

Owner doesn't let fire burn business

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Two days after a late-night New Year's Day fire destroyed his North Mill Street office, Craig Jagger of Van Buren Electric hardly missed a beat by finding a new office at 298 W. Pearl St.

We were in business the next day, with all our calls forwarded to my cell phone," said Jagger, 42, of Plymouth Township, who acquired the 50-year-old business nearly six years ago. "We also had three trucks on the road servicing customers.

One of Jagger's five work vans was destroyed by the fire, and two others were damaged. Jagger said a telephone call that woke him from a sound

sleep revealed the news of the fire, and he hurried to see his building in flames.

"There were flames at the back of he building and three fire trucks on site," Jagger said. "It was a helpless feeling, bu at least I knew no one was in the building. Almost everything else, business and client records, can be replaced." The fire at North Mill and Amelia streets, which also destroyed the office of E.G.H. Construction, began shortly after 11 p.m. New Year's Day. Firefighters from the Plymouth Community Fire Department, with help from the Northville and Northville Township fire departments, were on the scene for about seven hours. "It appeared the fire started on the exterior of the building and spread," said Mark Wendell, assistant fire chief. "It's still under investigation, most likely it's an accidental fire.'

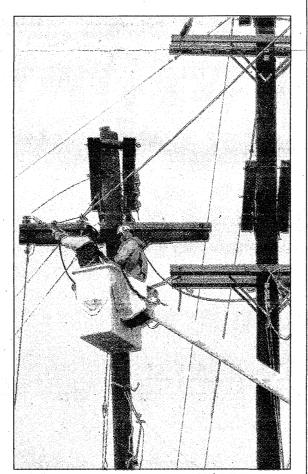


Red Wings coach Mike Babcock took a break from bell ringing to autograph 10-year old hockey player Justin O'Brien's cap. In the background are Wings general manager Ken Holland, Salvation Army Capt. Jim Irvine and Justin's dad, Doug O'Brien. The Red Wings helped the Plymouth Salvation Army ring up another successful Red Kettle campaign.

A year for tragedy, triumph 2007 provided its share of memorable moments

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

In a year of triumph and tragedy, the Plymouth community had its share of high-profile news stories, ir of murders



Contractor asks for extension on underpass

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The main contractor for the Sheldon Road underpass project has asked the state for a 259-day extension which, if used, would push completion of the much-maligned project to the fall of 2009.

That's nearly nine months longer than the original twovear construction schedule put together by Walter Toebe Construction in Wixom, a plan which had the underpass completed by the end of this year. Sheldon Road was closed at the underpass in January 2007.

At least one Plymouth city commissioner says it's time to get top politicians including Wayne County **Executive Robert Ficano and** U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, (R-Livonia) involved in accelera

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governor, McCotter, (state Rep. Mark) Corriveau or (state Sen. Bruce) Patterson," Workman said. "The elected officials who stand to lose their jobs if this project doesn't end up being managed. It's been a year in which virtually nothing has been done."

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Helmkamp said the extension request is more of a technicality than it is a signal the project won't be completed on time.

"This extension request is not an indication the project is delayed by that period of time," Helmkamp said. "It's a technical requirement under the MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) contract. It has nothing to do with the real schedule." However, it appears Helmkamp is starting to waver on his earlier insistence the five-lane underpass will be completed by the end of the year. "I've learned there are some things I can control and some I can't, it's extremely dominolike," Helmkamp said. "The odds are getting longer (that it will be completed by the end of the year) because of delays from utilities that have put us behind. We have to have the utmost cooperation by everybody to do what they say they will do. "We have a dozen different entities with their own agendas and not as much sense of urgency," he added. "I feel like a Dutch boy in the dyke; every day there are new holes and I

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Craig Jagger wants the public to know that his company, Van Buren Electric, is still in business.

timillion-dollar road project gone awry, political wrangling over a fire contract and other, lesser-profile stories that had an impact on the community.

In no specific order (and knowing in advance we probably are going to miss a couple of things), here's a look back at 2007 in Plymouth:

■ Generosity rules — Despite a struggling state economy in an area heavily dependent on the auto industry, giving to charitable causes remained a high priority for the people of Plymouth.

Whether it was helping fill the food, pantry or filling the red kettles of the Plymouth Salvation Army, or giving to the Plymouth Community United Way, or supporting the Breast Cancer 3-Day, people continued to help the less fortunate at amazing rates.

"People feeling the pinch remember it ... and they're more sensitive to it," said Capt. Jim Irvine, commander of the Plymouth Salvation Army. "That loose change they're carrying goes into the kettle."

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While some utility work appeared to get done, Wayne County officials say utility companies are largely responsible for delays in the Sheldon Road underpass project.

completion of the underpass, which has been on the drawing board since 1999, when the federal government granted \$5.5 million for the project.

"We can no longer let this go on without any sort of plan," Commissioner David Workman said. "We're so far behind that it seems there's no end in sight to this project. Either work 24/7 and stick to the time line that was sold to us that helped us get on board. or repair the road and reopen Sheldon Road until we have a plan in front of us that we can actually have all the stakeholders agree to."

Workman wants Wayne **County Commissioner Laura** Cox and Assistant Wayne **County Executive Alan** Helmkamp, the county's primary spokesman on the project, to address the city commission.

"I have an interest to involve whomever politically we need to, whether it be Ficano, the

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Circuit judge eases gag order in murder case

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Parents and friends of the two teenagers accused in the murder and beheading of a River Rouge man are once again free to talk about the case.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette Berry lifted a gag order imposed in November on the families of Jean Pierre Orlewicz and Alexander Letkemann by 35th District Judge

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Michael Gerou.

The judge did, however, continue the gag on lawyers and law enforcement officials connected to the case.

Orlewicz, 17, a Canton High School senior who lives in Plymouth Township, and Letkemann, an 18year-old Westland resident and former Livonia Churchill student, face first-degree murder and mutilation of a corpse charges in connection with the Nov. 7 death of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge. If convicted, they face life in prison

without possibility of parole.

Gerou had issued the gag order Nov. 29 after a motion made by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and supported by Orlewicz's attorney, Joseph Niskar.

The motion came in the wake of a press conference and several publicized comments made by Peter Letkemann, Alexander's father, in

support of his son.

The teenagers, who are being held without bond, go to trial April 7.

In the same order, Berry said any negotiated plea must be entered by Feb. 1.

A call to Raymond Cassar, the lawyer for Letkemann who vigorously opposed Gerou's original gag order, was not returned.

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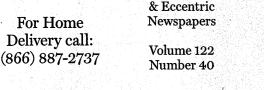
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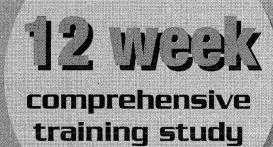


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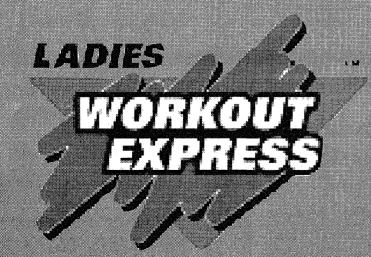
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Homeowner orientation

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County will host an orientation to recruit families for land in Inkster and Canton in 2008.

The orientation takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Inkster Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt (located off Middlebelt between Michigan Avenue and Avondale).

Attendance is mandatory in order to be considered for a Habitat home. The session will last approximately 90 minutes and will include a video presentation, criteria to qualify, history of Habitat, question-and-answer segment and distribution of applications. Current Habitat homeowners will be present to talk about their experience. Section 8 recipients are welcome to apply.

After attending the meeting, completed applications must be returned postmarked by Feb. 1, 2008.

For more information, call the Habitat office, (734) 459-7744.

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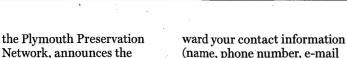
City of Plymouth residents can place Christmas trees at curbside during the first three weeks of January for special compost pickup.

However, city officials said plastic tree bags, stands, lights, ornaments or bags over the trees are not allowed.

According to city officials, there is no need to notify the city if you place a tree to the curb; the city's trash contractor will be going through the entire City on your regular trash day to pick up any Christmas trees at the curb.

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Stroke Screenings by Life Line, hosted by the Council on Aging, will be held Friday, Jan. 18, at the Plymouth Township Friendship Station. Pre-registration is required. Call to schedule appointments for screenings at (800) 324-1851. Screenings available are Stroke Screen/Carotid Artery \$45, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening \$45, Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening \$45, Osteoporosis Screening \$35 or all four (4) screenings for \$129.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Me & My Shadow class

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Young children and their grown-ups are invited to frolic indoors this winter at New Morning School's Me & My Shadow Parent & Young Child Classes, a fun, nurturing and educational introduction to preschool for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds and their grown-ups.

Activities include music and finger-play, art and discovery projects, snack and story time, all centered around a learning theme. New Morning School's Me & My Shadow classes provide special oneon-one time for parents and children, and encourage children to take their first steps toward socializing with their peers.

Parents can choose from two eight-week sessions beginning Jan. 11. Classes run on Friday morning from 9-10 a.m. or 10:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$72 for the entire session.

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The next major deadline — one of the many that have come and gone — is April 30. That's the day by which a new 36-inch water main at the crossing - which is the sole supplier of water for Plymouth and an integral line for western Wayne County, including Plymouth Township, Canton Township and the Northvilles — needs to be installed. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department won't let work begin after that date because of the increased amounts of water being used

in the spring and summer.

The DWSD ban continues through the fall. It's the same DWSD restriction put on the project last year -- which wasn't met by contractors — forcing the water main installation to be

pushed into this year. We're looking at having the water main changeover in February," Helmkamp said. "We're going to continue to work on an acceleration schedule to finish by the end of the year, hiring additional resources, bringing in extra equipment and working 60 hours a week."

All of which, Helmkamp admitted, will increase the end-cost of the underpass.

"The last number we had was just over \$14 million, and it's probably up to about \$15 million for a lot of reasons, like the cost of concrete going

up, the catchup schedule with extra hours and more equipment," Helmkamp said. "Who knows what it's going to end up?"

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said maybe it is time the top political leaders are brought in to put the project back on track.

"Maybe they should be brought to bear on this, and see if additional resources can be identified to bring it back on schedule," Reaume said. "It's discouraging. We had high hopes at the start that it could be completed in two years."

The brunt of the economic impact from the project has been on businesses north of the Sheldon Road closure, in the area of Five Mile and Sheldon roads. Randy Lorey, owner of Lorey Cleaners in the Sheldon Center retail complex, said an extension will destroy his business.

"At the end of the day, a nine-month extension is going to kill me unless I get some assistance," Lorey said. "The moment they closed the road they compromised my business, my livelihood and ability to put food on my table. It makes me want to cry.

"My business is down 35 percent, and it's not because of the Michigan economy," Lorey added. "It's because Sheldon Road is closed and there's no access road. The (designated detour) trip around is a joke. How can you cut your traffic count by half and expect to do the same amount of business?'

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Defendant Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, with attorney James Thomas, was in 35th District Court Monday.

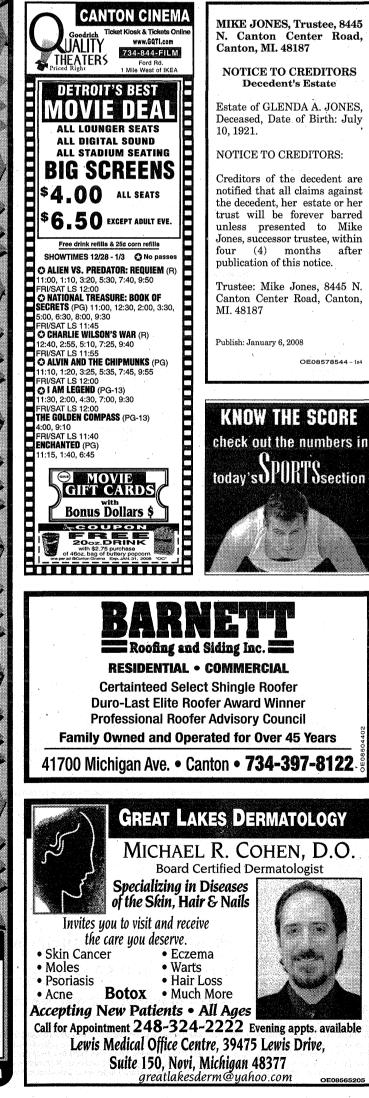




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Top of the heap — *Money* Magazine ranked Plymouth Township 37th in its list of the top 100 places to live, one of only three Michigan communities to make the list (Farmington was 55th, Saline 59th). The magazine focused on "smaller places that offered the best combination of economic opportunity, good schools, safe streets, things to do and a real sense of community."

Among other factors, the magazine considered population (28,200), median home price (\$294,112 in 2006) and average property taxes (\$1,982 in 2006). The establishing of the township park, Lake Pointe Soccer Park and the existence of a township-owned golf course (Hilltop) were also considered, as were business factors such as the Robert Bosch Corp.'s decision to bring 400 jobs to a new township research facility.

Murder, Part I – On Nov. 7, police say Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17 of Plymouth Township and Alexander Letkemann, 18 of Westland lured 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge into a Canton garage, killed him, beheaded him and disposed of his body in a Northville Township field.

The case drew headnes when Wayne County

announced he'll retire, leaving the district the end of February 2008, touching off a nationwide search for a replacement.

The popular Ryan took over from Kathleen Booher in 2002.

Underpass overmatched - The much-maligned Sheldon Road Underpass Project took a beating, along with the county's reputation, during 2007. The county closed Sheldon Road just south of the railroad crossing in January, expecting work to begin shortly thereafter.

However, a year later, precious little has been done, with county officials saying utility companies such as DTE are dragging their feet in holding up their end of the bargain.

The major contractor recently asked for a 259-day extension of the deadline for the project, which is technically scheduled to be complete by the end of 2008.

Life-saver — City resident Richelle Renfer pulled an 11year-old boy out of Tonquish Creek following torrential rains in August, an effort **Plymouth Police Chief Wayne** Carroll credited with saving the boy's life.

Bond, no bond — Voters in February turned down a \$62.1 million bond issue Plymouth-Canton schools officials had hoped would be passed to allow them to revitalize buildings and build a new middle school. It was the second such at in nine months Festiv(al) atmosphere The annual festivals hosted in downtown Plymouth - the ice festival, Art in the Park, Chili Fest and the Fall Festival - continued to bring thousands of visitors into downtown Plymouth. Tragedy avoided - Plymouth police avoided a tragedy when they stopped several teenagers who were playing with toy guns in the abandoned building on the Bathey property in July. The teens were playing war games with realistic-looking weapons when police approached them. The incident ended with no one being hurt. On the rolls — City of Plymouth officials welcomed the Bathey property back onto the city's tax rolls when they sold the property for some \$2.1 million. Benched — Gov. Jennifer Granholm tapped former Plymouth-Canton Board of Education trustee Mark Slavens for a seat on the bench in Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy, in a press conference five days later, deemed it a "thrill killing.' Orlewicz, a Canton High

School senior, and Letkemann face first-degree murder and mutilation of a corpse charges in a trial scheduled to start April 7.

Murder, Part II — On Dec. 19, two men got into what witnesses later described as a heated argument at a gas station at Five Mile and Beck, an argument that ended in the shooting death of Lt. Joseph Candie, a lieutenant at Scott **Correctional Facility.**

Later, the man suspected in the shooting, 44-year-old Darren Johnson, was found on Belle Isle with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Johnson was later arraigned in his bed at Detroit Receiving Hospital and faces a Feb. 8 preliminary exam in 35th District Court in Plymouth. Retirement party

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Rick Bloom

Dear Rick: One of my New Year's resolutions is to be more organized when it comes to finances. My problem is I don't know where to start. Any ideas?

