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Mary Mitsch holds a photograph of her daughter Jessica, who died in an auto accident in May 2006. Jessica's friend Jeff Dueweke and her brother, John Mitsch, sit in the background.

## Changing lives after death Even tragedy can't slow woman's gift for helping

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't unusual for Jessica Mitsch to take a position on something that was opposite her mother's, just like it wasn't unusual for Jessica to admit her way "just didn't work out," and come around to her mom's point of view.

Mary Mitsch is a nurse and a professor at Madonna University. Jessica worked at St. Joe's Hospital in Ypsilanti and had just been accepted into Madonna's nursing program. So it wasn't odd the pair might discuss something as serious as organ donation. And when they did, Jessica's position — not surprisingly — was 180 degrees from her mother's.

Jessica felt being an organ donor meant the decision to take her off life support might be made more hastily.

### THINGS TO KNOW

Here's a peek at some statistics on organ donation, courtesy the Gift of Life-Michigan Web site:

	2004	2005	2006
Donors	276	269	292
Male	148	151	169
Female	128	118	123
Median age	42	43	43

She never came around to her mother's viewpoint.

She never got the chance.

Jessica, 24, died when a man ran the stop sign at Godfredson and Ann Arbor Road and T-boned Jessica's car as she was on her way home from work May 4, 2006.

"She had stayed late to help with a new admission," Mary Mitsch said. "She wanted to help. It's how she was."

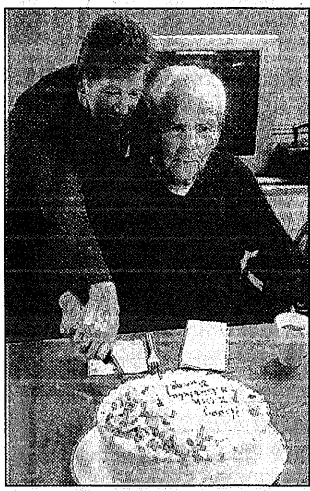
Ironically, it was people at that same hospital who called the family's Plymouth Township home to notify them Jessica had been in an accident. Mary was attending Madonna's Baccalaureate Mass at the time, so her husband, John, took the call. Mary remembers the key details John had been given: Jessica was on a ventilator.

### CAN'T BE GOOD

"I'm a nurse," Mary said. "I knew it wasn't good."

The family drove to the hospital, taking Ann Arbor Road out because M-14 was shut down for construction at the

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Activities director Joan Cady helps George McCallister cut his birthday cake.

## Plymouth man celebrates milestone

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

George McCallister says the key to a long life can be summed up in one word.

"Attitude," said McCallister. "I was raised with it."

And, who's to argue with him, as McCallister used that one-word theme in reaching his 100th birthday, celebrating at Plymouth Inn Thursday afternoon with several of his relatives — which total four children, 13 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren

— on hand.

"Actually, I don't feel older than what I did when I got married," said McCallister, who married his bride, Margaret, at the age of 19 in 1927. "It's a different body, and my legs aren't what they used to be, but my mind stays going."

McCallister keeps his mind active by playing trivia with residents at Plymouth Inn, an assisted living facility on Haggerty Road. He makes the daily activity announcements, and passionately follows the Red Wings, Tigers and Lions.

McCallister said his attitude and character building started when he was young, not long after he was born in California, Pa. Following the death of his mother when he was 2-years-old, he and his siblings were sent to an orphanage by his father, where they spent eight years before moving in with relatives.

"We all made the most of things, even though it was tough," McCallister said. "My siblings and I worked hard

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## Busing, class size possible cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Increases in elementary class sizes, a fee to participate in extracurricular activities, elimination of midday transportation for kindergarten students and moving graduation ceremonies from Eastern Michigan University to the high school park are among the cost-saving measures expected to be discussed by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education as it seeks to trim a projected \$6.9 million deficit in the 2008-09 budget.

"There's no way they can go without cutting," said Superintendent Jim Ryan, who gave his list to trustees Wednesday. "We've cut so much the last five years (\$12 million), we've got nowhere else to turn. The greatest impact is something that would turn the board's stomachs, increasing K-2 class size." The cut would increase K-2 class size from 26 to 28, and could save \$720,000.

The elimination of mid-day transportation would potentially save the district \$500,000. Morning kindergarten students would be bused to school; however parents would have to pick up children after class. Parents would need to provide transportation to class for afternoon kindergarten children, but they would be bused home.

Moving all three high school graduation ceremonies to a gymnasium at the Educational Park would save \$40,000. Unlike EMU, where there is plenty of seating for students, parents and guests, moving graduation would limit the number of people who could attend.

Other proposed cuts include layoffs totaling \$448,000, including teacher leaders and Literacy Early Achievement Program (LEAP) aides; and eliminating buses for extracurricular and co-curricular field trips, such as athletic and band field trips, saving \$280,000.

Revenue generators in the proposed plan include a \$25 participation fee for non-athletic activities, such as cheerleading, pompon and play production, which is expected to raise \$50,000. Increasing middle school athletic fees from \$60 to \$75 would generate \$20,000; while a \$3 admission charge for middle school athletic events could add \$11,000.

"It looks like we're getting awfully close to the bone, and the options available to us appear to be very limited, making it a challenging budget process," said first-year Trustee John Jackson. "We're going to have to rely on the administration to really help us look for maximum efficiency."

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## Hearing delayed in guard shooting

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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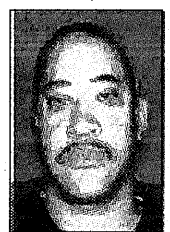
The preliminary hearing for Darren Johnson, a prison guard at Scott Correctional Facility in Plymouth Township suspected of shooting his supervisor, was adjourned Friday as lawyers for both sides awaited results from a variety of tests.

Johnson, 44 of Redford Township is accused of gunning down Lt. Joseph Candie, a shift supervisor at Scott, following a Dec. 19 argument at a gas station at Five Mile and Beck.

Johnson faces first-degree murder and felony firearms charges. If convicted, Johnson faces life in prison. The hearing was set for 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, before Chief Judge John MacDonald.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney Christine Kowal said both sides agreed to the delay.

"There are some things we're



Johnson

still waiting for, and some things the defense is still waiting for," Kowal said.

Johnson's hearing had already been delayed once

while he recovered from what police say were self-inflicted gunshot wounds. Police say Johnson shot himself hours after shooting Candie. Johnson was found on Belle Isle. When police found Johnson, they also recovered a .38-caliber handgun; they had earlier found a dozen spent .38-caliber shell casings at the gas station.

Candie, 39, a 14-year veteran of the Department of Corrections, spent the last three years at Scott, where he was a shift commander on the midnight shift, according to Michigan Department of Corrections spokesman Russ Marlan.

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Valentine's Day fun and activities that range from last-minute date nights to entertainment.

**Tax date**

Plymouth Township officials are reminding residents the final day to pay winter taxes without penalty is Thursday, Feb. 14.

The treasurer's office is located in the Plymouth Township Hall on Haggerty just north of Ann Arbor Road. There is also a drop-box in the circular driveway to the hall. For more information, call the treasurer's office, (734) 354-3214.

**Blood drive**

There will be a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, in Plymouth.

Call Carolyn Libeau, (734) 455-5395, to make an appointment. Drop-ins are also welcome.

**Music series**

Join the congregation of St. John's Episcopal Church as they continue their artistic series "Music at St. John's: Resounding Art in a Sacred Space," 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.

University of Michigan graduate vocal students and award winners Rhea Olivaccé and Steven Tompkins will present a dual recital of art songs, spirituals, and scene's from Puccini's *La Bohème*. Known for their musical sensitivity and ability to connect with audiences, these artists will be joined by pianist Lydia Qui. Simultaneously, St. John's resident artist Robin Janning will present an art exhibit entitled *Vessels of the Spirit* in the church gathering hall.

St. John's is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. For

more information, call (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16, or e-mail selsholz@stjohnsplymouth.org

**Lincoln roundtable**

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table hosts Dr. Martin Herschock with his presentation, "We Know No Party Until This Contest Is Over."

The meeting takes place 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty just north of Ann Arbor Rd. The public is invited, admission is free.

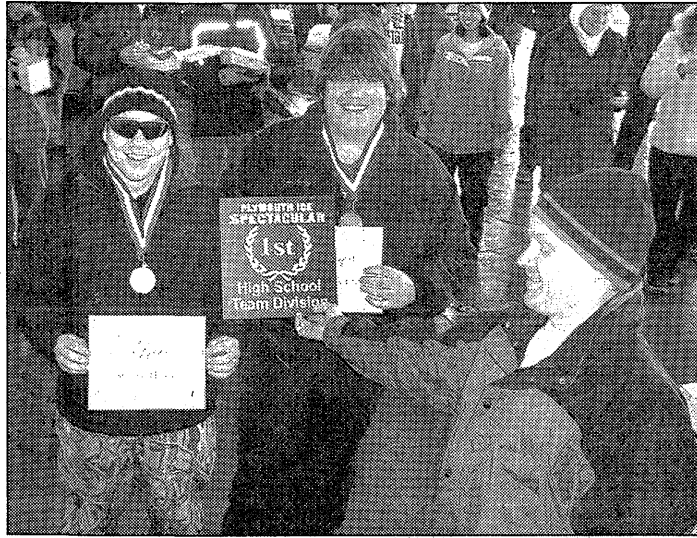
For more information, call (734) 451-7998.

**Charity bowlathon**

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

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

New this year on Seedlings' Web site is on-line pledging and registration. Visit [www.seedlings.org](http://www.seedlings.org) under "special events" to register or pledge a registered bowler or download a brochure. Registration deadline is March 1, and the minimum donation or pledges per bowler is \$50. Bowlers will receive three games, lunch, gift bags, and a free ticket for a chance raffle drawing. Tax-



**Top carvers**

Aaron Hyde and David Huckabone of Oakland Technical Center North West were the high school team carving champions at the 2008 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Not pictured is individual high school champion Justin Kuderik of Romulus High School.

deductible door prize and lane or T-shirt sponsorships are still available to local businesses. Register now and reserve a spot at the event.

**Valentine's for seniors**

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Dick Scott Dodge are co-hosting a Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) celebration for seniors at Plymouth's historic Penn Theatre, featuring "The Brief Encounter," a romantic film starring Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson. The movie earned three Oscar nominations in 1945.

A limited number of carnations will also be donated to those seniors attending the 1 p.m. showing.

The Penn Theatre is an historic Art Deco, single-screen building that opened in 1941. The downtown theater remains an entertainment venue for families.

Those interested (couples and friends) in limited complimentary seats, popcorn, a drink and the mandatory

Valentine's carnation, must phone (734) 727-5872.

**Wearing red**

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority hosts a Heart Health Open House 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, with guest speaker Lisa McDowell, Chief Clinical Nutritionist with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, at 12:30 p.m., at the DDA office in downtown Plymouth.

It's part of a promotion called "Go Red for Women," an American Heart Association event promoting good heart health and supporting the fight against heart disease in women. Participants are encouraged to shop downtown stores wearing red as businesses compete to be "Plymouth's Reddest Business" and provide opportunities to support the AHA.

The open house will include heart healthy snacks, activities and an opportunity to check out your own heart health. McDowell will introduce heart

health tips and ideas for healthy meals everyone can make.

Call the Plymouth DDA at 734-455-1453 for more information.

**Mosaic Mothers**

MOSAIC Mothers' Group meets on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month through May 6. Speakers, food, discussion time, social activities. Childcare provided.

Contact Plymouth Baptist Church for more information, (734) 453-5534.

**Easter cheer**

As a community service project, a handful of Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors teens have volunteered to assemble Easter baskets in hopes of bringing lots of cheer to those children in need.

During the month of February they will be collecting items to create Easter Baskets for children at a local abuse shelter. They are hoping to make 50 baskets and are in need of the following items: Cellophane for wrapping, Easter grass, basket fillers for both boys and girls ages 3-17 and bubbles, CDs, candy, chalk, cars, lotions, nail polish, Pokemon cards, etc.

E-mail Michelle Hill at [mhill@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:mhill@schoolcraft.edu) to let her know what items you wish to donate by Feb. 28. The baskets will be assembled Sunday, March 2.

**Speaking easy**

Are you afraid to speak in public? Ease the fear by attending a free introductory session of Motor City Speak Easy club, a chartered club of Toastmaster's International. Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of the month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at St. Johns Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, just north of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth.

The meeting involves

impromptu speaking by members and volunteers as well as planned speeches by Toastmasters. We welcome guests and invite new members. For more information, please call Karen at (734) 425-4181 or Creffo at (248) 374-0501.

**Book signing**

Award-winning poet Cheryl A. Martin of Canton recent was honored in the 76th Writer's Digest Writing Competition for her non-rhyming poem, "More Than 58,000 Names Etched," a unique haiku which won 12th place out of 100 national winners. She competed against 19,000 other poets.

Martin will do a book signing 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Book Cellar & Cafe in Plymouth. She'll be autographing copies of her book of poetry, "Woman Reclining." Additionally she'll be signing copies of her haiku workbook for children, "Haiku For You," and her chapbook of haiku, "Feathers In Flight" which includes award winning poems, is also available.

For those who want instruction on writing, Martin offers numerous classes through Wayne-Westland's Adult & Community Education Program. For information on those classes call, (734) 419-2426. Additional questions can be directed to Martin at (734) 397-1626.

**Tiny Tots Preschool**

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool hosts a parent-only informational meeting for fall classes 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at The Salvation Army building, 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

Registration is \$35 and will be accepted that night. Tiny Tots is a Christian-based preschool program for children ages 3-5. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

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Tuesday, November 20, 2007 began as an ordinary day. Our grandchildren, Brandon and Gina had left for school. Dave headed to the computer and Jan went upstairs to get ready for her morning exercise on the treadmill when the unthinkable happened—our home was totally destroyed in an explosion and the impending fire. Jan was thrown into the backyard from the second floor and rescued by neighbors; Dave was buried under rubble on the first floor and miraculously escaped. God's angels were here for us that day. While the story of the explosion and fire was newsworthy, the resulting support from our friends and the community far outweighs it in importance. Our injuries are healing and our hearts are filled with gratitude and love for all of those who came to our aid. We want to say thank you to everyone who supported and encouraged us. We are sincerely grateful for all of the cards, letters, gifts, and expressions of love. We would like to publicly express our heartfelt thanks to the following groups who helped us in various ways.

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# JESSICA

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time. That forced them to drive right past the accident scene (although they didn't know it at the time), which was still being worked by police. Traffic was being blocked, but the Mitsch family couldn't wait. John got out of the car, explained who they were to the police, and they were allowed to cut through.

Mary, desperately seeking something to occupy her time, started calling friends "to pray for us." She got hints along the way about what shape Jessica might be in: The way the crash scene was blocked off, she figured "someone must have died there," a fact confirmed in Mary's mind by the sober reactions of the police on the scene.

When they arrived at the hospital, they were greeted by the scene of their daughter on life-support, and a nurse friend who would become the first to bring up the subject of organ donation.

"As soon as I saw (Jessica), I knew her spirit was no longer there; she was in full trauma," Mary recalled. "(The nurse friend) said to me, 'I don't want to lose hope, but I think you should start to think about organ procurement.'"

### RUSH TO HARVEST?

It's where Jessica's fear came into play: A medical team making a hurried decision in order to harvest viable organs. But according to Dennis Archambault, director of marketing and public relations for Midwest Eye-Banks, the law protects against that exact occurrence.

"People of all ages and medical conditions are considered for eye, organ, and tissue donation, and their condition at the time of death will determine the suitability of



Jeff Dueweke, Mary Mitsch, and John Mitsch, with a photograph of Jessica Mitsch, whose corneas were donated to recipients in New Jersey and Toledo, Ohio, following her May 2006 death.

the donation," Archambault said. "It's important for people to understand that every effort is made to save an individual's life before donation is even considered. By law, the medical team treating the patient must be separate from the transplant team."

Mary remembered how Jessica felt about the subject, but she also knew Jessica would want something good to come out of her death. The family discussed the options and the decision was surprisingly easy.

"We all agreed and nobody really wondered," Mary said.

"(Jessica's) spirit was pretty much telling us what to do. All of her last acts were acts of kindness. I just decided that, to honor her life, we needed to perpetuate that kindness."

### LIFETIME OF KINDNESS

It was a kindness Jessica's family and friends say she'd shown her whole life. The family moved to Plymouth when Jessica was 7, and she started going to Our Lady of Good Counsel before moving on to high school at Ladywood. She was a competitive cheerleader and scholar-athlete, and went on to earn a sociology degree

### LOOK WHO'S WAITING

Patients waiting for transplant as of Dec. 1, 2007 (info from Gift of Michigan Web site):

Kidney	2,581
Liver	388
Lung	54
Kidney	55
Heart	72
Pancreas	26

from Hillsdale College in 2004.

Jeff Dueweke went to grade school with Jessica, and remembers how much fun she was to hang out with.

"She was fun-loving and very caring," said Dueweke, who went to Detroit Catholic Central High School. "She never said a bad word about anyone, even the people who upset her."

Jessica was always there for her little brother, John, now 22, from reading him bedtime stories growing up to making

sure he stayed safe as he celebrated his 21st birthday.

"We were pretty inseparable growing up, and she always looked after me," John said. "She was a really good older sister. She was always very caring."

That's how John, and the rest of the family, knew in the final analysis Jessica wouldn't have any problem donating her organs.

"She was always a very giving person," John said. "She would have loved to make someone else's life better."

That's what she did. While doctors told the family her major organs were too badly damaged in the accident, Jessica's corneas — along with some other tissues — were harvested. It's a popular organ donation to make; according to information from the Michigan Eye Bank, nearly 2,100 corneas were provided for transplantation, with nearly 1,100 of them going to

patients in Michigan.

### MEETING THE RECIPIENT

The Mitsch family later learned one of Jessica's corneas was donated to a patient in Toledo, the other to a patient in New Jersey.

Mary Mitsch hasn't yet talked to anyone, but said she "might be ready" to reach out to the recipients, for one very good reason.

"I'd like those people to know about Jessica," Mary said. "I want them to know what kind of person she was."

When John Mitsch got his driver's license, he checked the box making himself an organ donor. Jessica's school chum, Jeff Dueweke, was never a donor — until after Jessica died.

"She was always so loving and caring," Dueweke said. "She'd always do the little things that help people. Even after she died, she's still doing that."

