminology, review different investment tools, and study individual stocks, mutual funds, annuities, etc. Each month, members follow and report on a mock portfolio they set up on the Internet. This is not a stock club, no monies are involved; members plan, moderate, and participate in each meeting. New members are welcome at any meeting. Meetings are usually held on

the first Wednesday of the month in a Library meeting room. For more information on current discussion topics, please contact Linda Pride, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 206 or lpride@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, Feb. 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Round-table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or dohewlett@aol.com

■ **BASEBALL ISN'T JUST BASEBALL - IT'S A METAPHOR FOR LIFE**, An afternoon with authors Robert Samaras and Raymond Rolak, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m. — The Library concludes this special baseball series, "Hot Stove League: Professors of Baseball share their love of America's pastime" with these Detroiters. Robert Samaras, EdD, former coach of the Wayne State University baseball team, will talk about such varied topics as "The one-run game: pathway to pennant" and humanistic psychology in baseball coaching. Raymond Rolak, former director of the City of Detroit 3,000 member PaR Baseball School, will present "Different Universes: A comparative look at competitive and recreational baseball. Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at plymouthlibrary.org. This program is made possible with the generous support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

■ **WORLD WAR II PERSPECTIVES**, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. — Patrick Ignani returns to address The Pacific Theater: A Clash of Races and Cultures. He will examine the cultural differences between Japan and the United States that caused the war in the Pacific to evolve into a bitter racial and ethnic struggle. Register for this free program by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

■ **STARS, MOONS AND PLANETS**, Monday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. — He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resi-

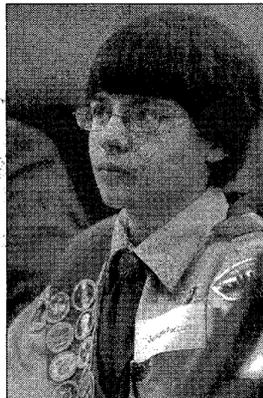
dent Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or email spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **ALL ABOUT OSCAR**, Thursday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. — Lawrence Jeziak, film instructor at Oakland Community College and former film critic, will deliver a light but thoughtful examination of this year's Academy Award nominations. Novices as well as film buffs will learn about the essence of cinema and the history of the fickle finger of Oscar. Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at plymouthlibrary.org

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Feb. 28, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read Rebecca by Daphne DuMaurier. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 206, or e-mail lpride@plymouthlibrary.org.



Boy Scout Joseph Porcari was honored for his Eagle Scout project, organizing Senior Cleanup Day, at Friday's United Way annual meeting. He's set to receive his Eagle rank in a ceremony Feb. 12.

UNITED WAY

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"I'm happy to be involved in the United Way because this particular organization does a great job in fund-raising ... but also has a great track record of keeping expenses down," Gaidica said. "It's good we keep the costs and expenses down, so the money that we're asking people to donate is actually going to the bottom line."

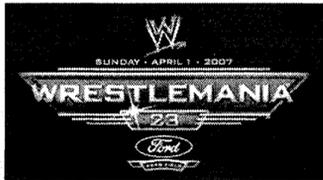
PCUW board chairman Greg Foster said with the challenging Michigan economy, the demands for people who need help are growing.

"Job cutbacks and layoffs have impacted many of our friends and family members, and the result is local service needs are increasing, be they for basic human services, for support for mental problems, or for various types of abuse like drug, alcohol or spousal," Foster said. "I encourage each of you to help spread the word about the importance of supporting the local needy through the Plymouth Community United Way."

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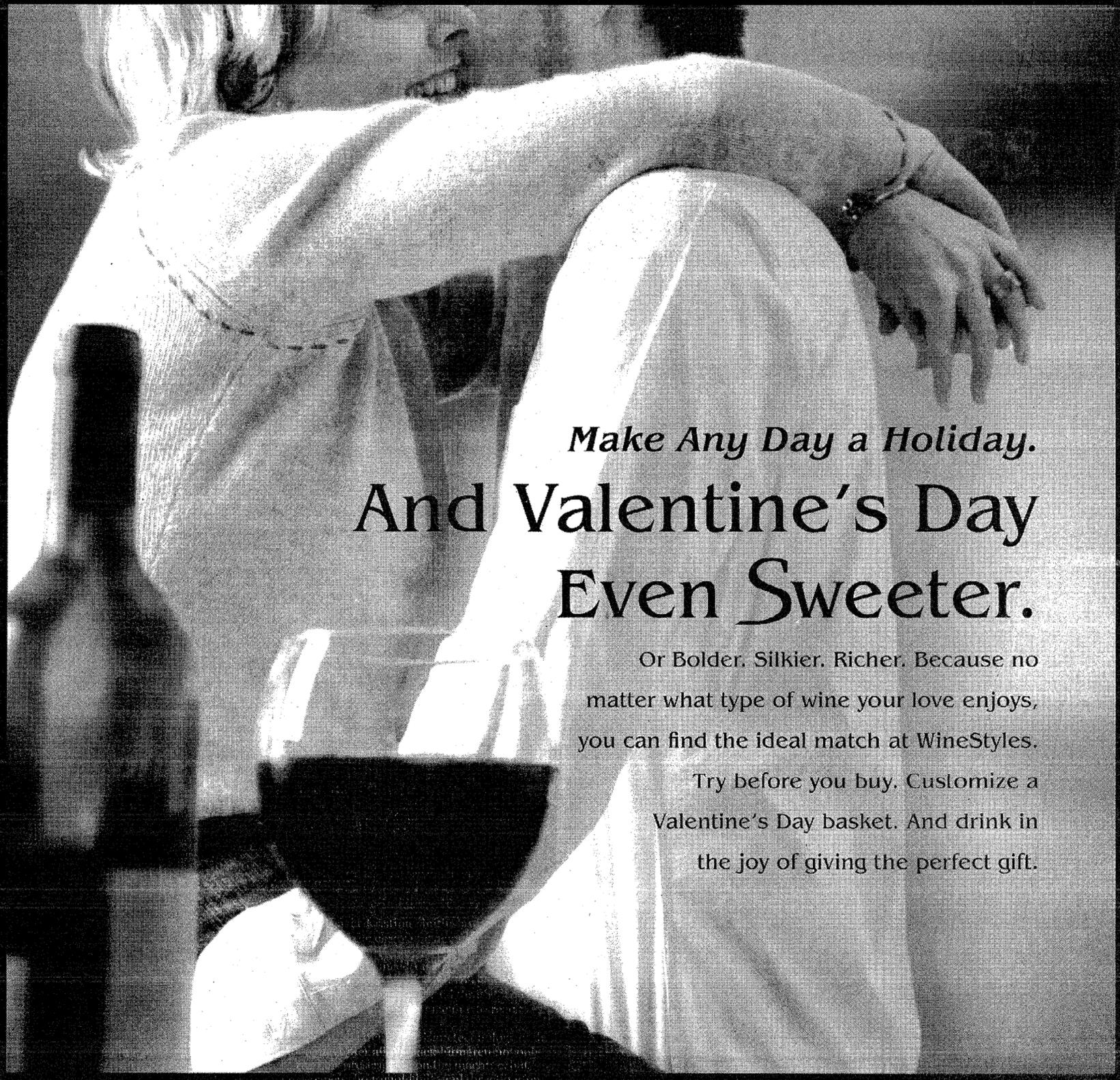
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Detroit Zoo seeks piece of state budget pie

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Ron Kagan, director of the Detroit Zoo, is seeking \$12 million from the state for zoo operations, but not all state legislators are buying.

The Legislature appropriated \$4 million for the zoo in 2006, following a public outcry over the possibility of the landmark at Woodward and 10 Mile in Royal Oak closing.

"We don't have any money," state Rep. Chuck Moss (R-Birmingham) said, noting the state's \$800 million deficit.

"We're looking at trying to protect money for schools and health care."

"I love the zoo," Moss added, noting he takes his kids there. "It generates money for the region. We just plain don't have the money."

Moss, a first-term legislator, noted similar cutbacks in private industry such as General Motors and Ford, and noted there could be cuts elsewhere such as state police or mental health services.

"It's a pretty bad time to be asking for extra money from Lansing," Moss said. "I hate to be Scrooge here, but we just

don't have the money. The state of Michigan is not in a position to be a sugar daddy right now."

Kagan, reached Tuesday, noted the discussions with the state have been ongoing for some time. Zoo officials have asked the state for help following last year's transition to the zoo being operated by the nonprofit Detroit Zoological Society.

"At that time, they said they would help us with Part A. We're not expecting an outcome for some time," Kagan said.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is scheduled to introduce her budget next week.

"I think everybody in Michigan is concerned with the state's finances," Kagan said. "We understand that has to be resolved."

"I think it's been excellent," he said of the transition to DZS operation. "The transition has gone really well."

Attendance was up about 50,000 last year, and zoo membership is around 50,000 families, the largest of any cultural institution in Michigan.

"There is a cost in doing all of that," Kagan said of animal



Ron Kagan, director of the Detroit Zoo.

preservation and other zoo work. "We need some public support."

Kagan's plan is for a regional tax to appear on the ballot in 2008; he notes many other cities have similar taxes and the Huron-Clinton Metroparks tax has been assessed locally for many years.

"We are hopeful that the community will be supportive of that," Kagan said of the regional tax. Last year's public outcry showed "clear community support and recognition of the value" of the zoo, he said.

Kagan said the zoo brings an economic value to the region, including jobs: "We just need this one-time state assistance to get us to the regional piece."

The governor and Legislature have already shown they understand the zoo's value, he said.

State education savings plan a good gift for a child

We just had a newborn grandchild and we would like to begin to save for his college education. Any suggestions?

Congratulations on your newborn grandchild. I think it is great that you are thinking about a college education, as I believe it is never too early to begin to save for college.

My recommendation is to make a contribution into the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP). The Michigan Education Savings Plan (www.misaves.com) is what is known as a 529 Plan and these types of programs have a number of advantages. First, the income from this investment grows on a tax-free basis as long as it is used to pay for college expenses. In other words, when your grandchild uses the money for college, there are no tax consequences on the distributions. In addition, you can deduct contributions you make off your Michigan income tax return.

There are numerous 529 Plans on the market; however, the MESP is the only plan that you are allowed to deduct your contributions from your Michigan income tax return. You can deduct \$5,000 of contributions on a single return and \$10,000 on a joint return. The MESP, unlike many other plans, is commission-free and has very low fees.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that money from the MESP can only be used in Michigan schools. This is not the case. You can withdraw money from the MESP for basically any public or private institution in the country. In addition, the money can be used not only for tuition, but also room and board and all required fees.

Through the MESP, you have a variety of investment options that you can choose from. For a newborn, I generally recommend the moderate age-based allocation option. What this investment option does is invest the money in a variety of investments geared for long-term growth. As the child gets older and closer to college, the portfolio gradually becomes more conservative.

One of the beauties of the MESP is that it only takes \$25 to start a plan and you never have

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Rick Bloom

to add any additional money.

One last note regarding the MESP is that it does not have to be a child or grandchild for you to start a plan. Basically, anyone can open a plan for any child.

For those of you who are looking at buying a gift for a child, I believe the Michigan Education Savings Plan is an excellent program to consider.

My broker has recommended an S&P 500 fund for my portfolio. I notice that the class share of the mutual fund is a B Share. What are your thoughts?

I am not a fan of B Share mutual funds and I never recommend them. In the mutual fund industry, there are a variety of different classes of mutual funds. Each one of these classes of mutual funds has different fees associated with them. As an example, in most B Share mutual funds there are very high ongoing management fees charged on a year-by-year basis. In addition, in a B Class Share mutual fund, there is typically a five-year penalty provision if the fund is sold. What this means is that if you liquidate the investment prior to five years, you have to pay a penalty to the company. My philosophy has always been that investors need flexibility and low costs and that is something that does not exist with B Share mutual funds.

When you purchase a mutual fund, it is important to understand all of the fees involved. Every mutual fund charges a management fee. The management fee is how the mutual fund company itself makes money. In addition to the management fee, some mutual funds will also charge commissions or what is known as loads. Commissions are on top of the management fees and, in most cases, fund companies that have commissions also have high manage-

ment fees.

In the situation at hand with the B Share mutual fund, this type of class share has one of the highest management fees associated with it. Therefore, when an investor purchases this type of fund, they are going to pay higher yearly fees. My recommendation is that an investor should never use a B Share mutual fund as they are not investor friendly.

I recognize that many of the commission salespeople that sell mutual funds will tell you that the B Share mutual fund is no-load or has no commissions. Technically, they are right, because there is no commission deducted from your initial investment, but they are not telling the whole story. B Share mutual funds have substantially higher ongoing fees as well as surrender penalties if you get out, generally, in less than five years. Therefore, whether you call it a commission or a fee, it is still money coming out of an investor's pocket, which lowers their return.

In the situation at hand, as opposed to buying a B Share S&P 500 fund, I would recommend that you consider purchasing the Vanguard 500 Index Fund (800-992-8845). Vanguard is a no-load company and has very low management fees. When a fund is no-load, it means that 100 percent of your money goes to work for you and no money is paid in any sales charge.

As far as I am concerned, there is one reason and one reason only that people invest money and that is to make money. To do that, investors need to be concerned with costs as well as performance.

Therefore, if your goal is like mine, to keep more money in our pockets and fewer commissions in the hands of brokers, then avoid B Share mutual funds and concentrate on the commission-free funds. Good luck!

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Zoo offers free admission to children

Looking for a cure for the kids' cabin fever? Look no further than the Detroit Zoo. One child ages 2-12 will receive free admission to the zoo on Mondays and Tuesdays during the month of February when accompanied by one adult at the regular admission price. The offer is available only with a printable coupon which can be found on the zoo's Web site at www.detroitzoo.org.

While a number of the zoo's animals seek shelter when the temperature drops, others take the opportunity to play. The Japanese macaques, or snow monkeys, can often be spotted enjoying their outdoor hot tub in the winter months. The Amur tigers, wolverines, red pandas, Asian wild horses, elk and bison also adapt well to colder temperatures.

A popular attraction any time of year is the Arctic Ring of Life, featuring the 70-foot Polar Passage with its spectacular views of swimming polar bears and seals. When it's time to warm up, visitors can head over to the Butterfly Garden - where the temperature is always a balmy 75 degrees - and enjoy more than 40 species of butterflies from Costa Rica and El Salvador. Other indoor experiences at the Zoo include the National Amphibian Conservation Center, Penguinarium, and Holden Museum of Living Reptiles.

Kids of all ages can enjoy the Wild Adventure Simulator, an educational, action-packed thrill ride which offers a unique you-are-there experience from the comfort of a spe-

cially equipped, motion-simulated big-screen theater seat. Passengers must be at least 36 inches (three feet) tall, and it is recommended that they be at least 5 years of age or older. Located in the Ford Education Center, the Wild Adventure Simulator is open during regular Zoo hours; show times vary. Tickets are \$4.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. The Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

Nursing group plans bocce ball fund-raiser

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's signature fund-raising event, Bocce for Bucks III sponsored by Complete Infusion Services, offers patrons a unique opportunity to receive professional instruction on the sport from World Cup Bocce players. The event will be held on 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township.

Bocce for Bucks III features an afternoon of indoor bocce ball tournament play, ideal for families and people of all ages, an Italian buffet, silent auction

and much more.

New this year, is a private beneficiary reception to be held 6 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Park West Gallery in Southfield.

Funds raised will help provide an innovative, life-saving system - VNA's TeleHomecare program. TeleHomecare is a tool used by VNA to educate and empower patients by checking their health between home visits.

For sponsorship, advertising or ticket information for Bocce for Bucks III, please call (248) 967-8324 or visit vna.org.

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Fair shows high-tech products to help those with vision loss

Products and technological applications to help people with visual impairments will be demonstrated at a fair Friday.

The fifth Biennial Technology Blizzard for People with Visual Impairments and Learning Disabilities brings more than 30 manufacturers, distributors, service providers and educators.

Half-hour sessions introducing products and their use in school and adult life are offered throughout the day.

The blizzard runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh Road in Livonia.

The event is geared toward people with visual impairments of all ages, seniors, adult children of people with vision loss, parents, educators and employers.

It is sponsored by the Wayne County RESA; the Livonia, Detroit and Lincoln Park school districts; and the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired. For more information, call the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired at (313) 272-3900.

Common beliefs and values

Annual week of celebration honors Catholic schools' traditions

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The noise inside the gymnasium at All Saints Catholic School in Canton Township was deafening Wednesday afternoon as elementary students played musical chairs against teachers and administrators, followed by a game of volleyball between teachers and middle-school students.