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It is a great resolution. Being organized will also make you more efficient with money. You will have more money in your pocket, exactly where it belongs.

This an excellent time to get started because over the next few weeks you will receive a variety of financial and tax statements which are key in helping you become better organized.

The first step is to do a family balance sheet, which is a listing of all your assets and liabilities. It is hard to do anything unless you know where you are starting from. A family balance sheet also lets you monitor progress by compar-



liabilities is your net worth. It is important to put on the list the amount of liabilities and the terms (i.e. interest rate and length of loan).

While getting your financial house in order, I also recommend you figure out what it costs to live for a month using a cash-flow statement. This is a listing of what comes in and what goes out on a monthly basis. It's essential to good financial planning to know what it costs to live a month. A cash-flow statement allows you to determine what your increased cost of living is on a yearly basis.

One thing everyone should do is prepare a record keeping system. Important documents should be kept in one location and someone should know how to access that information in case of an emergency. In addition, good record keeping helps when it comes time to prepare a tax return.

Getting and keeping one's financial house in order is not easy. In addition, for most it's not a task that they can assign to someone else or even hire someone to do. However, the benefits are substantial. One last note. It is impor-

tant to recognize we do not have as many safety nets in our society as we used to, so it's imperative to keep your financial house in order. There is no time like the present to get started.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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LOCAL NEWS

Family of dead girl ready for murder trial to start



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BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Carol Poole's fate will soon be decided by 12 jurors.

The trial of the Canton Township woman, who is accused of causing the September 2006 death of 2-year-old foster daughter, is scheduled to begin Monday in Wayne County Circuit Court in Detroit.

Poole, 42, has been charged with

felony murder, first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter in the death of Allison Newman.

Her attorney, Mark Satawa, had attempted to convince the court to toss out statements that Poole made to police in the aftermath of the toddler's injuries. After the child was rushed to the hospital, police officials say Poole offered multiple explanations for the girl's injuries including that she had bumped her head in bed, fell in a bathtub and fell from a vanity. Her last story was that the child accidentally fell over a second-story balcony during a game of "whirlybird."

Poole, who has maintained that Allison's death was an accident, has the support of friends who say she and her husband were thrilled to have the pretty, bubbly girl in their home.

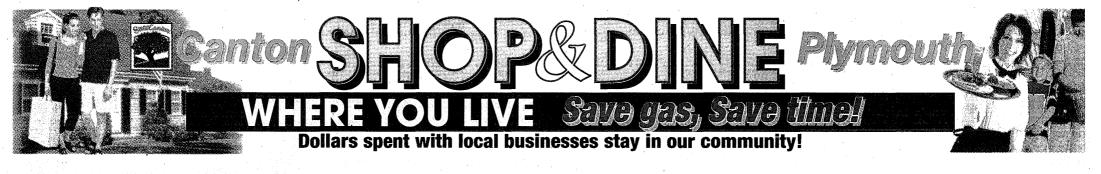
Allison's father, Kenneth Newman, has been recently released from a

state prison and plans to attend the trial with his parents, Ken and Debbie Newman of Westland, who have been present at Poole's pre-trial hearings.

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Rebecca Worden, Kenneth Newman's sister, said her whole family, but especially her brother, is anticipating the court proceedings.

"He's terrified," she said. "We all are because we are going to learn a lot of what we don't know. He is very nervous."



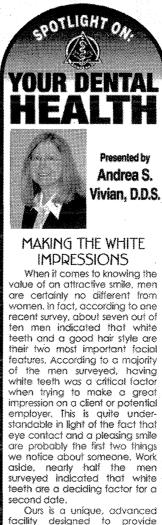


Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits telescopic devices surgeons special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other how powerful and

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eye conditions keep reading and driving. By Elena Lombari

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision' says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals.'

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr Smith prescribes hands free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same

convenient they are. Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the vision requirement for driving" Dr. Smith explained. Michigan is one of the 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles Willim, age 81, of Taylor came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer, age 70, of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision as 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newsprint. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith "Buddy said.

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Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

Dr. Smith also advises patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to prevent further vision loss. Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "I strive to help patients resume doing what matters most to them. Meeting patient goals with suitable solutions ultimately improves independence and quality of life."

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at

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OUR VIEWS

Airport city is hope for future

The future is in the sky.

At least that's what many Wayne County leaders are hoping.

County Executive Robert Ficano has become the leading area evangelist for something called an "aerotropolis." This is the term used by John

Is the term used by John Kasarda, director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise and professor of management at the Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina. Kasarda sees a bright future for communities that develop around their airports, in the way past communities developed around seaports and railroad centers. His message has resonated here.

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An "aerotropolis" will serve the needs of the auto industry, but it will also attract the new cutting edge businesses that will lead us into a more stable economic future. The location of the airports, centered between the state's largest urban area and its leading research university, make it ideal.

Ficano, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and others have also been pushing for greater economic ties with China and its immense marketing potential for whatever products develop along the airport corridor. World trade and airport development are critically linked.

Initial steps have been taken as Detroit Renaissance has put the aerotropolis at the top of its business plan for the future.

At a time when despair seems to have gripped Southeast Michigan in a death clinch, it's good to know that local leaders are looking to the sky and seeing a brighter future.

Set record straight

As promised, the Plymouth-Canton school board changed the election date to odd year May elections.

In doing so, we have saved the school district \$100,000 next year alone. The long-term savings will amount to \$200,000 every four years. By moving our elections to odd May only, we save even more by sharing election costs with Schoolcraft College, decreasing our average election costs to \$25,000 per year.

If we had changed to an annual November date, this would have been more costly, averaging \$42,000 per year.

It was a difficult decision for me as a board member for two reasons. First, a well-meaning, but obviously ill-informed community member circulated a petition encouraging board members to change to an annual November election.

Secondly, historically more people tend to vote in November elections. However, the additional savings to the district of \$13,000 is money that can be put directly back into the classrooms annually.

It is important to note that the legislature may change all of this. It was critical to make the decision that we did for now because of the savings it provided to our budget.

I encourage everyone to take the time to become informed on political issues and to get out and vote no matter when an election occurs.

Dianne Gonzalez

Plymouth-Canton trustee

Move election to even years

The Plymouth-Canton board voted to move the school board election to May of every other year. This should save \$100,000 every other year.

The problem is that \$50,000 of savings was left on the table. By moving the election to even years in November, there could be an additional savings of \$50,000 every other year. This is the action that should be taken to get maximum savings.

Is there some kind of connection to the Schoolcraft College board that prevents Plymouth-Canton from moving the election to November? The reasons stated in the article for not moving the election to November were vague and not supported by any actual data. Should we be making decisions based solely on opinions?

Thank you and that is what I think.

LETTERS

Guy Bellemare student, Salem High School

Public isn't open checkbook

I do not agree with the school board's decision on moving board elections. The fact that all cost could have been saved by matching the elections in November, and the board thinks that it did a great job, proves the fact that they act like all politicians do with an open check book. Trustee Sneideman's idea that the board isn't political is a joke. Did the thought of putting that \$200,000 they could have saved toward books for the middle or elementary schools, instead of having them share books, cross their minds?

I can bet they will try to get some funding for the school project on the next election again. They need to learn the public isn't a open bank account.

Rohan Peters

Canton

Hide explicit magazines

In today's society, where children are pushed to grow up faster and faster, it is not easy for parents to protect their children from things that are inappropriate or immoral.

Yet however difficult it may be, it is our responsibility to monitor the television programs and movies that our children see, the books they read, the music they listen to, the toys they play with and the computer Web sites they visit. Parents have control over all these things. Unfortunately, there is one thing that we do not have control over: sexually explicit magazines at almost every grocery store, department store, and drugstore checkout counter.

A recent trip to CVS and Kroger had me facing such magazines as I waited to checkout. The cover of "Cosmopolitan," in large letters read "DIRTY SEXY SEX" and "Sex Sessions That Ended in the ER". This month's issue of "Glamour" touts on its cover, "What Good Sex Means to a Guy." When did it become acceptable to display such topics out in the open, where children can see them? Have we all become so desensitized?

I am a supporter of the First Amendment. I am not asking retailers not to carry the magazines. I simply ask that they use discretion and display such magazines responsibly. On your next visit to the store, if you find yourself offended at the checkout, consider taking the magazine to a store manager and letting them know how you feel. Use YOUR First Amendment rights. You can make a difference.

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Kim Parnis Livonia

Shovel your walk

I try to be a responsible dog owner and walk my dog every day. It is amazing to me that five days after a snowfall, many people still haven't taken the time to clear their sidewalks of the ice and snow, making walking hazardous. If you shovel your driveway so you can get your car out, take a little more time, be considerate of your neighbors, and shovel your sidewalk!

> Joann Phelps Farmington Hills

Home-schoolers need oversight

Michigan's lack of oversight for homeschooled children has the potential for neglect and harm to children who are not attending public school. Even when children attend public school, some of them slip through the cracks, as in the case of Ricky Holland.

When John Engler was governor of the state of Michigan, he saw to it that the oversight of home-schooled children was removed. Now, even though a child is registered as home-schooled, no one checks to see that the educational and emotional needs of the child are being served, and that the child is protected from abuse.

In order to protect our kids, this situation needs to change. Our public schools do a great job of educating all children, from special education through Advanced Placement, counseling and teaching the humanities. And our public schools are accountable at every election, and at every school board meeting, and through parent involvement.

It is time to make home-schooling accountable again. There are great cooperative programs available to home-schoolers, and there are parents who conscientiously and effectively teach their children, and these programs and parents should not fear oversight. But oversight must be restored for all home-schooled students so that none will slip through the cracks.

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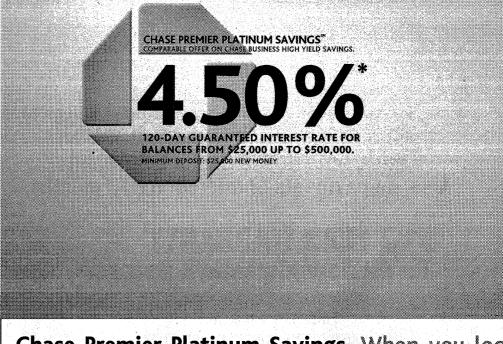
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Fieger fans thrilled by lunch with lawyer

Dining with the Stars closed out 2007 with a special luncheon for Livonia residents Judy Robitaille and her 84-year-old mother, June Robitaille.

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The two women dined with nationally prominent attorney Geoffrey Fieger at the Farmington Hills Buddy's. It was the longest "star lunch" to date, according to Marcy Brontman, Buddy's spokeswoman.

"We had such a wonderful time," an enthusiastic Judy Robitaille wrote after the mid-December luncheon. "He was so cordial and nice to my mother. Thank you so much for selecting us," she wrote, adding it was "one of the top five days" of her mother's life.

Fieger's staff gave the women a tour of his newly renovated office in Southfield before heading to Buddy's courtesy of a limo provided by All Class Transportation & Limousine Services.

"They were in Geoff Fieger heaven," Brontman said of Buddy's. "They had wine and pizza and lots of conversation. Geoff's wife, Keenie, showed up later in the lunch and they all talked some more. They closed out the afternoon lunch crowd. It was a real moment."

June Robitaille was one of five finalists for lunch with Fieger. She was nominated by her daughter, Judy, who submitted the following:

"I am entering this contest in hopes of surprising my 84-year-old mother who has forever been a Geoffrey Fieger fan. My mother's first name is June, as was Geoff's late mother, and I have a feeling that my mother is a lot like June Fieger was. She is spirited, somewhat rebellious and not at all afraid to speak the truth. When Geoff ran for the Democratic nominee for



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December Dining with the Stars winner Judy Robitaille, left, and her mother June Robitaille, right, have lunch with attorney Geoffrey Fieger at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills.

governor, my mother eagerly acted as 'lookout' while I scoped out strategic locations to place campaign lawn signs on his behalf. My mom admires him greatly and would be thrilled." In addition to lunch and a limo ride, June Robitaille received a \$100 gift certificate to the

Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Buddy's donated \$500 to Childhelp in Fieger's name. Based in Southfield, Childhelp Michigan is a regional branch of Childhelp created to meet the growing demand for quality services for abused, neglected and at-risk youth in southeast Michigan.

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for "Dining With The Stars" and selects the top four to five "fan" letters. The stars featured for the month make the final selection.

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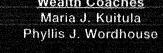
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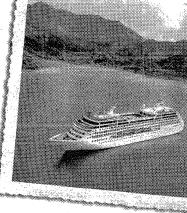
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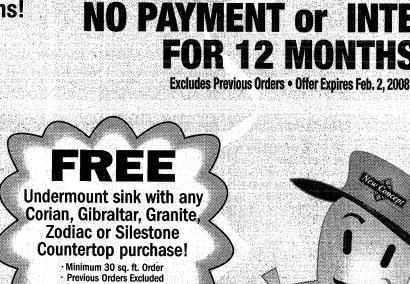
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Ignition forward Ryan Mack tries to dig a ball off the boards against California's Lee Williams.

CALLFORMIA BLIZZARD Cougars storm net in 4th, bury Ignition

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Friday night's Major Indoor Soccer League showdown between California and Detroit started with a Furrey (Mike) and ended with a flurry (of Cougar goals).

Detroit Lions wide receiver Mike Furrey, a resident of Canton, got the ball rolling by performing the ceremonial opening kick.

But it was a fourth-quarter roll by the Cougars' soccer version of the "West Coast" offense that led to their convincing 20-10 triumph over the host Ignition before an announced sellout crowd of 3,929 at Compuware Arena.

The visitors broke open a tight contest with 10 fourth-quarter points to pull away. Brighton resident Droo Callahan paced the Ignition with a hat-trick of his own.

The game proved to be a happy homecoming for ex-Ignition goalkeeper Sanaldo, who frustrated his former mates by making 46 saves.

Danny Waltman took the loss between the pipes for Detroit.

A bad omen greeted the Ignition 1:45 into the game when a Callahan goal was waved off by the officials, who had whistled California for a foul milliseconds before the score.

Five minutes after the disallowed goal, California broke the ice with a Brian Farber twopointer from Naldo.

Detroit's Jamar Beasley knotted the game at 2-all with 3:39 left in the first quarter when he ripped a low liner past Sanaldo



YMCA hoop

The Plymouth YMCA winter basketball leagues are now forming for children between the ages of 4 and 14 years old. The session will run from Jan. 14 through March 14 with one practice and one game each week.

The league fee is \$77 for program members and \$109 for community members.

All participants are required to purchase a \$15 YMCA youth sports reversible jersey. Programs are filled on a first-come, firstserved basis. For more information, visit www. ymcadetroit.org or call (734) 453-2904.

Lil' Kickers

High Velocity Sports in Canton is set to launch Lil' Kickers, a nationally recognized non-competitive, introductory youth soccer program for boys and girls between the ages of 18 months and 9 years old. Classes begin Monday and cost \$12.50 per class.

A schedule of classes is available at www.hvsports.com. Those who register for an entire season will receive a free uniform (jersey and



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Detroit Ignition forward Jamar Beasley gets a lift from teammate Ricardinho after his goal knotted Friday night's game against visiting California at 2-2. The Cougars used a fourth-quarter goal explosion to win 20-10.

The Cougars improved to 7-4 with the win while the first-place Ignition slipped to 8-4 heading into Saturday's game at Newark. California's Semir Mesanovic was the game's MVP as he deposited three rockets into the back of the net. from a seemingly impossible angle tight against the boards to the goalie's left.

Beasley's man-advantage net-finder was assisted by

Ricardinho. The game was deadlocked at

Please see IGNITION, B2

Shifting gears Plymouth grad Jones' move

to RB pays dividends at Hope

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

When opportunity knocked this past fall, Brent Jones did more than just answer the door. He invited it in and convinced it to stay a while.