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### AROUND TOWN

#### Call for choreographers

The Ann Arbor Civic Ballet is searching for choreographers from throughout Michigan to showcase their original pieces in the second annual Dance Michigan performance. AACB seeks all types of dance styles from classical ballet to modern dance set to music from Classical composers to Top Forty and everything in between. The performance will take place on Saturday, April 19, at the Saline High School Ellen Ewing Center for the Performing Arts,

featuring an 1,100-seat auditorium with full-fly tower, green room, scene shop and dressing rooms. For more information on participating in the showcase or sponsoring Dance Michigan visit [www.annarbortivicallet.com](http://www.annarbortivicallet.com) or contact Mary Combi at (734) 668-8066 or [mcombi@comcast.net](mailto:mcombi@comcast.net)

#### Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi meet the second Tuesday of the 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-northville-novi.org](http://www.gardeners-northville-novi.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.

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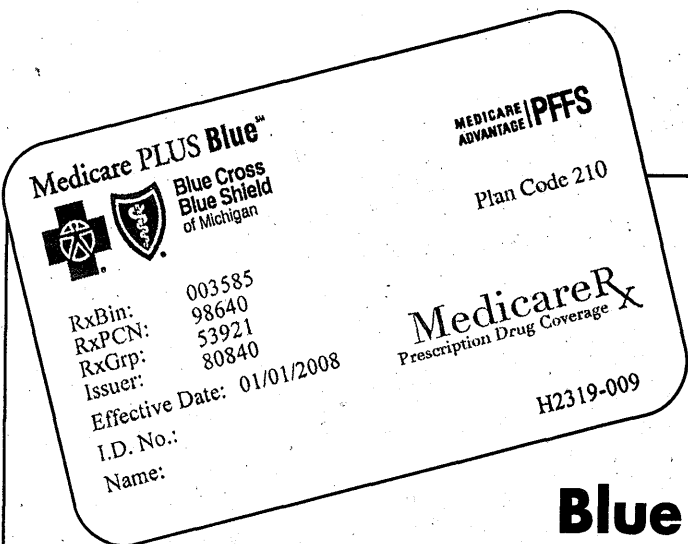
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# Dow is not the best indicator of stock market activity

**Dear Rick: I have a bet with my friend. We were talking about indexes and I told him that the Dow is the most important index to look at when it comes to investments. Do you agree?**

I do not agree. Even though the Dow is the most recognized and the oldest U.S. stock market index, I do not believe it is the most important.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average only consists of 30 companies. These are some of the largest and most widely held public companies in the world. The problem I have with the index is it does not give you a broad view of even American companies. There are literally thousands and thousands of U.S. publicly held companies not represented by the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

In addition, the Dow does



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

not measure international investments which have an impact on our market. For these reasons, I do not believe that the Dow is the most important index. I think it is a mistake

for investors to look at one index.

It is important to understand how the Dow is calculated. It is a price weighted average which means that higher priced stocks will influence the average more than lower priced ones. Other indexes are done differently. In addition, other indexes will contain a broader range of stocks. For example, the Standard & Poor's 500 (S&P 500) contains 500 companies and will give a

broader picture of the overall health of the U.S. economy as opposed to the Dow.

One mistake many investors make is that they think their portfolio will perform the same way that the Dow does. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Because the Dow is only 30 stocks and is priced weighted it is possible that a few stocks can have a big influence on the entire index. In other words, you can find that the majority of stocks in the Dow 30 went up but that the index on the whole went down because of the way it is weighted. Investors who have well-balanced and diversified portfolios that contain a variety of asset classes such as small companies, midsize companies, international investments and bonds will find that their portfolio acts quite a bit different than the Dow.

I believe for investors to

know the direction of the stock market they need to look at a variety of different indexes and not just on a day-to-day basis. The markets over the short term are very irrational and rarely make any sense. It is the long-term trends that are important to an investor. **Dear Rick: I just turned 62 and am eligible for Social Security. I get competing answers as to whether I should take Social Security or not. What do you think?**

There is no right answer. The key is based upon your individual situation. To help make the decision, there are issues to consider.

The first is that people who collect Social Security at 62 get approximately 75 percent of full benefit. The other important factor to consider is the give-back rules. If you are working, and collecting Social Security at age 62,

there is an earning cap. If you earn more than this cap, (\$13,560 for 2008) then for every dollar you earn over that amount you refund 50 cents of your benefits back to the government. The earning cap is not applicable after 66 years of age.

Another factor to consider is income tax. Most people don't recognize that a portion of your Social Security benefits can be subject to income tax. Depending on your adjusted gross income, up to 85 percent of Social Security can be subject to ordinary income tax.

Examine your situation. If

you are working and earning over the cap, then I would not accept Social Security. The one exception is if you need the extra money to cover your living expenses. If you are retired and do not need Social Security to cover living expenses, I recommend deferring the benefits for as long as possible.

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

## Frog listeners sought to survey wetlands

Friends of the Rouge are looking for thousands of volunteers to listen for frogs and toads in local wetlands.

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No experience in necessary to participate in the survey, just the ability to learn eight frog and toad calls and the willingness to go listen near a pond or marsh after dark a few damp evenings a month. Volunteers must attend one two hour training session where they are provided all the information and materials needed, including a cd with the calls.

Volunteers who have participated in the survey say that hearing frogs or "actually meeting frogs and toads in my own neighborhood" is what they enjoy most about the survey.

Interested volunteers need to choose one of the below workshops and register by calling 313-792-9621 or e-mailing [monitoring@therouge.org](mailto:monitoring@therouge.org). Survey blocks are quarter square mile areas with wetlands that drain to the Rouge River which includes the west side of Detroit and its west and northern suburbs.

Workshops are:  
7-9 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 12 Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
7-9 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 26, Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, March 1, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia,

7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, Canton Summit on the Park, Walnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

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and we were thankful that we had food and a roof over our heads."

McCallister and his wife moved to Detroit in 1928, where he was offered a job at Champion Spark Plug in Detroit.

The job was short-lived because of the Depression, but it was McCallister's attitude that got him through it by working as an ice man, mechanic and at a laundry.

"Life became somewhat

better after the Depression because I was called back to Champion and I continued there as the general foreman for 36 years," said McCallister, who retired in 1973.

The McCallisters moved to Livonia in 1960, and in 1978 moved to Plymouth. The couple was married for 77 years before Margaret passed away in 2005.

"She was not a girl, she was a gift from God," said McCallister. "She was a wonderful wife and mother, the way she raised our children and treated them."

McCallister's daughter, Louise McGowan, said it's not a shock

her father has lived so long.

"He always said he was going to be 100," said McGowan, 78, of Fowlerville. "Now he's saying 103."

"He always did things with us, and he and our mother gave us a lot of love," she said.

Edna White, 74, of Fowlerville, said her parent's faith helped keep their family close.

"I think our Christian upbringing helped keep us all together," said White. "On Easter Sunday he always made a coconut cake, tinted the top part green for a nest and put special little eggs on top of it. He was a very good cook."

One of McCallister's proudest moments came during a Memorial Day parade in 1918.

"I was in the parade holding the hand of a Civil War veteran on one side and a World War I veteran on the other," he said. "That's one experience I'll never forget."

McCallister said the world has changed a lot, but attitude will carry a person a long way. "Stay on the right track, that's what I was taught," McCallister said. "There are a lot of crooks in the road, a lot of by-passes, just stay on the right one."



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George McCallister's relatives gathered for the birthday celebration. He's flanked by his great-great-grandsons, Gannon Smith and Anthony Smith. Standing around him are Debra Karnes, Shawn Coolidge, Edna White, Sherry White, Louise McGowan, Robert McGowan, Denise Coolidge, Jerry Karnes, Chad Coolidge, and LeAnne Smith.

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# Take off the gloves and focus on prize

Legislators behaved in 2007 as if they were in a prize fight, but in this case, the prize of a well-run state eluded both Democrats and Republicans.

Ultimately, it was the taxpayers who were denied the payout of an economically viable state. Their reaction ranged from anger to action that has produced a recall movement.

The message to legislators was loud and clear: Cut it out or we'll cut you out.

The leaders of the Senate, Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, and House, Andy Dillon, D-Redford, apparently were listening. At a forum last month hosted by the League of Women Voters, they promised to do better.

Good intentions, however, are worthless if they aren't followed up with corrective action.

It was apparent from the event that there still is a philosophical divide between the two parties: Republican Bishop called for less government; Democrat Dillon talked of taxes passed and reforms still needing approval.

The bell has rung. The two sides need to come out from their respective corners of the legislative ring and agree to end the fight. If they truly believe their jobs are to improve the state, it's not a far walk.

All along, it has been the fealty to party doctrine that has stymied progress, with neither the Senate majority leader nor the speaker of the House showing true statesmanship. The balance of the Senate and House members also remained loyal to the party hierarchy, reluctant to show any leadership of their own.

There is a better way, a bipartisan way, for all to share in the prize. Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm, in her State of the State address, appeared to kick off a conciliatory mood with her call for cooperation.

Bishop responded that the goal of creating jobs is something the GOP can support.

Support must be followed by action; there is much to do.

Granholm also spoke of renewable energy resources, health care and safe places to live and work. Last week she called for increases in funding K-12 education. Those are all things to which ringside taxpayers can relate, and they are determined to take home the prize.

True leaders will focus on that prize, making bipartisanship more than just a good intention.

## Time to work together

"Others, Lord, Yes, others. Help us to live for others, that I may live like Thee." These are the words of an old Methodist hymn and they embody a philosophy that we should try and live by today, more than ever.

It is good at any time, but especially during the Lenten season, to take the time to reflect.

During the past seven years, we have experienced an unprecedented downturn in our economy. Throughout the Great Depression there was never a seven-year consecutive decline in the economy.

My mother was the youngest of 12 VanderVens from Holland, Michigan. It can truly be said that they were able to pull themselves out of The Great Depression with their faith, family, public education and a job.

All 12 VanderVens helped one another with the payment of their college tuition, which enabled them to get a worthwhile job. Seven of my aunts and uncles were administrators or teachers for 40 years each in Michigan public schools.

Once again, our economy is going through a major transformation. At kitchen tables all across Michigan, families are discussing their own personal concerns regarding the economy.

It appears that education for the new, higher-skilled jobs will pull us through this recession. I have consistently suggested that higher education is the essence of recovery for our economy.

Specifically, this economic turnaround will depend on three key assumptions:

■ First, we must address the issue of our national trade policy. For example, automakers can only maintain their market share if we level the playing field with China and South Korea.

■ Secondly, the state's real estate market must recover to boost home building and construction in general. New home sales have fallen to their lowest level in 27 years.

■ Thirdly, Michigan's recovery depends on the nation as a whole avoiding a recession — in an economy battered by the subprime mortgage meltdown, credit worries, and a slipping stock market.

The linchpin for every thriving economy is a job for every worker — which often is the source of our self-respect. The manufacturing sector in the United States has lost more than 3.2 million jobs between 2000 and 2006.

Finally, we must ask the question, "Am I

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my brother's keeper?" Our answer must be a resounding, "Yes!"

Our parents and grandparents survived The Great Depression by helping one another. We too must help our families, our neighbors and all our "brothers" weather Michigan's current, harsh economic turbulence, so once more we can move Michigan forward.

**John C. Stewart**  
former state representative  
Plymouth Township

## Fire hires a good thing

Congratulations to the Plymouth Township officials for deciding not to wait and to proceed with hiring new firefighters. With fire department runs increasing, we need to have staffing above the base minimum.

After living here for over thirty years, I recently had to call on the Fire Department's EMS to transport me to St. Mary's Hospital to stop severe bleeding. The EMS crew arrived quickly, performed professionally, and did an outstanding job in every respect.

Messrs. Reaume and Edwards deserve appreciation from the community for being proactive in their thinking and moving ahead. I'm glad to be a resident of Plymouth Township and grateful that we are served and protected so well.

**Joe Cleveland**  
Plymouth

## Ignoring a warning

Once again the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Administration has received a warning, and once again they have shrugged it off as if the warning is coming from an ignorant source! The only problem is the source is one of the most renowned in the financial markets institution, Standard & Poors!

Recently S&P downgraded PCCS' financial status from STABLE to NEGATIVE, citing poor fiscal management over the past four years as their primary area of concern.

This poor management is based on the lack of sound principles of managing to the budget they have available. S&P knows that PCCS has had poor revenue growth due to the state's fiscal crisis, but the board has continued to spend at a rate that is more than the revenue they receive! S&P also knows the same can be said for every district in the State of Michigan, but they are not cutting the ratings of every district, just the poor performing ones!

The Board MUST balance their budget or the community will suffer!

This was just a warning to the PCCS leaders. Next time, PCCS' credit ratings will be cut, which will cost the tax payers more money! To avoid this continued downward spiral the Board must renegotiate all their contracts with a one-time salary cut across all district employees, and the budget will be balanced! No more program, transportation, athletics cuts, or program fees. People are the top expense to the district, and rightly so! So, cuts must be made in this area, and I don't mean laying anyone off!

How can everyone be wrong and PCCS be right? This arrogance has gone on long enough! Do the right thing, and balance the budget the right way!

**Rich Ham-Kucharski**  
Canton

## Is process open?

It is how much money they have raised; it's the momentum factor; and it's the star quality that news commentators talk about when referring to the candidates running for the nomination of their party for president of the United States.

There was the time when the presidential candidates for the Democratic and Republican parties were picked at their national conventions. Then it changed. We were told the electorate would decide. It would be more open, more democratic. Is it?

I envision a different presidential primary. The primaries and caucuses, are all on the same day, taking place four weeks before the November election. At the national party conventions the candidates are given equal opportunities to explain why we should vote for them. There are individual presentations and there are debates. At the debates all the candidates are given the time to answer all the questions. The questions deal with the issues: foreign policy, the economy, jobs, health care, the environment, immigration, etc. There are no personal attacks.

The national conventions are broadcast on the network channels as a public service. By law, there is a cap on how much money the candidates can raise for campaigning which can only begin six months before the November election.

I could continue this scenario, but basically I would like to see an end to we have the best government money can buy.

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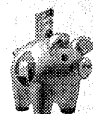
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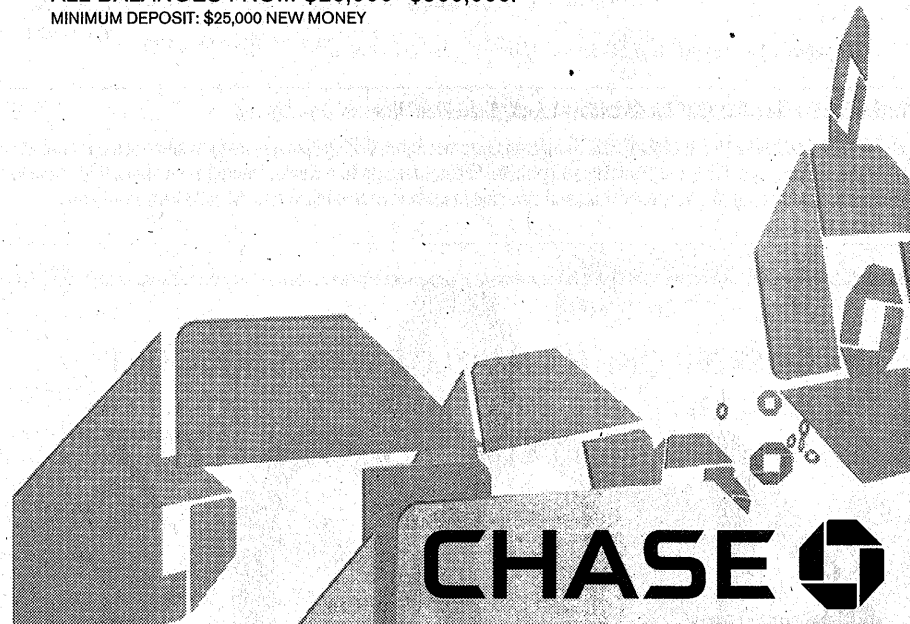
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# Border agent: Drugs a problem in north crossings, too

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

You may think of drug smugglers coming from Mexico — and they do — but drug smuggling's also a problem at the Michigan-Ontario crossings.

"Every year nationwide we arrest about a million people," said Kurstan Rosberg, supervisory border patrol agent with the

U.S. Border Patrol/U.S. Customs & Border Protection. In this region, nearly 1.4 million pounds of marijuana are seized annually by border agents.

Rosberg, who spoke Jan. 31 at the Westland Rotary Club, detailed how his agency's role shifted significantly after the 9/11 attacks. "Our primary mission is terrorism, to prevent terrorism. We're still performing our mis-

sion of stopping illegal aliens and so forth."

The U.S. Border Patrol's not responsible for the long delays or new passport requirements at the Ambassador and Blue Water bridges and the Detroit-Windsor tunnel. Rosberg detailed his agency's work covering 3,800 miles between the U.S. and Canada with 170 agents.

"It's extremely easy to make the

trip across," he said. "We've seen people in Jet Skis." Some water freezes over, and people can walk, use a snowmobile or even drive over for illegal activity.

Some people have used trains at Sarnia and Windsor to try to sneak in, although the U.S. uses cameras, sensors and X-rays of trains, so that traffic is minimal. Rosberg praised the cooperation of Canadian law enforcement,

noting it far exceeds that of Mexican police.

Much North American drug activity originates in Toronto, with criminals worldwide finding it easier to get into Canada than the U.S. From Toronto, attempted crossings are made at Sault Ste. Marie, Port Huron and Detroit.

Rosberg, based at Selfridge ANG Base in Macomb County, showed a slide of a man disguised, somewhat convincingly, as a car seat. "That just shows you the lengths people go to."

Some illegal aliens in the South are hidden in car trunks, a dangerous practice particularly in great heat, he said.

All agents start their careers on the Mexican border, and Rosberg transferred to Michigan. He was surprised to learn a fair number of Mexicans make their way north for agricultural jobs and get arrested here.

He showed slides of the boats, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and even horses agents use in their work. Dogs have been very effective in finding drugs, no

matter the lengths people go to to try to disguise their stash. "I've seen a car with almost a hundred air fresheners in it," said Rosberg, noting people also try laundry detergent and dryer sheets to mask the smell.

"We still have a heart," Rosberg said. "We've got search and rescue teams." He's concerned about profit-seekers who smuggle people into the U.S. and have no concern for their welfare.

Rosberg was asked about the man running drugs who was shot by two agents who ended up with lengthy prison sentences. The drug runner was wounded in the shooting, but reported it to authorities later.

"These two agents didn't report the problem," Rosberg said, adding he believes they should have been fired for failure to report the shooting but that their punishment was excessive. The drug runner continued his illegal activity and was later arrested, he noted, while one of the agents was attacked by Mexican gang members in prison.