The activities were only a couple of those planned all last week as All Saints and Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth celebrated Catholic Schools Week, some of which included games and talent shows, as well as open houses that included parents, grandparents, current and former employees to share in the festivities.

"It's a way of doing community outreach, trying to share with people the value of Catholic education," said Kay Reilly, principal at Our Lady of Good Counsel, which has over 600 students. "Children with high academic standards, but at the same time leaning on religion and faith, and given the opportunity expressing those values to the less fortunate."

After participating in the musical chairs game with students, All Saints Principal Jacqui Brown said there have been a lot of changes at the school as it celebrates its tenth anniversary.

"Every year has been a different year here, until we saw who we were going to be," said Brown, who has been at All Saints the past 8 years. "There were no traditions or history, so we make it every day, and it's exciting."

"We are a traditional Catholic school, a school that teaches 630 kids, one at a time," she said. "If children are having difficulties, we make accommodations. If they are



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Third-graders go crazy when their classmate wins a chair in 'musical chairs.'

above, we do our best to challenge them."

Counselor Kristen Strausbaugh of Canton Township taught in public schools before moving to All Saints.

"I see a difference academically," said Strausbaugh, who also helps eighth grade students with high school placement. "Our eighth-graders who come back after ninth grade tell us they are very well prepared, and the load isn't

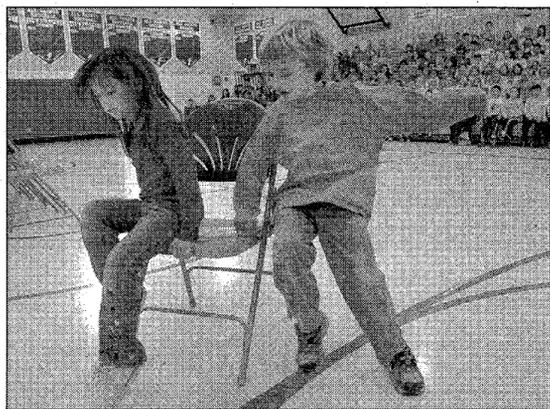
difficult for them. And, on top of the academics, they get the spiritual aspect."

Brittany Rose, 13, of Canton Township, talks to her public school friends, and doesn't feel she is missing anything by attending All Saints.

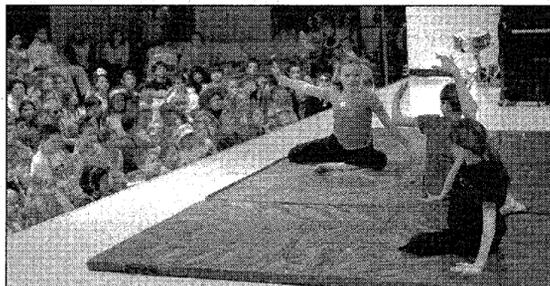
"We'll do a few things differently than they do, but a lot of it is actually the same," Rose, an eighth grader, said. "It's really important to get a good Catholic education. It helps you become a good leader and prepares you."

"The whole school community does fun things together," she said. "It's kind of cool."

First-grader Colleen Hammond of Plymouth said she likes science "because there



Kindergartener Sarah McCausland beats first-grader Nick Mans to the last seat during a game of musical chairs during Catholic Schools Week.



Hadley Yoas and sisters Gina and Juliana Ruggirello perform to the song 'Genie in a Bottle.'

are lot of experiments and cool projects."

"Everybody is really nice here," she said. "They give each other lots of support and love, and they never let you down. If they say something and promise they will do it, they do it, and they'll have fun with you."

When the economy is down, Catholic schools sometimes see a decline in enrollment because of the tuition costs. However, Reilly said despite the challenging times, OLCG is still a choice for many parents.

"Our number for next year's kindergarten program are stronger than expected, given the economy," Reilly said. "Plymouth has a lot of Ford Motor employees, and when you're facing economic uncertainty it's a significant financial

commitment.

"If we can get students as part of our school family from kindergarten, we feel strongly they will be committed to Good Counsel for all their elementary years," she said.

This year, OLCG has one full-day kindergarten and two half-day classes. Reilly is projecting the 2007-08 school year will have enough students for two full-day kindergartens.

Reilly said the common thread for parents of Catholic school students is something their children can't get in public schools.

"It's a community of common beliefs and values based on Catholic teachings and traditions," said Reilly. "The common set of core values that is faith based, which is not part of the public schools."



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Israel offers many surprises for its first-time visitors

As my family and I finalized plans for a long-awaited trip to Israel recently, many friends and other family members reacted with horror, fearing for our safety, as if we were planning to walk into an active war zone.



Mike Rosenbaum

Mention Israel, it seems, and thoughts reflexively turn to the Arab-Israeli conflict. This attitude is a sad consequence of that conflict because our 11-day trip to Israel in December was an amazing and eye-opening experience for us, and would likely prove equally enjoyable for many, regardless of religion or ethnicity. Anyone interested in history, art and culture, or who wants to see evidence of the very best, and very worst, in human nature should make the trip.

It's also a land that will surprise you, no matter how well-informed you are regarding its history or its current events. Israel is a place that must be experienced with your own senses before you can begin to understand it.

For example, it's one thing to know, intellectually, that Jerusalem is sacred to the world's three major monotheistic religions. It's another thing to take a 20-minute walk that begins at the Western Wall — the only remnant of the second great Jewish Temple, which lies literally in the shadows of the Dome of the Rock — then continues through an Arab market, with calls to prayer booming over local mosques' loudspeakers, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where Jesus was buried.

It's one thing to read about the First Century Roman conquest of Jerusalem, when approximately 1 million people were killed and the city was practically burned to the ground. It's another to view the scorched stone walls of a 2,000-year-old home, to see the remnants of that horrific fire, and feel anger inside at that ancient, but all-too-familiar atrocity, the senseless destruction of Jews.

After walking out of those excavated ruins in Jerusalem's Old City, however, I felt fierce pride to view the Israeli flag flying from neighboring buildings, to see that Jews once again thrived within the city the Romans once demolished with such vigor.

But here, again, no doubt many of your thoughts are returning to today's Arab-Israeli conflict. My pride at witnessing Israel's flag in Jerusalem, after all, is not shared by the Arab inhabitants of that

city, or of that country.

But traveling to Israel forces you to see the conflict differently.

And that leads to the biggest surprise of our trip.

After spending six days in Jerusalem, we were scheduled to drive to Tiberias, in the Galilee area. I assumed we'd travel on Israel's side of the pre-1967 borders, as a necessary safety precaution. Not so. Our guide packed us in our Ford van and drove east, through the middle of the West Bank, before turning north through the Jordan Valley area.

Before returning to pre-1967 Israel, we passed numerous small villages — some Jewish, some Arab, as our guide matter-of-factly pointed out — within easy walking distance of each other.

I was in Israel as a tourist, not as a journalist, so I couldn't investigate the villages further. I don't know their histories. I don't know much about their interactions, although our guide said the Jewish and Arab villagers generally engage in some commerce, but otherwise stay out of each others' areas.

Nevertheless, I know what I saw, and what I didn't see. There were no guards, military personnel or checkpoints between the villages. There were no large fences or other barriers. Arab villagers could walk unhindered to a neighboring Jewish village in minutes, and vice-versa. In other words, Jews and Arabs were living on disputed territory, in peace.

Now, those Jews may believe the entire West Bank rightfully belongs to Israel, while their neighboring Arabs would likely rather live in an independent Palestine.

But at least they're not fighting about it. So, based on my experience, anyone who's interested in visiting Israel but fears the violence, should make the trip. Unless there's an active shooting war going on, the most danger you're likely to face is on the roads — Israelis tend to be very aggressive drivers.

As for the Arab-Israeli conflict? Unfortunately, there are no easy answers there. I just wish that today's version of the ancient Roman legions, i.e., those who call or work for Israel's destruction, would learn something from those West Bank villages I witnessed. Certainly, peace between nations is a more difficult and complex achievement than peace between villages. But peace between villages is a start.

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Readers offer suggestions on state money crisis

Editor's note: We asked readers to offer their suggestions to Gov. Jennifer Granholm and state legislators as they struggle with the state's financial crisis. We ran several letters in Thursday's paper and online. Here are some more responses.

Watch the spending

Thank you for allowing citizens some input on how to handle the current state finance crisis.

When operating a family budget, Michigan citizens decide what they can and cannot afford to purchase. It is our belief that the state government should do the same. When the family budget comes up short for a Michigan family, we are forced to look at income vs. outgo. This is what you need to do:

1. Clean house. And we don't mean from the bottom up. We mean from the top down. Get rid of every special committee, every "created" position and every person that is not crucial to running the state. This action alone will save the state millions. Learn to make decisions by listening to your on site advisers and using your own judgment. Don't form a special committee for every problem that comes up.

2. When you are considering cutting "government services" such as money to schools and local government, remember this: These are not government services. These are essential tools that are provided for by the citizens of Michigan in the form of taxes. The tax you collect from the citizens is not your personal pocketbook. Michigan cannot afford government spending sprees.

3. When you have an \$800 million deficit, you are spending too much. If you don't have the revenues, you should not be spending. That should be clear enough.

4. If you have an \$800 million deficit and you receive some windfall money (big tobacco settlement), it makes sense to balance your budget and THEN you consider the amount left over as surplus. Since this was not done with your tobacco money, are we to assume that you don't consider the state in a financial crisis? You earmarked the money for your pet projects and then you form a special committee to figure out how to solve the budget deficit. In truth, you had the power to take care of the deficit and did not.

5. Michigan has the second highest paid legislators in the nation but we are one of the most financially troubled states. Our state legislators make good wages. They have very short work weeks. If the state is in need of a "special committee," please catch some of our legislators on the two-three days off during the week and draft them to sit on the committee.

6. You have a powerful workforce at your disposal. Michigan workers have strong work ethics and a good sense of what is right. Re-train your unemployed blue-collar workers. Don't let their unemployment benefits run out and then tell them to take out grants and loans to get degrees necessary to obtain these high tech positions. It was blue-collar workers who made this state into the automotive capital of

the world, not the state government. Don't forget us. Help us, and we will help you out of this mess you have created.

A. Parrish
Troy

Redundant bureaucracy

I remember the time when we in Michigan had no state income tax, no sales tax, and no SBT tax, nevertheless the state government functioned just fine. Perhaps Gov. Granholm's 12-member emergency commission should study how that was done, and accordingly make suggestions to the governor.

I think that the present budgetary problem in the state has a lot to do with overgrown, overcompensated, often redundant, and underworked bureaucracy. Probably it can be reduced by half without adverse consequences. We would then have a leaner, more efficient, most likely friendlier to the public, better functioning state government.

We should learn how they do it in the private industry, for example at Ford, General Motors, and other companies. From huge losses they recently incurred, apparently they are now on the way to profitability with considerably reduced workforce, and scaled down wages and benefits. What works to their advantage, it could work just as well to the advantage of the State of Michigan without more taxing already overburdened with taxes public.

Joseph Wira

Cut compensation

1. Do not raise taxes.
2. What do we cut? The level of compensation of state, county and city government pensions, retirement and lifetime medical benefits. I'm talking teachers, elected officials etc. Make them similar to their private sector workers plans. We can't afford the 55-year-old retirees with all of those expensive perks for life. The only exception would be police and firefighters. These folks go to do their public service each day with the risk that they may not come home at the end of the day. Please note that I have a problem with their benefits package, not their salaries. They have been very smart to defer much of their compensation to their retirement packages which no one ever seems to scrutinize.

3. Let education dollars follow the student. I pay \$2,500 a child for a Catholic education that vastly outperforms the \$9,500 spent on public school students. Too much is wasted on bureaucracy.

4. Don't spend \$80,000 on a chief of staff for the governor's husband.

5. If 35 or 40 other states all have a part-time legislator (like Michigan used to) and many are much more populated than Michigan, go back to the part-time legislature like we had before.

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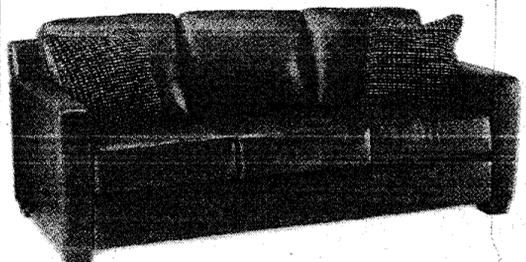
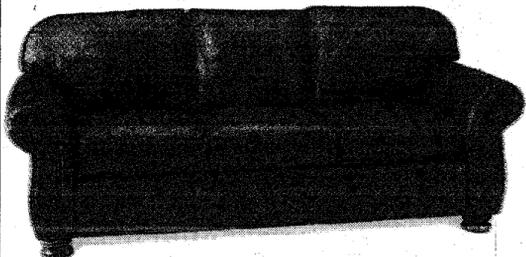
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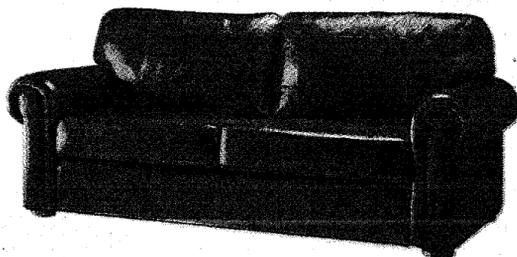
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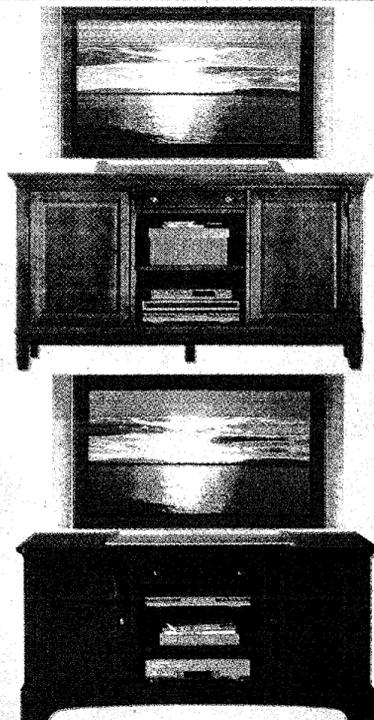
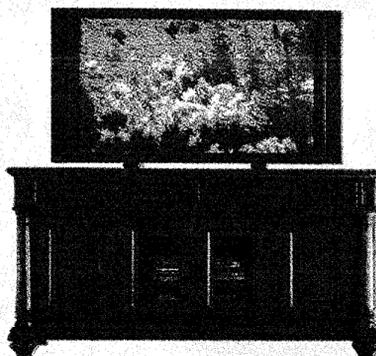
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Salem senior forward Nate Werda tormented Plymouth Friday night with three goals in the Rocks' 5-3 victory. The triumph clinched the Kathy Lash Cup for Salem.

Hats off to Nate

Werda's three goals lead Rocks over Plymouth, 5-3

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Nate Werda pulled double-duty for the Salem hockey team Friday night during its cross-campus clash with Plymouth at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Werda not only carried the Rocks to a 5-3 victory over the rival Wildcats, but he also earned his team a 12-month

lease on the coveted Kathy Lash Cup, the trophy that goes to the P-CEP hockey team that compiles the best record against the other two. Lash was instrumental in the development of the three boys hockey programs at the Park.

Werda registered a hat trick for Salem, including an empty-netter with 44 seconds left that all but iced the win.

"Nate's been on a roll for us lately," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "He's scored a couple of goals in our last two or three games. When he was walking in tonight, I told him I thought he was going to get three goals and, sure enough, he did."

"Nate's been a great player for us. He's playing unselfishly and it's really

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, B3

Carlson paces Chief swimmers

For complete results on the meet, see B3.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The waves the Canton's boys swimming team are creating in the Western Lakes Activities Association are getting more substantial each week.

The Chiefs hope they're tidal wave-sized by Feb. 13 when they host fellow WLAA unbeaten Northville in a pivotal showdown set for 7 p.m.

On Thursday in Canton's Phase III building, coach Ed Weber's squad improved its dual-meet record to 6-0 with a convincing 109-77 victory over cross-campus rival Plymouth. After the Wildcats grabbed an early lead by winning the meet-opening 200-yard medley relay, the hosts took charge by touching first in eight of the final events to secure the 32-point win.

Canton senior captain Matt Carlson was his usual productive self, winning the 100-yard butterfly (56.55 seconds) and the 100 breaststroke (1:07.00) while also contributing to the Chiefs' first-place 400 freestyle relay victory.

Other individual first-place showings for the Chiefs were turned in by Ross Schwarz, who won the 200 freestyle in 1:54.96; Jon Templeton, who took gold in the 50 freestyle; and Chris McGinnis, who outdistanced all other competitors in diving with 144.45 points.