When one of Hope College's starting running backs was suspended for the first three games of the 2007 season, Jones seized the starting spot and ran with it.

The former Plymouth High School gridiron standout churned out 632 total yards – 629 rushing and 3 receiving – in nine games.

Among his many highlights were two 100 yardplus efforts, including a monster 37-carry/157yard day against Tri-State (Indiana) University.

All in all, it was an incredibly successful campaign for the sophomore — especially when you consider he started his college career as a wide receiver and spent most of his prep days as a quarterback.

"I didn't get to play much last year," Jones said, reflecting on his fast-moving steps up the Flying Dutchmen's depth chart. "I was a slot receiver in a pro-set offense.

"I traveled with the team and I earned a varsity letter, but I played mostly on special teams."

Jones' big break came last spring when the Hope coaching staff shifted the speedy, elusive player to running back.

"They knew I didn't like playing receiver, so they gave me a chance at running back," said Jones, whose dad, Steve, played the position at Grand Valley State. "I moved up to No. 2 (on the depth chart) before the season started, then when our starting running back was suspended for the first three games, I was able to get the ball."

Jones didn't hesitate when asked about the biggest difference between high school and Division

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shorts). Lil' Kickers uses the world's most popular sport as a tool to teach kids about the importance of teamwork and cooperation. The program was developed by soccer professionals working alongside child-development

Spotlight on

experts.

PCEP wrestling

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rival wrestling programs Canton and Plymouth will square off in a match under the spotlight on Thursday beginning at 7 p.m. in Canton's Phase III gymnasium.

Both teams opened WLAA Western Division action with victories.

The match will unfold under a spotlight.

PCS girls lacrosse

Informational meetings for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team will be held Jan. 24 and Feb. 7 from 6;30-8:30 p.m. in the Canton High School cafeteria. The PCS Lady Warriors will have varsity and junior-varsity squads this spring.

Tryouts for the teams will be held March 10-14 from 5:30-7 p.m. at East Middle School. Students must attend all five tryouts to make the team.

A sports physical must be on file with the student's home athletic department before they can participate in tryouts.

The cost for tryouts is \$10, which includes all five dates.

For more information, visit www.pcsladywarriors.com.

Rock grapplers third at Salem Invitational

See complete results on Page B6.

Salem turned in a performance worthy of a bronze medal at the 15-team Salem Varsity Invitational Dec. 29.

The Rocks placed third in the highly competitive field, earning 156.50 points, 14.5 less than champion Richmond. Monroe was the runner-up with 163 points.

Lincoln Park (126) and Dexter (121) rounded out the top five spots while Plymouth was seventh with 96 points.

A pair of Rocks proved to be the best in their respective weight classes: Kevin Hayter took gold at 130 pounds as did Jeremy Epley at 160.

Hayter defeated Monroe's Sean Turner, 15-12, in his final match while Epley nipped Lakeland's Max Hill, 8-7. Salem's Austin Root and Kevin

Bennett came within one victory of taking the 171-pound and 125-pound titles, respectively.

Root, who finished second, defaulted the championship match after suffering an injury while Bennett was pinned by Monroe's Zac Stevens in the gold-medal match.

A trio of Rocks earned third-place points: Alex Kemp at 135; Johannes Olind at 140; and Sam Lepper at 189.

The Wildcats' top performer was Anthony Pomerson, who placed second at 215 after falling to Dexter's Mike Swager, 3-0, in the title match.

Earning Most Valuable Wrestler medals were Monroe's Ryan Jones at 103 and Richmond's Mike Lasinski, who went 3-0 at 189.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HOPE COLLEGE

Plymouth graduate Brent Jones enjoyed a banner sophomore season as a member of the Hope College football team. After getting moved from wide receiver to running back, Jones produced more than 600 total yards for the Flying Dutchmen.

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Salem icers blank Vikings

Salem's hockey team discovered the power of "1" Friday night against Walled Lake Central.

Dave Russell's short-handed goal 3:37 into the second period was the difference-maker in the Rocks' 1-0 triumph over the Vikings in a game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Senior Mark Barkoff was flawless between the pipes for the winners, registering a 15save shutout.

The victory evened Salem's record at 5-5 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. Central dropped to 3-6 overall. 15.

With a teammate in the penalty box, Russell delivered the game-winner when he beat the Vikings' goalie top shelf with a back-hander.

a team tonight even though we were missing a couple of key players (Patrick Patton and Sam Ott)," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "Mark Barkoff had a good game. Even though he only faced 15 shots, a good percentage of them were high-quality chances. He did an especially good job of covering the puck up and preventing rebounds."

Salem outshot their foes 25-

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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A pre-bid meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at East Middle School located at 1042 S. Mill Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid familial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/ or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT MAP OF THE COMPREHEN TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, W

Tuesday, Jan. 8 PCA at Franklin Road, 7 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

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Friday, Jan. 11 Salem at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 Troy Athens at Plymouth at Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 7 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Jan. 10 Plymouth at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 Wildcat Invitational at Plymouth, 10 a.m. Canton at Novi CC Varsity Invitational, 9 a.m. **BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING** Thursday, Jan. 10 W.L. Northern at Plymouth at Salem, 7 n.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its ANNUAL meeting January 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials' being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling

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	Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary	

THE WEEK AHEAD

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p.m. TBA – time to be announced.

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III college football.

"The size of the players," he emphasized. "There were some big guys out there in high school, but all the guys are big in college. I was the smallest guy out there most of the time this past year."

And Jones isn't small, relatively speaking.

Thanks to a steady diet of lifting weights since he enrolled at Hope, he's added 20 pounds to his 5-foot-9 frame and is listed on the team's Web site at 185 pounds.

"I thought the workout program we had at Plymouth was

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4-4 at the half after Mesanovic and Detroit's Jonathan Greenfield exchanged secondperiod goals.

The Cougars led 10-8 after three quarters before exploding for 10 late-game points the final six the result of triples off the feet of Marcos Chantel and Farber.

Birmingham native Ryan Mack turned in strong performance for the Ignition. The Seaholm graduate assisted on Callahan's first goal and fired a pair of lasers at the net in the

hard...and then I got here," Jones said with a chuckle. "The program we had at Plymouth was very good, but the one we have here is a lot more intense.

"I wasn't able to keep weight on during the season in high school, but now we lift during the season, so I've been able to keep it on."

Jones said he was sold on Hope the day he first visited the campus.

'I liked the school and the football program right away," he said. "I probably could have walked on at Grand Valley, but I thought I'd have a better shot at playing sooner here."

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first half that Sanaldo managed to deflect.

The game served a dual purpose: it was a key match-up in the hotly contested race for the top of the MISL standings and as a fund-raiser for the Gobles, a Canton family who lost their home and most of their belongings when their house exploded following a gas leak on Nov. 19.

Four dollars from every \$19 ticket sold to the game will be donated to the family. There was also a silent auction held throughout the game to benefit the stricken family.

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A pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at Canton High School located at 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid familial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on

TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 4, 2008, 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:**

CANTON TOWNSHIP FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT-CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LOCAL SHOPPING (OFFICE USE RECOMMENDED) TO OFFICE RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NOS:

010-99-0001-701, 010-99-0002-701, 010-99-0004-001, 010-99-0004-008. PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF JOY & SHELDON CENTER ROADS.

033-99-0002-000. PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WARREN AND CANTON CENTER ROADS.

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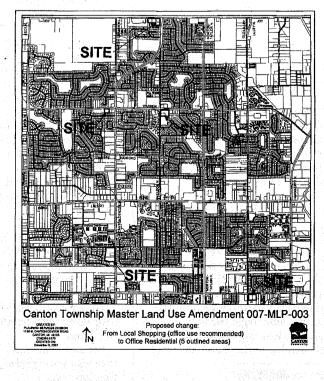
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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, January 31, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 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 Publish Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant tot the comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 4, 2008 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:**

FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT - TEXT AMENDMENT -CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

Amend Policy 1.2.1 and create Policy 1.2.1b relative to Office Land Use as follows:

Policy 1.2.1a

Establish a Local Shopping Land Use designation on the Future land Use map for office and neighborhood commercial development intended to provide convenient goods and services that usually serve residents in the immediate vicinity. Local shopping Areas should be located at intersections of primary collector and arterial roadways. Intrusion of these uses into surrounding or adjacent residential areas shall be limited and local shopping areas should be spaced at least one mile apart. Office uses are encouraged to be located in tracts within local shopping areas adjacent to residential uses. Areas recommended for office use shall be indicated on the Future Land Use Map.

Policy 1.2.1b (NEW)

Establish an Office/Residential land use designation on the Future land use map for office and condominium development. These areas should be located in areas adjacent to existing residential neighborhoods as a transition from higher intensity commercial or industrial uses. Areas designated for Office/Residential Use shall be indicated on the Future Land Use Map. Areas previously designated as "Local Shopping/Office Recommended" shall be redesignated to "Office/Residential.: All areas designated on the future land Use Map as Office/Residential shall allow for consideration of Office (O-1) and Single-Family Attached (R-6) zoning.

Amend Policy 1.52 and 1.5.3 relative to the Mixed Use designation Policy 1.5.2

The Mixed Use designation shall allow for the consideration of Light Industrial Research (LI-R), Office (0-1), and Regional commercial (C-3) and Multiple Family Residential (MR) zoning, pursuant to the standard criteria for rezoning. and Proper transitions from one zoning district to another shall be maintained. Policy 1.5.3

Use of the Planned Development District (PDD) option is encouraged to allow flexibility of use, layout and design. the PDD option also promotes clustering to foster preservation of open space and natural resources. Maximum residential densities shall be based on the maximum allowable density-permitted by the underlying zoning district, calculated by the net acreage in each zoning district. Residential uses may not be considered in any area designated Mixed Use south of Michigan Avenue.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to January 31, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman Publish: January 6 and 20, 2008

or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 29, 2008 where they will
be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone
Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734)
416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and
or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the
school district.

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

Publish: January 6 and 13, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH** PLANNING COMMISSION

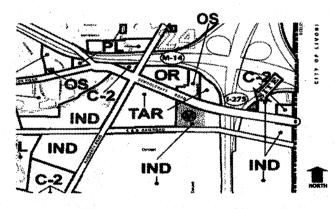
Request Approval of a Special Land Use
Wednesday, January 23, 2008 7:00 P.M.
Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 North Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting Special Land Use Approval for Outdoor Storage in an Industrial District, (IND), on Tax ID R78-024-01-0044-301, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2-7. The property is located on the north side of Schoolcraft Road, east of N I-275/E M-14, and west of Eckles at 39660 Schoolcraft Road.

Application 1979/1207.

Applicant, Tony Naurato

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-024-01-0044-301.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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> KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary Planning Commission

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BASKETBALL

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Wildcats box out Mustangs, but can't box up a victory

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth did a lot of good things against Northville Friday night in the two teams' post-holiday WLAA Western Division battle.

Unfortunately for the Wildcats, outscoring the Mustangs wasn't one of them.

Northville rode the three-ball and a tough zone defense to a 53-41 victory in the Plymouth gymnasium. The win improved the Mustangs' record to 4-3 overall and 2-0 in the division while Plymouth slipped to 1-6 and 0-2, respectively.

"I told the kids after the game that they did a nice job defensively tonight," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We did a nice job of boxing them out and keeping them off the offensive boards. We didn't shoot well, though, and it cost us. It seemed like we were shooting from our heels tonight instead of shooting in rhythm."

Senior forward David Harvey had a stellar evening for the Wildcats, posting nine points, seven rebounds and three steals. Senior guard Brandon Roberts contributed 10 points while senior swingman Navraj Sandhu chipped in with eight points, six the result of a pair of triples.

"David Harvey played very well tonight," said Van Wagoner. "He was all over the court for us."

Senior forward Greg Hasse paced the winners with 23 points.

"Most of those came on hustle plays," added Van Wagoner.

Northville led throughout the contest, expanding a 10-9 first-quarter advantage to 25-19 at the half. The Mustangs led 38-27 with eight minutes to play and were never threatened thereafter.

"They have a good team - they're very long and they

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shot the ball well tonight," said Van Wagoner.

The key stretch in the game unfolded late in the first half when Northville connected on a trio of three-point shots - two from Steve Anderson and a solo from Dan Kirkpatrick - to build its six-point half-time advantage.

The Wildcats drilled 12-of-20 free throws while the Mustangs were 5-of-8 from the stripe.

W.L. CENTRAL 44, SALEM 43: On Friday at Salem, the Vikings prevailed thanks in large part to a huge night from senior guard Cody Rzeznick, who poured in 24 points -18of which came on six threes.

The loss dropped Salem to 2-5 overall and 0-2 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

We were down all night and then we did a nice job of clawing back in the fourth quarter,' said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They missed a free throw with 11 seconds left and we got a last shot, but it didn't go down. "We just didn't shoot well

enough to win tonight and they hit a bunch of threes. Twentyone of their 44 points were from threes and we only hit one, so that was the story."

The Rocks' two most dependable offensive players - seniors Grant Stone and Ross Davis - led the way with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

The Rocks jumped out to an early 12-6 lead after one quarter before the Vikings roared back to secure a 22-20 halftime advantage.

Salem held a precarious 32-30 with eight minutes to play.

"They played a very good man-to-man defense," said Brodie of Central. "We only had four players score. Senior forward Jesse Pointer

led the Rocks with nine rebounds.

Salem hit 8-of-11 free throws while Central canned 3-of-8 from the line.

The Rocks return to action Tuesday when they host Churchill. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 66, CANTON 61: On Friday night at Wayne, the Zebras rode the hot perimeter shooting of senior guard Mike Lee to a pivotal WLAA Western Division victory.

Lee scorched the nets for 26 points - 12 coming off a quartet of triples – to help Wayne improve its record to 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the division. The Chiefs slipped to 3-4 and 0-2, respectively.

Canton was paced by its senior 1-2 punch of Neil Sharma and Chris Bailey, who each registered 16. The duo also combined for 21 rebounds.

Senior forwards Will Tidwell and Ryan Seely added seven points a piece for the Chiefs.

"It was a game of runs," explained Canton coach Dan Colligan.

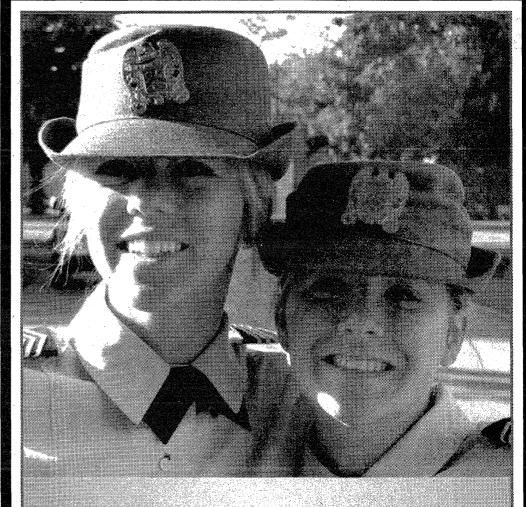
'We finished the first half with a nice run to take the lead, but they went on a 9-0 run in the third quarter to take the lead back. Then we got hot again at the end of the third.

"They have a very good team and Mike Lee is a very good player. I thought we did a good job of defending him in the first half, but he had 17 in the second half when they really needed him."

The Zebras led 14-12 after one quarter before Canton rebounded to secure a 29-28 halftime edge.

Wayne led 45-42 with eight minutes left before outscoring its visitors 21-19 down the stretch.

Martez Abney added 14 points for the winners, who shot 8-of-18 from the freethrow line. The Chiefs sparkled from the stripe, nailing 15-of-20 attempts.



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Chiefs get offensive in win over Zebras

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls basketball team welcomed back an old friend Friday night — its shooting touch.