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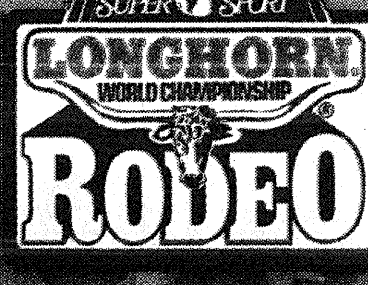
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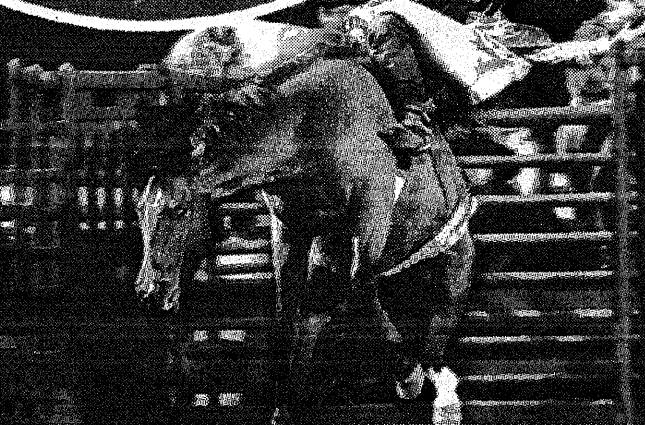
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## ROCK STARS

Salem surges into WLAA tourney title game after upending Patriots

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

**The Davis-led Rocks scored the game's final 14 points to pull out a 58-44 triumph that vaulted them into Thursday night's WLAA final against Walled Lake Western at Walled Lake Northern High School.**

Pick a role — Chairman of the Boards, Secretary of Defense, Free Throw Shooter Extraordinaire — and Salem's Chelsea Davis filled it during the fourth quarter of Friday night's WLAA tournament semifinal showdown against Livonia Franklin.

The Davis-led Rocks scored the game's final 14 points to pull out a 58-44 triumph that vaulted them into Thursday night's WLAA final against Walled Lake Western at Walled Lake Northern High School.

Both finalists will take 17-2 marks into the title tilt.

The Patriots, who hadn't lost since Jan. 4, slipped to 15-4.

Davis had a huge fourth quarter, netting nine of her game-high 18 rebounds, 10 of her 14 points and three steals.

She also helped ice the triumph by sinking all six of her free throw attempts — a feat that didn't surprise Salem coach Fred Thomann.

"When we had our free throw shoot-a-thon, Chelsea was our leading shooter with 84 out of 100, so I know she can make 'em," said Thomann. "She's such a good rebounder because she anticipates so well and gets to the ball. And she's so strong that when she locks it up, she locks it up."

Early on, it appeared as if Salem was going to roll to a victory reminiscent of Tuesday night's 28-point rout of Plymouth.

Brett deBear's fast-break layup padded the Rocks' lead to 26-10 with five minutes left in the first half.

Sparked by junior twins Briauna and Brittany Taylor, the Patriots put together a "Taylor-made" comeback, battling all the way back to knot the game at 44-all on Brittany Taylor's steal and layup with 5:16 to go.

However, the Rocks countered with a game-ending 14-0 to earn a Thursday night trip to Northern.

"Salem has earned such a

reputation for being such a good team — such a strong team — that it took a while for the girls to get past the intimidation factor tonight," said Franklin coach Dave McCall. "They had to realize that they could play with the Salem girls and once they realized that, they started to step up and play the way they're capable of playing."

"Once they got over the nerves and the jitters, they got after it."

The Rocks led 17-8 after one quarter thanks to the pin-point shooting of junior forward Victoria Brotz, who buried a 15-foot jumper and a triple in the quarter's final 52 seconds.

The Patriots cut their onerous deficit to 31-22 at the half behind Briauna Taylor, who reeled off eight straight points in one 90-second span in the second quarter.

Franklin scored the first nine points of the third quarter to deadlock the game at 31-all with 5:16 to go on a pair of Samantha Floyd free throws.

The contest remained tight until the early stages of the fourth quarter when Salem went on its game-winning run, outscoring the Patriots 16-2.

Davis, Alaya Mitchell and Brotz shared Salem's scoring honors with 14 points a piece. The Rocks' other two starters — sophomores Sara Stone and Brett deBear — both twined eight.

Salem's starting five played the entire game.

Brittany Taylor paced

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Salem's Alaya Mitchell corrals a loose ball despite the efforts of Livonia Franklin's Nicole Emery (left) and Brittany Taylor. Mitchell was one of three Rocks to score 14 points in their 58-44 triumph over the Patriots.

### VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL

- **What:** Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball tournament final;
- **Who:** Salem (17-2) vs. Walled Lake Western (17-2);
- **When:** Thursday at 7 p.m.;
- **Where:** Walled Lake Northern High School;
- **Who to watch:** Salem senior guard Alaya Mitchell accepted an athletic scholarship to play at Marshall University; Rock junior forward Chelsea Davis grabbed 18 rebounds Friday night; Western has a balanced attack led by Paige Partenio, Carly Zeitlin and Melanie Wilkerson;
- **Interesting note:** Salem's starting five played all 32 minutes in Friday's semifinal win;
- **Ed Wright's prediction:** Salem 58, Western 49.

## Sidelines

### Charity hockey

The 3rd Annual Canton Fire Fighters vs. Canton Coaches charity hockey game is set for Saturday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena. The opening face-off is slated for 7 p.m.

The admission fee is \$2 per person. There will be raffles, 50/50 drawings and T-shirts available.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Canton Fire Fighters Charity Foundation, which was founded to support Canton community charities, assist in emergency relief efforts and other worthwhile causes.

### WLAA boys hoop tourney

Plymouth and Salem will be competing in the Western Lakes Activities Association's boys basketball tournament beginning Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

The Rocks will open with a first-round game at Northville while the Wildcats will travel to Westland John Glenn to battle the No. 1-seeded Rockets.

Victories by both teams would pit them against one another in a second-round game on Friday at 7 p.m.

The tournament championship game is set for Tuesday, Feb. 19, at John Glenn.

### Scott Hall-bound

Heather (Crowl) Scott of Canton will be inducted into the Lake Michigan College Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Feb. 15.

Scott played softball for LMC from 1988-90, leading the Lady Indians to back-to-back NJCAA Region XII championships and a national fifth-place finish in 1989.

Scott claimed a number of individual accolades, including first-team All-Conference, All-State, All-Region and second team NJCAA All-American status.

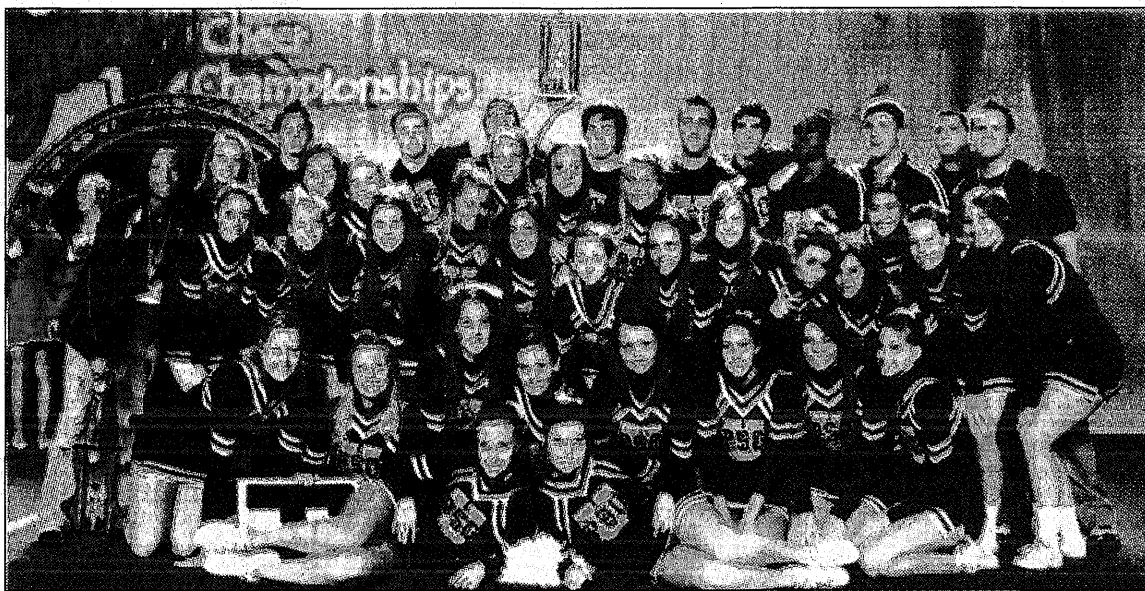
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The PSC competitive cheer team is currently in Orlando, Fla., competing in a national tournament. Pictured (front row from left) are Mallorie Blaylock, Lainie Meek, (second row from left) Jenna Limpbscomb, Andrea Golchuk, Kristin Campbell, Lauryn Brausser, Sarah Bartlett, Keri Koltunchik, Courtney Meterko, Hillary Genrich, (third row from left) coach Erika Healey, Angela Whitehead, Heather Husband, Sommer Guy, Becca Rogers, Leah Moulbadder, Brittany Knoll, Kaleigh Kennard, Melissa Needham, Jamie Fobar, Erica Sands, April Clarin, Brianna Burbo, Keisha Roberts, (fourth row from left) coach Molly Innes, Amy Gullikson, Natalia Diacovo, Sophia Williams, Jackie McCormick, Audrey Langewicz, (back row from left) Andrew Shepard, Scott Jensen, Kevin Enna, Quest Miller, Jesse Hulet, Scott Dreaver, Zeke Chapman, Ryan Sculthorpe, coach Kevin Majewski, coach Cam Schambre. Not pictured is Anthony Murillo.

## Cheer-ful trip

PSC United competitive cheer team travels to Florida in search of gold

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plentiful sunshine, freshly squeezed orange juice and a reprieve from Michigan's early-February chill weren't the primary reasons 37 P-CEP students boarded a plane for Orlando, Fla., Thursday morning.

The main motivation for the members of two PSC United Competitive Cheer teams was to bring home a trophy from a national competition being hosted at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex, which is located in the heart of the Sunshine State.

Two PSC United teams — one "small" and one "large" — will be

vying for honors against hundreds of the top competitive cheer squads in the country.

The size designation is based on how many male members each team has, according to PSC United head coach Erika Healey, a former Salem cheerleader who is in her first

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## Salem swimmers outstroke Canton

See complete results on Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Salem boys swimming and diving team used a strong surge during the latter stages of Tuesday's meet against Canton to post a 100-86 victory in the Chiefs' pool.

The Rocks placed first in three of the final four events to distance themselves from their cross-campus rivals.

Adam Seroka and Sida Chen were the primary architects of the Rocks' victory as both earned a pair of individual first-place showings along with contributing to a pair of relay firsts.

Seroka touched first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:05.61) and the 100 backstroke (57.12). Chen won the 100 butterfly and the 100 breaststroke.

Salem's Kevin Smith captured the 1-meter diving competition by racking up 177.20 points, nine more than Canton's Matt Figlewicz.

The star of the night for the Chiefs was Richard Zhang, who matched Seroka and Chen with a pair of individual golds.

Zhang won the 200 freestyle in 1:51.93 and the 100 freestyle in 51.14.

Also earning firsts for the Chiefs were Patrick Jenner, who took the 50 freestyle in 25.04 and Kevin Karlinski, who earned first-place points in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:16.84.

Seroka teamed with Chen, Cameron Dunn and Nathan Spala to give the Rocks a first in the 200-yard medley relay (1:48.01).

Salem also won the 200 freestyle relay with a four-some of Spala, Smith, Dunn and Chen.

Canton took the final event — the 400 freestyle relay — thanks to strong efforts from Brandon Tolinski, Karlinski, Chris McGinnis and Zhang.

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SWIM RESULTS

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THURSDAY AT CANTON
200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Adam Seroka, Sida Chen, Cameron Dunn, Nathan Spala), 1:48.01; 2. Salem (Nick Hoffmeyer, Joe DeTassanyi, Casey Olson, Kevin Smith), 1:58.99; 3. Canton (Evan Champine, Eric Tian, Andrew Hanagan, Ryan DeFrain), 2:14.44.

Chen), 1:38.59; 2. Canton (Richard Zhang, Patrick Jenner, Chris Marinica, Brandon Tolinski), 1:38.65; 3. Salem (Paul Cherewick, Paul Krutty, Max Mills, Matt Collingwood), 1:44.50.
100 backstroke: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 57.12; 2. Chris McGinnis (C), 1:04.77; 3. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 1:06.96.

200 individual medley: 1. Seroka (S), 2:09.98; 2. Chad Newton (S), 2:33.1; 3. Greg Van Gorp (LC), 2:34.6.
50 freestyle: 1. Sida Chen (S), 23.92; 2. Nathan Spala (S), 24.65; 3. Castellani (LC), 26.31.
1-meter diving: 1. Hope (LC), 216.90 points; 2. Andrew Richards (LC), 190.80; 3. Kevin Smith (S), 177.25.

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FEB. 7 AT CHURCHILL
200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Nick Hoffmeyer, Kory Dondzila, Adam Seroka, Casey Olson), 1:56.2; 2. Salem (Alex Coriano, Eric Schendel, Cameron Dunn, Joe DeTassanyi), 2:01.43; 3. Churchill (Matt Castellani, Joey Liberati, Steve Jones, Matt Hope), 2:02.27.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sida Chen (S), 1:07.71; 2. Ryan Boes (C), 1:14.20; 3. Eric Schendel (S), 1:14.31.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Brandon Tolinski, Kevin Karlinski, Chris McGinnis, Richard Zhang), 3:36.35; 2. Salem (Casey Olson, Max Mills, Matt Collingwood, Adam Seroka), 3:46.63; 3. Salem (Paul Cherewick, Nick Hoffmeyer, Cameron Dunn, Joe DeTassanyi), 3:58.21.



Headed to the Valleys

Two Plymouth football players signed national letters of intent to play for Division II colleges Thursday afternoon in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. Mike Hanchett (seated middle) received a scholarship to play for Saginaw Valley State University while Myron Puryear (seated right) accepted a scholarship from Grand Valley State University.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Midwinter skates

The Plymouth Whalers will be hosting a pair of midwinter skates:
■ On Feb. 11-12, the team will host a pair of on-ice clinics for youngsters. The Feb. 11 clinic will run from 10-11:20 a.m.

be offered: a \$140 hitting and pitching camp from 10 a.m. to noon; and a hitting, pitching and strength and conditioning camp, which will run from 1-3:30 p.m.

site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us. Applications can be faxed to (734) 582-5650 or delivered to the PHS athletic department.

Lions signups

Registration for the 2008 Canton Lions football and cheerleading veterans started on Feb. 2 and will conclude Feb. 29.

For more information, contact Jay Alexander at (734) 459-5921.

Little League
Registration for the 2008 Plymouth/Canton Little League is fast approaching.

Indoor baseball

The Velocity Baseball Academy in Canton is offering a Spring Training Camp for kids 12 and older on Feb. 13-15.

Interested candidates can obtain a coaching application from the Plymouth athletic office or download the form from the school district Web

Salem baseball clinic
The 2008 edition of the annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be held March 22 and April 5 in the Salem gymnasium.

'96 Flames win in shootout

Coming off a victory in the John Lindell Christmas Classic, the '96 Farmington Flames Peeewe A team decided to try to step up a level of play and entered the A/AA Division of the Rock and Roll Cup in Cleveland over the Martin Luther King Day weekend.

Needing to win by six or more goals in game No. 3, the Flames responded with a 7-1 victory — without committing a single penalty and outshooting Euclid 41-7.

of both goalies turning away shot after shot. Regulation did not produce a goal, nor could the overtime session, leading to a shootout.

Piowar leads Chief gymnasts to sweep

Minus its top performer, Canton's gymnastics team didn't miss a beat Thursday night when it cartwheelled past Brighton and Howell in a double-dual meet held at Plymouth High School.

Bulldogs (128.70). Freshman Robyn Piowar paced the sweep by registering a personal-best all-around score of 36.45.

John Cunningham. "It was a big confidence-builder heading into our invitational on Saturday."

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# Sandhu, Hanchett lead Wildcats over Churchill

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's boys basketball team appears to be peaking as a mountain of an opponent looms just over the horizon.

On Monday at Livonia Churchill, the Wildcats outlasted the Chargers, 57-51, for their second consecutive victory over a higher-seeded team in next week's Western Lakes Activities Association's conference tournament. Plymouth defeated Salem, 56-52, on Thursday.

Next on the docket for the 6-11 Wildcats: state-ranked Westland John Glenn, which has lost just once in 17 games.

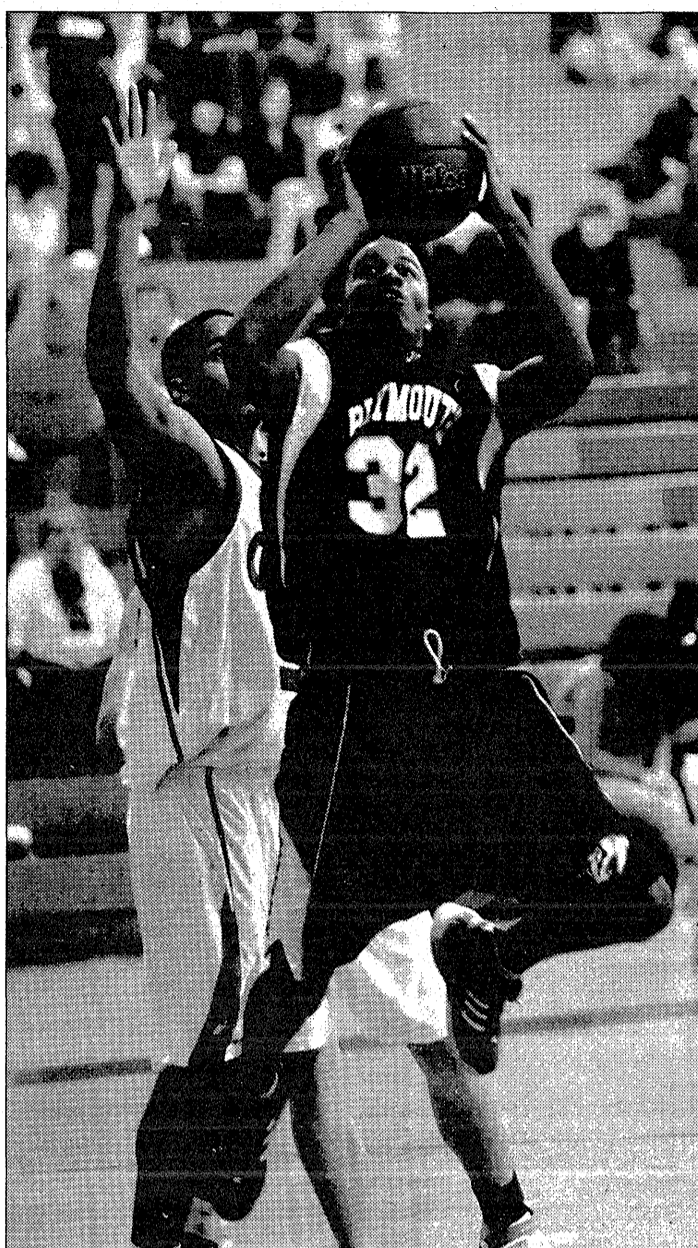
If Plymouth continues to play like it did in back-to-back wins this week, you never know what could happen in Tuesday's first-round game in the Rockets' gym.