Mike Conger enjoyed a strong meet for the Wildcats as he took first in the 200 IM (2:10.88) and the 100 backstroke (57.04). Conger also was the lead leg in the Wildcats' first-place finish in the 200 medley relay.

Chris Wilson was the only other Plymouth swimmer to notch a first. He won the grueling 500 freestyle in 5:31.06, less than a second ahead of Canton's Jordan Gorzalski.

The setback dropped the Wildcats' dual-meet record to 3-3.

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Sidelines

MHSAA honorees

Two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park student-athletes are among 120 finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 2006-07 Scholar-Athlete Award.

Canton's Chelsea Selden, a multi-letter winner in gymnastics and diving, and Plymouth's Chelsey Quinlan, a three-sport standout for the Wildcats, are among the students who are finalists for the 12 Class A scholarships.

The program, which has been recognizing student-athletes since the 1989-90 school year, will honor 32 individuals from MHSAA member schools who participate in at least one sport in which the association sponsors a postseason tournament.

Farm Bureau Insurance underwrites the award and will present a \$1,000 scholarship to each recipient. This year, 2,205 applications were received from 492 schools.

To be eligible for the award, students must have had a cumulative grade-point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale) and have previously won a varsity letter.

Webb shines

Level 6 Euro Stars gymnast Caitlyn Webb, a 10-year-old resident of Canton, placed first in her age division at the 2007 "Coaches Cup" competition held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in January.

Webb's scores were: 9.425 on floor (first place); 9.400 on vault (first); 9.375 on bars (first); and 9.200 on beam (third). Webb won the all-around with a 37.375.

Fire & Ice

The Canton Amateur Hockey Association will be hosting the 2nd Annual Fire and Ice game Feb. 10 at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, which is located on Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The showdown between the Canton hockey coaches and the Canton Fire Department kicks off at 6:45 p.m.

Much pain, much gain

Robertson's path to Majors paved with injuries, perseverance, faith

THE BOOK ON ROBERTSON

Name: Nate Robertson
Age: 29
Home: Canton
Family: Wife, Kristin
Occupation: Detroit Tigers starting pitcher
2006 accomplishments: 13-13 record, 3.84 earned run average; earned a win in the Tigers' series-opening game against Oakland in the American League Championship Series;
Major League debut: Sept. 7, 2002, for Florida against Pittsburgh;
Robertson's advice for young baseball players that aspire to play at the next level: "Work hard, enjoy the game and play other sports. You don't need to attend all the showcase camps and all that stuff. Talent supersedes everything. If you have it, you'll make it."

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The most memorable voice-mail message Canton resident Nate Robertson ever received came, as he vividly recalled Thursday morning, "In the middle of the night, in the middle of nowhere."

It was the first week of September 2002 and Robertson, who at the time was a starting pitcher in the Florida Marlins' minor-league system, and his soon-to-be-wife, Kristin, were driving from Portland, Maine (the site of his final minor-league game that season) to Wichita, Kansas, his hometown.

"The Marlins had already made a wave of call-ups to the Major League team and I wasn't one of them, so I was a little disappointed because I had had a pretty good year," remembered Robertson. "It was just after midnight and we were somewhere near the West Virginia-Kentucky border — out in the middle of nowhere — when I checked my voicemail."

The lone message on Robertson's phone was left by the Marlins' minor league coordinator, who asked the then-24-year-old left-hander to call him back, ASAP.

WELCOME TO 'THE SHOW'

"He didn't have any emotion in his voice on the message, so I had no idea what he was calling about," said Robertson. "When I called him back, the first thing he asked was, 'How close are you to Pittsburgh?' He told me there was a spot open in the (Marlins' Major League) rotation on Saturday and he wondered if I'd like to take the start against the Pirates."

"Kristin was driving at the time, so I asked her to pull over. My heart started racing and obviously we got pretty emotional. We got out of the car and jumped around. It was an unbelievable feeling."

The news was extra-sweet for Nate and Kristin for a variety of reasons. First of all, his life-long dream of

PLEASE SEE ROBERTSON, B4



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Nate Robertson displays the split-fingered fastball grip that helped make him one of the top left-handed pitchers in the American League last season. Robertson went 13-13 and earned a series-opening victory against Oakland in the American League Championship Series.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
 Tuesday, Feb. 6
 W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Oakland Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.
 Canton Agape at Macomb, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 9
 Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
 PCA at Parkway, 7:30 p.m.
 Canton Agape at Franklin Rd., 7:30 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL
 Monday, Feb. 5
 Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 6
 PCA at Inter-city Baptist, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 7
 W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 8
 Roeper at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 10
 Salem at Bedford Invite, 8:30 a.m.
 Plymouth and PCA at U-M Dearborn Invite, 9 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY
 Tuesday, Feb. 6
 West Bloomfield at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Cranbrook at PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 7
 Salem at Livonia Churchill at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.
 Redford United at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 9
 Canton at Livonia Franklin at Eddie Edgar, 6 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 10
 Salem at W.L. Northern at Lakeland Arena, 8 p.m.
 PCS Penguins at G.P. South at City Sports Arena, 11:30 a.m.

PREP WRESTLING
 Thursday, Feb. 8

W.L.A.A. cross-overs
 Saturday, Feb. 10
 W.L.A.A. Conference Meet at Canton, 9 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
 Tuesday, Feb. 6
 A.A. Huron at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 8
 Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Plymouth at Canton H.S., 7 p.m.
 Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 9
 MISCA Diving at EMU, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
 Saturday, Feb. 10
 MISCA Swim Meet at EMU, 10 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Monday, Feb. 5
 Northville/Novi at Salem at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.
 Canton at Livonia Red/Blue at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 7
 Plymouth at Hartland/Milford/Lakeland, 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Wednesday, Feb. 7
 Schoolcraft at Wayne County, 7:30 p.m.
 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10
 Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
 Madonna at Cornerstone, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Wednesday, Feb. 7
 Schoolcraft at Wayne County, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10
 Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
 Cornerstone at Madonna, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
 Friday, Feb. 9
 Whalers vs. Owen Sound at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 10
 Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
 Sunday, Feb. 11
 Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 2 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

Churchill spikers bump Salem in WLAA Lakes duel

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

Pity the poor forearms that find themselves in the path of the meteoric kills of Livonia Churchill hitters Kyndra Abron and Lauren Krupsky.

On Wednesday night in a battle of Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division unbeaten, the Chargers' dynamic duo's spikes bruised the Salem gymnasium floor more than the Rocks' arms in Churchill's come-from-behind 23-25, 25-16, 25-18, 25-20 victory over the Rocks.

Krupsky, a senior who will be hitting for Central Michigan University in the fall, ripped 32 kills while Abron, a junior bound for Michigan State University in the fall of 2008, notched 22 floor-shaking kills.

The triumph improved state-ranked Churchill's record to 28-2-1 overall and 5-0 in the Lakes. Salem slipped to 24-3-1 and 4-1, respectively.

"Kyndra and Lauren are obviously big-time players," Churchill

coach Mark Grenier said following his team's conquest of the Rocks. "We live and die with what they do and they certainly didn't disappoint us tonight."

While the Chargers' one-two front-row punch is formidable, it's far from the only reason they're ranked seventh in the state in Division 1, Grenier emphasized.

"Above and beyond some of those big bangers we have, I also have kids who fill roles, who pass really well and serve tough," said Grenier. "Outside of the home-run balls that Lauren and Kyndra hit, I have some kids that deserve equal billing with some of the efforts they make with their great defense."

"Everyone sees the home-run ball, but we always talk about the fact that they wouldn't be possible without ball control and defense."

Kelly Archer (19 digs), Stephanie Bradshaw (13 digs), Anna Gatt (eight digs) and Kelsey McKenzie (31 set assists) were the Chargers' top non-hit-

ters against the Rocks.

During the early going, the Rocks looked like they may duplicate last year's three-game home sweep of Churchill when they rode strong front-row play from Lauren Kurtz and Teresa Coppelli to a game-one win. However, Salem seemed to lose its rhythm during the opening points of Game 2 and was never able to regain it.

"We came out strong in the first game, but then as the second and third game went on, our passing kind of broke down and we didn't get a lot of defense against Churchill's big hitters," noted Salem coach Amanda Suder. "If you don't have the blocks, it's hard to dig up some of those hits that come from Kyndra and Lauren. Overall, I think we played at about 50 to 60 percent of what we're capable of playing at. But give Churchill credit. They played very well."

"We'll see them again later on this season, so this certainly wasn't our last dance with Churchill," Kurtz shined for Salem, net-

ting 17 kills and 15 digs. Teresa Coppelli (10 kills and 11 digs) and Jansan Falusan (33 assists, seven digs and two blocks) also turned in stellar performances.

Salem led throughout most of Game 1 and clinched it when Kurtz broke a 23-21 tie with a kill and a tip.

The Chargers bolted to an early lead in the second game thanks to eight kills from Krupsky and strong serving from McKenzie.

Salem never led in games 3 or 4.

The match ended in bizarre fashion when, with Churchill in front 24-20, a Krupsky hit was ruled barely in by a Churchill junior varsity player who was serving as a back-line judge. The Chargers' celebration was muted, however, when one of the referees overturned the call, saying the ball hit just outside the line.

Given new life, the Rocks celebrated — until the two referees met for 15 seconds before ruling Krupsky's hit was in, ending the match.

Pats' aces hand Wildcat spikers 5-game loss

Livonia Franklin coach Linda Jimenez called it "the turning point."

After splitting the first two games Wednesday night at Plymouth, the Patriots found themselves down 15-10 in the third. Sam Wensing came off the bench to serve five straight aces and the Patriots got back on track, pulling out a 16-25, 25-15,

25-20, 22-25, 15-10 girls volleyball win over the Wildcats.

Wensing finished with six aces on the night as Franklin improved to 11-13-3 overall and 4-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Plymouth falls to 13-13-3 and 1-4.

Senior Liz Dempsey was

Franklin's top attacker with 20 kills and six blocks, while Laura Marshall added 11 kills and six digs. Junior setter Kelly Powers had 51 assist-to-kills on the night, while libero Cassie LaPrairie returned all 15 serves.

The Wildcats were led by Chelsey Quinlan (12 kills and 12 digs), Clare Baptist (23 digs and six kills), Rachel Heaton (19 digs and 16 kills), Courtney Buttermore (25 assists).

played a lot better and played like we did earlier in the season," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We struggled on serve-receive in the first game, but we made a few adjustments and did better in the following two games."

The Chiefs were paced by middle hitter Marie Martin, who racked up four kills and seven blocks.

"Marie stuck with their hitters and had a great day at the net," said Barnes.

Ellie Kenny, in her first match as an outside hitter, responded with five kills. Setter Kacy Moran also played well, accumulating four kills, three aces, 12 assists and seven digs.

"We were really impressed with Kacy's hustle Wednesday night," said Barnes. "She also made good choices and took control on the court."

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There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at the Pioneer Middle School project trailer, located at 46081 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.**

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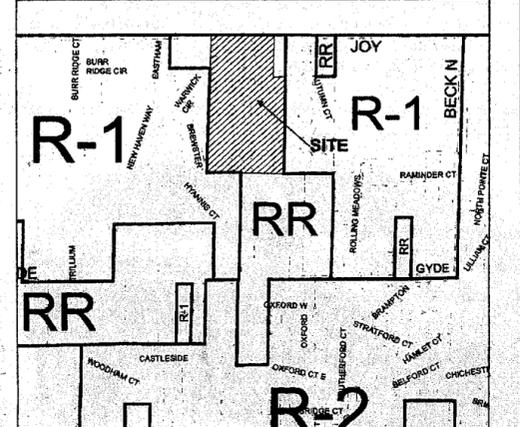
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 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 amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

PLYMOUTH/CANTON SCHOOL FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NO. 017 99 0009 001. Property is located south of Joy Road and west of Beck Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 1, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



Plymouth/Canton School MLUP 006-MLP-004

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Thornton's jam sparks Canton's win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's amazing what kind of impact a rim-rattling, crowd-pleasing, out-of-nowhere dunk can have on a high school basketball game.

Case in point: Friday night's Canton-Plymouth showdown, which was an up-for-grabs, nip-and-tuck contest mid-way through the fourth quarter.

That's when Canton senior forward Eric Thornton secured a give-and-go pass, cut down the baseline and slammed the ball through the hoop to spark the Chiefs' 48-36 triumph.

"Eric's dunk really got us going," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, whose team improved to 8-5 overall and 5-1 in the WLA Western Division. "It really got the crowd into it, too. Then he came back and hit a big jumper right after that."

"The dunk was the biggest play of the game, no doubt," Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner agreed. "It was just another example of one of their role players stepping up and making a huge contribution."

Neil Sharma came off the bench to register a team-high 12 points for the Chiefs, who also got strong play out of Steve Paye and Ryan Waidmann, both of whom netted 10 points. Waidmann also chipped in with a team-high six boards.

Junior guards Myron Puryear, Brandon Roberts and Dan Jeong paced the Wildcats with 13, 10 and six points, respectively. Jeong nailed a couple of long threes in the second quarter to keep the Wildcats afloat.

Canton led 14-7 after one quarter and 24-22 at the half before the 'Cats rallied to grab a 30-29

advantage heading into the fourth.

"Defensively we were solid," said Paye. "We held them to just six points in the fourth quarter. You have to step it up against their guards because they don't need much space to hurt you. Puryear had nine points in the first half, but we held him to just two in the second."

Canton drained 8-of-12 free throws. The Wildcats were 3-of-9 from the stripe.

STEVENSON 58, SALEM 55: Luke Knochel enjoyed a big night, scoring 26 points and dishing out seven assists Friday as host Livonia Stevenson (3-10, 2-4) upset the second-place Rocks (7-5, 4-2) in a WLA-Lakes Division game.

Knochel hit five triples on the night as the Spartans built a 45-32 advantage through three quarters before holding on.

Derek Severson, who iced the game with a pair of free throws with only seven seconds remaining, finished with nine points along with Chris Mulcahy.

"It was good to be back at home after playing four of our first five division games on the road," Stevenson first-year coach Brad Miller said. "The first three quarters we were really solid."

"We kind of reset our goals coming into this game. Instead of winning the division title, our goal now is getting into the playoffs."

Nate Wilson also contributed to the win with seven points and 10 rebounds.

"Our post players stepped up and played hard," Miller said. "We also played smart."

Stevenson made 11-of-13 free throws on the night, including 9-of-11 in the final period as Salem outscored the Spartans, 23-13.

Grant Stone led Salem with 23 points, while Ross Davis added 15.

"We didn't do a good job on the defensive end tonight," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They hit a lot of threes and we were behind right from the start. We just had a tough time staying with them."

"We did a good job scrapping our way back after falling behind by 14."

The Rocks were 13-of-22 from the foul stripe.

AGAPE 70, BAPTIST PARK 42: The Wolverines raced to a 21-11 first-quarter lead and never looked back as they improved their record to 9-3 overall and 4-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. The Wildcats slipped to 7-5 and 3-1, respectively.

"Everybody played well tonight," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "This win kind of puts us in the driver's seat in the division. We control our own destiny now, which is nice. We've beaten the other two top teams now, but we have to play them again, so it's far from over."

The Wolverines were bolstered by a balanced scoring attack led by Ty Majeski's 16. Other key contributors were Terrell Pierce (12), Joel Ruffin (11), Jack Anleitner (9) and Jared Miller (7). Showla Olojo paced the Wolverines on the glass with nine boards. The winners shot an amazing 41 free throws, canning 26. Caleb Thompson led Baptist Park with 15 points, five below his season average.

Agape led 33-19 at the half and 51-37 with eight minutes to play.

"Our defense was the story for us again tonight," said Anleitner. "It was an up-tempo game, too, which was to our advantage."

HOCKEY

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paying off for him." Salem earned the 2006-07 Lash Cup after splitting its pair of games with Plymouth and sweeping two games against Canton. Plymouth needed a victory Friday night to reclaim the prize it captured last year.

The Rocks improved to 7-9-2 overall while the Wildcats slipped to 12-6-2.

During the early going, it appeared as if Plymouth's Jason O'Guinn was the one who would be registering a hat trick. The offensive-minded defenseman scored a pair of goals in the game's opening 15 minutes and 15 seconds to give the Wildcats a 2-1 advantage.

O'Guinn's first score at 11:55 of the first was assisted by Anthony Fuciarelli and Luke Merandi.

Werda knotted the game at 1-all with a power-play goal with just 24 seconds left in the period. Kris Brant and Steve Heisler assisted.

The Zamboni barely had enough time to get off the ice before O'Guinn gave the 'Cats a 2-1 lead at the 14:45 mark of the second period off assists from Joe Perkovich and Mark Olivier. Werda's power-play goal tied things up again at 2-2 with 1:36 left in the second stanza.