After struggling to break the 20-point barrier in a few early-season games, the Chiefs executed like a well-oiled offensive machine in their 48-42 triumph over visiting Wayne Memorial.

The win boosted the winners' record to 3-6 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division. The Zebras fell to 3-4 and 0-2, respectively.

"We were patient and we moved the ball well on offense," said Canton coach Brian Samulski, describing his team's resurgent attack. "We did a nice job of cutting through their zone and making back cuts to the rim."

Senior forward Baylee Hollowell led the Chiefs with 16 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore Kaylie Martin recorded a career-high 13 points while freshman forward Kayla Bridges contributed nine points and a team-high 11 boards.

Wayne's Trenia Barbee tickled the twine for 24 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter when she nearly led the Zebras back from a 15point deficit.

Barbee swished a threepoint shot with less than two minutes left to bring Wayne to within 44-40. However, Canton's Erin Quinn, who replaced a fouled-out Hollowell at the 2:30 mark, calmly connected on all four of her free throw attempts down the stretch to help Canton seal its second-straight victory.

Nastassia Goines complemented Barbee's strong effort with 12 points.

"They have a nice team," Samulski said of the Zebras. "Barbee and Goines are both very good players.

"I thought we did a good job on Barbee defensively in the first half, holding her to

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10. But she made some tough shots - some deep threes - in the second half to bring them back."

Canton enjoyed a semi-vacation at the free throw line, which it visited 27 times, making 15. Wayne was 9-of-14 from the stripe.

Canton led 7-6 after one quarter and 17-13 at the intermission.

The Chiefs posted a 19-spot in the third quarter on the way to surging to a 36-21 advantage, however, Barbee made it interesting with her long-range shooting over the final eight minutes.

Canton returns to action Tuesday at Livonia Franklin. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

SALEM 59, W.L. CENTRAL

52: On Friday at Central, the Rocks raced to a 27-14 firsthalf lead and then held off a late onslaught of Kelly Costello triples to secure the win. The victory improved Salem's record to 7-2 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. The host Vikings dropped to 5-4 and 1-1, respectively.

The Rocks received all but 10 of their points from a trio of players: senior Alaya Mitchell, who netted a team-high 19; junior Chelsea Davis, who added 18; and Sara Stone, who chipped in with 12.

Mitchell added four assists while Davis and Stone both contributed 10 rebounds a piece.

Costello was dazzling from beyond the three-point arc as she buried six shots from Threeville during a 26-point night. Altogether, the Vikings swished 10 threes.

"We played very, very good in the first half; we really controlled the game," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "But Central played very hard and hit a lot of perimeter shots to get it down to five at one point in the fourth quarter.

"The key was our rebound-

ing. I think we outrebounded them by 12 to 15 rebounds. Plus, we were able to get to the rim more than they were. They're pretty much a perimeter team."

The Vikings carved their hefty halftime deficit down to 43-33 with eight minutes to play, but couldn't get over the hump down the stretch.

The Rocks hit 11-of-16 free throws; Central went 2-for-3 from the stripe.

"It was a well-played game," Thomann concluded. "Both teams played hard."

NORTHVILLE 46, PLYMOUTH 42: On Friday at Northville, the Mustangs hung on for a key WLAA Western Division triumph over a scrappy group of Wildcats.

The loss dropped Plymouth to 4-5 overall and 1-1 in the division while Northville improved to 6-3 and 2-0, respectively.

"We kind of reverted back to some of the inexperience mistakes we made earlier in the season," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "I don't know if it was the two-week layoff or what, but we didn't come to play and Northville did. We had way too many turnovers, too - 17, 11 of them in the second half.

Junior forward Shaakira Haywood posted a doubledouble for the winners, scoring 14 points to go with her 12 rebounds.

Sophomore post player Stacey Klonowski added 11 points and Kelsi Robinson chipped in with seven.

Freshman guard Alex Roberts pulled down a careerbest 10 rebounds for the Wildcats.

Northville was led by senior Sarah Stern's 11 points.

The hosts led 14-11 after one quarter and 25-21 at the break. The Wildcats actually led for brief periods during the third quarter, but trailed 35-31 at the onset of the fourth stanza.

Plymouth drained 2-of-3 free throws while Northville found the net on 5-of-9 shots from the stripe.

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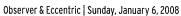
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The motivator

Pedometers spur people to walk another mile

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Dr. Caroline Richardson believes it's only a matter of time before physicians and researchers find a way to encourage Americans to walk on a regular basis. It's no secret that physical activity helps prevent and treat certain diseases. Could pedometers, a small counting device worn on a belt or waistband, motivate people to walk further once they make the decision to get moving?

The results of a recent walking program study at the University of Michigan Health System and VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System show those wearing a pedometer increased the steps they took by about one mile a day.

"In 1996, the surgeon general released a report on physical activity and the health connection," said Richardson, who became interested in the link as a resident that same year. "It got me interested in this known treatment and how to get people to do that. In 1964, the surgeon general came out with a report on the link to smoking and lung cancer. It took us a while to learn how to help people quit smoking. We're just at the beginning of helping people to get more active."

Richardson was the lead author of the six-week study that divided type-2 diabetics into two groups. All were sedentary adults. Half of the participants counted their steps all day long, the structured goals group only used the pedometer when walking for at least 10 minutes. The participants who wore a pedometer throughout the day reported they were more satisfied with their program.

"It turned out both groups increased their walking, but the 10-minute group didn't like it. They felt they didn't get credit for the steps they walked throughout the day," said Richardson, who sometimes walks to work from her Ann Arbor home. Richardson is an assistant professor in the department of family medicine at the U-M Medical School and research scientist at the Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. The study was published in November in the International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity.

Participants used uploading pedometers that plug into a computer. The data helped calculate goals for the next week. Over time, the required amount of steps increased.

"10,000 steps a day is a lot, particularly for people who haven't been doing a lot and have health problems," Richardson said. "For a healthy person, 10,000 steps a day might be a good goal. If you're sick, 8,000 might be good. Physicians or trainers might be able to help you set goals.

"Using a pedometer is most effective for people who have been sedentary and not active before. If you don't know how much to do, you feel in the dark. You have to set goals. Health behavior research

shows setting goals is critical. Pedometers help people to do that. Some people don't need pedometers. Some people walk at a mall and they know they've walked so far because it's measured so they can set goals. For most people, they fit walking in and don't know how much they do. You need goal setting and logging of your results. We used online to do coaching and goal setting.'

A future study is

being planned that will allow participants to receive support as part of an e-community which uses pedometers as part of a walking program.

"They'll be able to leave messages for other people and get messages. Giving social support is important in keeping people active," said Richardson, who recommends visiting Web sites for online support. She is a consultant for walkingspree.com.

"Getting a walking buddy can be critical as is in winter in Michigan finding an indoor place to walk or getting the right clothes to walk," she said.

Richardson said it's important as well to avoid setting long-term goals.

"Set immediate goals, like feeling less stressed out or a better sense of wellbeing," she said. "Go for a walk 'cause it's going to make me feel better right now. I'm going to do it today to destress myself today. People tend to exercise more when there are immediate benefits."

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Grief support group

Offered by Romulus Wesleyan Church and Hospice of Michigan for.13 weeks beginning 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the church, 37300 Goddard, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Romulus Public Library on Wayne Road at Goddard. For information, call the church at (734) 941-1511, the library at (734) 942-7589 or visit www.griefshare.org.

Tai Chi classes

New sessions starting the week of Jan. 7, at the non-profit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 591-3530.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering fitness classes in Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese discipline combining agile steps, joint-friendly movement, relaxed breathing, and mental challenge to promote mobility and well-being 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 7 to Feb. 11; and Feb. 25 to March 31, (classes also available on Fridays) in the hospital's Classroom 10 on the 4th Floor of the Marian Professional Building at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Five Mile entrance. Registration required, call (734) 655-8950. Tai Chi has been shown to reduce pain and stiffness. Enrollment limited. A registration fee payable to St. Mary Mercy Hospital is required prior to first class.

CHADD meeting

Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet Monday, Jan. 7, at Way Elementary on W. Long Lake Rd. east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration begins at 7 p.m. for the meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. The Parent Group will have Fran Parker Ph.D., Mary, Jo Schuster and Kevin Roberts moderating a panel of college students who have been successful in college managing their AD/HD. This session is open for parents to bring teens or pre-teens. There will be an adult informal support group in a different room. Free to CHADD members, \$5 donation for non-member families. If school is closed due to inclement weather, the phone line at (248) 988-6716 will indicate meeting is cancelled. The Web site is www.chadd.net/527.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734), 462-4443.

Diabetes presentation

Diabetes: Know Your Numbers, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For details, call (734) 655-8961. The speaker is Ginger Ramsay, RN, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation, however all are welcome. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. No.charge, pre-registration not required.

Sharing & Caring

Prevention and treatment of lymphedema with Dr. Justin Riutta, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Beaumont Royal Oak Cancer Center. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. All are welcome. For more information, call (248) 551-8586. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588 prior to meeting.

Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group features speaker Dr. Michael Hsu 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church on 2055 Merriman, south of Ford road. Hsu, a clinical lecturer and research fellow in the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Michigan, is part of Healing Through Affective Self-Awareness in Fibromyalgia, a randomized control trial with Providence internist Dr. Howard Schubiner. Donations accepted. The group meets monthly on the second Thursday. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

Health classes

Heartsaver AED 6-9 p.m. Jan. 14, Feb. 11, at Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$55. This is a course for nonhealth care providers and/or individuals who need to learn basic CPR and AED for nonhealth care work requirements. Call (888) 440-7325 to register or for information or visit www.stjohn.org.

CPR Family and Friends: for Infants-Part 1 is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 10, Feb. 14 (\$25), for nonhealth care providers ages 12 and older who want to learn basic CPR and foreign body removal (choking) techniques for infants. CPR Family and Friends for Adults/Children-Part 2, 7:45-9:15 p.m. Jan. 10, Feb. 14 (\$25), for nonhealthcare providers ages 12 and older. Baby Care Basics. Call for schedule of classes. Cost is \$20 per couple. This class provides practical information about bathing, feeding, safety, health care and more. New this year, a baby doctor, will be joining the baby care class to give you more information about your infant and infant/baby care.

Charity basketball game

To benefit March of Dimes, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at Waterford Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Rd. While the Waterford Mott High School students dribble, pivot and fly on the court, senior residents and staff from The Inn at Cass Lake retirement community will be on hand to accept cash donations from the public to assist the March of Dimes in its ongoing effort to combat birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For more information, call (248) 681-8229.

Fibromyalgia lecture

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Farmington Community Library. 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Please RSVP if you will be attending a few days before the lecture to smo23915@aol.com or call (248) 344-0896. Admission is \$5 to help pay for cost of the room. April Vallarand, Ph.D. from Wayne State University School of nursing, will speak on medications for chronic pain/ Fibromyalgia including the newest medications available for Fibromyalgia. This will be an opportunity to ask your questions on the medications you may be on, or thinking of asking your physician to prescribe.

Grand opening

St. Mary Mercy Hospital physician, Nabil Suliman, is opening Premier Medicine by offering free cholesterol, blood sugar, and blood pressure checks, refreshments, giveaways and a chance to meet the staff noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 5958 Canton Center Rd., Suite 200, north of Ford Rd., Canton. Premier Medicine, a primary care provider that also offers urgent care services, is now open to patients of all ages in need of a variety of health care services. The physicians are also available to make homebound visits for those unable to reach their office. For more information, call (734) 454-5454 or visit www.premiermedicine.com.

Joint replacement seminars

To educate the community about joint replacement options Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register or for information, call (734) 655-2400.

Free yoga classes

Astarte Yoga is offering free weekend classes in honor of Yoga Awareness Day (Jan. 26), at Astarte Yoga, 21894 Farmington Rd., Farmington. For information, call (248) 427-0550. The sessions take place 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 (Level 1-2); 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (Level 1); 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (Gentle); 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (Level 2), and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 (Level 1). Medical research is now confirming what those who practice yoga have been reporting for decades. Studies have demonstrated that practicing yoga postures (asanas), meditation or a combination of both reduced pain for those with cancer, multiple sclerosis, autoimmune diseases and chronic conditions such as hypertension, arthritis, asthma, and carpal tunnel syndrome among others. Yoga Day USA is sponsored by Yoga Alliance, a non-profit professional organization setting educational standards for yoga teachers and

schools.

Hospice benefit

Internationally renowned and award winning photographer Linda Solomon will be a special guest at A Grand Night for Hospice XX, a black tie extravaganza with An Enchanted Evening theme, Saturday, Jan. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. The annual event hosted by The Women's Committee for Hospice Care (WCHC), a nonprofit organization that raises money and grants funds for nonprofit hospices in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. Tickets \$300 patron, \$500 benefactor. For information, call (248) 680-7150, or visit www.wchcinc.org. For information about corporate ticket rates and tables, call Susan Kiltie at (248) 359-1167.

Workshop series

Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do, an ongoing workshop series, will be presented by Ronald Harrison, SW, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Part One: What To Know, runs 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5 and March 4, and provides information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part One is repeated every first Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year. Part Two: What To Do, will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 15 and Feb. 12, and provides information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. Part Two is repeated every second Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year. The workshops are free and open to the public. Parents, other family members, teens, and people who work with teens are all welcome. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. For more information, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail to jessa@med. umich.edu or visit www.teensusingdrugs. There will be a special presentation of this two-part series in Howell on Wednesday March 12, 2008 (part 1) and Wednesday March 19, (part 2,) 7:30-9 p.m. at Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, 620 Byron Road, Howell. Registration is requested but not required for these presentations only; For information, visit Web site or call (517) 545-6213.

CARE House of Oakland County

Circle of Friends holds its annual fund-raising luncheon Tuesday, Jan. 29, begins at noon, preceded by a jewelry show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. by designer Sharon Meyer, at The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham. A portion of proceeds will be donated to CARE House. Speaker is Naomi Griffith, a consultant on child welfare issues, a storyteller and author of Red Clay and Vinegar: Looking at Family Through the Eyes of a Southern Child. She uses humor and her own experiences to challenge and inspire audiences in business, education, juvenile justice, mental health, child abuse prevention and family violence systems. Circle of Friends patron level tickets are \$150, luncheon tickets \$75. Call (248) 332-7173.

Wellness seminars

With Rena Greenberg to quit smoking and lose weight (all seminars last two hours) 6:30

p.m. Tuesday, Jan 29 (weight loss) at St. John Oakland Hospital, 28000 Dequindre at 11 Mile, Corporate Services Building: 3 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 (weight loss) at Providence Medical Center Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile at Newburgh; 10 a.m. (stop smoking) and 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 Elliott Drive, Administration Services Bldg. auditorium, Ann Arbor; 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 at St. John Macomb Hospital, 11800 E. 12 Mile at Hoover), Main Entrance, Auditorium, and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Kalman Auditorium, Main Entrance. Programs combine hypnosis and behavior modification. The first 45 minutes of session is free. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, they pay \$79.99. Save \$10 by registering at easywillpower.com. The fee includes hypnotic session plus Greenberg's book, The Right Weigh: Six Steps to Permanent Weight Loss, behavior modification booklet, home reinforcement hypnosis CD, and unlimited free repetitions of the hypnosis for one full year, if needed. No reservations required. Call (800) 848-2822

Splash classes begin

HAP's free Senior Splash Bash & Moms in Motion classes begin in January in five southeast Michigan communities with indoor pools including Southfield and Troy. Any adult can join. Classes not limited to HAP members. For more information, call (313) 664-8420.