To defeat John Glenn, the Wildcats will probably need seniors Navraj Sandhu and Mike Hanchett to deliver near-identical performances as they registered Friday against the Chargers. Sandhu poured in 22 points while Hanchett cashed in a career-best 20 for the winners. Senior guard Brandon Roberts also played well, registering 11.

"Mike shot the ball very well tonight," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "He hit a couple of threes, he scored off a couple of pick-and-rolls and he was rewarded with good passes on a couple of cuts he made to the basket."

"Mike's a great athlete and when he plays like he did tonight, it's huge for us."

Plymouth took command from the get-go and led 12-8 after one quarter and 29-22 at the half. Churchill sliced its deficit to 40-35 with eight



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Chris Daniels, pictured above in a game earlier this season, helped lead the Wildcats to a 57-51 win over Livonia Churchill Friday night.

minutes left, but the Wildcats dug in for the win.

Plymouth hit 2-of-4 free throws while Churchill went 5-of-9 from the line.

Ryan Rosenick led the

Chargers with 12 points and eight rebounds. Ryan Woods added 11 and Andrew Vagnetti chipped in with 10.

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## Plymouth seniors shine on 'Senior Night'

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The men of the hour came through in a big way for Plymouth's boys basketball team Thursday night.

Playing on "Senior Night" against cross-campus rival Salem, seniors scored all but one point for the Wildcats in their 56-52 triumph.

Point guard Brandon Roberts led the way with 16 points before fouling out with 2:31 left. Navraj Sandhu added 15 points and a team-high seven rebounds while David Harvey contributed eight points and five boards.

The victory improved the winners' record to 5-11; Salem slipped to 8-9.

"We always seem to play well on 'Senior Night,'" said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "I remember a couple years ago, Alex Harvey had a career night on 'Senior Night' and tonight his younger brother, David, played extremely well."

"The way we played tonight is the way we've been playing lately. I'm very proud of the way the guys are digging in on defense. It's making a huge difference and is giving us a chance to win."

The lone non-senior point scored by Plymouth was a big one. Junior guard Brad Lineberry's single free throw with 5.2 seconds left made it a two-possession game and all but cemented the victory.

Plymouth didn't have a monopoly on stellar senior performances Thursday night. A pair of Rock seniors — Grant Stone (27 points and six rebounds) and Ross Davis (11 points and 13 boards) — also shined.

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Stone took over the fourth quarter for Salem, scoring 15 of its 17 points.

Senior forward Jesse Pointer added seven points for the Rocks.

The adrenaline from the pre-game festivities apparently carried over to the first quarter for the Wildcats, who scorched the nets for 21 points and an early 10-point cushion. Salem cut its deficit to 33-24 at the half and 41-35 with eight minutes to play.

Stone's step-back triple with 7.9 seconds remaining brought Salem within 55-52, but Lineberry was fouled and made one of two free throws before Chris Daniels — yes, another senior — wrapped things up with a last-second steal.

Both teams ended up with nearly identical field goal percentages — Plymouth made 21-of-47 shots (44.6 percent) while Salem hit 20-of-46 attempts for 43.4 percent.

Both squads struggled from the line. Plymouth drained 9-of-17 free throws (52.9) while the Rocks canned just 9-of-21 (42.8).

The Wildcats turned the ball over 12 times; Salem committed just 10 miscues.

**W.L. NORTHERN 50, CANTON 45:** On Thursday night in the Phase III gymnasium, the Knights doubled their season win total thanks to a pivotal third quarter when they outscored their hosts 21-12.

The victory improved Northern's record to 2-14; Canton, which was coming off an impressive victory over Walled Lake Western on Monday night, dropped to 5-11.

"Northern rotated between

two different zones against us tonight and they both gave us troubles," said Canton coach Dan Colligan, whose team connected on just 16 of its 60 field-goal attempts (26.6 percent).

"Northern has a young team — they have four sophomores that play a lot of minutes — and they've been steadily improving as the season has gone on. We knew it was going to be a good game tonight."

Leroy Jackson paced the Knights' win with 19 points, 11 coming in the key third quarter.

Senior Chris Bailey was outstanding for Canton, netting 22 points and 11 rebounds. Junior guard Marlan Glenn added six points for the Chiefs.

Canton led 20-19 at the half, but trailed 40-32 with eight minutes left.

The Chiefs swished 10-of-16 free throws (62.5 percent) while Northern found the bottom of the net on 11-of-21 freebies (52.3 percent).

**STEVENSON 43, CANTON 41:** On Friday at Stevenson, junior Brian Rowe tallied 12 points and sophomore Bobby Naubert chipped in with 10 Friday as the Spartans held off visiting Canton in a Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball crossover.

Stevenson, now 6-11 overall, hit 15-of-25 free throws on the night.

Canton, which missed a free throw line jumper at the buzzer in an effort to tie the game, falls to 5-12 overall.

Four Chiefs scored six points a piece: Ryan Seely, Kyle Beiga, Chris Bailey and George Murasan.

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## CHEER

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year of coaching PSC United. "Any team with more than five boys is consider 'large' and any team with under five is considered 'small,'" explained Healey. "We have seven boys on the large team and two on the small team. Since the small team has less guys, we try to put stronger girls on that team because they will be required to pick up other girls during the routines."

The PSC United squads

are not eligible to compete in Michigan High School Athletic Association competitions because they are co-ed, Healey explained.

So this week's trip to Florida and a March excursion to Tennessee will be the two shots at stardom for the local cheer enthusiasts.

"The national competitions are important because there are a lot of college coaches in attendance," said Healey. "It's the athletes' opportunity to show the coaches they have what it takes to cheer at the collegiate level."

Close to 100 students tried out

for this year's teams back in May of 2007.

"We're looking for some previous experience in gymnastics and or tumbling because that's what a lot of our routines require," Healey said.

Dedication is also a pre-requisite as three-times-a-week practices are held throughout the year and attendance at summer camps is mandatory.

Healey is assisted by fellow coaches Cam Schambre, a former Salem football player; Molly Immes and Ty Majewski.

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## HOOPS

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Franklin with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Briauna Taylor added 11 points and five boards, while reserve forward Jessica Stailey contributed seven points and six caroms.

"We beat a very good team tonight," said Thomann. "They were 15-3 coming in, so we knew it wasn't going to be easy. They put together a heck of a run against us, but we were able to hold it off and figure out a way to stretch it out again."

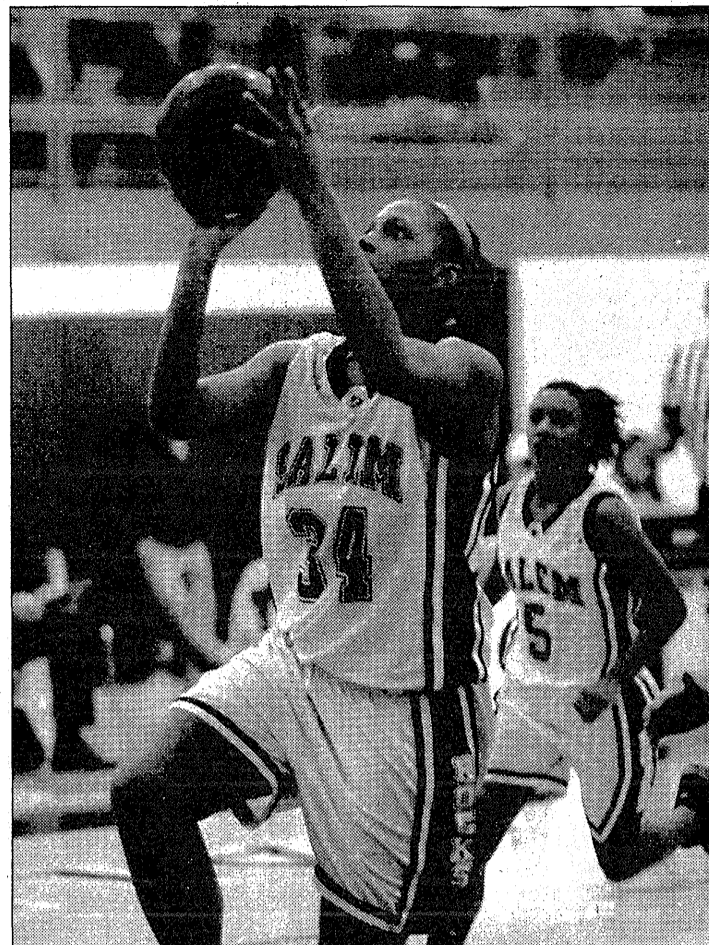
"You're only as good as your competition and tonight our competition was excellent."

Salem went 20-for-53 (37.7 percent) from the field and 15-of-18 (83.3) from the free throw line. The Patriots hit 15-of-51 field goals (29.4) and 11-of-19 (57.8) from the charity stripe.

The Rocks turned the ball over 16 times; Franklin had 13 miscues.

Thursday night's WLAA championship game is set to tip off shortly after 7 p.m.

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Salem junior forward Chelsea Davis is pictured laying in two of her 14 points during Friday's 58-44 win over Livonia Franklin. Davis also hauled down 18 rebounds and notched four steals.

## Hard-working Chiefs trip up Zebras

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton girls basketball team may be 5-14, but the Chiefs are still playing as hard as a 14-5 team.

The latest example was Friday night when they scorched host Wayne Memorial, 48-27, to snap a four-game losing streak.

Freshman Kayla Bridges was the catalyst, racking up 16 points and seven rebounds. Baylee Hollowell (13 points and 12 rebounds) and Kaylie Martin (12 points and six boards) also played well for Canton.

The loss dropped the Zebras to 3-16.

"Overall, I thought we played a very solid game tonight," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Kaylie Martin hit three threes in the first quarter and we got out to

### GIRLS PREP HOOP

a 20-4 lead. Defensively, we picked up full court a little bit and it created some easier baskets for our offense.

"Kayla Bridges played very aggressively and did a nice job getting to the rim. She had four offensive rebounds, too, so she's doing a nice job of attacking the glass."

Canton led 34-10 at the half and 38-17 with eight minutes to play.

Natassia Goins paced the Zebras with 17 points.

Canton hit 11-of-20 free throws. Wayne was 7-of-23 from the stripe.

**W.L. CENTRAL 57, PLYMOUTH 42:** On Friday in a WLAA cross-over contest, the Vikings outscored the Wildcats 33-13 over the middle two quarters to post the victory.

Central improved to 10-9

while Plymouth slipped to 7-11. Shaakira Haywood led Plymouth with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Kelly Costello led the winners with 13 points.

Plymouth hit 13-of-21 free throws; Central drained 6-of-8 freebies.

The Wildcats return to action Monday at Livonia Churchill. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

**H.V. LUTHERAN 40, AGAPE 38:** On Tuesday at Huron Valley Lutheran, the Wolverines received a 21-point effort from eighth-grader Ayanna Martin, who also recorded seven steals.

Agape trailed 26-15 at the half before storming back to within 32-30 with eight minutes to play.

Brooke Purcell chipped in with 11 points for the Wolverines.

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## Everyone loves chocolate

### Now there's a good reason to have an ounce a day

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
 STAFF WRITER

Now you can feel guilt-free about giving chocolate to your loved one this Valentine's Day. George Rapisis' new book cites several studies that show the dark delight contains flavonoids, a plant compound which may promote heart health by lowering blood pressure, improving circulation in the arteries, and reducing the risk of blood clots.

Of course, as with any food, moderation is key. Rapisis recommends one ounce a day in *The Lighter Side of Dark Chocolate: Take It to Heart*, published by AuthorHouse.

Rapisis started researching the heart health benefits of chocolate in December 2006

and found so much information he decided to write a book. Rapisis is also the author of *The Healthy Pregnancy Cookbook* (2001) and co-authored *Ask the Nutritionists* (2005).

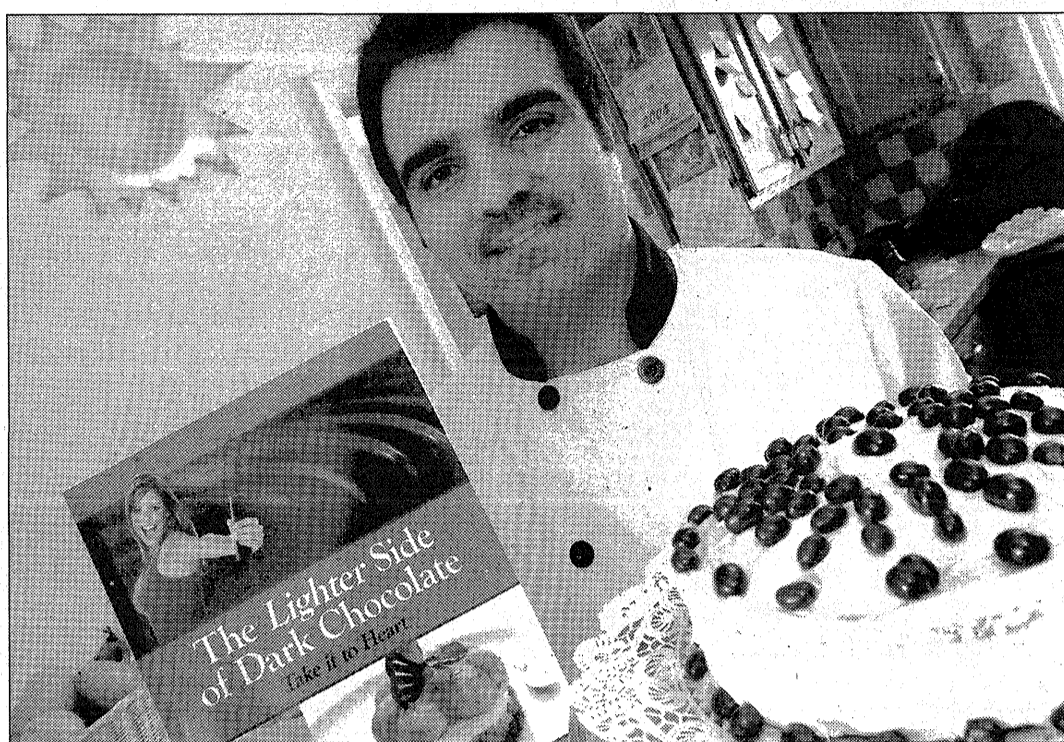
"Everyone loves chocolate but people think it's not healthy but full of unsaturated and saturated fat. Cocoa butter does not raise cholesterol levels. It keeps them neutral," said Rapisis, a 35-year-old nutritionist who earned a bachelor's degree in dietetics from Madonna University and a culinary arts certificate from Schoolcraft College.

Rapisis credits his late mother, Carol (Koula), for instilling a love of culinary arts in him. She owned a catering business and later

worked in food services at Ladywood High School and Schoolcraft College. Rapisis shares his cooking skills in recipes at the back of the book. He recently served the Dark Chocolate Cake during a book signing at Barnes & Noble in West Bloomfield. Rapisis teaches nutrition and healthy cooking at Garden City's Cambridge Center, an alternative high school. He gives a class on the Lighter Side of Dark Chocolate through Schoolcraft College Continuing Education on Monday, May 12.

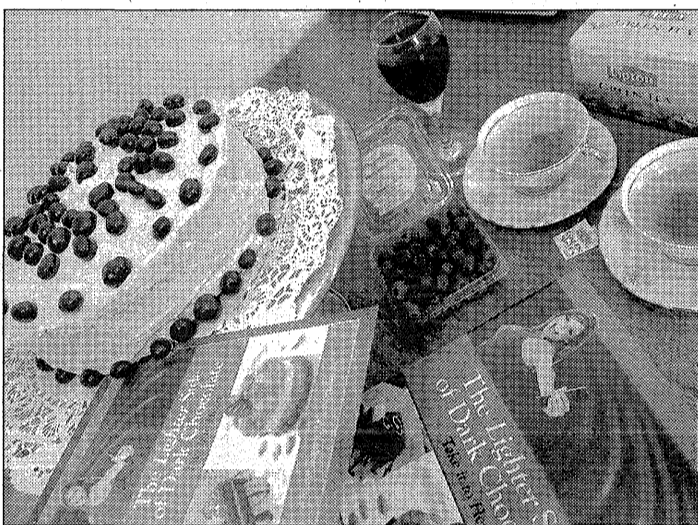
"Chocolate has vitamins, minerals like potassium. Magnesium controls your blood pressure and it contains stress reducing phytochemicals. People when depressed tend to eat chocolate because it increases serotonin and dopamine associated with the pleasure system of the brain. Most people think chocolate is bad for them, but dark chocolate is so concentrated with flavonoids and antioxidants it's good for you," said Rapisis, who does nutritional counseling at Ford-Tel Medical Center in Dearborn Heights.

Antioxidants such as flavonoids prevent unstable molecules known as free radicals from damaging cells in the body. Some antioxidants belong to the phytochemical category such as flavonoids, said Rapisis. The amount in 40 grams of dark chocolate is about the same as a 5-ounce



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Nutritionist George Rapisis stands with a dark chocolate mocha cake and a copy of his new book, 'The Lighter Side of Dark Chocolate: Take It to Heart.'



Three squares of dark chocolate can have the same health benefits as a serving of blueberries, a glass of red wine, or two cups of green tea.

glass of red wine, two cups of green tea, or 2/3 cup of blueberries which have been touted as antioxidant powerhouses. To reap their benefits Rapisis drinks a cup of hot cocoa in the morning, a cup of green tea in the afternoon and a glass of red wine in the evening.

"Flavonoids are part of a group of antioxidants found in fruits, vegetables, tea, red wine, and cocoa," said Rapisis. "Cocoa in dark chocolate is considered one of the most concentrated sources of flavonoids because it contains polyphenols, catechins and

epicatechins (subclasses of flavonoids)."

Rapisis emphasizes that dark, bittersweet chocolate contains more beneficial compounds and heart health benefits than milk chocolate which is overly processed.

"With regular milk chocolate, you do not get enough flavonoids. It's too much sugar," said Rapisis of Livonia. "You're going to get cavities."