The Rocks took the lead for good just over a minute later when freshman Kurt Driscoll scored a short-handed marker off assists from Aaron Markwell and Mike Haburne. Heisler scored mid-way through the third period to extend Salem's lead to 4-2. Fuciarelli gave the Wildcats new life when his goal with 6:48 left cut their deficit to 4-3. Fuciarelli was assisted by Michael Manner and Merandi. Werda's empty-netter with 44 seconds left sealed the deal.

"Any time you play a Park rival it's a big game and one that you look forward to," said Feiler. "We definitely had this one circled on our schedule. It was extra special because we were playing for the Lash Cup, too."

"We had a couple of guys who didn't play in the first period because they were late getting here tonight. As much as I hated to sit them, rules are rules. They played the second and third periods and responded well."

Salem net-minder Ralph Aspenwall turned in a solid effort for the winners, stopping 24 shots. Plymouth goaltender Justin Desilets turned away 18 shots.

"Ralph has been stellar for us all year," said Feiler, referring to his senior goalie. "He's definitely faced more than his share of shots this season, but he's done a nice job. He plays the angles well and he's stingy with the rebounds."

WATERFORD MOTT 3, SALEM 2: On Tuesday night at the Plymouth Cultural Center, the Rocks lost a heartbreaker to Mott on Greg Smith's game-winner with 8:42 left.

Smith's late goal off-set brilliant efforts from Salem's Nathan Werda, who scored both his teams goals — both within the first minute of the game — and goal-tender Ralph Aspenwall, who stopped 33 shots.

Werda's first goal was assisted by Mike Haburne and Aaron Markwell. Steve Heisler picked up a helper on Werda's second lamp-lighter.

Ryan Phillips and Chris Drake also found the back of the net for the winners. The Corsairs received strong goal-tending by Mark Noel, who turned away 20 Salem shots.

SWIM RESULTS

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Thursday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Kyle Dull, Paul Snyder, Chris Wilson), 1:49.82; 2. Canton (Robert Blaesser, Kevin Karlinski, Mike Booker, Chris McGinnis), 1:53.91; 3. Plymouth (Adam Wing, Dan Stocsup, Jack Distel, Tony McLaughlin), 2:00.15.

200 freestyle: 1. Ross Schwarz (C), 1:54.96; 2. Richard Zhang (C), 1:57.02; 3. Chris Wilson (P), 1:59.33.

200 IM: 1. Mike Conger (P), 2:10.88; 2. Robert Blaesser (C), 2:14.33; 3. Kevin Karlinski (C), 2:19.86.

50 freestyle: 1. Jon Templeton (C), 24.15; 2. Chris McGinnis (C), 24.60; 3. Chris Marinica (C), 25.03.

1-meter diving: 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 144.45 points; 2. Kyle Wilkinson (P), 135.95; 3. Ben Ambrose (P), 114.35.

100 butterfly: 1. Matt Carlson (C), 56.55; 2. Ross Schwarz (C), 1:01.69; 3. Jack Distel (P), 1:05.10.

100 freestyle: 1. Jon Templeton (C), 52.16; 2. Chris Marinica (C), 55.47; 3. Paul Snyder (P), 55.62.

500 freestyle: 1. Chris Wilson (P), 5:31.06; 2. Jordan Gorzalski (C), 5:31.73; 3. Jason Oldani (P), 5:43.66.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Ross Schwarz, Chris McGinnis, Quest Miller, Jon Templeton), 1:39.59; 2. Canton (Chris Marinica, Brandon Tolinski, Patrick Jenner, Matt Carlson), 1:40.25; 3. Plymouth (Peter Nolan, Kyle Dull, Joe Eudy, Chris Wilson), 1:40.54.

100 backstroke: 1. Mike Conger (P), 57.04; 2. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:00.22; 3. Ben Ambrose (P), 1:04.75.

100 breaststroke: 1. Matt Carlson (C), 1:07.00; 2. Kevin Karlinski (C), 1:09.58; 3. Kyle Dull (P), 1:12.21.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Ross Schwarz, Brandon Tolinski, Jon Templeton, Matt Carlson), 3:37.05; 2. Canton (Chris Marinica, Robert Blaesser, Richard Zhang, Kevin Karlinski), 3:43.89; 3. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Chris Wilson, Paul Snyder, Joe Eudy), 3:44.75.

DUAL-MEET RESULTS: Canton, 6-0.

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Thursday at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (David Olson, Stan Chen, Nick Leone, Jason Williams), 1:49.55; 2. Churchill (Steve Jones, Mark Gordon, Ben Lamerand, Drew Randall), 1:49.77; 3. Salem (Jimmy Crabbill, Nathan Spala, Cameron Dunn, Doug Fransioli), 1:57.20.

200 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 1:53.72; 2. Ben Lamerand (LC), 1:56.60; 3. Jon Babb (S), 2:04.01.

200 IM: 1. Nick Leone (S), 2:11.18; 2. David Olson (S), 2:14.80; 3. Drew Randall (LC), 2:15.36.

50 freestyle: 1. Steve Jones (LC), 24.11; 2. Jason Williams (S), 24.55; 3. Nathan Spala (S), 25.62.

1-meter diving: 1. Matt Hope (LC), 182.40; 2. Travis Holt (LC), 157.50; 3. Andrew Richards (LC), 118.80.

100 butterfly: 1. Stan Chen (S), 59.26; 2. Ben Lamerand (LC), 1:01.51; 3. Cameron Dunn (S), 1:08.03.

100 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 51.51; 2. Jon Babb (S), 55.42; 3. Casey Olson (S), 58.39.

500 freestyle: 1. Nick Leone (S), 5:08.99; 2. Drew Randall (LC), 5:09.22; 3. Jake Keeler (LC), 5:42.97.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Jon Babb, Nathan Spala, Jason Williams, Matt Underhill), 1:37.49; 2. Churchill (Mark Gordon, Jake Keeler, Jason Young, Matt Castell), 1:43.39; 3. Salem (Cameron Dunn, Kevin Smith, Joe DeTassanyi, Casey Olson), 1:46.96.

100 backstroke: 1. David Olson (S), 1:03.80; 2. Steve Jones (LC), 1:04.98; 3. Jimmy Crabbill (S), 1:09.45.

100 breaststroke: 1. Stan Chen (S), 1:05.49; 2. Mark Gordon (LC), 1:07.36; 3. Nathan Spala (S), 1:11.70.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Ben Lamerand, Steve Jones, Jake Keeler, Drew Randall), 3:35.34; 2. Salem (Nick Leone, Matt Underhill, David Olson, Kevin Smith), 3:37.53; 3. Salem (Jason Williams, Doug Fransioli, Casey Olson, Jon Babb), 3:50.40.

'Hot Stove' series to end on Feb. 11

The popular "Hot Stove League" series of the Plymouth District Library has many fans during the off-season this winter. The final program of the three-event series will take place Sunday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m.

Baseball and softball coaches and players of all ages are invited to attend "Baseball Isn't Just Baseball: It's a Metaphor For Life" presentation. Speakers will

be Detroiters Dr. Robert Samaras, a member of the Windsor (Ont.) Sports Hall of Fame, and Raymond Rolak, who has enjoyed a career as a sports broadcaster, professional baseball scout and published author of numerous baseball and ice hockey articles.

The February program brought former Orioles broadcaster Michael Reghi to the

Plymouth Library. As a thank you to the community, Reghi has shared his personal score sheet of Cal Ripken's last game in Baltimore on Oct. 6, 2001.

All program attendees for the Feb. 11 segment of the series will receive a copy of this historic keepsake. Registration is required by calling (734) 453-0750, ext. 4; or register online at www.plymouthlibrary.org.



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Whalers throw a 10-spot at Otters

The Plymouth Whalers overcame Thursday's loss in Sarnia in a big way Friday night when they defeated the Erie Otters, 10-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth remains in first place with a record of 34-13-1-2, good for 71 points. Erie is now 13-35-1-2 and in last place in the OHL's Midwest Division. The Whalers set a franchise record with 72 shots on goal in the game. The last time Plymouth scored 10 goals was on Feb. 12, 2000, in a 10-2 victory over the Mississauga IceDogs.

Evan Brophrey led the Plymouth attack with three goals and two assists and was named the game's first star. Tom Sestito had a hat trick and an assist. Dan Collins and James Neal added a goal and three assists apiece; Ryan

McGinnis and Andrew Fournier scored one goal each for Plymouth.

Kelly Geoffrey scored the lone Erie goal in the second period.

Plymouth dominated special teams, going a season-best 6-for-10 on the power play. Plymouth's league-leading penalty kill stopped 6-of-7 Erie power plays.

Plymouth led 2-0 after one period on power plays goals by Brophrey (11:12) and McGinnis (16:29) and extended the lead to 5-0 in the second period on a pair of goals by Sestito (8:21 and 12:59) and a shorthanded goal by Brophrey at 17:13.

The Whalers put the game away in the third period with five unanswered goals — Brophrey (9:29), Sestito (power play at 15:23), Fournier (15:39), Collins (power play at 16:58) and Neal (17:22).

ROBERTSON

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pitching in the Major Leagues was days away from becoming reality.

Secondly, the money he'd earn over the next month with the Marlins would help pay for the couple's wedding that was planned for early the next year.

And last, but not least, Robertson had proven that a series of serious injuries that had threatened to wipe out his promising pitching career were no match for his incredible resolve and unyielding perseverance.

EARLY SUCCESS

It didn't take Robertson long to make an impact at Wichita's Maize High School, where he played football, basketball and baseball. He excelled in all three sports, but especially baseball.

"I made the varsity baseball team my freshman year," Robertson said. "The ironic thing was, I made it as a designated hitter, not as a pitcher," he said, smiling. "I pitched one game that year and I did pretty well, but I was on the team to hit, not pitch."

By the time his senior year rolled around, Robertson's hitting was overshadowed by his mound work. The powerful southpaw overmatched opposing hitters and impressed college and professional scouts with a fastball that lived in the 86-88 miles-per-hour range and topped out at 89.

"When it came time to choose a college, I narrowed it down to Kansas and Wichita State," he said. "I chose Wichita State because it gave me the opportunity to go to school and play baseball in my own back-

'I went through quite a bit with the injuries, both on and off the field. But when I look back now, I realize it all made me a better person, a more complete person.'

Nate Robertson
Detroit Tigers pitcher



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

yard for a program that was very successful.

"I was drafted by the White Sox out of high school, but I wanted to get an education first. If they had made me an eye-popping offer, I may have thought about it, but they didn't."

ADVERSITY STRIKES

Robertson's perseverance was tested early and often at Wichita State. A broken foot sidelined him for most of his freshman season. The following year he suffered a serious elbow injury that required season-ending "Tommy John" surgery.

"I played three sports in high school — baseball, football and basketball — and never missed a single game," Robertson said. "But once I got to college, for whatever the reason, I had a tough time staying healthy."

"My faith is what got me through all the tough times. In the Bible, the book of James talks a lot about persevering under trial. Everybody goes through their trials at some point in their life, whether it's with their occupation or a death in the family. Whatever it might be, you have to choose how you're going to get through it. For me, it was my faith."

"I did my part. Each time I got hurt, I worked hard, I

where he hopped on a plane bound for Pittsburgh. She then drove to Wichita before flying back with Nate's family to witness his Major League debut.

"The thing I remember the most about walking out on that mound for the first time was how dry my mouth was," Robertson said, chuckling. "I also kept in my mind what my dad always used to tell me: Work fast and throw strikes."

"Well, it turned out to be a pitchers' duel, something I've been in a lot since I've been in Detroit. It was 2-0 in the fifth and they took me out after Brian Giles hit a two-run home run off of me."

THE REST OF THE STORY

Kristin and Nate were married Jan. 10, 2003.

"The day after my wedding, the Marlins traded me to Detroit," he said. "Well, my boys — the Marlins — went on and won the World Series that year while the Tigers lost 119 games."

Robertson has since developed into one of the Tigers' most dependable — and popular — players. He won 13 games during the 2006 regular season before igniting Detroit's romp over Oakland in the American League Championship Series with a Game 1 victory.

"My story relates to everybody's life when you think about it," Robertson said. "You don't have control over where you're destined to go. All you can do is do your part and trust in God."

"When I was going through all the injuries and tough times, I didn't get it. Now, I think I'm starting to."

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A public input session will be held on Friday, February 23, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at The Senior Alliance office located at 3850 Second Street, Suite 201, Wayne, MI 48184.

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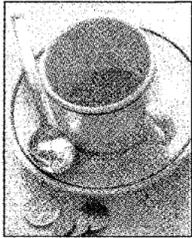
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My life, my love and my movies

It's that time of year once again, when the parties are being planned, people are placing their bets and excitement is in the air.

No, I am not talking about the Super Bowl. I am talking about the race to Oscar!

It amazes me just how excited people get about the cinema this time of year. From the time the Golden Globes end to the time the Academy Awards air on television, people are in a frenzy to answer that all-important question — "What movie will win Best Picture of the year?"



For us movie lovers around the world, we all have our picks to win and sometimes we even get lucky. But I want to take you on a journey into my world of movies that have changed my life, made me think and made me a life-long fan of the majestic marquee.

Although there have been many movies before it, nothing touched my heart more deeply than the 1988 film *Rain Man* starring Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise (MGM). I remember thinking this was everything a movie-going experience should be. I laughed, I cried, I really cried and then I learned a lesson. Tom Cruise played a young, selfish, self-absorbed businessman on the verge of bankruptcy who decides to take and hold his autistic brother hostage in order to contest their father's will.

Well, all I can say is the movie is a classic and boy can I "pick 'em" (four Academy Awards, including Best Picture). The lesson I learned from *Rain Man*, as did Tom Cruise in the movie, was that anyone can have a ton of money, but in life you need love and a heart and that's something money can never buy. To this very day, I am so thankful for that movie.

By the time I turned 27, I was busy enough and foolish enough to have let too much time lapse in my movie-going career until 1994 rolled around and I was laid off from a stagnant, paper-pushing job. During that year, I saw three of what I consider the best movies of all time, all life-changing for me.

Quiz Show (1994), which recapped the quiz show scandal of the 1950s, was a necessary story that had to be told and director Robert Redford did it beautifully.

But the biggest movie that year for me was *The Shawshank Redemption*, which is a prison movie, but more about a lasting friendship and how it satisfies the soul.

Although it did not take home the Oscar for Best Picture, it had a strong running. The movie did pick up an Oscar for cinematography. The best testament to its longevity and its quality, I think, is the fact that you can't turn on TNT without seeing *Shawshank* — another classic and beautifully told story.

Shawshank also set me on a path of wanting to learn how to perfect my craft of story-telling and I credit Morgan Freeman's eloquent narration in *Shawshank* with that.

But if I had to take my hat off to a movie in 1994, that movie would be *Forrest Gump*. Yes, I called it (Academy Award — Best Picture 1994), and I saw the movie seven times.

Call me crazy. I conned, persuaded and dragged everyone I could find to see that movie and hoped they were seeing everything on the screen I was seeing.

Forrest Gump (Paramount) is an incredibly uplifting and encouraging movie but besides that, its message about true, unrelenting love pulled the entire movie together.

Forrest had love of life, love of friends and love of adventure and even if the people he encountered didn't understand him, he never let that stand in his way.

Now, I have heard some classify *Forrest Gump* as sappy-sweet and unrealistic. But I can't think of a better way to end my journey into my life, my love and my movies.

Good luck with your picks this year.

Bobbie Jones is a Belleville resident and regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at WORKHARD36@aol.com.



An older male elephant walks along the main road through Kruger National Park, creating a Jumbo traffic jam.

PHOTOS BY SHARON SHEEHY



A group of impala getting a drink from a watering hole as seen from a Kruger National Park rest camp.



Resting up after breakfast, this young male lion decided to lounge about just a few feet from the road.

Veterinarian visits diverse land of wild animals, great cities

Dr. Brad Davis is the medical director for the VCA-Garden City. He writes a column on pets for the Thursday Hometownlife.com section.

BY BRAD DAVIS

The name alone inspires thoughts of exotic cultures, of thick jungles filled with animals you've only seen before in zoos, and of unbearable conditions only the most intrepid explorers could survive.

When people heard I was planning a trip to Africa, many worried for me, concerned of unknown dangers. When I

returned, I found that people actually wanted to hear about the trip, giving my stories excited rather than humoring attention.

Movies created the images we have of Africa: a dense jungle with Tarzan swinging tree to tree. They filmed those movies in central Florida, and the bird that screams in nearly every early jungle movie was a peacock, which is actually from Asia.