UPCOMING

Hip and Knee Pain Seminars

4 p.m. Feb. 4, at Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile. No charge. Information on what causes hip and knee pain with an emphasis on Osteoarthritis. Conservative and more aggressive treatment options discussed. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and educational materials are provided. Call (888) 440-7325 to register or for information, or visit www.stjohn.org. **Fibromyalgia support**

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group features speaker Dr. Randy Houdek 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church on 2055 Merriman, south of Ford. Houdek, from Vision Associates of Westland, will speak on vision and fibromyalgia. Donations accepted. Group meets monthly on the second Thursday. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

Intervention workshop

A free presentation by internationally-known intervention specialists Jeff and Debra Jay 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. For more details, call Dawn Farm at (734) 485-8725 or visit www.dawnfarm.org. The Jays describe their effective model for intervention with addicted loved ones. Learn how "Love First" is the way to help people find recovery.

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det, Jake Degrendo (LL), 9-6; 5. Kibner (RU) def. Davison (M), 10-3. **119:** 1. Bret Marsh (DX) def. Kyle Davison (M), 6-3; 3. Jeremy Sherman (LL) pinned Aditya Sathi (N) in 2:10; 5. Mike Ball (A) def. Phil Hespen (D), 9-5. **125:** 1. Zac Stevens (M) pinned Kevin Bennett (S) in 4:30; 3. Brian Henke (R) def. Nick Palford (LP), 8-6; 5. Matt Calvan (A) def. Clavton Caldwell 5:3.

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135: 1. Brett Burg (R) def. Wesley Long (M), 5-3; 3. Alex Kemp (S) pinned Rick McDowell (LP) in 2:35; 5. Zac Clark (A) def. Brandon Saunders (DX), 7-5. **140:** 1. Theo White (A) won by

major decision over Nick Lujan (M). 12-4; 3. Johannes Olind (S) pinned Brandon Crowther (P) in 41 seconds; 5. Cameron Docherty (LL) pinned Matthew Belobradich (RU) in 3:49

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Verher (A) def. Gabe Negron (A), 5-2. 152: 1. Raphael Rodriguez (A) def. Khodar Hobollah (D), 11-6; 3. Jacob Mendenhall (J) pinned James Cruz (LP) in 4:01; 5. Eric Klingenberg (F) def, Brian

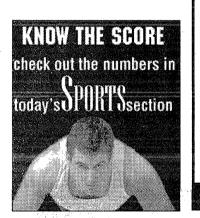
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(P) in 2:33; 5. Zac Goins (RU) def. Josh Schroeder (R), 6-4.

189: 1. Mike Lasinski won by technical fall over Anthony Viau (LP) in 6:00; 3. Sam Lepper (S) pinned Alex Winn (P) in 4:38; 5. Ramsey Allan (D) def. Reno Martino (E) 4:2

Martino (F), 4-3. **215:** 1. Mike Swager (DX) def. Anthony Pomerson (P), 3-0; 3. Joe Shade (N) def. Alec Martin (RU), 5-2; 5. Dexter Hoffman (A) won by major decision over A.J. Smith (S), 9-0.

Sinin (5), 9-0. **285:** 1. Brett Correll (E) pinned Shane McCleary (R) in 5:50; 3. Corey Chamberlin (DX) pinned Trevor Gorman (RU) in 4:14; 5. Mo Jasper (A) pinned Billy Garrison, (F) in 1:43.



Canton wrestlers close out 2007 in fine form The Canton wrestling team closed out 2007 on a high note when it placed third at the EMU Varsity Team Wrestling Tournament that it hosted at Eastern Michigan University's

Bowen Fieldhouse on Dec. 22. Rockford, which is ranked No. 1 in Division 1, took the tournament championship with a 33-32 triumph over Goodrich in the title match. The Chiefs ousted New Boston Huron, 46-20, in the thirdplace match.

Goodrich, which defeated Canton 47-16 in a semifinalround showdown, is the topranked team in Division 3.

"I was very happy with how we wrestled in a tournament that included some of the state's best teams," said Canton coach Casey Randolph, whose team finished 4-1 on the day. "You never want to lose, but our loss against Goodrich was

a lot about ourselves and we found some technical things that we can work on. It could have been a lot closer, but we lost a couple one-point matches that could have gone either way.'

A pair of Chiefs – junior heavyweight Luke Konsitzke and sophomore 140-pounder Brent Winekoff - went 5-0 at EMU.

"Luke is starting to wrestle a lot smarter and he's starting to get position," said Randolph. "To go 5-0 in a tournament like the one at Eastern is a big step for him. It should help set up the rest of the season for Luke.

"Brent dominated everybody he faced. He pinned four guys and won the other on a technical fall."

Five Canton grapplers went 4-1: Waleed Faraj (103), Donnie Watkins (125), Steve

a good one because we learned Cox (135), Braden Price (145) and Dan Wanshon (215).

> Randolph was especially pleased with the effort of Price, a ninth-grader who has earned a starting spot during the season's first two months.

"Braden's come a long way in a short time to go 4-1 at 145 as a freshman in that weight class," said Randolph.

The Chiefs opened the tour-

nament with a 49-28 triumph over Monroe Jefferson. Price had the key win, a third-period pin that proved to be the catalyst for the victory.

Canton followed with convincing victories over Dearborn (63-14) and Grand Blanc (39-17).

"Keith Zech won at 152 with a late take down, and that kind of spurred us on," said

Randolph. "We won six of seven after that."

Randolph pointed to Connor Johnson's win at 112 as one of the pivotal wins in the thirdplace victory over New Boston Huron.

Canton hosts Plymouth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Phase III gymnasium, which will be illuminated only by a spotlight during the match.



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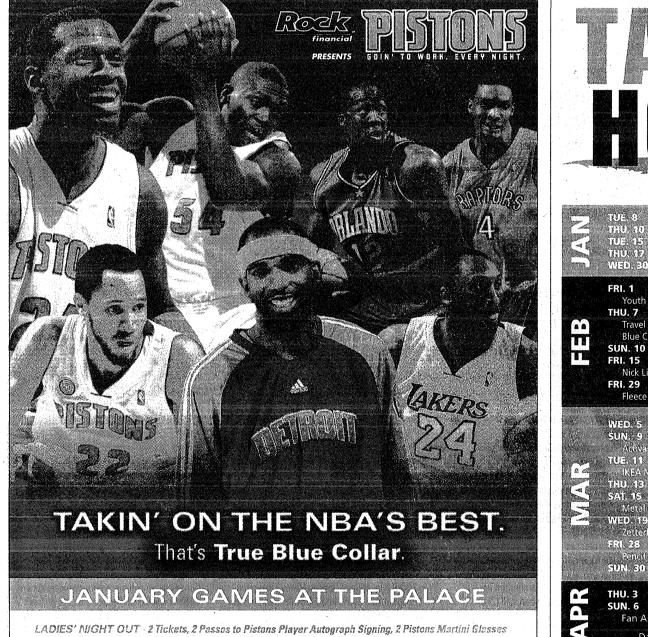
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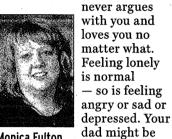
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I'm sorry to hear about your cat; it's a very sad thing when our pet dies. It's kind of like losing a friend - a friend that



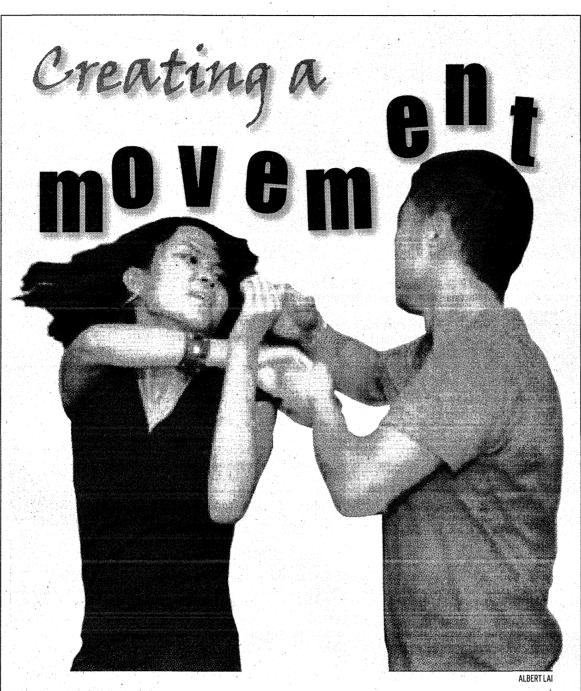
Monica Fulton

you some time to adjust before bringing a new cat home. But, if he feels that you didn't take good enough care of your cat, he might not want to bring a new cat home because it would mean more work for him! Give yourself time to accept the loss of your cat, enough time so that when you think about your cat you're able to smile instead of cry. Then talk to your dad and find out why, exactly, he thinks you're not ready for another one. I also encourage you to make yourself a list of all the reasons you want another cat; many times we rush into getting a new pet as a way to "replace" the one who died.

trying to give

However, if your list seems to indicate that you're looking for a "replacement," give yourself more time. If you get a new cat too soon, you'll end up resenting the new cat because he's not your old cat! Together, vou and dad can work out a plan where you are able to show him that you're ready and he's able to see that you're ready for cat No. 2.

Me and my dad don't get along. I



Salsa moves are fast and fancy at the YA Salsa events, which are held monthly at the American Legion Post 346.

Salsa gurus share dance, friendship, energy

BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

A dozen or so inches of snow, icy roads and frigid temperatures set the scene for a smokin' hot evening of salsa dancing.

Despite the early December snow storm, the self-pro-





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Robin and Bob Rayburn and Adina.

Persians just one of the breeds in cat show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Robin Rayburn never realized the grooming that went into owning a Persian cat until Adina came into her life. The Livonia woman not only combs through the long fur before leaving home in the morning, but also after returning from work in the evening. It's not unusual for Rayburn to put a bib or

coffee filter around Adina's neck just to keep the 8-month

old kitten clean. The blue cream Persian is sure to be sporting one or the other in her first cat show. The event is being put on by the Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers Jan. 26-27, at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland,

but as many

as 40 differ-

ent breeds

will be

shown.



have tried a million times to try and fix it but it doesn't seem like he cares. What should I do? Ms. Fix-it Garden City

Being a teen is tough. Being the parent of a teen can be equally tough. I think the key to making these years easier is to have open communication. This can be difficult for both sides you have all kinds of emotions rolling around (making it hard to keep a level head) and your dad has all kinds of knowledge he wants to pass on to you (making it hard for him to listen). Sometimes, the problem isn't that Dad doesn't care - sometimes the problem is that he cares too much. My advice is to sit down with dad and talk about how you're feeling. Let him know that you feel the two of you don't get along that well and share with him the things you've done to try to "fix" this problem. Then, ask him if he sees it the same way. If he doesn't, it's your turn to listen. Find out how dad feels and then the two of you can get on the same page. One other thing to keep in mind - as daughters grow up, dads sometimes feel uncomfortable expressing love and concern toward their teen daughters. Make sure dad knows that he can write encouraging notes to

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claimed salsa junkies took to the wooden dance floor at the **American Legion Post 346** in Farmington. The group of about 150 on that night wouldn't miss the monthly YA Salsa Social.

The music and the dancing attract a mix of people from all ethnic backgrounds and people from their teens to their 70s and every age in between.

"The music, the people, it's inter-generational and it's international," said Suzanne Geldys, of Dearborn Heights, who is a dance instructor at Eastern Michigan University. "It's great fun."

Each month, for the past four years, YA Salsa has held monthly socials and dance workshops, often featuring nationally and world renowned salsa dancers.

Rooted in an extensive Web site, www.yasalsa.com, the YA Salsa movement was created by Jessica Joseph, 25, of Bloomfield Hills, along with a few friends, in December 2003.

"We felt there was a void in the community," said Joseph, noting salsa socials are held. in New York, Chicago and other major cities. "This is out of the club, drinking and

Dancers move elegantly around the wooden dance floor at a recent YA Salsa social.



Salsa dancers mix and mingle on the dance floor.

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CAT SHOW

What: The Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers 39th Championship Allbreed & Household Pet Cat Show When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 26-27 Where: Wayne Ford Civic League. 1645 N. Wayne Road., Westland Tickets: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children. Free parking, food available, handicap access

Adina is entered under her full name - KingdomKatz Mi Lady Adina. Adina means gentle, delicate in Hebrew.

"It's a learning experience. She can't groom herself. Her hair gets stuck in her mouth," said Rayburn, who owns Adina with her husband Bob.

The couple drove all the way to Rockford, Ill., to purchase the Persian, whose father was a grand champion and her mother a champion. Adina was 11 weeks old and weighed two pounds then. Although she looks bigger because of her fur, Adina weighs only eight pounds today. Rayburn uses not only shampoo, but cream rinse and static control to tame the silky blue- and cream-colored coat.

"She didn't have that much hair as a kitten," Rayburn said. "She's usually bathed once a month, but I plan to bathe her once a week before the

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Sweet Dreamzzz carries on mission in new home Faith and family series

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

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Nancy Maxwell knows the benefits of a good night's sleep. As executive director of Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, she is determined that every young child looks forward to each night. The group provides sleep essentials to children.

Maxwell shared one story. "One little boy in Pontiac told us that after he received a sleep kit, his back didn't hurt any more because he had been sleeping on his side with his back up against the couch to keep warm and using a baby blanket to cover himself," Maxwell said. "The sleeping bag gives him his own environment

and keeps him warm." Some children have had to share toothbrushes and beds and put themselves to bed.

The group's main focus has been to assist children in Detroit, typically at schools that have 75 percent or more children who receive a free lunch, based on household income.

"Principals and children have told us that children are coming to school tired and falling asleep at their desk," Maxwell said. "We are educating them on the importance of a good night's sleep. We also send home information for their parents.'

Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit recommends no TV or use of a computer one hour before bed.

"You need to give your mind a chance to rest," Maxwell said.

Every child needs a minimum of nine hours of sleep or 540 minutes. The younger children need closer to 10 or 11 hours of



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offices and felt that Sweet

Susan Orlikowski, left, and Nancy Maxwell of Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, stand in their new warehouse within the Mystic Medical Equipment building with a few of the items they provide to children who are in need.



sleep, Maxwell said. The group has helped 19,000 children since 2001, said Sue Orlikowski, operations director at Sweet Dreamzzz.

Children also receive a nightshirt and tube socks.

"A lot of the children wear the

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in any joint. Past injury to a joint places it at risk for osteoarthritis, and being overweight makes the hips and knees vulnerable.

ibuprofen, naproxen, indomethacin, or diclofenac. However, the changes in the joint in osteoarthritis are not related to inflammation, but to a wearing away of joint cartilage. What the anti-inflammatory medications do in such a setting is relieve pain. No medication, as yet, can stop joint wear or tear nor stimulate the growth of new cartilage.

drugs is not limited to the antiinflammatory class. Instead, your doctor can turn to analgesic Advil or Aleve.

The advantage of these analgesic medications is that both side effects and cost are less

Dreamzzz Detroit would be a Detroit supplies items such as good partner. In 2000, Wenson moved his sleeping bags, toothpaste, business from a location on stuffed animals Grand River to its current location and donated the old office and other items to children in space to the nonprofit until his lease ended.

Wenson and his wife, Jeni, also hosted the first Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit fund-raiser in 2001 at their home and helped raise almost \$20,000 for the group, Maxwell said. Maxwell was an original

founder in 2001. Orlikowski has worked for the organization for

five years and has been director of operations for two years. **Contact Sweet Dreamzzz** Detroit at (248) 478-3242 for more information or to make donations.

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to focus on marriage next

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia continues its new Faith and Family series this month with Marriage I: Two Become One, a presentation focusing on God's design for thriving married love 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

The speakers, Deacon Robert Ervin, and Pastoral Associate, Sharon Williams, will offer theological and practical explanations of the Church's teachings necessary to the fulfillment of our greatest hopes and plans for marriage and the family.