Rapisis eats about three squares of dark chocolate with a tuna fish and whole wheat sandwich at lunch. While he believes chocolate is beneficial to the heart, it is only part of

a healthy diet rich in antioxidants. Rapisis begins each day with oatmeal, nuts and honey, or yogurt with blueberries and flaxseed if he doesn't have time to make oatmeal. His midmorning snack consists of a handful of almonds. His Greek heritage flavors the rest of the day. It's hummus in mid-afternoon and grilled chicken, Greek style with olive oil, oregano and lemon juice on top for dinner along with a baked potato and steamed broccoli. His evening snack is fruit.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### FEBRUARY

#### Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. This is an opportunity for sharing information on coping skills and adaptive technologies. Speakers cover a range of topics. Library staff provide assistance with library equipment and services. For more information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

#### Free asthma care

As a way of celebrating its 24th anniversary in March, Hicks Chiropractic is offering a free six-week program of care for children under age 15 with asthma. For information or to enroll your child, call (734) 525-7855. Hicks Chiropractic is at 27537 Warren, west of Inkster Road, Garden City.

#### Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. For a schedule and fees, call (800) 968-3030 or visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org).

#### Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at [marthapaul@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:marthapaul@sbcbglobal.net).

The self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, west of Middlebelt, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago. For information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit [www.recovery-inc.org](http://www.recovery-inc.org). There is no charge for attendance, though voluntary contributions are collected.

#### Fund-raiser

Livonia Back To Health Chiropractic will be raising money in aid of Seedlings Braille Books for Children Feb. 11-16 with Dr. Jason Lawlor performing all first day services for new patients including a consultation, thorough exam, any necessary x-rays and a report of findings for a minimum donation of \$20. Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to increasing the opportunity for literacy by providing high quality, low cost children's literature in braille. To make an appointment, call (734) 432-7071.

#### Health classes

Heartsaver AED 6-9 p.m. Feb. 11, at Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia. Cost \$55. Course is for non-health care providers and individuals who need to learn basic CPR and AED for non-healthcare work requirements. Call (888) 440-7325 to register or visit [www.stjohn.org](http://www.stjohn.org). CPR Family and Friends: for Infants-Part 1 is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 (\$25), for non-healthcare providers ages 12 and older who want to learn basic CPR and

choking techniques for infants. CPR Family and Friends for Adults/Children-Part 2, 7:45-9:15 p.m. Feb. 14 (\$25) for non-healthcare providers ages 12 and older. Baby Care Basics. Call for class schedule. Cost is \$20 per couple. This class provides information about bathing, feeding, safety, health care and more. New this year a baby doctor joins the class to give more information about your infant and infant/baby care.

#### Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 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.

#### 10th anniversary celebration

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit hosts an open house 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 3517 Rochester Road, Royal Oak. Gilda's club is a free, cancer support community. For information, call (248) 577-0800 or visit [www.gildasclubdetroit.org](http://www.gildasclubdetroit.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, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford. Houdek, from Vision Associates of Westland, will speak on vision and fibromyalgia. Donations accepted. Group meets monthly on second Thursday. For information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

#### Building mental muscle

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presentation by the Diabetes Support Group 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the

auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For information, call (734) 655-8961. The speaker is Audra Frye, Arden Courts who will provide participants with exercises designed to stimulate brain cells, ideas to use the brain more effectively and an increased awareness to keep the brain healthier. 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.

#### Asperger's lecture series

Nick Dubin, a national speaker and author who was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome in 2004, conducts workshops on topics related to Asperger's syndrome 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 (Asperger's syndrome and Sexuality) and Feb. 21 (Teaching to the Asperger's Spectrum: One Size Does Not Fit All) at the Judson Center, 4410 W. 13 Mile and Greenfield, Royal Oak. Each workshop costs \$39. This program is approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative for Continuing Education Clock Hours. For information, visit [www.judsoncenter.org](http://www.judsoncenter.org) or call (248) 837-2047.

#### Heart smart cooking clinics

In recognition of National Heart Month and the launch of its trans fat-free menu, Entrée Vous of Canton, Northville and Troy are raising money for the local American Heart Association throughout February. The locations are hosting Heart Smart Cooking Clinics and dark chocolate tastings noon Friday, Feb. 15, and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Entrée Vous of Northville, 43223

Seven Mile, Highland Lakes Plaza; 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Entrée Vous of Canton, 43347 Joy at Morton Taylor, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 (includes a couple's date night and costs \$48) and 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Entrée Vous of Troy, 1969 W. Maple, Cambridge Crossings Shops. For \$30, each participant receives chocolate sampling and a lunch or dinner, your choice of one entrée (\$25 value) to assemble and take home and a demonstration of alternate low-fat cooking ingredients and recipes. The American Heart Association is presenting information, activity kits and checking blood pressure. Donations to the AHA can be made in the local kitchen or online at <http://honor.americanheart.org/goto/entreevous-cares>. To register for a clinic, contact your local Entrée Vous location.

#### St. Valentine's Day Gala

Presented by the DMC (Detroit Medical Center) Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (RIM) 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. Proceeds benefit rehabilitation research and medicine at the RIM. In addition to honoring Courage Awards recipients Andy Zimmer of Birmingham, Lawrence Campbell and Wilma Scott for overcoming enormous physical obstacles, the evening includes dinner, dancing and a live auction. Former Detroit Lion, Mike Utley, receives the President's Award for Excellence. Through the Mike Utley Foundation, Utley has made significant contributions to RIM and has been a champion for persons with disabilities. Tickets are \$250. For information, call (313) 745-9817.

## Heavy kids face risk of heart disease

Nancy from Bellevue e-mails that her grandson is very overweight. She wants to know if she should be concerned.

Nancy, you have a good reason to be concerned. Researchers followed more than 270,000 children as they grew up. They found the more overweight a child was

between ages 7 and 13, the greater the risk of heart disease in adulthood. Many of these children don't lose weight as they grow older and end up being overweight adults. Obesity puts children and adults

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at risk of type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol, all of which are risk factors for heart disease. It is time to get our children up off the couch and out exercising!

Stephanie from Troy e-mails that she had a baby a couple months ago. She has been working out and eating right, but is there anything else that she can do to lose that extra baby weight?

Stephanie, I know this may be hard to do with a new baby, but get some sleep! Researchers studied almost 1,000 mothers with new babies. They found the moms who slept five hours or less a day when their babies were 6 months old were three times more likely to keep on an extra 11 pounds one year after giving birth. The women who slept seven hours a night or more lost more weight. So the more sleep the better!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

## In the know: Heed all the warning signs of ovarian cancer

The founder of WomenEtcetera.com, a new online community for women over 50, is trying to raise awareness about ovarian cancer.

"With ovarian cancer being such a primary, although little discussed danger, we are partnering with a high level professional group to work on this issue," said Suzanne Caplan, founder and CEO of [www.WomenEtcetera.com](http://www.WomenEtcetera.com). "If ovarian cancer is diagnosed in time the cure rate is high, and that is our goal."

Vivian Heard, spokesperson for The Ovarian Cancer Institute, agrees.

"Perhaps the good news about ovarian cancer is that if it's detected early, it has a 90-percent cure rate," said Vivian Heard. "The bad news is that over 70 percent of women aren't diagnosed until an advanced stage. One in 55 women in the

United States will be diagnosed this year and more than 15,000 will die from the disease. Mortality rates from ovarian cancer are the highest among all gynecologic cancers."

With ovarian cancer becoming an increasingly serious issue, it is heartening to see that the medical industry is keeping pace. Dr. Benedict Benigno is a world-renowned surgeon and gynecologic oncologist specializing in ovarian cancer. He has treated women from ages 16 to 60-plus and has made it his priority to discover an early detection tool for ovarian cancer. Besides being Founder and Executive Director of Southeastern Gynecologic Oncology at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, he is founder and CEO of the Ovarian Cancer Institute (OCI) housed at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Together with John McDonald, PhD, Chief Research Scientist at OCI, and their team of scientists, their ongoing behind-the-scenes work aims to change the face of ovarian cancer once and for all.

In the meantime, women of all ages can take the following actions in protecting themselves and better understanding their personal risks when it comes to ovarian cancer.

All women are strongly advised to know their bodies well and pay attention to any changes including abdominal weight gain and bloating, abdominal pain, difficulty eating or swallowing, indigestion, frequent or urgent urination, and unusual post-menopausal bleeding. And don't wait to have these symptoms checked out by a physician, preferably a gynecologist. Understand that many cancers do not

discriminate when it comes to age including ovarian cancer. You can never be too old or too young to be diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

Be aware of their family history to better ascertain if they are at a greater risk from ovarian or breast cancer. For example Jewish women of Ashkenazi descent, those who started their periods at a young age, and women who have a history of breast cancer are in a higher risk category than other women.

"Genetic screening might be in order for higher risk women as approximately 10-percent of ovarian cancer is caused by a mutation in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes," said Dr. Benedict Benigno. "Any female who takes a proactive step in getting screened could very well be taking a lifesaving measure."

# Change of seasons costly to volleyball coaches

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Pre-2007, it was a natural and seamless transition for top-notch college volleyball players to finish their fall seasons and join coaching ranks at area high schools during the winter.

During the All-American career of Madonna University's Amanda Suder, for example, she finished her collegiate season and then went to help out freshman or junior varsity kids at the high school level.

"As a college player and (high school) coach, it helps you in a lot of ways," said Suder, a two-time All-American libero at Madonna before graduating in 2004. "It helps financially, because you need a job in college and (high school coaching) pays pretty well for a college kid."

"When you're a college kid, you can make your own schedules. And, you see more things as a player. You become like a coach on the floor. You understand what 'Coach' has been telling you all those years."

More recently, Madonna players such as Redford native Amy Szymanski and Livonia's Jacqui Gatt similarly took the player-to-coach route — toiling as freshman and JV coaches at Livonia Churchill, respectively.

Of course, all of that changed last April, when the U.S. Supreme Court's gender equity ruling forced the Michigan High School Athletic Association to shuffle the deck.

The upshot of the court decision was a big change for Michigan's female athletes: in volleyball and basketball, the prep and college seasons needed to take place concurrently — essentially to make sure players across the U.S. would have the same shot at college scholarships.

But the window of opportunity closed in a hurry on any thoughts of college players serving coaching apprenticeships at the high school level.

"I was really surprised when the seasons were changed so dramatically," said Szymanski, now a senior at Madonna. "There wasn't a year or anything to prepare."

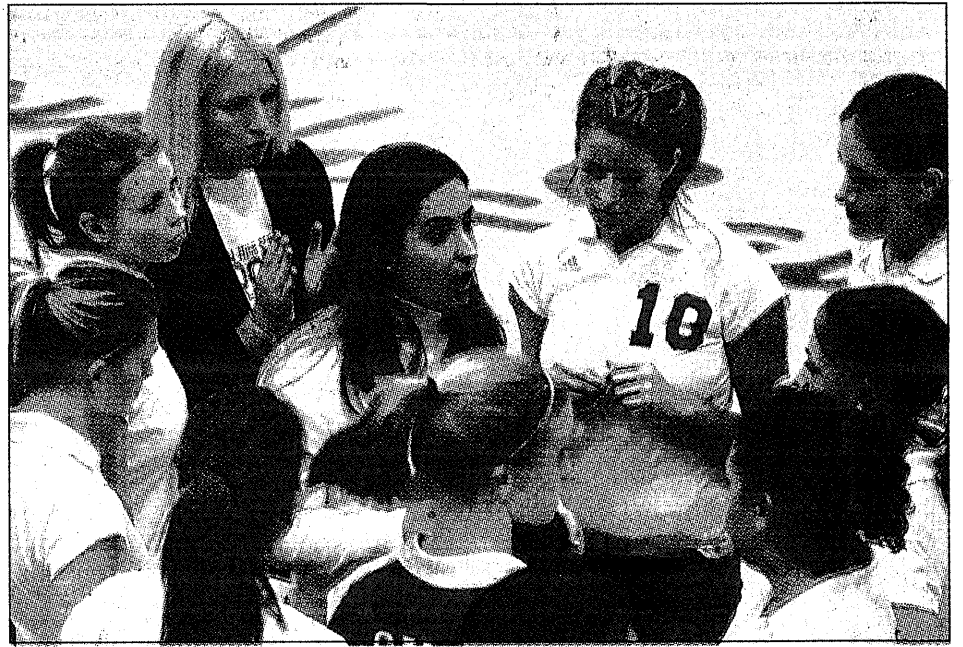
Szymanski added that coaching Churchill freshmen while still an active college player proved to be "a really nice opportunity and it worked out really well with school (college) and volleyball. I'd like to know how the high school players viewed the switch because I was disappointed to hear about it."

### WHAT GIVES?

Seeing the good and bad in the move was 2006 Garden City graduate and volleyball star Lindsay Fletemier.

As for the latter, Fletemier concurred that something had to give, meaning opportunities previously enjoyed by Suder, Szymanski and Gatt (an All-American honorable mention in 2007, currently a senior at Madonna) fell by the wayside.

"It was disappointing, however, that both



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Plymouth Salem varsity head volleyball coach Amanda Suder, shown huddling up with her players, began coaching high school players while still playing for Madonna University. With the prep and collegiate seasons now at the same time, that kind of apprenticeship will likely be no more.

my team (at the University of Dayton) and Garden City played at the same time this year," Fletemier said. "That means that older girls who play volleyball in college are not able to help with girls' high school volleyball teams and will most likely not even get a chance to watch them play."

On the plus side, the court-mandated shift did open up the chance for high school players to get fairly noticed by recruiters, at least according to someone who should know — Fletemier. The 6-6 middle blocker just concluded an outstanding season for U-Dayton (Ohio), sparking the Flyers to a 33-2 record and earning the Atlantic-10 Rookie of the Year award.

"With our (high school) seasons being backwards for so many years, it was harder for college coaches to get to our matches to watch," noted Fletemier about her Garden City days. "Now, with the seasons being switched, the volleyball players in Michigan get an equal chance to be noticed and recruited."

Under the former scheduling template, however, collegians could simultaneously experience both sides of the volleyball coin.

During four seasons of playing for Madonna and coaching high school teams (two as Salem's freshman coach followed by two years at the helm of Plymouth's JV), Suder said she just liked playing a role in the development of youngsters, to the point where they could potentially go on and play college volleyball.

"I just love the competitiveness, seeing kids improve," she emphasized. "(I'm) able to give knowledge I got from my great high school and college coaches to other kids."

### IN THE BLOOD

It didn't take much prodding to find out who Suder was referring to. She described Tom Teeters, her high school coach at Salem, as "one of the best." It was Teeters who recruited her as a coach the summer of 2000, before her freshman year of college.

Then, with a laugh, Suder said "if you've ever seen Jerry Abraham coach (at MU), well, I'm a spitting image of him. I like to get my blood pressure up a little bit."

For Suder, helping the Salem freshman teams during her first two years at Madonna started something she's relished doing ever since. After graduating from MU in 2004, she returned to Salem to become varsity head coach while beginning a career as an elementary school teacher in Ann Arbor.

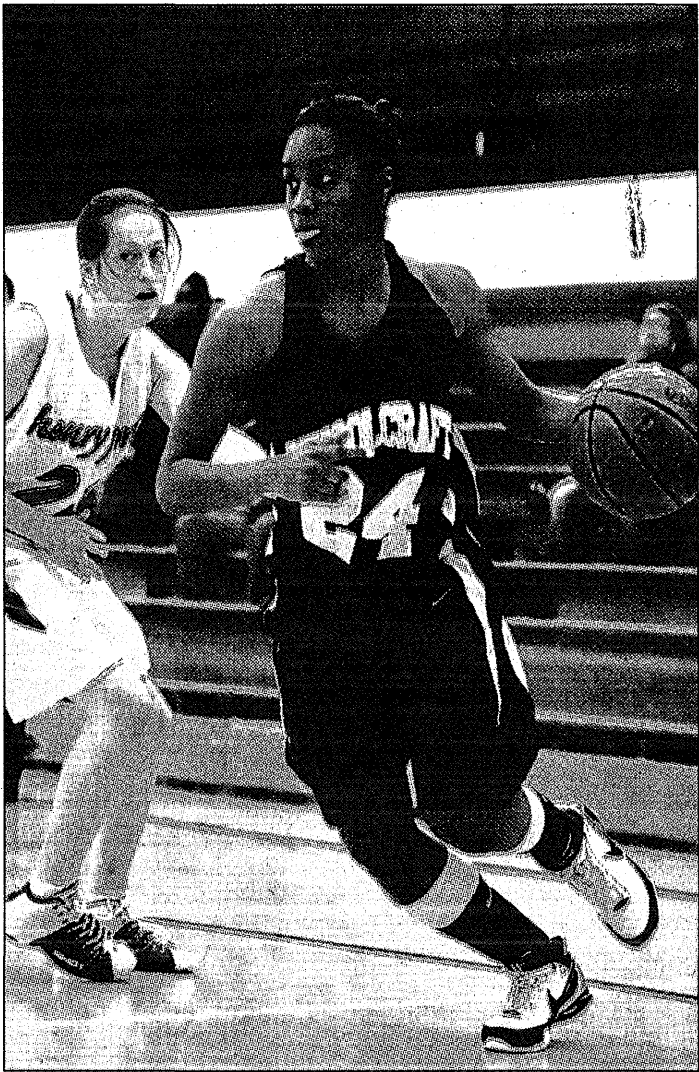
"I love teaching kids in general," Suder continued. "I'm a teacher now, too."

Suder did say all is not lost for those college players who want to help guide younger girls, many who compete on Amateur Athletic Union travel squads. "That (AAU travel) is the big thing for them to coach, ... if they want to stay with it."

In Szymanski's case, she'll have to wait until she establishes her nursing career, which could take a few years. Even so, she likely will eventually return to the coaching ranks.

"I know a lot of girls from Madonna who have teams," said Szymanski said, perhaps referring to MU alums such as Plymouth head coach Kelly McCausland and Dearborn Heights Crestwood head coach Tera Morrill. "So I might get back to coaching in the future."

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RENA LAVERTY

Salem graduate Taylor Langham scored four points in Schoolcraft College's 64-54 victory over St. Clair County Community College.

# Salem grad Langham helps Schoolcraft win

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team remained in first place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with Wednesday's 64-54 win at St. Clair County CC.

The No. 7-ranked Lady Ocelots (18-3, 11-1) snapped a 32-all tie with 16 minutes left in the contest and went on a 16-2 run that for all intents and purposes put the victory away.

Leading Schoolcraft with 15 points was Brittney Ivey, while others in double figures included Antoinette Brown (14), Janelle Harris and Sheray Brown (each with 11).

Adding five and four points,

respectively, were Heidi Warczynski and Salem alum Taylor Langham.

Kelly Burton tallied 16 for the Skippers (10-13, 7-6).

**MADONNA 67, UM-DEARBORN 60:** Caryn Inman scored 19 points and pulled down 15 rebounds Wednesday as the Madonna University (11-13, 6-4) got past visiting University of Michigan-Dearborn (12-14, 1-9) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game.