While the search for the movie Africa might prove impossible, what Africa does offer is the opportunity to experience a truly



Drs. Brad Davis and Sharon Sheehy stand in front of Blyde River Canyon, near Johannesburg, South Africa. Sheehy is a veterinarian and owner of Sheehy Animal Hospital in Livonia.

PLEASE SEE AFRICA, C2

Pastor with passion for music joins Main Street Baptist Church

Howard Meell will join the staff of Main Street Baptist Church of Canton Feb. 11 as the church's first associate pastor of Music and Outreach. Howard is an ordained Southern Baptist minister who has a passion for music and outreach.

Meell worked in a full-time prison and nursing home ministry in Texas and is the founder of Howard Meell Ministries, which oversees a production of a Christmas musical that has been taken into several Texas prisons for the past eight years. He and his wife, Marilyn, moved to Canton from Texas in 2004 when Marilyn accepted the position of head of school at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Meell had intended to work in Michigan prisons, but found they were not as open to ministry as in Texas. He then joined the Church Mobilization Department of SEND



Howard Meell

International, a world missions organization, but his heart's desire was to return to the ministries of music and outreach.

The Meells attended a MSBC event last year, and were impressed with the church's efforts to reach out to the community. The church was also seeking a minister of music, so Meell's skills and experience proved to be the perfect match.

MSBC, which is located at 8500 N. Morton Taylor, just south of Joy, has been part of the Plymouth-Canton community for 43 years and plans to break ground for a building expansion project this spring. Its congregation has steadily grown to full capacity over the last seven years

under the leadership of senior pastor Jeff Noble. MSBC's new building will accommodate 400 people, complete with a new sanctuary, expanded classroom space, a playground, improved parking lot, and extensive landscaping. MSBC conducts a traditional worship service at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday followed by a Sunday Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. and a blended worship service at 11 a.m. A Sunday evening worship is at 6 p.m. and a midweek Bible study begins at 7 p.m. each Wednesday. MSBC is also the home of the S.A.F.E. program (Setting Addicts Free Eternally) 7 p.m. every Tuesday. Child care is available for all services.

Contact the church office at (734) 453-4785 or visit its Web site at www.msbc.info.

Meell will perform a concert at the 6 p.m. service on Feb. 11. All are invited to attend.

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AFRICA

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exotic and ancient part of the world, and to see a place where the native animals still live wild.

One country cannot define this varied continent, just as the United States can't be defined by one state. Picking a country to visit varies by what you want to see and experience.

Most people look for a combination of three things: culture, geography and animals. The country of South Africa, located at the continent's southern tip, could be the perfect spot for a first trip when considering all three of these categories.

"South Africa is beginner's Africa," said David de Le Quearra, our tour guide with Southern Circle Tours and a native of Durban, South Africa. "The accommodations are comfortable and first-rate, not like what you might see in the poorer nations."

Tanzania and Kenya both make tremendous destinations for the wildlife watcher, while Uganda, Zambia, Botswana and Namibia also can be great vacation spots, but South Africa boasts the best facilities for comfort, with flora and fauna that rarely disappoint. First-time North Americans visiting South Africa also appreciate that signs and most conversations are in English, despite the country having 11 different official languages, including Afrikaans and Zulu.

GREAT WILDLIFE VIEWING

South Africa's gorgeous landscape tends to be overshadowed by the amazing opportunities for wildlife viewing in places like Kruger National Park, about a three-hour drive east of Johannesburg. Here, you can stay in rest camps in the heart of one of the truly great wild places on earth, where lions, leopards, elephants, giraffes and all the other plains animals exist as they have for centuries.

Despite the location, these camps don't cost an arm and a leg to visit, for either the accommodations or for the meals served from the cafeterias.

The strength of the dollar against the South African rand (one rand equals about 13 cents) gives you more money to start with, and consistently lower prices help that money go further. This affordability is another feature making South Africa such a great vacation.

We had dinner for two at a top of the line restaurant in Cape Town, which would cost about \$80-\$100 in the Detroit area, but cost us about \$35, tip included. Economics like this allow visitors to live more extravagantly, which adds to the vacation fun.

South African people tend to be friendly, with no noticeable anti-American sentiment. For South Africans, being so far from the rest of the world makes the world's problems seem very distant.

That distance, however, makes getting there no fun at all. The flight to South Africa has to be the biggest downside of the trip.

Flight time will vary by where your layover is, but our trip to Johannesburg from Detroit, with a

layover in Paris, totaled about 18 hours in the sky. Europe's disorganized plane loading methods added a few more hours, making it about 20 hours on the plane.

Yes, South Africa is one of the odd nations where the traffic is on the "wrong" side of the road, which can drive a North American driver to the wrong side of crazy. After some practice, a little bit of stress and figuring out which side of the car to enter, the driving is not a problem. You just need to get used to it.

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Once you have arrived and rested, South Africa's top attraction awaits you: Kruger National Park, one of the premier national parks in the entire world. Beautiful and huge, this park has just about every African species you'd want to see.

While stopped on the entrance bridge to check in, we felt like the visitors seeing Jurassic Park's dinosaurs for the first time, as we saw a herd of elephants in the river below. Seeing these animals living wild reminds you why you made this long journey.

Much of the area can be toured by car, which is important, as both leaving the road in the vehicle and leaving the vehicle on foot are foolish and strictly prohibited.

(The rule about leaving the road in the vehicle is enforced by the rangers. The rule about leaving the vehicle on foot is enforced by the rangers and the lions.)

Small rest areas allow day visitors to picnic, use the restroom or buy supplies, but the main time out of the vehicles occurs when stopped for the night at the rest camps, which are scattered throughout the park and enclosed with electrified fences.

The camps feature comfortable housing, with simple round huts covered in thatched roofs, with the refrigerator and kitchen sink on the porch. Some rest camps have more amenities than others, even to the point of having museums, fancy restaurants or an overlook of the savannah or watering hole that's outside the fence.

At times, the electrified fence can make you feel like you are in a zoo, as the animals will walk right up to the fence, such as the warthog who wandered up to the fence during dinner one evening, just a few feet from our porch, or the lion we heard grunting a few feet away in the darkness.

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The rest camps have no telephones or televisions. Evenings can be spent listening to ranger lectures, going on a night tour (which enables you to almost see the nocturnal animals, as they disappear from the spotlights quickly), looking at the night sky of the Southern Hemisphere and, of course, the almost obligatory braai, a South African barbecue that just could not be tastier.

David de La Quearra loves to make a braai for his guests. "It's a tradition," he says. "(South Africans) love cooking for people who appreciate it. I'm more than happy to cook for my

guests every night. If I were at home, I'd be cooking a braai by myself, anyway!"

Food in a braai can include various meats, including impala or nyala steaks, beef and the wonderful sausage known as boerewors, which become a borderline addiction. Should you desire more elegant accommodations, many private lodge areas about the park on the western edge and offer incredibly luxury. Of course, extravagance comes at a cost: One night in these lodges can cost more than a week in a rest camp.

Time of year makes a huge difference as to what you see in Kruger. An October trip, which is springtime in the Southern Hemisphere, will give you the opportunity to view more baby animals, but the brush is thicker because of the early spring rains, so the animals become harder to find. This stays true throughout the warm weather.

Guides give you the best opportunity to find the big five (lions, leopards, elephants, cape buffalo and rhinoceros, which were the animals most sought after by the hunters). They know the park and the animals' tendencies. They also help make sure you're where you need to be, allowing you to enjoy your trip without the hassles of trying to drive and spot wildlife at the same time.

A two-hour flight from Johannesburg gets you to Cape Town, one of the world's great cities, on the west coast of South Africa. Cape Town can be viewed as a microcosm of South Africa, as some areas of the city burgeon with wealth and opulence, while less than a block away a neighborhood appears blighted.

For a visitor, however, the city offers a plethora of activities, including the beach or just shopping at the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront.

You could visit Robben's Island, an Alcatraz-style jail where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, or the operating room where Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first heart transplant.

Short drives from Cape Town can get you to the vineyards where they create some of the great wine in the world. Numerous nearby national parks and nature preserves let you see the animals native to this part of the country.

Cities like Simon's Town feature charming shops and the nearby Boulder's Beach African penguin colony.

The multicultural, exciting nation of South Africa gives visitors many options for fun, from extensive activity to a simple rest on a beach. The people, generally pleasant and welcoming of strangers, tend to make you feel more like a guest than a tourist.

The country's location, so far into the Southern Hemisphere, the years of apartheid and fears of African travel have helped to keep it hidden as a top-notch travel destination. By hosting the 2010 World Cup, South Africa will be discovered as one of the great places to be in the world.

I am very glad to have seen it before the attention has a chance to change it.

TRAVEL TIPS

■ Although malaria sounds like a disease from another era, visitors still must protect themselves. Before any exotic vacation, contact a facility that specializes in travel medicine, such as Passport Health of Farmington Hills (www.passporthealthmi.com). They'll make sure you get the vaccines and medications you need.

■ When you've decided a trip to Africa is for you, contact a professional with an emphasis in South African tourism, such as Julian Harrison of Premier Tours (www.premiertours.com), who has been named a top travel specialist for Africa by *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine. The travel agent should listen to what you want to experience, then try to set up the tour you are looking for within your budget and comfort zone.

■ Crime has long been an issue in South Africa, but when you speak to the people about it, they sound very similar to Detroiters defending their area to those visiting for the Super Bowl. Yes, there's crime, but if you stay away from bad areas, don't pick up hitchhikers and don't flash money around, you should stay pretty safe.

■ The monetary unit in South Africa, the rand, is about 13 cents in American money, but that can vary. Once you figure out that 100R is equal to about \$13, you can get a pretty good idea about what things cost.

■ Everywhere tourists go, native Africans set up tables of souvenirs, mostly crafts they made themselves and jewelry made from local gem stones. The interesting items they sell, the inexpensive cost, plus getting to interact with locals, makes getting souvenirs a good time.

■ Check with the airline and airline security Web sites to make sure you will be allowed to bring back souvenirs before you buy them. I had two bottles of wine that I purchased from the duty-free shop confiscated when boarding the flight.

■ Though it feels strange at first, it doesn't take long to get used to driving in South Africa. The problem I most faced was looking out the window to my right when I was looking for the rearview mirror that was to my left.

■ For information on South Africa Tourism, go to www.southafricatourism.com. For information on Kruger National Park, go to www.sanparks.com. For guidebooks, *Frommers* gives you great nuts and bolts information, and Insight Guides (by the Discovery Channel) offer a colorful book titled *South Africa*, with beautiful pictures and information of each region.

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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.

Boce for bucks

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's signature fund-raising event, Bocce for Bucks III, sponsored by Complete Infusion Services, offers patrons an opportunity to receive professional instruction on the sport from World Cup Bocce players. The event takes place 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township. Bocce for Bucks III features an afternoon of indoor bocce ball tournament play, ideal for families and people of all ages, an Italian buffet, silent auction and much more. No prior experience or equipment needed. Dress is casual and prizes will be awarded to the top teams. New this year is a private benefactor reception to be held 6 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Park West Gallery in Southfield. Funds raised will help provide an innovative, life-saving system - VNA's TeleHomecare program, used by VNA to educate and empower patients by checking their health between home visits. Tickets are available with the following benefits: \$100 Guest ticket - Receives bocce play, Italian buffet dinner, beer, wine, desserts, silent auction and exit gift; \$150 Patron ticket - Receives all of the above plus expert bocce instruction from World Cup Bocce Players one-hour prior to event start; and \$200 Benefactor ticket - Receives all of the above plus invitation to Private Benefactor Reception. For sponsorship, advertising or ticket information for Bocce for Bucks III, call (248) 967-8324 or visit vna.org.

Indian culture

The 2007 Wayne State University's Indian Students Association Culture Show takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., in Dearborn. Tickets are \$10 and \$12 and may be obtained by emailing wsuisa@gmail.com with the number of tickets you would like. For more information, call Milind Gandhi (586) 438-0528.

Genealogical societies

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will be meeting earlier this month due to city schedule changes. The group meets from 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Livonia's Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington. A two-hour workshop will feature a beginner's table, scanning, publishing family book and various ethnic research aides. Those with a brick wall query should e-mail in advance to www.rootsweb.com/~mwwcgs putting February Workshop in the subject line. Visit the Web site for further information or call Margie at (734) 522-4050. The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan presents a program titled "Using City Directories to Find Your Irish," Saturday, Feb. 17. Kathleen LaBodie-Szakall will show the importance of directories, how they can pinpoint when people came to an area, when they married and died, names of children and much more. LaBodie-Szakall is an Ontario resident and is very active in the Bruce/Grey Co. Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and in the Polish Genealogical Society. The meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club in Detroit. The club is located at 2068 Michigan Ave. (four blocks west of Tiger Stadium). Fenced-in parking is available behind the building. The program is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call Michael Brautigam, (734) 454-3495.

Ewald scholarship

The H.T. Ewald Foundation is accepting



Questers donation

Sandi Pritchard of the Elmwood Station Chapter #1178 of the Questers in Livonia presented Al Johnson, president of the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, with a check for \$1,500. The Questers selected PFDC for their efforts in preserving the history of the country. Previous donations from the Questers were used for new hats. This year the corps will use the donation to purchase new uniforms. The PFDC "strives to preserve our nation's musical heritage through the art of fifing and drumming, which was used during times of war to relay commands to soldiers, direct movements of units, as well as to provide inspiration and marching rhythm. PFDC is a junior corps consisting of young men and women ranging in age from 12-18. Corp members are from various local communities, including Plymouth, Novi, Northville, Livonia, Dearborn Heights and Redford. For additional information or to book the PFDC, visit the Web site at www.pfdc.us

applications for its 2007 scholarship program. Completed application must be postmarked by March 1, 2007. To be eligible one must be a graduating high school student living in Metro Detroit and entering college full-time in the fall. Scholarship recipients are chosen based on their overall scholarship record, leadership abilities, community work, character and financial need. To apply one must send in an official H.T. Ewald Foundation Scholarship application, three or more letters of recommendation, a photograph, a minimum of 500-word autobiography and a complete high school transcript. Scholarships are awarded yearly in early August. The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$3,500 and the amount is based on the financial need of the recipient. The number of scholarships awarded varies every year. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years. For an application or more information, call the H.T. Ewald Foundation office at (313) 821-1278.

Climb Detroit

Registration has begun for the first Climb Detroit fund-raiser to benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan. The event, a stair climb up 70 flights at the Marriott Detroit at the Renaissance Center, Michigan's tallest building, takes place Sunday, Feb. 25. Registration is at 7:30 a.m.; the climb starts at 8:30 a.m. Climbers will be awarded by age group and fastest time. Pre-registration required by Feb. 20. Cost of the climb is \$35, with an additional fund-raising minimum of \$65 for the full climb and \$45 for the half-climb. To register, visit www.climbdetroit.org or call the ALAM office, (248) 784-2026.

Winter garage sale

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-plore" the many uses of the egg. Sciencepalooza is a special themed event held the first weekend of every month at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Sciencepalooza 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.

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.

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 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

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 coordi-

lator 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.

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Rotary A.M.

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Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwans.org).

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. For information 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. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

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 small-group 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

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

The Plymouth American Legion

Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township. All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

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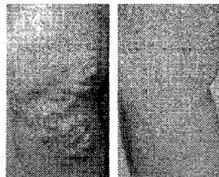


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1. "The Audacity of Hope," Barack Obama

2. "The Innocent Man," John Grisham
3. "Born on a Blue Day," Daniel Tammet
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ON CAMPUS

Madonna University

Many Plymouth students were named to the Dean's List in recognition for superior academic achievement during the past term at Madonna University:

Julie Abunab, Whitney Allmond, Ashley Bartee, Sally Bellanger, Sarah Bent, Ginger Binder, Theresa Bollerud, Daniel Bowe, Abigail Brown, Andrea Denkhous, Kendall Denski, Theresa Edwards, Denise Galarneau, Julie Gaylord, Lindsey Head, Kendall Henaughen, Meghan Hill, Megan Hogue, Kelly Holka, Lisa Jacobi, Tonya Kaminski, Claire Kazen, Joelen Kersten, Douglas Kinney, Karen LeCarpentier, Kimberly Ledesma, Joseph Ligreci, Joshua Malinowski, Stefanie Mastic, Michelle Mitchell, Kassandra Nedock, Jolanta Nemanis, Hyeon-Woo Park, Michelle Pickard, Velorie Placinta, Jillian Posler, Madeline Salvaggio, Jill Serbay, Jason Singleton, Kyle Tabaka, Sheila Vander, Erin Vaquera, Shea Wall, Elizabeth Wallace, Amanda Weaver, Brandon Wilcox, Kathryn Witlox, Christopher Wiza, Jem Shook, Rebecca Wroblewski.