Their presentation will focus

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show. It takes about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours to wash and dry Adina. We call her Swiffer because she attracts everything."

"She even has a special bowl for drinking water, which is shaped like a beehive with a small opening at the top," Bob Rayburn added.

Charlie, the Rayburns' ordinary house cat, doesn't seem especially impressed by Adina, who lies totally relaxed on her back with her feet straight up in the air. Robin, however, admits she's nervous about their first cat show.

"We're kind of excited. We bought all kinds of stuff for the cat show. It's a double cage area and you have to decorate their cage," said Rayburn, who disappears into a back room and brings out custom-made pink curtains to drape Adina's

on the hands-on practicality of issues we have all wrestled with or witnessed in our own or loved ones lives.

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A Children's Ministry will be available for children of those who register prior to the event. Call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, to register your child.

This event is the second in the new Faith and Family Series offered at St. Michael the Archangel Parish over the next two years and is open to all in the area.

The series' focus will be on the dynamics of the Christian family, with particular emphasis on practical, hands-on methods of achieving those goals in the modern world.

until Jan. 7.

"Each breed has a standard that's a blueprint for the breed. It's all written out for me so all I have to do is match that," said Rachel Anger of Wayne. Anger's judged other cat shows, including the annual Madison Square Garden CFA-Iams Cat Championship held in October. She breeds European Burmese cats.

"Each standard has 100 points allocated to the features," Anger said. "The American wirehair is judged on hair. Cornish Rex looks like a greyhound with a curly coat. Structure is very important, mostly coat and structure. Eye color is very unimportant. The Maine Coon is the largest pedigreed breed of cat.

"We have over 40 different breeds of pedigreed cats. There's a breed of cat for anybody. Spectators can go in the benching area. Most of



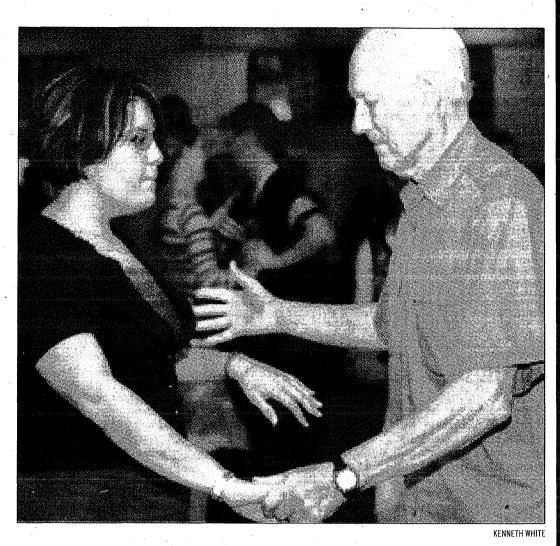
need, to help them get a good night's rest. same socks for a whole week,"

Maxwell said. Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit,

based in Farmington, recently moved to a new location in the building of Mystic Medical **Equipment on Research Drive** in Farmington Hills.

Paul Wenson, owner of Mystic Medical, rents both office and warehouse space to Sweet Dreamzzz on a monthly basis. He had some unused

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Dancers of all ages take to the dance floor at the YA Social events, including Jim Daniels, 75, of Troy.

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smoking atmosphere, which is very conducive for salsa. This is for hardcore salsa dancers, people who are in love with it."

Jamin Williams, of Livonia, was one of the original crew to start the YA Salsa scene.

"What I enjoy most about being involved in this is, first and foremost, being able to dance salsa all night," said Williams. "Up until the YA social, there was no one other place in Michigan where one could do this. Secondly, so many people in the area have been looking for something like this and it feels good to be able to provide it. It is nice to be able to go to a place and dance at a 'party' for hours and not need to be in a smoke-filled nightclub or drinking alcohol to do it."

Each YA Salsa social draws between 200 to 400 or more people. They come in droves

from all over metro Detroit and from around the country to tap into the energy, the friendship and the love for salsa dancing.

"One of the coolest things about it is the people are so kind here," Joseph said. "You walk in and everyone knows everyone. It's the Cheers of salsa dancing. It's a mix of all nationalities, all religions, all heritages, all ages, everything.'

Joseph started YA Salsa while she was a student in a "Self Expression in Leadership" class, with the project focusing on making a difference in the community. She held the socials in Dearborn at the time and, soon, it caught on.

"After a year or a year and a half, it just blew up," she said. Now, the socials are held at the American Legion Post 346 on Grand River, just west of Orchard Lake Road. in Farmington. The next social is set for 5:30-10 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13. There is a \$10 cover: all ages welcome.

"It's a place where everyone

can go and have fun and you can bring your whole family," said Laura Geldys, of Dearborn Heights, who is an original team member of YA Salsa and a well-known salsa instructor. "I come here and it's like a family reunion."

Nellie Erneta, 76, of Westland, said salsa dancing keeps her young. She dances five nights a week at different locations, like Sangria in Royal Oak.

"Besides the music, I like the atmosphere," she said. "In the salsa world, we all love each other. It doesn't matter what country you're from. We have people here from all over the world."

The Jan. 13 social will include live music by Grupo Salvaje and musical stylings by DJ Cisco of SalsaDetroit. com. For all the details, visit online at www.yasalsa.com. The American Legion Post 346 is located on Grand River, just west of Orchard Lake Road.

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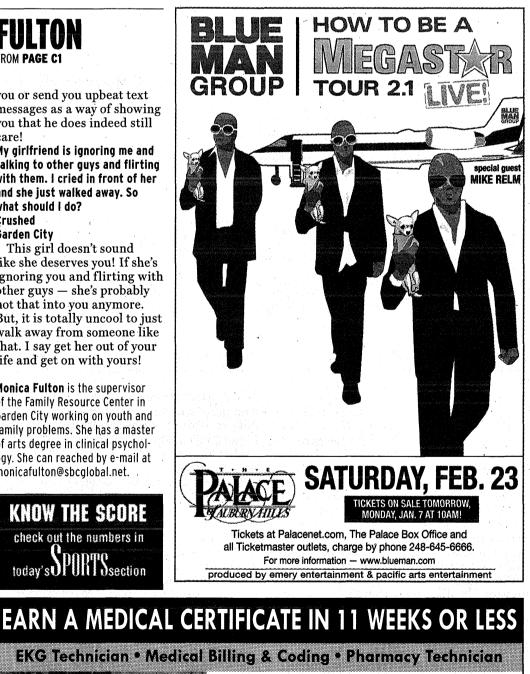
My girlfriend is ignoring me and talking to other guys and flirting with them. I cried in front of her and she just walked away. So what should I do?

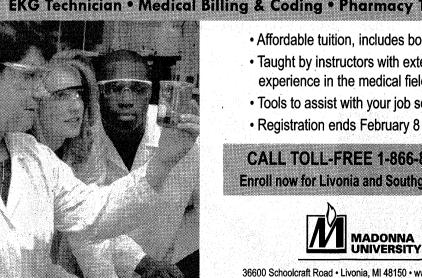
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This girl doesn't sound like she deserves you! If she's ignoring you and flirting with other guys — she's probably not that into you anymore. But, it is totally uncool to just walk away from someone like that. I say get her out of your life and get on with yours!

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She has a master of arts degree in clinical psychology. She can reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbcglobal.net.

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Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734)354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot. com

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month

at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in 'the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@ yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at achs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www. myspace.com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set vet.

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Lincoln Park High School Looking for members of Lincoln

Park High School class of 1958 for 50 year reunion. Contact: Nancy 313-535-877 or nc6897@sbcgloblal. net

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have

been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734)451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net. **Plymouth-Canton high schools Classes of 1988**

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday. Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact cepclassof1988@yahoo. com for more information. **Romulus High School**

Class of 1958

A 50-year class reunion Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Lakes of Taylor, 25505 Northline, Taylor. For details, contact AI Preis at (734)697-0092, Janet Miller at (734)697-7483 or Terry Bird at (734)697-4232.

ART CLASSES IN JANUARY

The Visual Arts

Association of Livonia resumes classes in January. Classes and workshops in all media will be offered for all levels of ability.

New this winter is a pastel workshop with Jerry Power, a nationally known artist and member of the Pastel Society of America. Also new are a four-week Figure Drawing from a Model class with Lin Baum, More Granulation, Spatter & Waxed Paper Techniques with Marj Chellstorp, and Loose and Free on Gessoed Brown Wrapping Paper with Edee Joppich.

Joppich returns with her New Ways with Watercolor (Crinkled Paper) 7-week series with morning and evening classes available. She'll also teach the workshop, Impressionistic Effects with Tissue Paper Pulls Feb. 20-22.

Laura Whitesides-Host is back by demand with **Experimental Watermedia** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 15 to Feb. 26, as is Chellstorp with Painting the Night Scene Feb. 7-8.

Class and workshop prices range from \$60 to \$125 for Power's workshop Feb. 28-29.

The VAAL classroom is located at The Dickinson Center, Room 14, 18000 Newburgh, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. To receive a free winter schedule of classes or for more information, call (734) 838-1204.

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Hughes-McArthur

Jennifer Lynn Hughes and Ryan Anthony McArthur were married on Oct. 20, 2007 at Lakeside Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, NV with over 30 friends and family members in attendance. A reception was held in Brighton, Mich. on Nov. 3, 2007.

WEDDING

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Patricia Hughes of Fenton. She graduated from Baker College with a BBA and is a current graduate student at Baker College earning her MBA. She is employed at Colorbok, INC in Dexter as a Product Development Manager.

The groom is the son of Dr. Steven and Barbara McArthur of Livonia. He earned his BBA from University of Michigan. He is currently employed as a Senior Financial Analyst at Comerica Bank in Detroit.

The bridal party consisted of Kristy Premo, Matron

Noonan-Dimick

John and Lisa Weyer of Canton and Steve Noonan of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Noel Noonan, to Christopher Brian Dimick, son of Brian and Karri Dimick of Marysville, Mich.

The future bride is a graduate of Canton High School and Western Michigan University. She also earned a master's degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. She is the associate editor of **Consumers Digest Magazine in** Chicago, IL.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Marysville High School and Western Michigan University. He is a staff writer for the American Health

O'Flaherty-Santeiu

Dennis and Ann O'Flaherty of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Ann O'Flaherty, to James Mark Santeiu, son of Mark and Denise Santeiu of Plymouth.

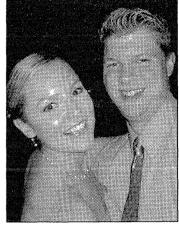
The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in elementary education. She is currently employed by St. Edith School in Livonia as a fifth grade teacher.



of Honor; Lisa Hooker, Bridesmaid; Alan McArthur, Best Man, and Joseph Szabelski, Groomsman.

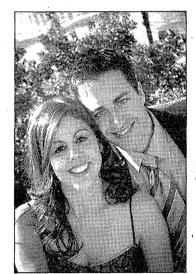
The couple are planning a February 2008 honeymoon cruise to the Southern Caribbean. They are making their home in Redford.





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An October, 2008, wedding is planned in Chicago where the couple resides.



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MARY ELLEN HALL EDMONDS

Age 95, died December 31, 2007. She was a resident of Henry Ford Village and previously had lived in Livonia for 50 years. She was born in Ann Arbor and graduated from University High School and the University of Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Lillie Hall, and her husband, Dr. William N. Edmonds. Survivors include one sister, Maxine Reed, and her husband, Karl of Asheville, NC and two nieces and one nephews. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choose. Arrangements by Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Ann Arbor, Michigan

ESTHER HELEN ENNIS

73, Canton, Michigan, died December 21, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Beloved wife, mother and sister, Esther was born in Detroit, Michigan to the late Devilo and Helen Waterman. She was preceded in death by husband LeRoy Ronald Ennis, sisters Edna Mather, Doreen Bernard, Shirley Newman, and Lois Kosinski. Survived by children Gloria Klukowski-Welch and Brian Ennis; grandchildren Ryan (and Jennifer) Klukowski, Bryan Klukowski, Amanda Klukowski, Samantha Klukowski, Johnny Welch, and Kelly Welch; great grandchildren Josilyn Grace Klukowski, Michael Joseph and Alexan Klukowski; brothers Wade Waterman and Joseph Waterman. Interment at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 1:00pm at the Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Arrangements by Generations Funeral & Cremation Services.



LILLIAN M. NESS

January 2, 2008 Wife of the late N. Howard Ness. Dear mother of Carol Ness (David Nall), James (Elizabeth), William (Maria Luz) and John (Jennifer). Also survived by ten grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Funeral services have been held. Memorial tributes to the Salvation Army. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

RICHARD O. PAINTER Age 90 of Milford, died on January 3, 2008. He is survived by his son, Gary (Susan) Painter; daughter, Susan (Perry) Paielli, fifteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Nela in 1984 and a son, Richard in 2000, and was the former spouse of Jane Fiscus. Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 January 5, with Rev. James Braid officiating. Burial White Chapel officiating. Burial White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan or to the Milford United Methodist Church. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com .

MARY WILSON THOMAS

Age 80, January 1, 2008. Loving wife of the late William. Dear mother of Kip (Nicki), Neil (Suzanne), Deborah (Chuck) Leckenby, Cynthia (Brian) Martin. Grandmother of 12 and great grandmother of 13. Funeral Service was held at the Berean Bible Church, Livonia. Arrangements by the Harry J Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the church at 35375 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia 48150 or the Family Life Radio in her honor



CONSTANCE M. WALCHESKI

ment.

Age 75, died Wednesday, January 2 2008 at Treasure Coast Hospices in Stuart. Born in Detroit, MI, she has resided in Stuart since 1982 coming from Livonia, MI. She was a Registered Nurse and retired from Martin Memorial Medical Center as a charge nurse after 15 years of employ-

She received her Bachelor's

degree in Nursing from Detroit Mercy

REGINA "GINA" FOUTS December 30, 2007, age 49 of Wayne.



WILLIAM KEELER

Age 40 of Livonia. Passed away December 20, 2007. Beloved son of Larry and Alice. He will be deeply missed by his children Andrea and Jason. brother Kenneth (Lisa), nephew Michael, and niece Jacqueline. Service was held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 5, 2008 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Livonia. Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Foundation www.diabetes.org.

www.StAndrewsChurch.net

ANNA LOCKWOOD

Age 92 of Redford, formerly of Livonia, died December 25, 2007. Born December 12, 1915 outside of Konigsberg, East Germany, she was the youngest of eleven children. Anna came to the United States on June 13, 1935 on the "Europa" and settled in Detroit for a short while. Beloved wife of Willard "Sunshine" Lockwood, whom she married on July 11, 1940, preceded her in death in 1979. Devoted Mother to Patsy (Joe) Goupie of Westland, Butch (Barb) Lockwood of South Lyon and Susan Wess of Westland. Proud grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchil-dren. Anna and Sunshine Lockwood owned Sunshine Greenhouses and Produce in Plymouth and later in Livonia. During the slow seasons, Anna worked at Kresge's in down-town Plymouth creating their gift baskets and holiday displays - her Christmas bows were amazing! Anna believed a daily spoonful of Jaegermeister was the key to a long life. She will be lovingly remembered for her boisterous laugh, feisty spirit and whispering "goose it" when riding in a fast car. A memorial service will be held January 12, 2008, 1pm at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI. Friends may visit 12noon until service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia 48154.