Junior forward Christie Carrico added 18 points and 10 boards, while forward Alyssa Guerin (Salem) scored 17 for the Crusaders.

Chanel Bridges scored a game-high 23 points for the Wolves.

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## Spanking ineffective behavior management

I know that spanking used to be the standard punishment and has since fallen out of favor, but what is your opinion on this subject? Is spanking child abuse or an effective behavior management tool?

Before I can answer this question I need to address the issue of discipline and effective behavior management. I believe that the purpose of discipline is to teach children to make good choices and to engage in appropriate behaviors.



On Parenting

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The behavior management techniques used in this process should maximize the educational opportunity of the situation and provide the best method of teaching the lesson that needs to be learned. And, the use of pain and shame should be avoided.

Spanking can be defined as a behavior modification device but it hardly seems to meet the above criteria. Even if one believes that a spanking is instructive, the nature of the lesson needs to be questioned; is there anything that a child can learn from a spanking that cannot be more successfully, and kindly, conveyed by other actions?

By its very nature, the act of spanking sends a message of disapproval and is delivered through the medium of pain and shame. And while the spanked child may indeed learn to associate the spanking as the result of some misbehavior on their part, additional, and largely unintended, lessons are taught as well.

For example, they learn to associate aggression with problem solution and it is well-documented that children that are spanked engage in more aggressive actions than their peers who are not subjected to physical punishment.

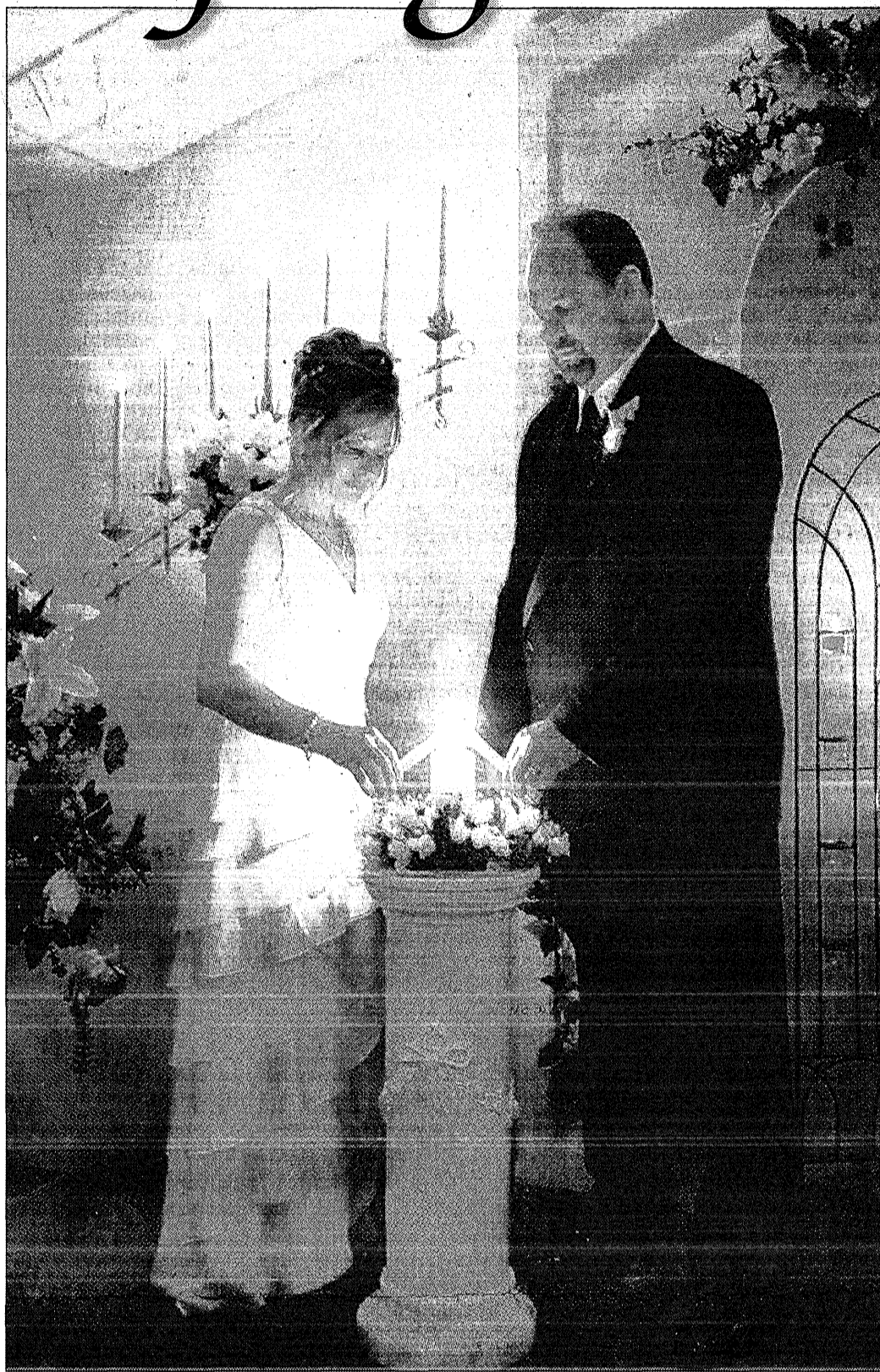
In addition, in my experience, children that are spanked tend to feel more helpless and hopeless and more fearful than non-spanked peers. Finally, the nature of the parent-child relationship is based in fear rather than respect, which severely limits its stability and duration. After all, what happens when the child no longer feels smaller or weaker than the parent?

Taking all of this information into consideration, I feel compelled to state that I cannot and do not endorse the practice of spanking. This is not because it is necessarily an act of child abuse in the literal sense but because it is the least effective behavior management technique and has the greatest potential to result in significant problems for all involved. And because, as a parent, the time that we have with our children is limited, I believe that we should not waste our time and effort in ineffective pursuits when there are far more successful options available.

In conclusion, I would like to endorse any and all disciplinary actions that seek to teach through positive means and are not predicated on pain or shame. Techniques such as positive reinforcements, behavior charts, un-doing, redirection, talking to one another, etc. are far more beneficial not only to the immediate incident, but to the child's sense of self and the parent-child relationship as well. Does that answer your question?

Terry Wilamowski is a clinical therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments can be sent to terrywilamowski@yahoo.com.

# Tying the knot



Christina and Tim Luch light a Unity candle during their marriage ceremony at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.

## Couples continue to favor traditional weddings with a few personal touches

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

George Haddad has seen it all during his 22 years as a videographer — brides wearing tennis shoes, a Halloween wedding where everyone changed into costumes for the reception, but offbeat personal touches remain the exception. Since purchasing Laurel Chapel in Livonia nearly one year ago Haddad's provided ceremonies and a variety of services for dozens of brides dressed in traditional wear. Haddad works with a number of vendor partners to offer one-stop shopping for invitations, tuxedos, cakes, photography and video, and limousines at The Wedding Plaza located alongside the chapel.

"They want the white dress," said George Haddad of Livonia. "I don't think that will ever change."

While brides like Christi Yettaw of Canton continue to favor customs from past generations, they personalize their dream weddings. On Aug. 15, Yettaw marries Jeff Zilke in her bare feet on a beach in Mexico. She'll wear a long white gown but it's designed with layers of fabric to reflect the Spanish-Mexican theme. On Sept. 13, the couple returns for a reception in Jackson near their hometowns.

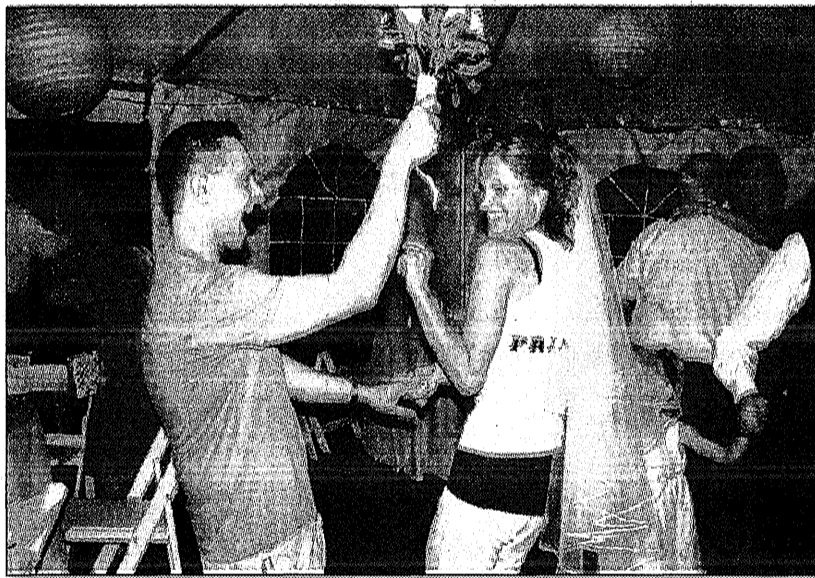
"We've never been to Puerto Vallarta but like the fun, festive culture," said Christi Yettaw, a nurse at Providence Hospital in Southfield. "We wanted to get married on a beach. In Michigan, Lake Michigan is

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Kelly and Matthew Grodzicki share a dance as a married couple during their reception at a friend's home in Ann Arbor.

Kelly Grodzicki changed into a princess T-shirt after being married in a floor length white wedding gown.



## Visitors leave event with stars in their eyes

### ASTRONOMY EXPO & SWAP

**What:** Presented by Ford Amateur Astronomy Club and Rider's Hobby Shop, the event features speakers on a variety of star-related topics, planetarium lectures at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and vendors (tables still available)

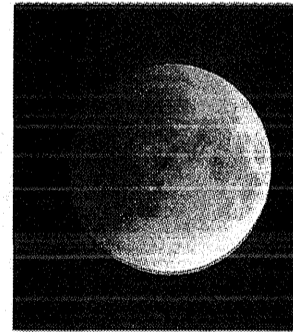
**When:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16  
**Where:** Holy Cross Church Gymnasium, 30650 Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia  
**Admission:** \$5 adults, free for children age 15 and younger. For information, call (734) 425-9720.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

John Kirchhoff has had stars in his eyes since the mid-1960s when he received a telescope for Christmas at age 13.

On Saturday, Feb. 16, Kirchhoff shares his love of the universe at the fifth annual Astronomy Expo & Swap in the Holy

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John Kirchhoff took this photograph of the last total lunar eclipse Aug. 28, 2007, in Hudson.



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# WEDDINGS

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the only beach but you can't predict the weather."

## DESTINATION

Destination weddings are the latest trend according to Beth Conway, owner of Beth's Vacation & Event Planning in Livonia. Conway is coordinating Yettaw's big day as well as several events at The Wedding Plaza (weddpalaza.com) where she is one of the partners. It's not unusual for Conway to arrange for dove releases or a violinist or harpist to celebrate the occasion. Conway's hoping it won't rain like it did on one of the beach weddings she coordinated. The ground was so mushy she had to run to the store to buy flip-flops for guests.

"Destination weddings are popular today as long as key people can come. It's still a big expense for them," said Beth Conway. "I will go if 25 or more people are going. I'm more or less a personal assistant for these brides. I coordinate it all together so they don't worry on the day of the event."

While fall weddings in September and October continue to be popular, Conway says she expects Valentine's Day 2009 to be hot. "People still like those weekend weddings. Next year it (Valentine's Day) will fall on a Friday," said Conway.

Mary Anderson wanted to be married on Feb. 14 this year but instead ties the knot at Laurel Chapel Valentine's weekend. On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Farmington Hills woman



Kelly and Matthew Grodzicki cut their wedding cake.

wears a white floor-length dress with a long train for her marriage to David Robinson who proposed two Christmases ago on a horse and carriage ride in the Lapeer/Metamora area.

## 'CHAOTIC'

"So far it's been chaotic. We've had a month to plan this," said Mary Anderson. "We have a total of six in the bridal party. It's pretty traditional with a unity candle and vows. My mom is going to do the cake."

Kelly Karalis chose a floor-length gown to wed Matthew Grodzicki, but later changed into a princess T-shirt to dance away the evening. The couple were married at St. Gerald Church in Farmington and

held the reception at a friend's home in Ann Arbor in August 2006. While Conway coordinated the event, Kelly and Matthew called on family and friends to provide the cake and photography. It took a lot of pressure off Grodzicki who had to plan the wedding in six months. She and Matthew work full time as Livonia Public Schools teachers, Kelly at Riley Upper Elementary, Matthew at Churchill High School.

"I still remember when we all arrived at the reception," said Kelly Grodzicki. "My sister, my maid of honor did the toast. We could see all the relatives and close friends were there with us. Everything was beautiful. The sun was out."

Tim and Christina Luch

were married during a candle-light ceremony at Laurel Chapel where four video cameras record every wedding. Eric Haddad, George's nephew and partner, photographed the event.

"We're both very traditional people. I knew that was the route I wanted to take regardless of being married before," said Christina Luch.

"We chose music from our past, love songs and some Christian songs," added Tim Luch, who grew up in Livonia. "We lit the candle and stopped to listen to the musicians from our family. My mom sang. Christina has three children. I have one and they were all ushers. The next day we picked all of our photos online. They were all digital."

## STREAMING VIDEO

When Haddad renovated Laurel Chapel in April 2007 he added technology like streaming video so out-of-town or infirm relatives could view the ceremony. George's Video Productions was voted best videographer by Channel 4 in 2007.

"We see high-end weddings where the bride and groom spend \$150,000 and those who have a private wedding and then go out to dinner," said Haddad. "People come in Tuesday and want to get married on Friday or want a large wedding with 300 guests, or to renew their vows."

"Lots of brides are not affiliated with a church or the groom isn't," added Chris Haddad, George's wife. "We have five ministers or you can book your own. It's nice in the summer with the gazebo, water fountain, pond and bridge for an outdoors wedding or to take photos."

Kathy Boggs is finally able to wear a white gown when she weds Dennis Weise at Laurel Chapel on Feb. 16. Her first dress was off-white. The second time she got married in Las Vegas in a pair of jeans.

"It's a traditional wedding with two maids of honor, two flower girls, two bridesmaids with my soon-to-be stepson giving me away," said Kathy Boggs of Belleville. "The kids are in the wedding. This is his second and my third. I can't wait 'cause I get to wear my white dress."

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# World War II book illuminates dark time in history

Just after the holidays, I started a new book for my reading group at the Plymouth District Library, *Suite Française* by Irène Némirovsky.

I knew it was about World War II, originally written in French by the author who was well known and regarded in that country prior to her death at Auschwitz in 1942. "Storm in June," the first novella, tells of a number of fictional characters fleeing Paris as the Germans arrive in June 1940.

"Dolce," the second novella, tells of German occupation in a town in France, and shows surprising humanity as the German soldiers are described. Indeed, a review I read in one newspaper, while admiring Némirovsky's work, wonders at this and the near-absence of hostility in descriptions of the Germans.

As in journalism, much of the interest is in the story behind the story. The appendices to the book tell of the author's being arrested "as a stateless person of Jewish descent" and sent to Auschwitz. Her husband, Michel, also died in a concentration camp, but the couple's two young daughters survived.

The author had intended to write a five-part book on what became known as World War II, but died after the first two were written. Her daughter, Denise, had the work for many years but found it too painful to read. It was only a few years ago she realized her mother had written fiction and not a diary or journal. The book was published in 2004 in France, and later translated and published here.

My favorite characters in "Storm in June" were the Michauds, Jeanne and Maurice, who work in a Paris bank. They're left behind by their unscrupulous employer as he flees Paris with his mistress. Indeed, a lot of the characters were not likable, to say the least, but that didn't make them less interesting.

Jeanne and Maurice worry about their son, a soldier, searching for him in crowds. I don't want to give away too much, but would recommend you read the book.

We'll meet at Contemporary Books 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, if you'd like to join the discussion on *Suite Française*. Coincidentally, a related invitation showed up in the mail as I was reading *Suite Française*, about an exhibit at the University of Michigan's Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library in Ann Arbor.

Letters to Sala: A Young Woman's Life in Nazi Labor Camps, a collection of rare Holocaust-era letters and photographs that are part of the collections of The New York Public Library's Dorot Jewish Division, is just a short drive away in Ann Arbor. The items — from handwritten postcards to photographs to official documents — were saved at great risk by Sala Garnarcz from the time she entered a Nazi labor camp in 1940 until her liberation in 1945, according to the library's Web site.

The collection provides a first-hand view of the Jewish victims forced to work as slave laborers. Curated by Jill Vexler, the exhibition reproducing the letters, postcards, photographs, and documents will be on view at U-M's Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library North (first floor off of the North Lobby) through March 27. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-9 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit will be open 1-4 p.m. only Saturday, Feb. 23, and will be closed on Sunday, Feb. 24. It will reopen on Monday, Feb. 25, through Thursday, March 27.

A special program, "Whose Story Is It: How an Archive Was Transformed into an Exhibition, a Book, a Play, and a Documentary Film," featuring curator Jill Vexler and Ann Kirschner (Sala's daughter and author of *Sala's Gift*), will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the Gallery of the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library, Room 100 North.

My husband remarked recently that the films *Sophie's Choice* and *Schindler's List* were two great ones that he never wanted to see again. It's true the Holocaust has generated an impressive body of literature, and I'd certainly add *Suite Française* to that list.

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## Kidney donors and recipients celebrate life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

When Karen Gaffney proposed giving one of her kidneys to a complete stranger, the sociologist for a local hospital looked at her like she was crazy. Lucky for Guy Latondress Gaffney is just a generous woman who wanted to help someone in need. On Nov. 1, 2006 the Garden City woman gave the New Boston man the greatest gift of all - life.

"It was a big birthday. I was turning 50 and was going to do something besides go to Disney World or join the Red Hat Society. I started with the Secretary of State Web site. I even contacted Tom Ryan, a disc jockey who donated a kidney to his wife to find out more then I went to the Ford plant nurse who is a friend of mine and she knew Guy needed a kidney," said Gaffney who works for Ford as a business analyst in information technology in Allen Park. "None of his family could donate. They thought he'd be on the waiting list 7 years because that's the average wait."

Gaffney and Latondress's wife Renelda began e-mailing back and forth and got the process started.

By the time Gaffney,

her husband Rob and the Latondresses met for dinner on April 29, 2006 they knew Guy and Karen were a match. By coincidence Renelda had donated one of her kidneys to her brother Julien DeBacker, Jr. at University Hospital in Ann Arbor in 1983.

"It's one thing to give to my brother but for a total stranger it had to be an act of God," said Renelda Latondress who works at Eastern Michigan in the accounting department.

"It was a surprise," added Guy Latondress, 65. "My sister was diabetic. Her kids were rejected. My niece was rejected. My brother-in-law could, but he was taking heart medicine."