Plymouth graduates of the past term at Madonna included:

Theresa Bollerud, Paralegal Studies; Julie Gaylord, Private Security Certificate, Criminal Justice; Kelly Holka, Nursing; Tonya Kaminski, Nursing; Michelle Mitchell, Paralegal Studies; Hyeon-Woo Park, Television and Video Communications; Scott Runchey, Sport Management; Shea Wall, Criminal Justice Private Investigation, Homeland Security Certificate, Criminal Justice.

Albion College

Several local students have been accepted this fall into the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Institute at Albion College.

Honors students are required to enroll in four "Great Issues" seminars in humanities, science, social science, and fine arts. In addition to the seminars, Honors students must graduate with a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and produce an Honors thesis.

Sara Fifield is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Debra Fifield of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

Nicole Rotondo is a first-year student at Albion

College. She is the daughter of Michael and Karen Rotondo of Plymouth and a graduate of Mercy High School.

Several local students have been named to the Albion College dean's list for fall 2006 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Matthew Baciak is a sophomore at Albion College, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. He is the son of Jan and Iona Baciak of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School.

Candace Bean is a junior majoring in German and theatre and minoring in women's studies. She is the daughter of Michael Bean of Detroit and Cathy Crowley of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

Laura Burton is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Lewis and Karen Burton of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

Sara Fifield is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Debra Fifield of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

William Fitzsimmons is a sophomore majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry. He is the son of Joseph and Julie Fitzsimmons of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School.

Kimberly Heaney is a first-year student at Albion

College. She is the daughter of Michael and Karen Heaney of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School.

Ryan Johnson is a senior majoring in economics and management and minoring in history. He is the son of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth and a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Sarah Jose is a sophomore majoring in economics and management, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Richard and Deborah Jose of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School.

Carrie Oleszkowicz is a junior majoring in chemistry and minoring in cell and molecular biology, with a

concentration in neuroscience. She is the daughter of Mark and Cynthia Oleszkowicz of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

Nicole Rotondo is a first-year student majoring in political science and minoring in Spanish, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Michael and Karen Rotondo of Plymouth and a graduate of Mercy High School.

Erica Stoney is a senior majoring in mathematics education, and completing the elementary education program. She is the daughter of Matthew and Susan Stoney of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

Olivet College

Heather Michalsen of Plymouth earned a 4.0 grade-point average on her way to being included among 259 students named to the Olivet College 2006 fall semester Dean's List.

To make the Dean's List, a student must be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Hope College

Jacqueline Beeler, a sophomore from Plymouth, was among students named to the Dean's List for the first semester at Hope College in Holland.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have a minimum 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Howe Military School

Cadet Melvin Sillmon, an 11th-grader at Howe and the son of Anna and Melvin Sillmon of Plymouth, was among students named to the Headmaster's List for the second six-week grading period of the 2006-07 school year.

Sillmon received the award by attaining at least a 3.0 B average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Sillmon has been attending Howe since January 2006.

University of Northwestern Ohio

Amanda Powers, daughter of Natalie Powers of Plymouth, has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio, to begin classes in the June session, where she will be majoring in the Automotive Performance program.

Amanda attends Canton High School.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Wick-Lambrix

Kathleen and Larry Wick of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Ann Wick, to Curt William Lambrix of Hart, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Thurston High School. Her undergraduate studies were at Central Michigan University. Her graduate studies were at Bowling Green State University. She is employed as a speech and language pathologist in the Charlotte, N.C. area.

The prospective groom is the son of Ellen and Arnold Lambrix of Hart, Mich. He is a 1996 graduate of Hart High School and attended Central Michigan University. He is employed as an 8th grade



teacher of math in the Charlotte area schools.

An Aug. 3, 2007, wedding is planned for Holy Cross Church in Livonia.

They will honeymoon in St. Lucia.

Moriarity-Rozum

Bob and Nancy Moriarity of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Kathleen, to Charles Joseph Rozum Jr. of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2004 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in education. She is a kindergarten teacher in the Wayne-Westland School District. Lori is pursuing a master's degree in learning disabilities at Madonna University.

Her fiancé is the son of Charles Sr. and Claudia Rozum of Livonia. He is a 2000 graduate of Catholic Central High



School. He is employed by the state of Michigan. He is pursuing a degree at the University of Michigan, Dearborn.

A July 2007 wedding is planned at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford Township

Smedley-Bullock

Ronald and Christine Smedley of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Candace Smedley, to Matthew Franklin Bullock of Saginaw.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School's MSC program. She received a doctorate in veterinary medicine from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 2000. She is in the third year of a three-year veterinary pathology residency at MSU for board certification in veterinary pathology.

The prospective groom is the son of Frank and Teddi Bullock of Valencia, Calif. He is a graduate of William S. Hart High School in Newhall, Calif. He has a bachelor of science degree from the University of



California, Davis. He received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Michigan State in 2001. He is presently practicing emergency veterinary medicine in Saginaw.

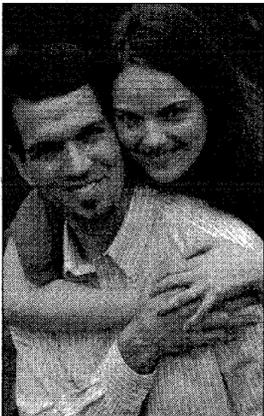
An Oct. 20, 2007, wedding is planned for University United Methodist Church in Lansing followed by a reception at Hawk Hollow Country Club in Lansing. The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii.

Motsinger-Bowers

Thomas and Patricia Motsinger of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Anne Motsinger, to Paul James Bowers of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Mercy High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Dayton. She is employed as an engineer at DTE Energy in Detroit.

The prospective groom is the son of Mark and Mary Ann Bowers of Livonia. He is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a consultant for Urban Science of Detroit.



A May 26, 2007, wedding is planned for St. Colette Catholic Church.

BIRTH

Dominic Luca Giovannini

Erick and Lisa Giovannini of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Dominic Luca Giovannini, on Dec. 20, 2006, at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Grandparents are Melvin and Rosalie Wolicki of Livonia and Erick and Denise Giovannini of Livonia.

Great-grandparents are Antoinette Wolicki of Dearborn Heights and Ricardo Giovannini of Dearborn.



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MISC. 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.

Formal attire recommended but Sunday best will do. Tickets \$26 members and associates, \$29 guests. For information or reservations, call Joe Castrodale, (248)968-5197.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Game Night Challenge

A tournament of board games. Friday, Feb. 9, St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. Admission will be a dish of food to pass and \$5 at the door. Refreshments will be supplied. There will also be a

cash prize. For details, call Michele at (313)996-8644.

Breakfast meeting

Saturday, Feb. 17, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, south side in Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy M. at (734)513-9479.

Annual Mass for Divorced and Separated

2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at St. Linus Church, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. Light dinner to follow. For details, call Michele at (313)996-8644.

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IN MEMORY OF LAURIE A. JOLY

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I'll be looking at the moon
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Rick, Linda, Patti, Sue & Nan



ROBERT M. JONES

BRIGHTON, MI. (Formerly of Westland). Age 75, passed away January 31, 2007. He was born September 21, 1931 in Detroit, MI the son of Clarence J. and Inez P. (Ball) Jones. On January 29, 1955 in Detroit, MI Robert married Marlene Richards. Robert was employed with General Motors before his retirement in 1988. In addition to Marlene survivors include his children; Cheryl Ruszala of Key Largo, FL, Robert (Patricia) Jones of Spotsylvania, VA, Donald (Dawn) Jones of Brighton, Karen (Martin) Knoll of Pinckney, David (Micky) Jones of Westland and ten grandchildren. His siblings, Kathleen, Dennis, Clarence (Red) and Jeanette preceded him in death. A Farewell Service will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, February 3, 2007 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Entombment will take place in Washtenong Memorial Park. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Assoc. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home where the family will receive friends on Friday from 1-8PM. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Robert's family at 877-231-7900 or visit his guest book at borekjennings.com.



CORPORAL MARK D. KIDD

Age 26 of Milford, died January 25, 2007 in the Anbar province in Iraq while serving his country as a Marine. He was born April 14, 1980, in Dearborn the son of Frank & Janet Kidd. Mark graduated from Wixom Christian School in 1998 and attended Eastern Michigan University with plans on practicing International Law for the US State Dept. He attended Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Brighton, was a strong Christian man and a true patriot. He enjoyed meeting new people, politics, and listening to jazz. Mark joined the United States Marine Corps on January 1, 2000 and was on active duty until Dec. 31, 2005. In April 2006, Mark was asked to serve his country again, and he willingly and proudly returned to active service. He volunteered to be deployed back to Iraq in August of 2006. In all, Mark served 3 tours of duty, gladly answering his country's call to serve against the war on terror. He was proud to be a Marine, and served with honor. At the time of his death, Mark was a Corporal assigned to the Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division in Mt. Clemens. Surviving, in addition to his parents, is his brother, Matthew Kidd of Milford, his grandparents, Hulda & Dan Piercecci of Livonia and Wanda & Joseph Kidd of Milford. He is also survived by numerous extended family members and friends. The funeral service was held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at Cornerstone Church. Interment with military honors followed at Brighton Hills Cemetery, Brighton. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Cornerstone Christian School, Brighton, in honor and remembrance of Mark. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit the family web page at: www.keehfuneralhome.com. Please click on "sign and view family guestbook."

JUDY O'CONNOR

Long time Redford resident & Beech Lanes employee, passed away Jan. 25, 2007. She will be dearly missed.



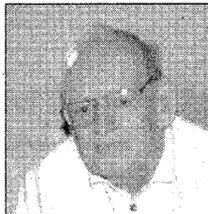
PATRICIA CORRIGAN SHARP

Age 82, passed away Thursday, February 1, 2007. Patricia was born September 29, 1924 in Detroit, MI to William and Emma Corrigan. She earned a bachelor's degree in English and a Master's in Library Science from Wayne State University and was employed for three decades as a librarian at Stevenson and Churchill high schools. She served as president of the Livonia League of Women Voters. She is survived by two daughters from her second marriage and two grandchildren. She will be missed by her family who loved her. The body has been cremated and no services are planned. Memorial contributions can be made to the Friends of the Livonia Public Library.



GRACE MARIE NEAL

Age 82, Jan. 31, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Dale Neal. Loving mother of Larry Fairlamb, Cynthia (Bob) Grenier and the late Michael Neal. Also survived by eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Funeral service at the R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Monday at 10 a. m. Visitation Sunday from 2-9 p.m. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rggharris.com



IN LOVING MEMORY OF WM. TAYLOR BALL

Who Passed away on Feb. 5, 2004. You are dearly missed. Esther Stuky



MARYLU STEWART LLOYD

On Thursday, February 1, 2007, Marylu Stewart Lloyd passed away at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina, surrounded by her family. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. She was born December 7, 1923 in Ironton, Ohio, to Joseph Wagoner Stewart and Elizabeth Handley Stewart and grew up close to Cadmus, Ohio in southeastern Ohio. She excelled in school, graduating at age 16. A year after graduation she moved to Huntington, WV and attended Huntington Business College where she received a degree. She moved to Gallipolis, Ohio, but worked across the Ohio River in Point Pleasant, WV during WW II. In May, 1946 she met the love of her life, Wendell Eugene Lloyd, who was returning from his WW II assignments in the US Navy. They married on December 22, 1946 and celebrated over 58 years of marriage before Wendell's passing in 2005. Marylu was devoted to her family, spending countless hours on her children's activities. She never met a stranger and was a very gracious host, entertaining hundreds of friends in her home for over 50 years. She was very active in numerous charitable, church and civic organizations. Wendell and Marylu shared a full life of family, friends, music, golf, bridge, and parties while living in Michigan, Washington, Texas, Ohio, and for the last thirteen years on the Atlantic coastline in the little town of Emerald Isle, North Carolina. She will be sorely missed by her five children—John Lloyd and his wife Sue of The Woodlands, TX; Susan Vogel and her husband Steve of Rock Hill, SC; Wendy Buechele and her husband Bill of Ft. Worth, TX; Katie Hill of Troy, Michigan; and Melinda Bradley and her husband Thad of Rock Hill, SC; as well as her grandchildren, Tom Lloyd and wife Andrea, Christopher Lloyd, David, Dan and John Vogel, Bryant and Claire Buechele, Beth and Jenny Hill, and Joe, Tommy and Stewart Bradley; great grandchildren, Madeline and Isabella Lloyd; sister-in-laws Betty Ann Stewart and Marilyn Donaldson; brother-in-law Don Gothard; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She will also be missed by countless friends she stayed in contact with through her 83 years of life. Marylu was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one brother Paul Stewart. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 11:00 AM at Willis Funeral Home in Gallipolis, Ohio, followed by her burial at Ohio Valley Memory Gardens. Friends and family may call at the funeral home from 6 to 9 PM, Tuesday, February 6, 2007. Pallbearers will be grandsons, Tom and Christopher Lloyd, David, Dan and John Vogel, Bryant Buechele, and Joe and Tommy Bradley. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Marylu's name to the American Diabetes Association or to the Swansboro United Methodist Church, 665 West Corbett Avenue, Swansboro, North Carolina 28584. Please visit www.willisfuneralhome.com to send e-mail condolences.



LAWRENCE A. DAMASK

Age 86, died January 27, 2007 at the Adventist Care Center in Orlando, Florida.

He was a resident of Westland, Michigan from 1961 to 2003. He is survived by his daughters, Bonnie (Tracy) Frenkel of Florida and Terrie Damask of Texas and his son, David Damask of Michigan; two granddaughters; one sister, Anne (Herbert) Lee of Ohio and one brother, Earl (Fran) Damask of Florida; and many nieces and nephews. His wife Eunice predeceased him in 1992. Mr. Damask worked in tool and die at the Ford Motor Company Rawsonville Plant and retired in 1985. He served three years in the Army Engineer Corps in the Pacific during World War II. Mr. Damask was born in Wisconsin and grew up in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. As such he was an avid hunter and fisherman. His daughter Bonnie said he never missed a deer season. He was active in the Boy Scouts with his son David. During his retirement years he was also active with both the Elks and the VFW in Plymouth, Michigan. Mr. Damask was cremated and will be interred with his wife at Parkland Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, Michigan. His daughter Bonnie is planning to hold a memorial service in Michigan this summer. Arrangements were made by Resurrection Funeral Home, Clinton Township, MI.

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Low vision aids Equipment assists visually impaired

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Four out of five days of the week, Nancy Simmons is on the road showing visually impaired people how the equipment sold in her Livonia store changes lives. Born with hereditary retinitis pigmentosa, Simmons was legally blind by age 15 so she understands the importance of low vision equipment such as video magnifiers for those with macular degeneration, inoperable cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and other conditions that impair sight.

The term low vision means that even with glasses a person can not see well enough to perform daily activities like reading or driving. Simmons was able to use video or electronic magnifiers as an aid for 25 years until she could no longer see.

"I started investigating the equipment when I got into the workforce," said Simmons, who earned a degree in social work from Central Michigan University before working for a private agency in Detroit. By then she needed the electronic equipment which came out in 1971. "I was finding it impossible to get any information. It was frustrating. I was hugging this machine when I found out there was equipment out there."

LIFE'S WORK

From that day, Simmons wanted to make the electronic magnifiers accessible to all visually impaired people so in 1987 she bought a car, hired a driver and began demonstrating and installing the equipment throughout Michigan. In 1997, she and husband Sal Falsette opened Low Vision Solutions in Livonia after working out of their Redford home. In addition to electronic magnifiers, the store offers handheld magnifiers; talking clocks, key chains, wrist watches, blood pressure monitors, and color identifiers for matching clothes; kitchen and personal care aids, and big print items including calendars, check and deposit registers, and bingo cards. Prices range from \$3 for magnifying glass to \$3,000 for a video or electronic magnifier.

"We have customers from elementary age to 100 plus, visually impaired accountants, teachers and lawyers who couldn't go on working," said Simmons.

Standing in front of the latest technology,

store manager Kristina Smith shows how easy it is to operate the electronic magnifiers available from manufacturers such as Humanware, Optelec and Enhanced Vision.

"The screen moves, tilts and you can make the screen brighter or darker," said Smith. "You can put pill bottles under the machine to read them."

The closed circuit television technology of the video magnifier allows Jack Finneren not only to read his prescription on the machine, but newspapers, household bills and directions on food labels. The 84-year-old Farmington Hills man has been legally blind for about five years due to macular degeneration, a disease that progressively shrinks vision. His independence would be severely limited if not for the electronic magnifier and Gerry, his wife of more than 60 years. He also attends a low vision support group in the Farmington Senior Center at 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month to share and learn tips for living with his impairment.