Paying ribute to the life of Your

KRISTIN SKORINA

Loved One

Passed away peacefully at home on January 1, 2008. She was born on December 28, 1962. She will be remembered by her gentle spirit and loving nature which she shared with all who knew her. Kris was preceded in death by her mother Elizabeth Skorina. She will be lovingly remem-bered by her father, George Skorina; adopted mother, Nancy Wiggle; sisters Carol (Jeff) Morgan, Mary (Ned) Sims; nephews, Stephen and Karl Gulau, Spencer and Troy Morgan; niece Elizabeth Gulau; special friend Katie Collins and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Kris graduated from the Ford Skill Center for Special Education in Livonia, Michigan. She was active in the Just Fun Club in Western Wayne County and the Special Olympics Organization. She will be greatly missed for her hugs, kisses and unconditional love. Visitation and funeral services were held on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth, Michigan. Donations can be sent to Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 331 North Center Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 or the Association of Retarded Citizens of Western Wayne County, 2257 South Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan 48186. Share memories at:

schrader-howell.com

College. She was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stuart She was president of the Catholic Council of Women; an extraordinary minister, C. C. D. teacher; Eucharistic minister to the sick and volunteered at St. Joseph Catholic School. She was a member of Treasure Coast Audubon Society. She was a member of Red Hat Club, Lunch Bunch and active in St. Lucie Club Association. She sup ported a foster child in Honduras. Her hobbies included travel, the beach and the pool. She enjoyed time spent with her children and grandchildren Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Joseph Walcheski of Stuart; sons, Paul Walcheski of Mount Ulla, NC; Bob Walcheski (Kelly) of Port St. Lucie; Don Walcheski (Kristen) of Big Rapids, MI; and Tom Walcheski Big Rapids, Mi, and Joint Watcheski (Jennifer) of Palatine, IL; three grand-children, Timothy, Rachel and Matthew; brothers, Dr. Zacharia Mikros of Florida and Donald Mikros of Livonia, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospices, Inc., 1201 SE Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997. Services: Visitation will be held 6 to 8 PM, Saturday, January 5, 2008 and 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM Sunday, January 6, 2008 at Forest Hills Funeral Home in Palm City. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM, Monday, January 7, 2008 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stuart. Burial will follow at Forest Hills Memorial Park Arrangements are under the direction of Forest Hills Funeral Home. A guest registry may be signed at www.foresthillsfunerals.com

BETTY MAE (GENTNER) WESLEY

Formerly of Detroit. Passed away peacefully on December 15, 2007 wife of the late Louis Beloved Dear Mom of James a), Thomas (Janean), a (Carl) Cornelius and Wesley. (Carolyn), Kathleen Patricia (William) Holcomb. Sister of Paul (Ruth) Gentner, and the late Kenneth (Audrey) Gentner. Also survived by eight grandchildren.



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advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative arts by offering studio classes and twice yearly exhibits. Membership is open to everyone. The next meeting is scheduled 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17.

To be eligible to exhibit in the VAAL 2008 Spring Show, members must attend the January and March meetings. VAAL dues cost \$25 a year.

The future groom is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, a 2001 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in anthropology and received a master's degree in education from the University of

Michigan in 2003. He is currently employed by Santeiu Vaults Inc.

A June 2008 wedding is planned for St. John's in Plymouth.

Application deadline is near for young artists competition

The application deadline for the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's Youth Artist Competition is Monday, Jan. 21.

The competition is scheduled to take place Sunday, Feb. 3, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. Through the generosity of the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, Plymouth Optimists, Plymouth Rotary, and Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society recognizes young orchestral talent from Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities. Since 1978, this competition has offered music scholarships to the youth in these areas.

The competition is composed of three divisions: Senior Instrumental (grades 10-12), Senior Piano (grades 10-12), and Junior Combined (grades 7-9).

Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students residing in the Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville) or plymouthsymphony.org.

Wayne-Westland school districts. Members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra or students at Evola Music are also eligible. The distribution of scholarship funds for the first place winners in each division is as follows Senior Instrumental \$500, Senior Piano \$500, and Junior Combined \$250. If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged.

Past participants are encouraged to reapply; however, musicians are eligible to win only one First Prize Award in each division.

Winners may have the opportunity to perform with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton. Applicants must be available to perform at the competition.

For an application and/or further information, call Jane Libbing at (734) 451-2112 or send e-mail to jane@plymouthsymphony.org.

Applications are also available on the Plymouth Symphony Web site at www.



AROUND TOWN Suicide Loss Support Group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

Apply for scholarships

The 41st annual Court of St. Brigid Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy Division, offers educational scholarships to winners, who must be Irish, Catholic and between the ages of 17 and 22. The program is Saturday, Feb. 16, at the AOH hall in Detroit. Contact, Maureen Kelley at (734) 632-0334 or visit www.detriotirish.org. Apply by Feb. 9.

Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi meet the second Tuesday of the

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www. vna.org.

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and daytime classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/ luncheon noon to 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

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month September through May at

6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between

Novi Civic Center and the Northville

Library. Visitors are welcome. For

more information, call (248) 231-2334

or visit our Web site www.gardeners-

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Travel clinics

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 of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 4, 2008, in the *Firt 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:

CANTON TOWNSHIP FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MEDIUM TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO OFFICE RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NOS:

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, January 31, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman



clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

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

adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet

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

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Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. Call (734) 765-

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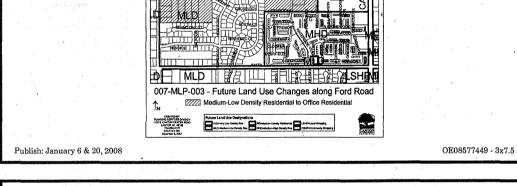
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF ELECTION PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time voters must select either a republican or democratic ballot and vote for one candidate.

The Democratic Party Presidential Primary Ballot contains the following names
Mike Gravel
Chris Dodd

Uncommitted

Mike Gravel	
Dennis Kucinich	
Hillary Clinton	

The Republican Party Presidential Primary Ballot, contains the following names

Mike HuckabeeTom TancredoDuncan HunterFred ThompsonJohn McCainSam BrownbackRon PaulRudy GiulianiMitt RomneyUncommitted

Please note that, due to recent action by the Legislators, electors at the polls will be required to show picture I.D., prior to being issued their requested ballot. If elector does not have a picture I.D. available, completing a form will allow the elector to vote.

Applications for absentee ballots for Plymouth Township registered voters may be obtained at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (354-3224 or 354-3228). Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters, in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, January 12. On Monday, January 14, qualified voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

All polling locations in the Township of Plymouth are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped.

Polling locations within the Charter Township of Plymouth are:

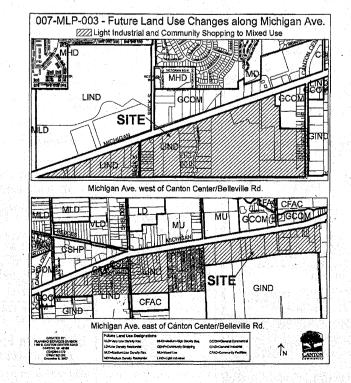
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Precinct 2	Friendship Station	42375 Schoolcraft
Precinct 3 & 4	Township Clerk's Office	9955 N. Haggerty Road
Precinct 5	Bird School	220 N. Sheldon Road
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor Trail
Precinct 7	Living Word Church	46500 N. Territorial Road
Precinct 8	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14951 Haggerty Road
Precinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 10	Fiegel School	39750 Joy Road
Precinct 11	First Baptist Church	45000 N. Territorial
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 13 & 16	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 Ann Arbor Road
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might make you improve your work life, particularly if bv you've encountered an Mildred L. ethical problem. Culp

independent non-

profit think-tank Ethics Resource Center (ERC) in Arlington, Va., says that you can spot one when you're in "a situation requiring you to make a decision about the right thing to do, where the outcome impacts another person." Her organization recently released the results of a study of 1,929 business sector respondents.

Marjorie Doyle, global practice leader for Ethics and Compliance Solutions at LRN Professional Services, headquartered in Los Angeles, differentiates between ethical lapses that are "high-risk activities -- such as preferential treatment, the sharing of company secrets, embarrassing a person publicly, inappropriate public communication and a violation of laws -- and lesser-risk such as taking credit for another's work, using influence, (or) being abusive or hostile." She adds that the behavior flouts company policies or the law, or is inappropriate.

A new year wonder how you could CONDUCT

Patricia Harned president of the

These lapses occur "when an individual loses the ability to define right from wrong," according to Samantha Derrick, Human Resources manager of Ultralife Batteries Inc., in Newark, N.Y.

All three of these sources consider ethical violations both an organizational and employee issue. Doyle puts more weights on the organizational side. Harned maintains that "organizations set the standard for their employees, but decision-making often involves an individual or a couple of individuals." But organizations and employees don't always work together on these problems.

In fact, ERC finds that 54 percent of employees didn't report, out of a sense of futility. What actions were taken? ERC research indicates that "more than one-third who saw misconduct chose to resolve the issue themselves rather than report through official company channels. Two in five of these employees did not report, because they would have had to report the misconduct to the person involved, and one in four were not aware of any mechanism to report anonymously.

Harned observes, "Only three percent (of respondents) used an anonymous helpline:

-- "43 percent chose to go to their supervisor, where they had an immediate relationship; -- "34 percent, to another member in higher

management; and

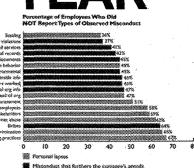
-- "13 percent went to a responsible person within the company. ERC considers the 12 percent of people who don't

report "significant." ON THE GROUND

"Almost every decision in the workplace has an ethical component," Harned states. "There has been at lea one major incident of misconduct in every job I've had," f which she used company channels. She says that she didn always need to know the outcome, because it was irreleva to her work.

Doyle increased her reporting as her seniority grew. Incidents occurred "on a pretty regular basis . . . at least a couple a month." She comments that many weren't intentional, resulting from misunderstood policy. She didn't always know the outcome, but she did trust that the system was working. She points out that a person might have lost a bonus or a job, but for privacy, companies didn't fill her in. "The importance isn't that they happened," she states, "but that they were raised, dealt with and clarified."

Derrick, herself, has never reported an ethical lapse. She indicates that approximately half of the employees at her manufacturing company prefer an anonymous reporting system, such as SilentWhistle, by Allegiance Inc., in the Salt Lake City suburb of South Jordan, Utah. The



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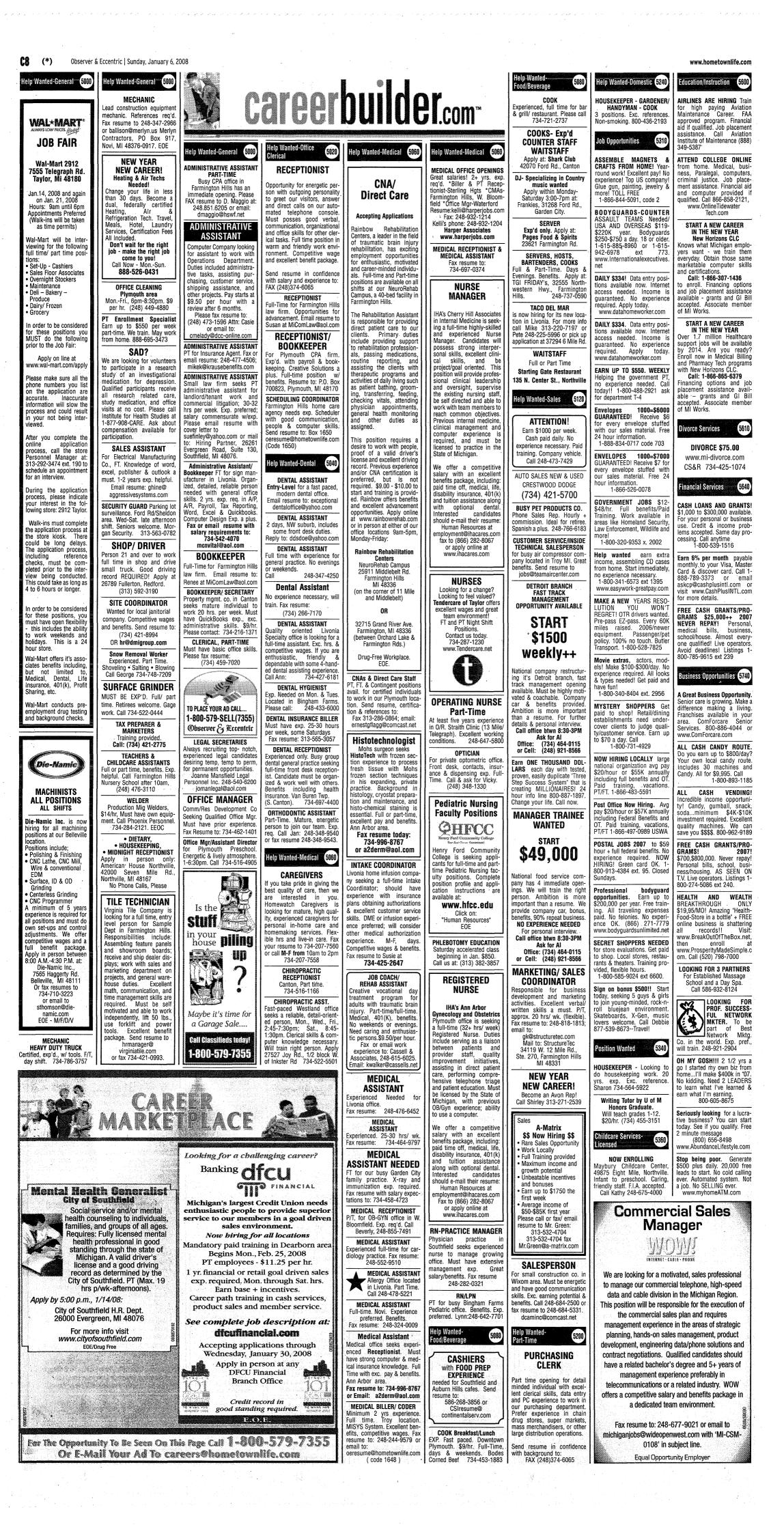
Credit: Courtesy of Patricia Harned who has a Ph.D.

telephone-based SilentWhistle routes the information to the correct individuals without disclosing its source. SilentWhistle uses a case identification number and/or password to allow employees to follow up.

If you're one of the lucky people in a company where there's someone you trust to discuss sensitive information, more power to you. But if you're the least bit concerned about disclosure, you might feel more comfortable reporting anonymously.

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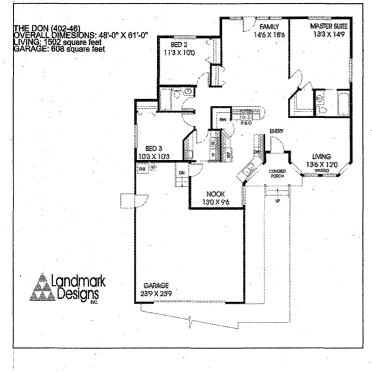






Small home Don design provides lots of amenities for you

The Don (402-46) is a small home with a number of features that create a sense of spaciousness disproportionate to its size. It's a plan rich in contemporary amenities. On entering, to your right is a bright and spacious living room. It has a high vaulted ceiling and bay windows that expand the space, filling the entire front facing wall and wrapping around to the sides. Light also streams down through a half-round win-

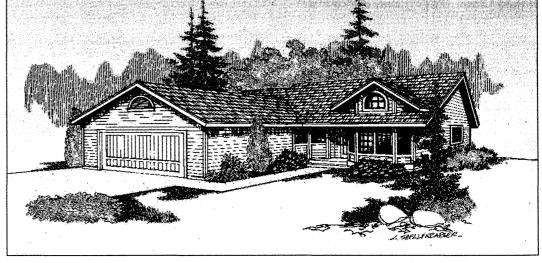


dow nestled beneath a small dormer.

To your left is a time-managing kitchen, designed to eliminate unnecessary steps, making anything you do here enjoyable. Utilities are close by in a relatively large laundry room that is convenient to the kitchen, bedrooms and twocar garage.