Guy wasn't nervous about the transplant because he saw Renelda and Julien go through the procedure 25 years before. Rob on the other hand worries till this day.

"Karen had mentioned it a few times that she'd like to donate a kidney if not a lung," said Rob. "I'm in a panic state all the time."

Rob has only to look at the success of Renelda's and Julien DeBacker's transplant surgeries 25-years ago. On this first meeting between the Gaffneys, Latondresses



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Renelda Latondress (left seated), Julien DeBacker Jr., Guy Latondress, and Karen Gaffney gathered recently at Gaffney's Garden City home to discuss their living donor kidney transplants.

and DeBacker, Renelda and Julien looked the picture of health.

The 51-year old DeBacker even joked about his brother telling him he'd give him a kidney but if he ever needed a heart DeBacker would have to give him a heart.

Today, Gaffney continues working full time in the ITT Strategy and Organizational Development at Ford in addition to serving as vice president of the Ford Chorus which sings at Race for the Cure.

The Gaffneys and Latondresses recently met for dinner to celebrate the transplants and the good

health of Karen and Guy. Before the transplant Guy had been on dialysis three days a week since July 2005.

"I have more energy," said Guy. "I'm able to do more."

"I think it's an amazing thing," said Leah Blair, a friend of Julien DeBacker. "More people need to know about organ donation. You don't necessarily need to be a dead person (to donate)."

Gaffney says anyone interested in learning more about becoming a living donor, can send e-mail to kgaffne1@ford.com.

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## Wine tasting benefit a smashing success

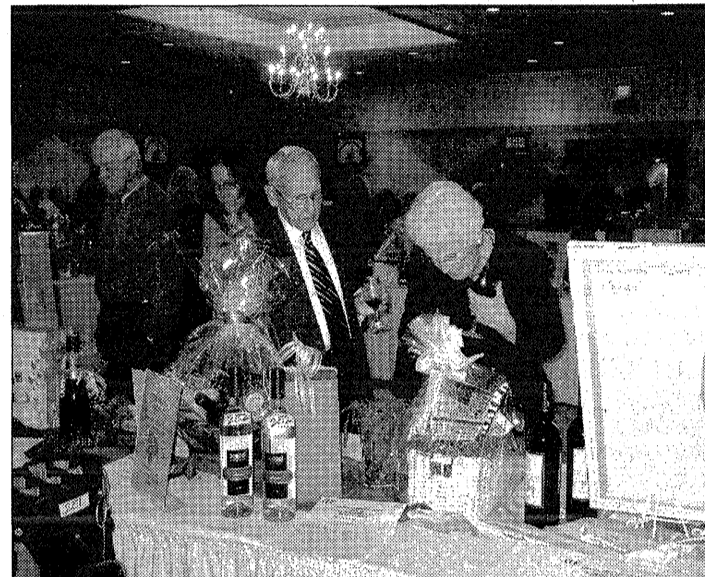
Community Opportunity Center (COC) of Livonia far exceeded its expectations by raising more than \$21,000 at its first Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction held Oct. 19, at St. Mary's Cultural & Banquet Center in Livonia.

The event featured more than 100 wines from around the world supplied by vendors invited by the major sponsor, The Fine Wine Source in Livonia.

"We appreciate the excellent support of Jim Lufty, owner of The Fine Wine Source and of the staff of St. Mary's Cultural & Banquet Center for the wonderful food they pre-

sented," said Denise King, COC executive director. "The items donated by business and volunteers for Silent Auction and Live Auction also were very important contributors to our success."

COC is a nonprofit corporation that provides leadership and oversight to nearly 100 people with developmental disabilities who live among 23 home and apartment settings in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland, and Redford. The COC fund-raising committee has started planning for the 2008 wine tasting event expected to be held in November.



Guests enjoyed bidding on the silent auction items at the Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction to benefit the Community Opportunity Center.

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## ASTRONOMY

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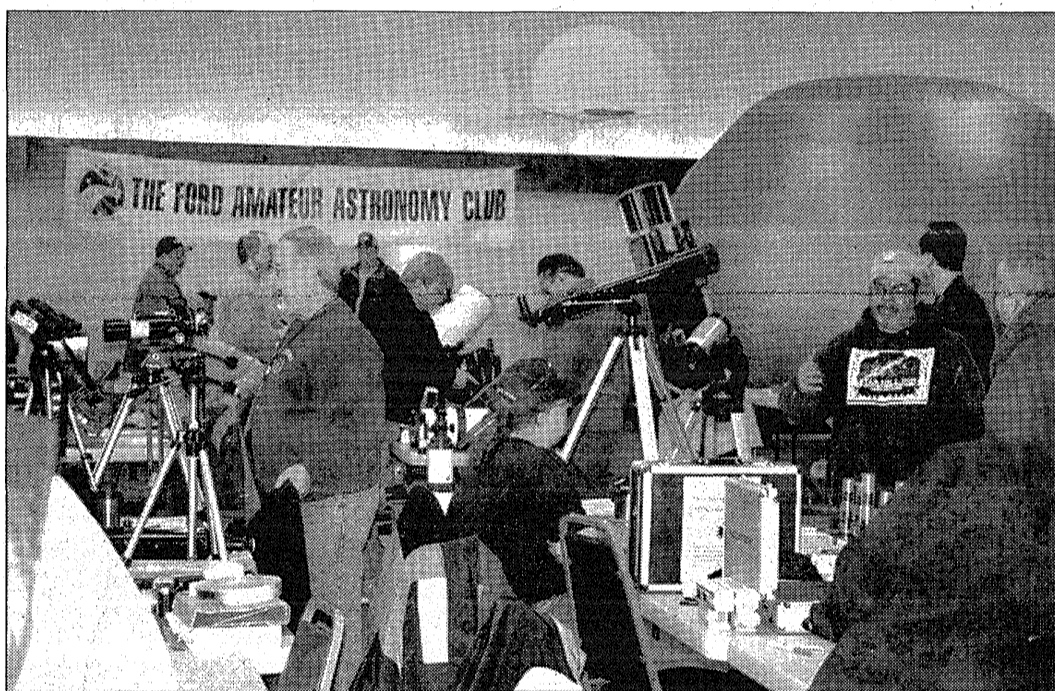
Cross Church Gymnasium in Livonia.

Presented by the Ford Amateur Astronomy Club and Rider's Hobby Shop in Livonia, the event features planetarium lectures and speakers on star-related topics as well as the opportunity to buy and sell telescopes, cameras, software, and astronomy related equipment and accessories.

"There's always this interest in knowing what's in our physical universe. You gaze at the nighttime sky and can't help but ask what's out there," said Kirchhoff, who manages Rider's Hobby Shop in Livonia. "The thing I find fascinating is no matter how much you study you're never going to know everything."

That's why Kirchhoff is especially excited about the educational sessions at this year's Astronomy Expo & Swap. At 1 p.m. he shows visitors how to clean telescopes and lenses in time for the total eclipse of the moon on Feb. 20. This is the last total lunar eclipse until Dec. 20/21, 2010.

"This event is open to everyone, kids, Scout groups. We'll have a blow-up planetarium, a plastic affair like a mini golf dome with a projector to project the stars up on the dome," said Kirchhoff. "At



The 2007 Expo and Swap drew astronomy buffs of all ages. Pictured in the background on the right is the blow-up planetarium that returns for this year's event on Feb. 16.

noon John Schroer of the New Detroit Science Center is going to talk about how to get into the hobby without spending thousands of dollars. At 2 p.m. it's Jim Frisbie on binocular observing. If you have a pair of 7-by-35 binoculars in your closet get them out. In a reasonably dark sky you can see nebulas, galaxies, star clusters."

Kirchhoff says astronomy is a nice blend of technology and the great outdoors.

"There have been a number

of advances in taking pictures and doing photography," said Kirchhoff. "It's a digital age. Another part of the hobby is the computerized telescope. Before you had to take star charts out and maps. Nowadays you click a button and it goes directly to the target, and it's not terribly expensive. That technology starts under \$300."

Kirchhoff lives in Hudson near Jackson and on a good night can see the Milky Way. That's not always possible in

the city. At 10:30 a.m. Frank Ancona talks about preserving the night sky in our neighborhoods.

"What can have a big effect is mercury lighting. Be intelligent about how you use that lighting. Direct it downward, residents, businesses," said Kirchhoff. "In many places they are starting to enact lighting ordinances to not light up the sky."

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The problem of trigger finger is worse in the morning on awakening because during sleep the body and hand cool and hand movement diminishes. These effects worsen a trigger finger tendon.

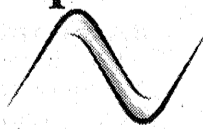
Putting the hand under warm water in the morning may suffice to reverse the contracture. In time, the trigger finger may need further therapy such as injection at the site of tissue thickening. Injecting fluid such as lidocaine or normal saline separates the tissue fibers that wrap around the tendon. If injection fails, surgery is the next step. The hand surgeon will free up the tendon by dissection of the tissue that surrounds it.

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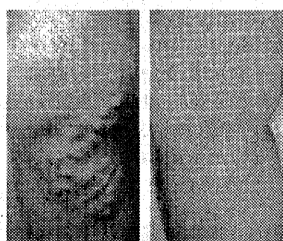


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**WEDDING**



**Luke-Ayotte**

April Marie Ayotte and Keith Alan Luke were married October 2007 at Westland Free Methodist Church with Pastor Davie Luke, uncle of the groom, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mark and Sue Ann Ayotte of Royal Oak. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Wayne Westland Schools and as a parapro in the preschool department. She was attended by Rachael Ayotte, matron of honor, and Jennifer Mulder, Stacy Luke and Tera Graves, bridesmaids. The groom is the son of Don and Annette Luke of Canton. He is a graduate of Spring Arbor University. He is associate and youth pastor at Westland Free Methodist Church. He was attended by Brian Luke, best man, Silas Mulder, Adam Davidson and Matt Kelsey, groomsmen. A reception was held at Joy Manor. The couple honeymooned at Long Boat Key in Florida. They are making their home in Westland.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

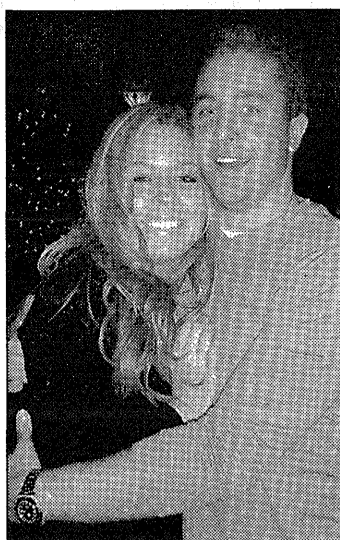


**Pryor-Zanon**

Harold Pryor of Livonia announces the engagement of his daughter, Shannon Pryor, to Jared Zanon of Denver, Colo. Shannon graduated from Western Michigan University in 2003 with a degree in business administration. She works in the office at Southpaw Electrical Corp. in Lafayette, Colo. Jared is the son of Randy and Sally Zanon of Arvada, Colo. He graduated from Metropolitan State College in Denver in 2000 with a degree in exercise science and adult fitness. He is a firefighter for the West Metro Fire Rescue in the Denver area. The couple are planning a spring 2009 wedding in Acapulco, Mexico, where they met four years ago.

**McBain-Skillman**

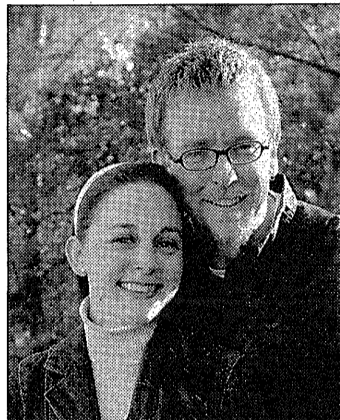
Natalie Galeana McBain of Plymouth and Brent Allen Skillman of Canton are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Roseann and Russell McBain of Plymouth. A 2003 graduate of Canton High School, she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Western Michigan University in 2006 and master's degree in human resources and industrial relations from the University of Illinois in 2007. The future groom is the son of Debra and Jack Skillman of Canton. A 2002 graduate of Canton High School, he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Western Michigan University in 2006 and is pursuing a master's degree in business



administration from Eastern Michigan University. He is currently employed as Yazaki North America in Canton. The wedding will take place on April 12, 2008, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

**Cook-Colling**

David and Ilene Cook of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Brianne Marie Cook, to Arthur William Colling III of Redford, son of Arthur and Catherine Colling of Roscommon. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and is employed by Amerisure Insurance Co. The future groom is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and is employed as a teacher at Emerson Middle School.



A June 7, 2008, wedding is planned in Troy.

**Bryan-Silver**

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Michael Bryan of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Kathryn Bryan, to Jonathan Merrill Silver, son of Mrs. Barbara Beech-Nugent of Howell and the late Timothy Silver. The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2007 graduate of Alma College. She has a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education and music. She is employed as a substitute teacher. The prospective groom is a 2002 graduate of Howell High School and a 2006 graduate of Alma College. He has a bachelor of arts degree in history and computer science. He is employed by UPS and attend-



ing seminary. A June 22, 2008, wedding is planned for First Baptist Church of Plymouth, followed by a reception at Northville Hills Golf Club in Northville.

**WEDDINGS**

**Crowe-Reinke**

Dana Lynn Crowe of Livonia and Christopher Richard Reinke of Huntington Woods were married Nov. 20, 2007, at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Livonia with the Rev. William H. Tindall officiating. The bride is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School. She received a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting and management in 2002 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. In 2005 she received a master of science in taxation from Walsh College. Dana is a certified public accountant in the tax department at Plante & Moran in Southfield. The groom is a 1998 graduate of Berkley High School. He received a bachelor science degree in mechanical engineering in 2002 and a master of science in mechanical engineering in 2004 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Chris is an engineer in product development at Chrysler in Auburn Hills.



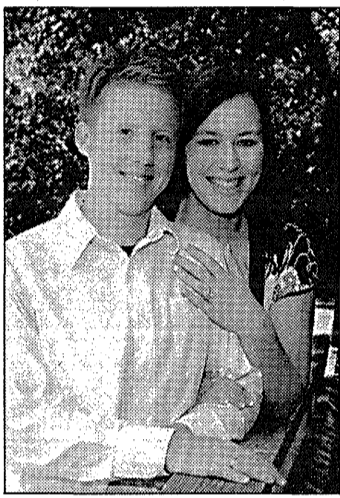
Attending the bride were Matron of Honor Stacy Crowe, her sister-in-law, and bridesmaids were Tanya Lundberg, Patti Hoffman and Sarah Lehman. Attending the groom were Best Man Patrick Reinke, brother of the groom, and groomsmen Jeff DeVoy, Jeff Lundberg and Derek Crowe. A reception was held at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. They are making their home in West Bloomfield.

**Donahue-Mroz**

Erica K. Donahue and Gary M. Mroz Jr. were married Dec. 22, 2007, at the Royal Bahamian Resort in Nassau, Bahamas. The bride is the daughter of Larry Donahue of Toledo. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan. The groom is the son of Gary and Carolyn Mroz of Las Vegas, Nevada. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy. He lived in Westland and has family in Canton. The bride was attended by her sister Stephanie Donahue. The groom was attended by his brother Nicholas Mroz. A reception was held at

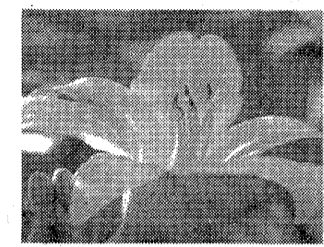


Sandals Grand Bahamian Resort. The couple are making their home in Westerville, Ohio.



**Walker-Lenz**

Neil and Beth Walker of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Karlye Renee Walker, to Allen Matthew Lenz, son of Lori Lenz of Westland. The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of John Glenn High School and is employed by Varsity Lincoln-Mercury. The future groom is a 2004 graduate of John Glenn High School. He is employed by CVS Pharmacy. A June 7, 2008, wedding is planned for Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.



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**REBECCA (BECKY) BATTY**  
Of Fairfield Glade passed away February 4, 2008. Born July 9, 1926, the daughter of Verne & Fern Busick of Orleans, Indiana. Rebecca graduated from Purdue University in 1949 the same year she married Donald Batty of Etne, New York who preceded her in death March 13, 1999. Rebecca is survived by her brother Larry & his wife Harriet Busick; children Tom & wife Janace Batty, Lynn & husband Don Polulak, Jill & husband Toby Beattie; her grandchildren Jessica Beattie, Rob Beattie, Jackie Polulak and Richard Batty; her great-granddaughter Jaden Batty and her loving companion and special dancing partner, Ben Powers. We need not forget the energy in her day to day life, Heidi (her dog). From Orleans, Indiana to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan to living on board their Cruising Trawler in Florida and the Bahamas to Fairfield Glades, Tennessee. She will be most remembered by the interest and love she placed in her friends she met in her 81 years. The family request memorials should be made to the American Lung Association.



**RUTH FRANCIS ROLLINS**  
Graduate in Concert Piano Brings Harmony to Family and Community

Ruth Francis Rollins, age 97, died peacefully on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at the Heritage of Southfield, Michigan, after a long illness. Beloved wife of Clark T. Rollins, MD, who preceded her in death on December 5, 1985 in Natrona Heights, PA, she is survived by her children, Clark T. Rollins and his wife, Frances, of Tarpon Springs, FL, and Carol Rollins Lynch and her husband, G. Michael Lynch, of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Also mourning her loss are her grandchildren: Clark Leland Rollins and D'Arcy Rollins Molloy, both of Sylvan Lake, MI; Kristin Lynch Ficery of Atlanta, GA; and Michael Scott Lynch of Darien, CT. A devoted mother, homemaker and community leader, Ruth is also survived by her sister, Vivian Gaddess of Upper St. Clair, PA, and six great-grandchildren: Devin Molloy of Sylvan Lake, MI; Charles Preston, Scott Cameron, and James Braydon Lynch all of Darien, CT; and Meredith Francis and Anna Charlotte Ficery both of Atlanta, GA. Born March 5, 1910, in Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, Virginia Ruth Francis was the daughter of Charles Blaine Francis and Molly Hays Francis. C. B. Francis is well known in the Pittsburgh area as the co-author of the Making, Shaping and Treating of Steel, a definitive book on steelmaking still used today. Ruth was raised in Brookline and graduated 2nd in her class at South Hills High School in Pittsburgh. In recognition of her academic achievement Ruth won a scholarship to Carnegie Institute of Technology. In an era when women rarely went to college, Ruth Francis studied concert piano in Carnegie Tech's School of Fine Arts and played a two hour piano concert from memory to earn her degree on June 8, 1932. What a tragedy that the disease which eventually took her life ravaged her fine memory for many years prior to her death! After college graduation, Ruth worked briefly as a pianist in a small combo providing chamber music for dinner parties and weddings. But the Great Depression was in full swing so the demand for musical entertainment at elegant parties was small. She switched to social work and did home visitations for the Relief Board-a career she found very fulfilling. She and Clark Rollins eloped on July 31, 1934 after his graduation from Pitt Medical School. In lieu of a college placement service, they got in their car and drove up route 28 along the Allegheny River stopping in each small town to ask if they needed a doctor. When they arrived in Natrona Heights, PA, they heard the answer they wanted to hear, and they took up residence at 1522 Broadview Blvd. where they remained until Dr. Rollins' death in 1985. Both Ruth and Clark made significant contributions to the community. Clark was a much loved general practitioner who delivered babies to women he had delivered. He also served as chief of staff at Allegheny Valley Hospital. He was most proud of his contribution to the educational system in Natrona Heights. While on the Harrison Township School Board he made improvements in the high school-a library, science laboratories, and advanced placement classes-which enabled the high school to earn its much needed accreditation. Ruth, in addition to being a wonderful homemaker and mother, served as President of the Women's Civic Club, member of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary and pro-bono buyer for the Hospital Gift Shop. A loyal member of Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church, Ruth sang in the church choir. She was also a fine bridge player with master points to her credit. As a couple, Ruth and Clark enjoyed their membership at Brackenridge Heights Country Club. Ruth remained in the family home until she moved to Florida in 1992, a total of 58 years of residence in Natrona Heights. On March 5th of 2008, Ruth would have been 98 years old. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Friday 4pm until time of service at 7pm. Additional visitation at Krynicki Funeral Home, 1007 Freepoint Road, Natrona Heights, PA, Monday 7-9pm. Funeral Tuesday, 11am at Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church, 1428 Broadview, Natrona Heights, PA. Interment in Mt. Airy Cemetery, Natrona Heights, PA.