"I had a couple of times in the past where the equipment needed repair or adjustment and when I was without it it was very tough," said Jack Finneren. "Today in the grocery stores there's a lot of good meals you can heat. I put the directions on how to cook the food on the machine then make my own file for next time."

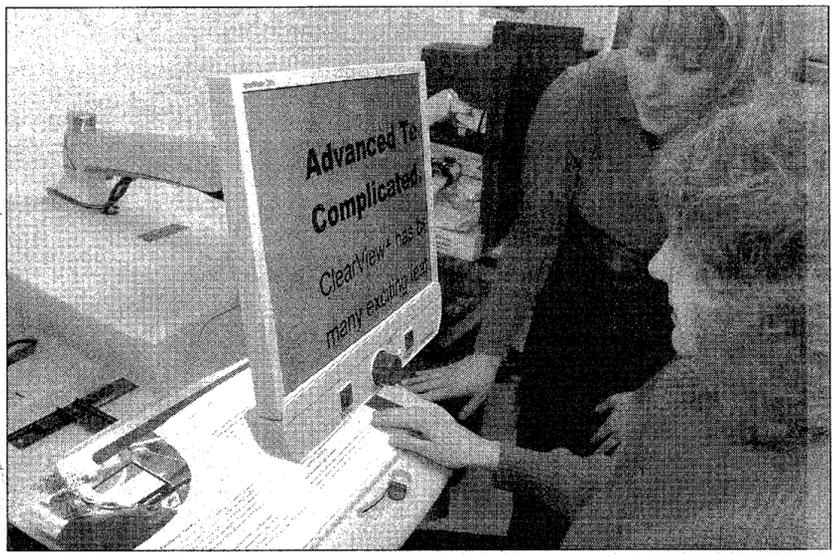
TECHNOLOGY CHANGES

Like Simmons, Kathy Gargagliano carries an entire line of low vision and blindness products at the Able Zone's Magnifiers and More Store in Troy. Before opening nearly six years ago, Gargagliano produced adaptive software and talking hardware for the blind. She suffers from age-related diminished vision and works on a large print keyboard at the store.

"With computer technology changing so rapidly that has impacted the video magnifiers," said Gargagliano. "We now have very good cameras that pick up the image and port it over to TVs, LCD computer monitors. But before they make a purchase, we do recommend clients see a physician if they haven't."

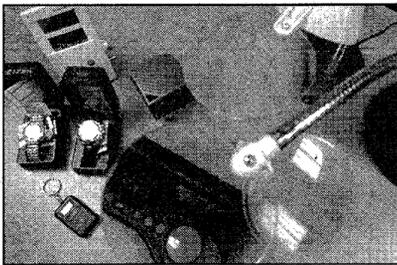
Simmons and Gargagliano both work with low vision physicians throughout the state who help patients enhance their vision with devices, optics such as telescopic and microscopic glasses, and lighting.

Dr. Carol Marston-Foucher of Marston Optometrics frequently refers patients to Low



Kristina Smith, top, goes over an enlarging machine with Nancy Simmons in Simmons' Livonia store, Low Vision Solutions, which carries aids for the visually impaired.

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Low Vision Solutions in Livonia carries a wide variety of aids for the visually impaired including talking thermometers, talking watches, talking clocks, talking keychains, and Big Eye lights equipped with magnifiers.

Vision Solutions. A Livonia optometrist, Marston-Foucher is one of about 29 certified low vision providers in the state.

"Most of the patients have a physical condition or disease that prevents them from seeing normally with glasses," said Marston-Foucher. "We refer patients for electronic magnifiers and for those who physically can't hold print up close if they have a tremor. They can set it down on the table and work. Many people will tell you they couldn't live on their own without the electronic magnifiers. It makes a huge difference in quality of life and independence."

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When Marston-Foucher became an optometrist in 1980, electronic magnifiers were costly and basic. Today, voice synthesis for computers, Zoomtext software, and lighter and thinner lenses or optics help visually impaired person maintain independence.

"Awareness has changed," said Marston-Foucher. "Specialists who dealt with the condition would say nothing more can be done to treat you. Now even if we can't treat it, there is help for you."

"Premature infants have a much higher survival rate now but many of them have vision problems. We work with the school systems in western Wayne County so they understand the impairments and have access to what they need."

For more information and a list of low vision providers, visit www.themoa.org or call the Michigan Optometric Association at (517) 482-0616.

Low Vision Solutions, is at 27520 W. Seven Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. Call (248) 777-1100, toll free at (877) 277-1127, or visit www.lvsontheweb.com.

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Technology Blizzard offers latest assistive equipment

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Julie Burger is excited about showing off the latest assistive equipment for the visually and learning impaired at the Technology Blizzard 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh, north of Five Mile, Livonia. A teacher for the visually impaired in Livonia Public Schools, Burger is always looking for new equipment to help students learn. Vendors from across the U.S. will offer a variety of products at the free event which has been held every two years since 1999. Keynote speaker Jay Stiteley of the Seeing Eye Dog School in New Jersey talks about how technology has led to his success. For more information, call (734) 744-2525, ext. 72292.

"We'll have some of the more exciting stuff like the Braille Notes, an electronic Braille that's like a computer," said Julie Burger. "It opens many doors, allows access to the Internet. It's like a laptop. For school it's fabulous because you can take it from class to class."

"Closed Circuit TVs will read the print to you as well as enlarge it on the screen and have a camera to zoom it on the chalk board. The Mimio Board suction cups to a black board and can show up on a computer screen if a student

has problem taking notes. The Audio Graphing Calculator is done on the computer. It puts the graph into an audio form and embosses it into a tactile form. Before this there wasn't anything out there for graphs."

It took Gary Gaynor nearly 10 years to find low vision equipment after he became legally blind in 1976. The Livonia man was working as an accountant when he was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa. Today, Zoomtext software allows him to use the computer when updating the Visually Impaired Information Center directory he co-founded with Kathy Fleissner in 1995. Optical Illusions Blind Ski Club is one of 900 different resources in the 88 page directory with listings for books, magazines and libraries, computers and electronic equipment, low vision physicians, recreation and support groups, Braille transcribing and repair, camps, cultural and performing arts, education, government agencies, guide dog schools, and toys and adaptive teaching aids, travel and tourism.

For information, call (734) 421-6599 or visit www.viic.org. "My life would be terrible without the equipment," said Gary Gaynor. "I live alone so it helps me to be more independent."

Decaf may still have a kick



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Connie from Waterford says that she has been cutting back on her caffeine and has been drinking decaf coffee. A friend told her that there is still caffeine in decaf. She wants to know if this is true.

Connie, your friend is right, there is still caffeine in decaf coffee, and you might be surprised how much! Researchers at the University of Florida went around to several popular coffee shops and tested the caffeine content in their decaf coffee. What they found was very surprising. The decaf coffee had anywhere between 8.6 milligrams to 13.9 milligrams of caffeine in a 16 ounce serving. A regular cup of coffee has about 170 milligrams of caffeine. So what's the big deal? This is a very big deal for people who shouldn't have caffeine, such as pregnant women or people



with certain medical conditions. And think about this: two cups of decaf coffee could equal the same amount of caffeine in a cola drink!

Darcy from Clarkston emails saying she's been experiencing shortness of breath. At first it was only every now and then. Now it seems to be happening more often. What could this be?

Darcy, stop what you are doing right now and call your doctor to set up an appointment! Most of us at some time or another have had shortness of breath, but when it is happening often, like it is for Darcy, it could mean something serious is going on. Researchers found people who complained of shortness of breath were at an increased risk of death from a heart attack. So if you've been suffering with repeated episodes of shortness of breath, it is important to have your doctor check you out!

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder support groups offer presentations for parents and another for adults 7:30-9 p.m. (registration begins at 7 p.m.) Monday, Feb. 5, at Way Elementary School, 765 W Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Free for members, \$5 donation per non member family with option to join on site. For information, call (248) 988-6716. Parent session will be on Thinking Straight about AD/HD and Mood Disorders with psychologist Steve Ceresnie, PhD. Adult presentation features a testimonial by Gregg Slubowski on Substance Abuse, Confusion and Self-Sabotaging Behaviors.

Hospice volunteer training

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan 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 support. A free 15-hour comprehensive training program is provided. The next training session is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday,

Feb. 10, 17 and 24. All training takes place at the VNA of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Oak Park. For information or to register, call (800) 882-5720, ext. 8361, or visit www.vna.org.

Blood drive

American Red Cross holds a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222.

Feldenkrais class

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Rheumatoid nodules are firm round masses of tissue the size of a pea or marble present in patients with rheumatoid arthritis. The nodules may be single or in clusters; in the majority of patients nodules are present in the fingers, particularly the thumbs, the elbows, and in the bottom of the feet.

Rheumatoid nodules occur as a result of the occlusion of a small blood vessel because of rheumatoid associated inflammation plus the irritation of the surrounding tissue from repeated pressure. For this reason the favorite sites of rheumatoid nodules are the fingers, elbows and the bottom of the feet. In addition, because of the effect of shoes on feet, the Achilles tendon and the sides of the feet are at risk for nodules.

The rheumatoid nodule serves as a marker for indicating that the arthritis is active and aggressive. If you have nodules, your doctor will likely place you on two or more disease modifying medications, and see you on a frequent basis until he is satisfied you are not developing new nodules.

Note that I mentioned above that the "majority" of nodules were at areas where arthritis and repeated pressure occur. Rheumatoid nodules can appear in other locations. The most troublesome site is the lung. The appearance of a rheumatoid nodule simulates what the beginning of a lung cancer looks like. Even with the best technology available, there are times when the doctor needs a lung biopsy to distinguish a harmless nodule from a dangerous cancer.

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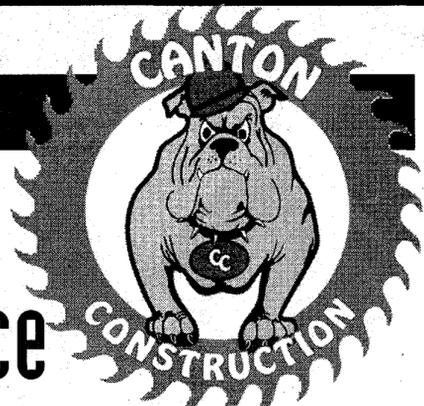
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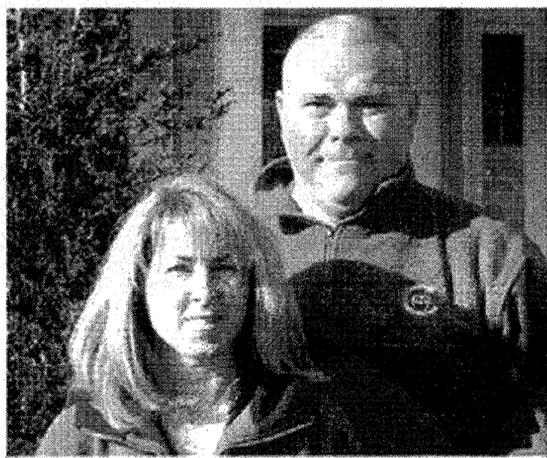
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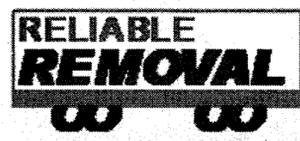
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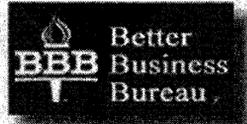
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WEDDINGS



McCloud-Reed

Melanie Joy Reed and Mark Thomas McCloud were married Oct. 28, 2006, in a beachside ceremony on the lawn of Boca Bay Pass Club, Boca Grande, FL. The Rev. Wendy Shullenbarger, Chaplain of Venice Regional Hospital, officiated at 4:30 p.m. ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Sharon Reed of Kingsport, Tenn., and the granddaughter of the late William and Maggie Reed, and the late Kyle Lee and Pauline Williams. The bridegroom is the son of Frank and Janet McCloud of Rotonda West, FL, formally of Garden City, Mich., and the grandson of Howard Wathen and the late Hyla Wathen, and the late George and Janet McCloud.

Amanda Junot, friend of bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Heather Lanning, Cori Bray and Wendy Weaver, all friends of the bride.

Rick Lang III, friend of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Erik McCloud, brother of the bridegroom; Jason McCloud, cousin of the bridegroom; and Justin Jones, cousin of the bride. Brandon Reed, brother of the bride, was usher.

The bride graduated from Volunteer High School, received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Milligan College and is pursuing a master's degree in the nurse practitioner program at Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Fla. She is employed as a registered nurse at Venice Regional Medical Center, Venice, Fla.

The bridegroom graduated from Garden City High School, received a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University. He is employed as a golf professional and manager at Pro Golf of Port Charlotte, Fla.

Following a wedding week with family and friends on Florida's Gulf side and a wedding trip to Florida's southeast beaches, the couple resides in Englewood, Fla.



Allison-Helppie

Grant Helppie and Kelli Allison were married June 17, 2006, at Cranbrook Art Museum with the Rev. Stephen Grafe of Cross of Christ Church officiating.

The bride is the daughter to Susan Allison of Westland and the late Kenneth Allison. She is a 1998 graduate of Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School. She received a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy in 2003 and a master's degree in 2004 from Western Michigan University. She is employed at Botsford Hospital.

The groom is the son of Richard and Leslie Helppie of Bloomfield Hills, Mich. He is a 1998 graduate of Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School. He attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and Grand Valley State University. He is employed at ACS Healthcare Solutions.

The bride was attended by matron of honor Arien Weber of Westland, a friend of the bride, and bridesmaid Susie Bobrowski of Clawson, a friend of the bride. Ramsi Ginzal of Philadelphia, N.Y., a cousin of the groom, was the flower girl.

The groom was attended by best man Ryan Atkins of Corona, Calif., the groom's cousin, and groomsmen Chris Parotte of Pittsburgh, Pa., a friend of the groom. The ring bearer was Jakob Atkins of Corona, Calif., the groom's cousin.

A reception was held at the Troy Hilton. The couple honeymooned in Tahiti, Bora Bora and Moorea. They are making their home in Livonia.

ANNIVERSARIES



Goudeseunes celebrate 50th anniversary

Robert M. and Barbara (Bates) Goudeseune of Canton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 26.

The Goudeseunes were married Jan. 26, 1957, at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. They have lived in Canton for 35 years.

The Goudeseunes have four children: Timothy Goudeseune of Westland, Scott (Barbara) Goudeseune of Littleton, Colo., Kimberly (David) Goethe of



Canton and Robert A. (Susan) Goudeseune of Farmington Hills.

They have seven grandchildren.

Robert is retired from Sunset Excavating in Livonia. Barbara is retired from Chase Bank.

Robert belongs to the Plymouth Elks. The couple enjoy good music, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

A party was held Dec. 30, 2006, at the Plum Hollow Country Club to celebrate with family and friends.



40th Anniversary

Roy and Brenda Green, of Westland, celebrated 40 years of marriage on Jan. 20. The couple met at Northeastern High School in Detroit and married on Jan. 20, 1967 at Temple Baptist Church on Grand River in Detroit. They raised three daughters, Kelly (David) Dole, Stacy (Dan) Jenkins and Amy (Eric) Schilbe



Roy Green and Brenda Barnes, in 1966 on Belle Isle in Detroit, a favorite hang-out for the high school sweethearts.

and they are the proud grandparents of Abby, Megan, Mackenzie and Evan.

The couple celebrated their anniversary in Niagara Falls, where they spent their honeymoon in 1967.

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Workplace diversity issues continue to challenge firms

BY JULIE BROWN
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Hiring and maintaining a diverse workforce is a challenge, but Tammy Seals knows it's worth it. "Now you're not doing it because it's the right thing to do," or just because of a government mandate, said Seals, vice president for diversity at Troy-based Kelly Services. Businesses that hire a diverse and talented workforce benefit in many ways.

"I think people are getting better because they're starting to see the business case," said Seals, noting there's a war for talent despite the economy.

Staffers at Kelly, which specializes in temporary job placements in a variety of fields, come from all walks of life. Seals said it's important to know why diversity makes sense for your business or industry. "Make sure you're reaching out marketing to a diverse base," she recommended.

At Chicago-based LaSalle Bank, Wil Lewis recommends a survey of your community "to try to be reflective of that. That's what we do at LaSalle Bank," said Lewis, first vice president and head of talent acquisition for North America. "Do some self-reflection would be the first piece of advice I would offer."



He agreed businesses are beginning to realize reflecting their communities is beneficial. "We realize it has a direct impact to our bottom line. The world in which we do our business is changing," said Lewis, citing Nancy Pelosi's presence as Speaker of the House during the recent State of the Union address.

Knowing your demographics for job openings matters; for higher level positions, you may recruit nationally and need to know the labor pool.