Straight ahead you step into a large, informal family room. An eating bar provides some separation between the kitchen area and family room, but the core of the plan is basically open, front to back. Family and friends will find plenty of comfortable spots to relax. Choices range from lounging on couches in the family room, snacking at the eating bar, or lingering over coffee and newspapers in the nook. In the family room, a large storage closet comes in handy for keeping games and other playthings handy but out of the way. Sliding glass doors open to a patio at the rear of the house.

The nook is larger than most, roomy enough to accom-



modate a desk and a family computer in addition to a table. Families with young children will appreciate the location of the kitchen sink and the range. The sink faces the front yard and street, allowing parents to keep an eye on children playing. Standing at the range, you can gaze across the family room and out the sliding glass doors to the backyard, keeping an eye on everything in between. The master suite is separated from the other bedrooms and features a large walk-in closet and private skylit bath. Close enough to the family room to supervise activities yet separate enough for a comfortable nights sleep. The two opposite bedrooms are separated by a skylit bath.

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Century 21 Today offers career seminars Tuesday or Saturday noon to 1 p.m. at 28544 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Call Steve Leibhan at (248) 855-2000, Ext. 238.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training from 9-10:20 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 879 Benjamin in Troy, in a Green Built certified home built by Wake-Pratt Construction Co. In this first of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses the technical and sales aspects of Building Green using materials and methods that result in Green Built certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

BRIEFS

■ Building Industry b Association of Southeastern m Michigan (BIA) kicks off the p Sales and Marketing Council F (SMC) programs for 2008 S with a Roundtable Discussion, m "You're At A Networking Event F ... Now What?" on Wednesday, c Jan. 30, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 A Northwestern Highway, Suite M

100 in Farmington Hills. Kirk Armstrong of Gerry Weinberg & Associates will lead the discussion focused on how to get a conversation transitioned into your business without appearing needy or offensive by using proven, systematic techniques. Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$20 for BIA members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Remodelors Council (RC) will present a Negotiating Skills seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Jan. 31, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Graduate Master Builder (GMB) designations. Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelors Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Real Estate Investors

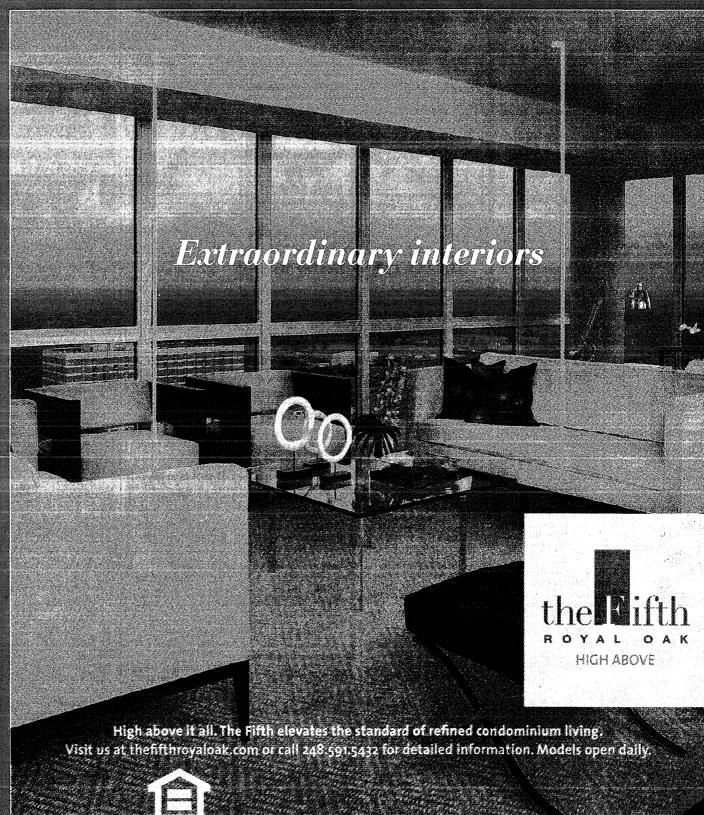
Real Estate Investors of Oakland will meet Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Michigan State University-Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. There will be a buffet dinner (reservations needed) 5:30-6:30 p.m., early bird session 6:15-7 p.m. and general membership meeting 7:15-9:30 p.m. RSVP for dinner by Jan. 4 to www. reiaofoakland.com/ dinner. html.

Speaker will be attorney David Nykanen discussing strategies for appealing tax assessments. Admission free for members, \$20 for guests.

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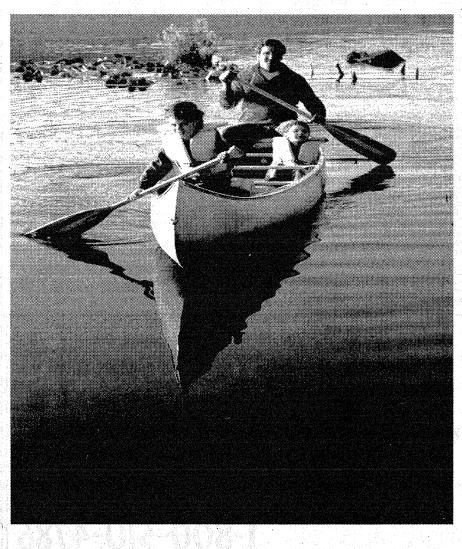
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HELLO SAF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, slim and pretty, independent, loving, caring and down-to-earth, loves movies, fine dining, travel and quiet times home. Seeking well-educated SW/AM, 47-55, clean-cut,

handsome, independent and warm. 2249756 NURSE NURSE Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for IVS, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including his-tory, traveling, and home life. 27409879

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SEF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 53°, 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest map 50-60 raco open 27134/25 man 50-60, race open. 2134425 ITALIAN/SICILIAN MAN ...

wanted. 40-year-old SBF, 5'8" looking for hand-some, fun, older Italian or Sicilian Male, 40-55 years old. I like shopping, movies, and cooking. LET'S HAVE FUN

SWF, likes camping, fishing, hiking, motorcycles, seeking a SWM, 36-63, who enjoys the same, for friendship first, possible LTR. 2244983 **BUSY GIRL**

Very cute 48-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 35, 5', 115lbs, long brown wavy hair, looking for someone to spice up my life. 2230116

GREAT EXPECTATIONS Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 57" +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. traveling, f 2147056

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gen-tleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. 27891247

SWEET SEXY LADY WANTS. to be swept off my feet! Very pretty SWF, 42, brunette, 5'6", 133lbs, N/S, seeks good-looking, tall SWM, 40-45, honest, cosmetic surgeon, college-educated, romantic, sensual, for friendship first, possible LTR. 2235306

SEARCHING FOR A MAN. who's looking for commitment, love and 40-60 laughter. I'm a 46-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. 2962317 LIVE LIFE 2 THE FULLEST

SF, 18, enjoys music, architectural design and trying new things, Seeking SM, creative and fun, with passion for the same, to share friendship, good times and then who knows? 2247152 HOPE TO FIND YOU

Sociable SF, 55, hopeless romantic, looking for a gentleman 5'11"+, fit and active, health-conscious, confident and compassionate, classywho doesn't mind dancing, to share life and all it offers. 2246279

BF SEEKING MR. RIGHT SBF, 38 mother, N/S, seeking WM ,40-60, N/S, for a friendship that could turn into something more. I enjoy life, reading, travel, camping, fishing and trying new things. 222181

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 125lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. **2**892242 IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND ...

a 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curty hair, N/D, N/S, D/D free, never married, no children. Interested? Call

COULD IT BE YOU?

THY THIS ONE Loving, sincere SBF, 58, easygoing, looking for a good-hearted, Christian gentleman with The Lord In his heart to share life, laughter, happi-ness and possible LTR. 2242234 SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, indepen-dent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-**READY FOR A FRESH START?** DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very ferminine, attractive, hearted and considerate, to share all life has to

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WIWF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togethemess. Seeking a kind man to share these. 20211330

JUST A NICE PERSON ...

GOOD TIMES

Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free. In search

of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. 27159358

LET'S TALK SOON

Sincere, drama-free SWF, 57, 5'6", long blonde/ brown, glasses, 165lbs, D/D-free, ISO S/DWM, 35-62, who's interested in a friends first relation-

HOW ARE YOU? SBF, 29, mom of 2, IVS, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. 200770

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO hon-est, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. 2963760

SEEKING MR. RIGHT Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person,

who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? 2985794

WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friend-ship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. 27217234

LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER

SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimu-lating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. 2226494

FUN AND SIMPLE SBF, 19, dark complexion, artsy, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know.

UNAFRAID OF A LITTLE ... strangeness. Quirky, compassionate SF, 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, friends, animals, and exploring life. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friends first relationship. **1**233616

VERY CUTE VERY CUTE SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2** 113198

COULD YOU BE THE ONE? COULD YOU BE THE ONE? SBF, 27, self-sufficient, up front and real seeks employed, respectful, nice man independent and not about games, to get to know and have a good time. 2231868

HEY GUYS

SBF, 28, mother of 3, dark complexion, 5'4", 120lbs, red/brown, likes chilling at home, hang-ing with friends. Looking for a loving SM, to get to know. 2234678

HEY GUYS HEY GUYS SBF, 20, 5'9', slim, long black hair, enjoys mov-ies, concerts, and just having fun, looking for a nice, respectful man, to enjoy talks, casual dates, and see what happens next. \$235810

CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and ğood values/ morals. 2207254

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/ hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, edu-cated, homeowner, dog lover, seeking compat-ible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county.

A GOOD IRISH GIRL

SWF, 25, enjoys intelligent conversations, cud-dling, movies, art and relaxing at home some-times. Searching for a SM, 21-45, who enjoys

the same, to get to know, friendship, maybe more. 22252375

TRY THIS ONE

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Attractive SM, 37, 5'11", 190lbs, searching for an attractive SF, 23-44, with a nice attitude, who loves to laugh and have fun. 2249665

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT WIWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-lov-ing, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/out-door. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **2**265340

ARE U THE ONE? SWM, 36, 5'10", 170lbs, blue eyes, respectful, honest and very affectionate enjoys every thing in life. ISO SWF, 27-42, for friendship, possible LTR. Can you mend a lonely heart? 2245833

LET'S GET TOGETHER SM, 34, loves playing guitar, bowling, ice fishing. Searching for SW/BF, 20-43, for possible relationship.

T249399 WANT TO JOIN ME?

SWM, 38, social drinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, honest, fun lady with like interests. I enjoy biking, hiking, snowmobiling, outdoor activities, quiet times. 2200127

NICE GUYS DO EXIST SBM, 61", 250bs, likes walks on the beach, casi-nos and movies. Searching for a H/AF, 18+, 4'11"+, attractive, caring, 2212428

WORTH YOUR CALL Active, athletic SM, 29, healthy educator, new to the area, enjoys good company, nice talks, good food and a little romance. Seeking loving, sweet lady to share the above. 27224191

LIFE IS BEST SHARED Secure, employed, independent SWM, 39, socia-ble, affectionate, kind, seeks similar lady who likes sports, theater, romance, to share the finer things in life, laughter and anything that comes our way. T232608

EASY-GOING ... and straight-forward DWM, 67, 5'10", 175lbs, retired and straight-doward UWW, 67, 5 10, ,173bS, reared city-planner, thoroughly enjoys reading, coffee-houses, all cuisines, autos, blues and blue-grass music. ISO SF who is compassionate and attrac-tive, 50-68, race open. 2024/6484 TAKE A CHANCE

Sociable SM, 45, hard-working, considerate and kind-hearted, outgoing and open-minded loves hor-ror and action films, nice times at home, snuggling and more. Seeking compatible lady who appreci-ates the same. Friendship/dating? 2246859

WORTH A SHOT

Outgoing SM, 35, dummer, tail, dark and hand-some, loves partying with friends, trying new things and just having fun. Seeking SF into the same, for friendship and then who knows? 2247556 SEEKS SWEET, SLENDER LADY

Selective, outgoing, honest SBM, 43, 6'3", self-employed, 1830s, looking for outgoing, open-mind-ed sim, tall woman, homebody type, to share the good times in life. 22247600

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED SBM, 19, 6', stable, seeking a cool, respectful, independent SF, 18-25, who likes to have fun. 2248186

HI LADIES

SM, 35, 5'5", 150lbs, trim, seeking a nice woman to meet, for dinner dates, outdoor activities, con-versations, or watching a good movie. 2249180

TALL, ATHLETC SWM, 48, 6'2', 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brownblue, degreed, outgoing person-ality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activi-ties, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. **2**531308

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DWM, 48,170lbs, physically fit, D/D-free, skilled tradesman. Loves cooking, movies, laugther, the outdoors and much more. ISO SF, 35-50, HWP, laughter and honesty a must. 2244639 HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING

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CALL ME SWM, enjoys sports, bowling, billiards, seekin, 18-72, with similar interests, to spend time with. 2246416

WORTH IT SM, 20, likes sports, time with friends, trying new things. Seeking similar SF, to get to know,

share good times, laughs, quality conversation, fun times and then who knows? 2246517 WHAT'S GOOD

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ARE YOU OUT THERE? SBF, 5'3", long hair, student, seeking a SBM, 19-23, handsome, honest, fun, good personality, for friendship and more. 2248542

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I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. 2212790 WORTH A CALL

SWF, 55, loves movies, trying new things, sporting events, motocross, sewing and more. Seeking sociable SM, with similar interests, to share the special times in life. Friendship first, possible LTR. **27**245505

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Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. **2**113835

HOW ARE YOU?

HOW ARE YOU? DWM, 37, 6'1", 200lbs, athletic build, medium blond hair, employed, outgoing and fun, hard-working, looking to meet like-minded lady to share talks, casual dates, friendship more? 2248129

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LOOKING FOR ME? SM, 53, outgoing, cool, fun, honest and easy-going loves Italian/Mexican food, racquetball, camping, travel, and much more> looking for fit, fun and active lady to share talks, good times, friendship/fun. @250719

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LET'S TALK SWM, 6'3", 240lbs, italian, blue eyes, easygoing, blue-jean type of guy, looking for a petite woman, 50-60, easygoing, laidback, who likes dining, shows, gardening, **39**91273 WORTH A SHOT

Nice, affectionate, fun SWM, 36, 6', 230lbs, substitute teacher, muscular build enjoys fit-ness, dining, dancing, movies, and more. Seeking similar SF, to share the good times, friendship and maybe more. **32**243485

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? SWM, 33, a little lonely, ISO loving, affection-ate nice, attractive SF, 20-30s, to share the good times in life. I enjoy movies, concerts, relaxing at home, snuggling and togethermess.

ARE WE A GOOD MATCH?

Single guy, 33, engineer, seeks single, intel-ligent girl, 23-30, who knows what she wants out of life. **2**249406

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WILL IT BE YOU? Sociable, happy, romanic SM, 61, 61", 205lbs, caramel complexion, passion for dancing, con-certs, music, romance, good company and laughter. Looking for a kind, classy lady to share these. **1**215554 HOW ABOUT THIS ONE

Sociable SM, 57, 57", graying brown/blue, mus-tache, loves music, cooking, Italian food, reading, writing action and romance films, quality conver sation nd romance. ISo good-hearted, creative, nice lady to share these. 2223744

TRY ME SM, 19, 180lbs, dark complexion, 5'5", smoker, enjoys dining out, movies, good talks, good company, parks. Seeking a cool lady to chill with. \$224377 LOOKING FOR YOU

SWM, 50, 5'11", 185lbs, seeks SWF, 35-52, who enjoys Backgammon/Chess, dancing, working out at Bally's, piano bars, comedy clubs, coffee houses, art galleries. Must be social drinker, N/S, H/W proportionate. 2218827

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SBM, 33, 5'9", 175lbs, brown complexion, mus-tache/goatee, attractive and sweet, seeks sexy lady to share the good things in life. 2231030

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