"You really just want to refine the data," Seals said. If your firm only hires men but you find 50 percent of those qualified are women "then why wouldn't you want to recruit in that particular community because you want the best and brightest."

She recommends businesses develop relationships with organizations such as job training centers that can help. Professional organizations serving diverse populations are a good source.

"If you've got too many, then the

relationship is not going to be as strong," said Seals, who recommends fewer but strong relationships.

Colleges/universities that traditionally serve minority students can be a good source. "Universities are a wonderful way," Seals said. "They'll be able to tap into the alumni membership as well as the current student population."

Kelly has links to such schools, as well as ties to the Inroads program, which links college and high school students with corporate America. Kelly has other initiatives to encourage minority recruitment and advancement as well.

LaSalle also has initiatives to attract and retain diverse talent, Lewis said, including partnerships with the Urban League, NAACP and faith-based organizations. He recommends looking at the talent you already have, and considering such things as age and sexual orientation.

There's a Diversity Council at the bank, with groups for those from various ethnicities as well as a young bankers group and one for gay/lesbian/transgender/bisexual staffers, "to help them feel connected to the bank."

When it comes to managing a diverse workforce, "you've got to stick with the mission of your company," Seals said. "That's how you

bring everybody to the same playing field.

"Everybody wants to feel engaged and valued for the skills they bring to the organization," she said, adding that cuts across lines of religion, race, gender and ethnicity. Supervisors need to make employees feel valued, she said.

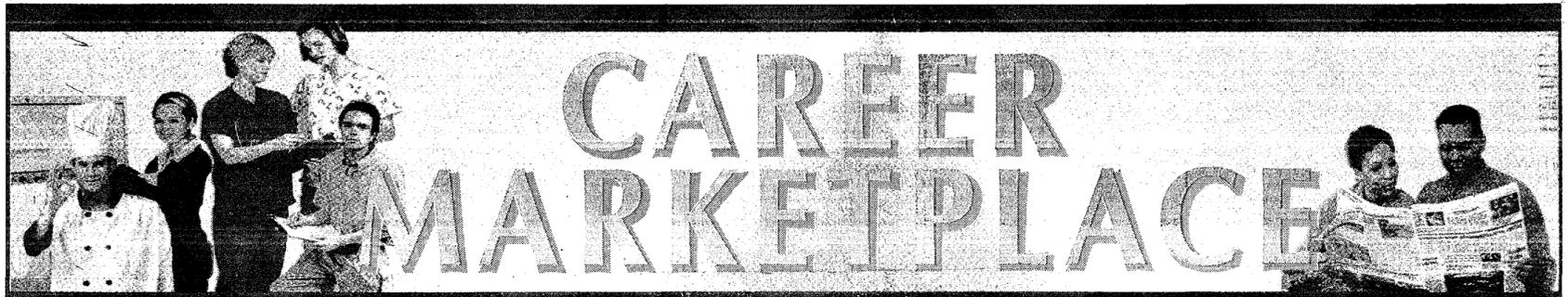
"I think education is the most important part of this." A team building exercise calling for physical activity, for example, won't help a person with a physical disability who won't feel engaged.

"Recognize that family diversity is a big part of it as well," she said, noting some people need greater flexibility.

"Diversity can be a stay-at-home dad," said LaSalle's Lewis. "We want to make sure we're supportive of those different work environments."

He agreed workplace diversity presents challenges. "What you do is you tap the folks themselves and say, 'What do you want in the workplace?'" Lewis said. Staffers should realize all are part of the partnership; LaSalle helps that process with its retiree network. "There's a lot of knowledge there as well," he said.

"Every organization, trust me, struggles with this," Seals concluded in discussing workplace diversity.



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Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree, preferably in Advertising/Marketing
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- Communicate effectively with the public and others in a work environment
- Maintain a detailed diary system for executives
- Research and abstract information
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- Organize and prioritize numerous tasks and complete them under time constraints
- Phone screening of all incoming calls

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Due to growth our manufacturing facility in Plymouth is recruiting for Production Technicians. Qualified candidates will have at least two years experience in a manufacturing environment. Electrical and Mechanical experience required. Technical degree or certification a plus. This position will require you to do minor machine repairs and adjustments. Overtime will be required to support the needs of the business.

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Moving into a new home stress-free

(NAPSI) — Moving to a new home can be exciting but also stressful. Fortunately, a few tips from the experts can help reduce the moving stress.

These following tips were compiled after watching videotapes of actual moving experiences:

- Pack by rooms so you can unpack by rooms.
- Pack one room at a time and by zones within the rooms. This streamlines the unpacking process.
- Label all the boxes clearly with your name, the room, the contents and where the contents will be stored.
- Pack important financial documents separately.
- Pack your cleaning supplies separately so that when you arrive at your new home you can find them when you need them.
- Don't overpack boxes. If boxes are too heavy, you won't be able to lift them, or the boxes may break when you lift them.
- To make sure nothing is lost during the move, number each of the boxes and create a checkoff list. When in the new home, cross off each number as you see the box being removed from the truck.
- Use hand lotion throughout the day because handling cardboard and paper can dry out your hands.
- Label the kitchen boxes by the following zones: cooking zone, food preparation zone, food storage zone and cleaning zone.

When unpacking, it is important to know the zones of the kitchen and what items should be stored in those zones.

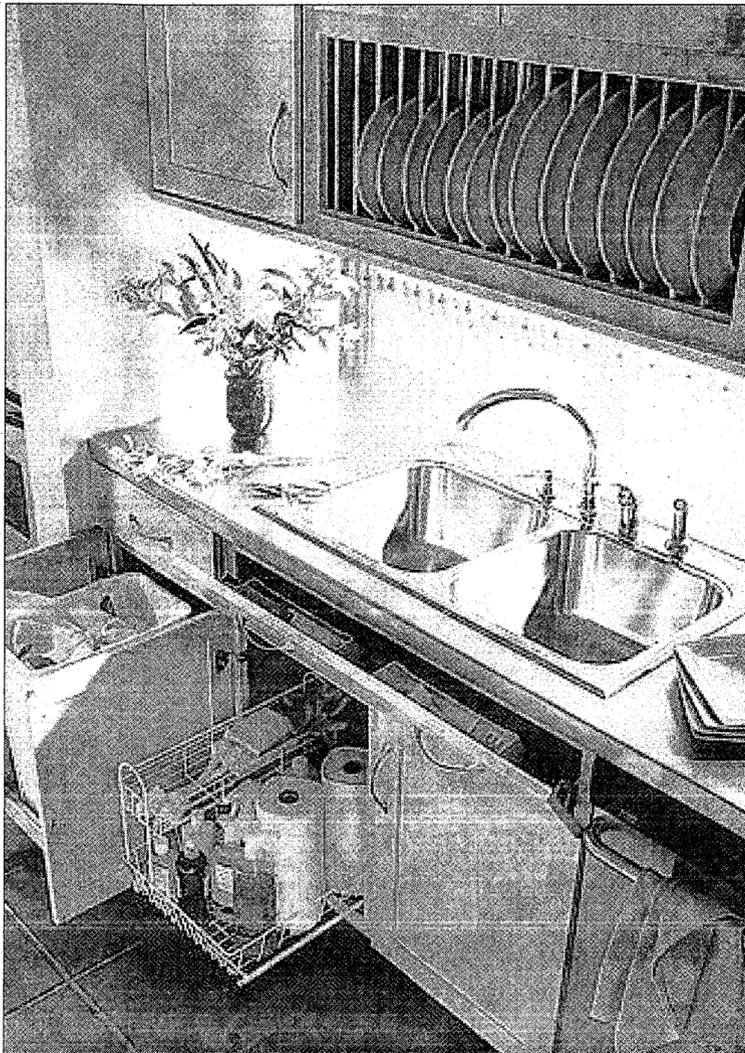
For example, the food preparation zone should house cutting boards, knives, storage containers and spices. The cooking zone includes having the pots and pans close to the stove and oven. And the cleaning zone should accommodate all your cleaning supplies in an organized and easy-to-use manner.

Before doing anything else, say the experts at Merrilat Cabinetry who compiled these tips, make the bed so you'll have a comfortable place to sleep at the end of the day. Unpack all your toiletries. Consider putting all the lamps and pictures in the closets temporarily for safekeeping.

There are also some basic pointers that all homeowners should know: Focus on unpacking the essential items first. Take your time to unpack things you don't need right away.

When you do get around to unpacking all items, carefully consider where you'll store them. Think about how often you'll use them and how easily accessible they need to be.

Storage ideas for any room in the home can be found at www.merrilat.com.



One of the keys to a hardworking kitchen is an organized cleaning zone, as it can minimize clutter and make cleanup easier.

Property values relate to curb appeal

(NewsUSA) — When a prospective buyer drives up to the home you're selling, the first impression is going to be a lasting one. Long before he sees the inside of the house, the exterior makes a statement about the property — one that's going to play a role in several decisions that buyer is about to make.

First will be the question of whether or not he wants the house based on its appearance, and second will be the issue of the home's value.

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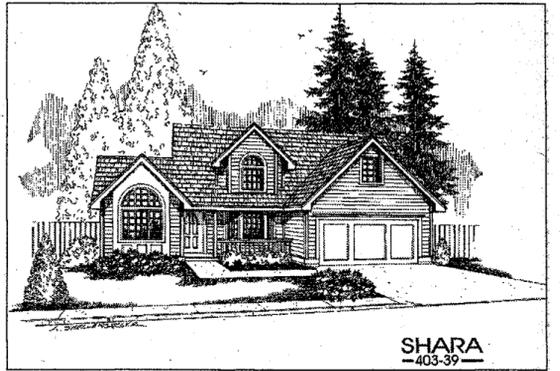
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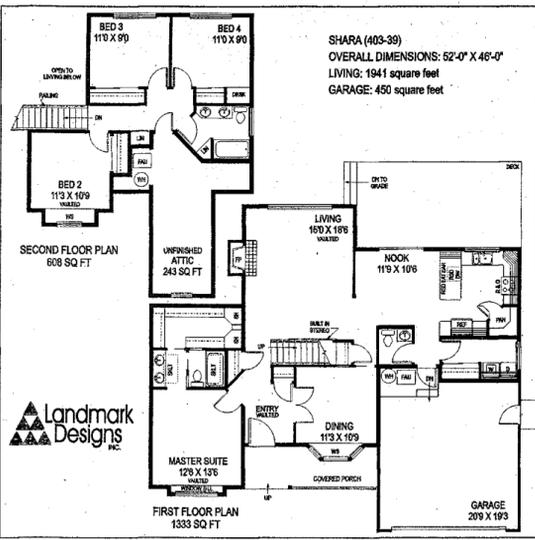


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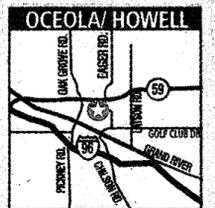


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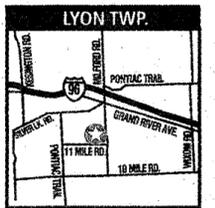
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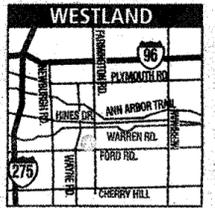


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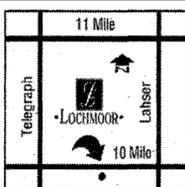
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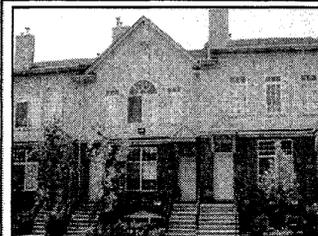
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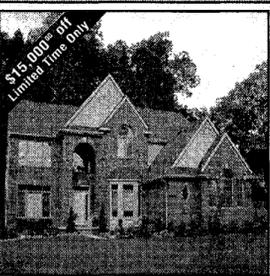
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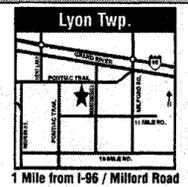
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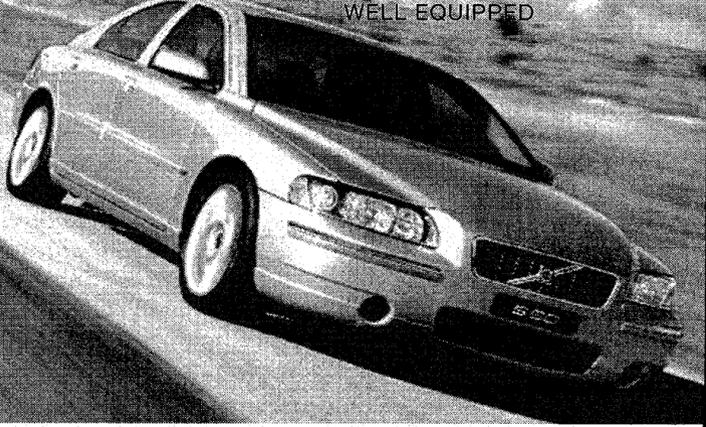
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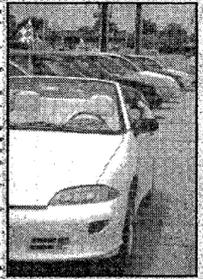
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DaimlerChrysler has a lot riding on its new bread-and-butter vehicle, the 2008 Town & Country, which comes out in the fall.

While other car companies have gotten out of the minivan market altogether, DCX has stuck with it since the segment rose to prominence 24 years ago.

DaimlerChrysler has consistently added new features to the Town & Country to stay current and this year is no different.

The newest innovation upgrades DCX's "functional family seating." This is called the Swivel 'n Go seating system. Swivel 'n Go offers second row seats that swivel 180 degrees to face the third row with a removable table that installs between the two rows. It also has covered storage bins in the floor of the second row, third-row uncovered storage and fold-in-the-floor third-row seating.

Swivel 'n Go also offers a built-in child booster seat in the second-row chair and a one-touch power-folding third-row bench seat. With Swivel 'n Go, second- and third-row passengers can face each other to have a conversation, play games or have a meal on the go.

Besides the Swivel 'n Go system, there are two other distinct seating configurations available for the 2008 Town & Country. They include a second-row bench seat and a third-row fold-in-the-floor seat.

With the fold-in-the-floor second and third row seats, the Town & Country can go from a seven-passenger minivan to a two-person cargo van that can carry 4-foot by 8-foot sheets of plywood in less than 30 seconds.

Because safety comes first for families, it is a key part of the Town & Country. All-row side-curtain air bags, traction control and a patented, energy-absorbing steering column are among standard safety features.

To ensure your family is safe in this portly people mover, there's the ParkView rear back-up camera, a rearview interior conversation mirror, which is the same



DaimlerChrysler wants to continue to be the frontrunner in the minivan market. With a new entertainment system for the Town & Country and a few other innovations, DCX thinks it can get people to fall in love with the minivan again.

kind of convex mirror seen in the corner of most convenience stores, and ParkSense, a rear back-up detection system.

"Chrysler Group ... innovations seem to have an uncanny way of ending up in other products," said Larry Lyons, vice president of the Chrysler Group Front-wheel-drive Product Team. "Integrated child safety seats, dual-zone temperature controls, a power liftgate and DVD entertainment are just some of the features that started in a minivan, but are now available in other vehicle segments."

The 2008 Town & Country designers thought of everything a family needs on the road. With a front-row sliding console that is large enough to store a purse, dual glove boxes, second-row covered storage bins, third-row storage area and even countless other storage bins and pockets there are more places to store things than ever before.

As for convenience, features include a remote starter; heated first- and second-row leather or cloth seats; stain-resistant, odor-resistant, anti-static cloth fabric; a removable flashlight in the rear quarter panel; movable reading lamps; map lights; and power sliding doors.

And for comfort there's an ambient halo lighting package that includes a soft, green halo light in the headliner. This lets passengers see each other when having a night-time conversation. Other features that turn journeys into vacations are the second- and third-row retractable sun shades and a dual- or tri-zone

heating and cooling system.

DaimlerChrysler didn't forget about entertainment when designing the new Town & Country, either, because it knows how important it is to keep the kids from fighting each other on a long road trip.

So now, with a dual DVD player that can play two different movies at the same time, you won't even have to worry about the kids fighting for the remote.

But the brains of the Town & Country's entertainment system is MyGIG, which has a 20 gigabyte hard drive. It can play CDs, DVDs, and MP3s. It also controls satellite radio with voice-activated capability, has a touch screen and real-time traffic and navigation. MyGIG even hooks up to UConnect, a hands-free communication system with Bluetooth technology.

And if you need entertainment from outside sources there are two second-row output/input jacks with a 12-volt power outlet and an overhead console with bins large enough to store headphones.

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