**PRICY BROWNING**  
February 4, 2008 age 80. Burial at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne, MI. UHT Funeral Home, Westland, MI

**JAMES D. MEADOWS**  
Age 87 passed away in South Lyon. James was a worldwide traveler and life-long pinnacle player. He was also very active in all sports. In his later years, he was a senior weight lifter and won several awards. He is survived by Doris, his loving wife of 67 years, and his children: June (Donald) Gregory, Roy (Karen), Rick, and Darryl. He is also survived by six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and his brother J. T. Meadows. He was preceded in death by his sister Myrtle. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home 122 West Lake (10 Mile and Pontiac Trail) South Lyon, MI 48178. Funeral service will be held Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions in loving memory of James are requested to the Salvation Army 16130 Northland Drive Southfield, MI 48075.

**IMRE F. NYILAS**  
Age 69, of Farmington, MI, passed away Feb. 6, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



**PAUL E. PROKOPY**

Age 79, February 6, 2008. Beloved husband of Mary. Loving father of Marty (Debbie), Lydia Mary, and Ann (Michael) Gardner. Grandfather of Kyle and Matthew. Brother of Lois (Rev. Arthur) Doring. Services were held Saturday, February 9th at Grace Lutheran Church in Redford. Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia.

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**DAVID EUGENE SAYLER**  
Of Novi. Passed Feb. 5, 2008. Services Tuesday, Feb. 12th at Hunt Funeral Home, Crawfordsville, IN. 765-362-0440.

**EDWARD A. SMITH**  
Age 86, Feb. 5, 2008, of Livonia. Loving father of Pamela (James) Voskopi, Jeffery (Marilyn), the late Neil (Jeanie), Lisa Filar and Don Duncan. Dear brother of Margaret Gooding. Loving grandfather of Tami, Jamie, Maxwell, Mackenzie, Tom, Jessica & Bradley. Great-grandfather of Alex, Alyssa, Olivia, Edward II and Brendan. Preceded in death by his wife Norma. Funeral Service Friday 11am at the R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Thursday 1-9pm. Please sign Edward's online guestbook at: www.rgrrharris.com

**RONALD K. SMITH**  
Age 60, Novi, MI, passed away February 4, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

**BETTY FRANCES TROST**  
Passed away February 4, 2008 in Rochester Hills, Michigan at the age of 87. Betty was born in Roanoke, Virginia on August 15, 1920 to Anna and Frank H. Todd. She was an active member of the First church of Christ Scientists, Birmingham, Michigan and volunteered at the Christian Science Reading Room for many years. An ardent gardener, she enjoyed many years as a volunteer in the House and Gardens Auxiliary at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She was also an accomplished tennis player winning many tournaments in Ohio, California and Michigan. Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Norman F. Trost, her son, Fred Trost, her parents, and sister, Annette Fleming. She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Trost Corrado of Sweeny, Texas. Her grandchildren, Cody Corrado of Sweeny, Texas; Zachary Trost and wife Kim of E. Lansing, Michigan; and Tara Trost Wilson and husband Matt of Okemos, Michigan. Also, her great-grandchildren, Allyson, Findlay, Dylon, and Emma Wilson; and Brytani, Tyler and Samantha Trost. Services will be held for Betty at Poplar Hill Cemetery in Vandalia, Ohio at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations could be sent to a church or charity of one's choice. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.cremationmichigan.com

**SHIRLEY JEAN WATSON**  
Age 86 passed away on February 6, 2008 surrounded by her three children, following a short illness. Shirley was predeceased by her husband, D. James Watson, Jr. in 2002. Devoted mother of Susan Watson-Brodie (Ronn), Sally Watson-Menkell (Allan) and David Watson. Very proud grandmother of Susan Watson, Allyson (nee Brodie) Lawrence (Jared), Ian Brodie, and Zachary and Seth Menkel. A private memorial celebration will be held at a later date. Memorial tributes may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Volunteers or Michigan Humane Society. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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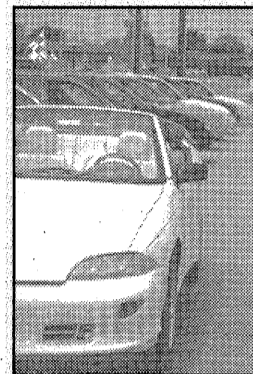
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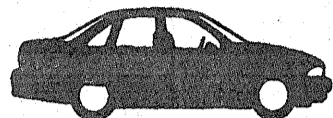
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## Santa Fe fills crossover niche nicely

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### CAReport



By Dave Menard  
Avanti News Features

Hyundai is one of those manufacturers that may not be top-of-mind when you're deciding what kind of vehicle to purchase next, but the Korean carmaker is actually competitive in just about every segment.

Known first for its 10-year, 100,000 mile warranty (which is still the standard warranty), Hyundai can make a case that it should be known by its vehicles, and that includes its crossover SUV, the 2008 Santa Fe Limited.

Redesigned for the 2007 model year to be longer and wider than the previous version, changes for the 2008 model are limited to equipment packages. The Limited is actually the top-of-the-line version of the Santa Fe (in addition to the base GLS and the SE) and it's a nice package. It comes with 18-inch alloy wheels, fog lamps, heated outside mirrors, roof rack side rails, and a body-color rear spoiler. The front grille and headlights are actually shared with Hyundai's HCD9 Talus concept car, and they look sharp and aggressive.

Inside, the Limited is easy to get comfortable with. The standard leather power seats are comfortable, provide good support and can be heated. A power seat for the passenger's side is optional. There's plenty of leg and head room in the front cabin and there's plenty of storage, too. The center console provides two-level storage, and there's a small storage compartment in the top of the dash. There are map pockets in each of the front doors and there are four 12-volt power outlets.

The rear seats, as you would expect in any SUV, fold down for more cargo space - 78.2 cubic feet total. You can order a third row seat for the Santa Fe. The test vehicle didn't have it, so I can't tell you how much room you'd have with it, but Hyundai claims you'll get more legroom with their third-row seat than with comparable third-row seats in the Acura MDX, Honda Pilot or Volvo XC90. If you're thinking about that third row, find one at a dealer and test it for yourself.

The interior is well done. The woodgrain touches in the center stalk and around the interior



The 2008 Hyundai Santa Fe. Built in Alabama, the Santa Fe Limited has lots of nice standard features.

are nice, and the instrument panel is well laid out. The cluster includes a tachometer and a coolant temperature gauge. The blue backlighting adds a nice touch, and the controls for the audio system and climate control system are logically laid out on the center stalk. There's a trip computer, and an auto-dimming rear-view mirror that includes a compass and a HomeLink garage door opener.

Dual-zone air-conditioning is standard on the Limited, as are a leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls, power windows, doors and locks, power, heated outside mirrors, keyless entry with alarm, and cruise control. In a change from last year, a power sunroof is now included as standard equipment on the Limited.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD/mp3 system by Infinity that includes ten premium speakers, a six-disc CD changer and is rated at a whopping 605 watts. An XM satellite radio is included and it comes with three months of service. A rear-seat DVD entertainment system is also available as an option.

Also available as an option (\$1,750) is a navigation system. It looks nice and is easy to use; it's integrated into the audio system.

The Santa Fe Limited is powered by a 3.3-liter V6 engine, and it's pretty good. It's rated at 242 horsepower and 226 lb.-ft. of torque, enough to get you moving fairly quickly, and merging and passing are no problem. Gas mileage isn't bad for an SUV, either - 17/24 mpg - and it takes regular fuel.

The engine is mated with a standard five-speed automatic transmission with a lock-up torque converter and manual shift control. The Santa Fe comes as a front-wheel drive vehicle; you can get an all-wheel drive system as an option.

The Santa Fe Limited provides a good ride, not too harsh while still allowing you road feel. The

front suspension is a MacPherson strut system with coil springs gas shocks and anti-roll bar. In the rear, it's a multi-link system, with coil springs gas shocks and an anti-roll bar. The power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering system makes the Santa Fe easy to handle and maneuver. The ride is pretty quiet, too.

Traction control and electronic stability control - which reduces engine power in certain situations to correct under- or oversteer - are standard. The Limited is full of other safety features, as well, including anti-whiplash head restraints, six airbags, including side curtains, anti-lock brakes with brake assist and electronic brake distribution, which determines which axle needs the most stopping power and applies the correct amount of force to the brakes. The Santa Fe also features a tire pressure monitoring system.

The 2008 Santa Fe Limited starts at about \$28,000, and includes just about everything you might need. Add the carpeted floor mats and the navigation system and you're at a shade under \$30,000.

Hyundai first became famous for its excellent warranties, and the warranty on the 2008 Santa Fe Limited is no exception - a five-year, 60,000 mile bumper-to-bumper warranty, and a 10-year, 100,000 powertrain warranty. Five years of roadside assistance is also included.

If Hyundai wasn't on your SUV radar before, the Santa Fe Limited shows that it probably should be now. The Santa Fe Limited is a darn nice mid-size SUV.

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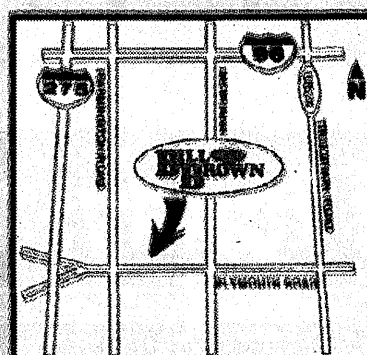
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## Not fiction: Bradbury lets rays of sunshine into your life

The Bradbury (D4948) is a simply designed home with a lot of character, both inside and outside. The exterior is brick with uniquely shaped windows. It has a large front door with window panels on each side, a covered front porch with pillars, and an added touch of shutters on the front window. The two-car garage is on the right side, with one big door, a window

on the front, and accent lights on the sides.

Once inside the Bradbury, the foyer leads to the great room in the rear and the kitchen, nook, and dining room on the right. The kitchen is C-shaped, with the pantry and refrigerator on the front wall. A door opens into the garage, next to a good-sized utility. The nook has a large window on the side and patio doors

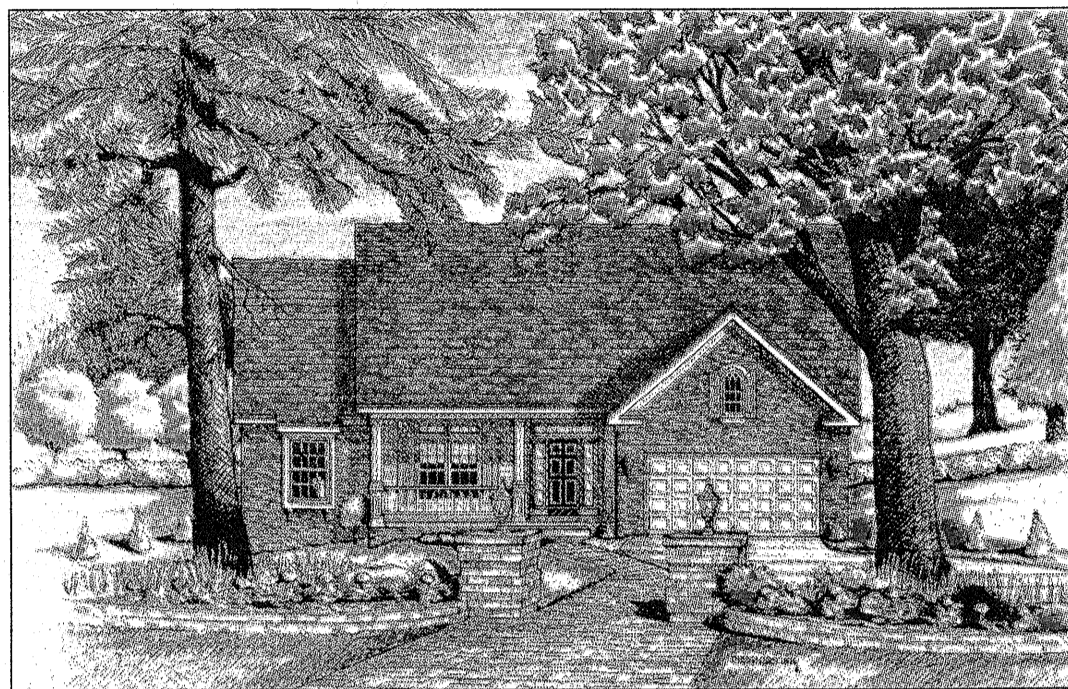
in the rear that open onto the covered stoop.

The dining room is adjacent to the great room. Large windows facing the rear light the room and make it pleasant for those evening meals. The great room has an 11-foot ceiling and a fireplace in the rear. The room is open and spacious, ideal for family gatherings and entertaining.

The master suite is located in rear of this great home, on the left side. It has large suite area with three windows overlooking the backyard. The master bath has a shower, spa tub, "his and her" sinks, with the walk-in closet to the rear.

Two bedrooms are located on the left side and in the front of the Bradbury. This is ideal for smaller children as the rooms are close to the master suite. A full bath is in the hallway, convenient to both bedrooms and the rest of the home. A large linen closet is also in the hallway.

Stairs to the unfinished 1,758 square foot basement are adjacent to the linen closet. With this basement added to

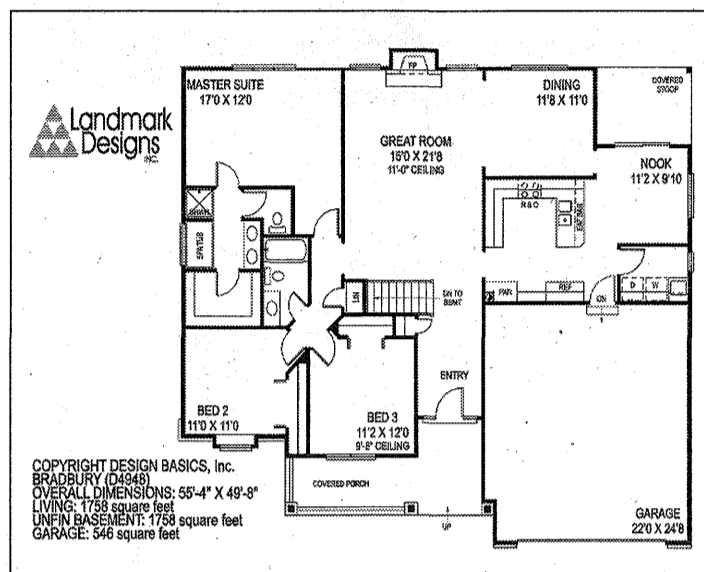


the 1,758 square feet in the Bradbury, this would make an ideal starter home for a young family. It would provide an area to expand if the need would arise.

For a study plan of the BRADBURY (D4948), send

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Free homebuying Seminar for Single Women Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, near Farmington and Five Mile roads. Sponsored by Marcia Hermann of Keller Williams and Steve Scheel of Success Mortgage Partners. The home buying process and mortgage approval process will be discussed. Call (734) 452-1084 to reserve a space.

#### Investors

Timothy Low, C.P.A., will discuss the benefits of renting properties and understanding the tax consequences of "find, fix and flip" activity, including forming an entity, bookkeeping systems and maximizing your deductions. The program is sponsored by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland Thursday, Feb. 14; 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. ([www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.com))

#### BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a lien law seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law and Lien Procedures." Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for

guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 9-10:30 a.m. at association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

In this second of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses "Starting Correctly" using materials and methods that result in Green Built certification. The training is free for

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

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present another in its series of Certified Graduate courses — "Estimating" — on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will instruct remodelers and

small-to-mid volume builders on estimating insurance and profit, quantity takeoff for various materials, labor and equipment productivity issues, and subcontractor bid considerations. The course counts toward Certified Graduate Builder, Certified Graduate Associate, and Certified Graduate Remodeler certificates.

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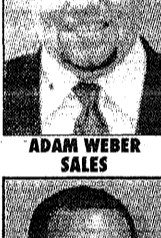
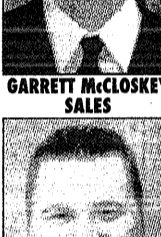
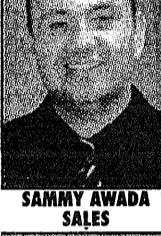
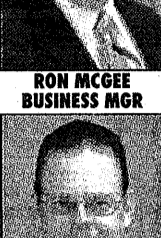
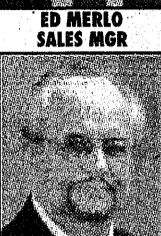
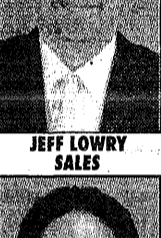
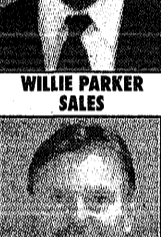
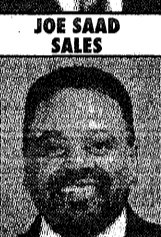
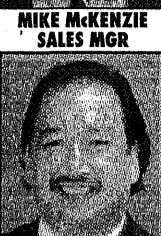
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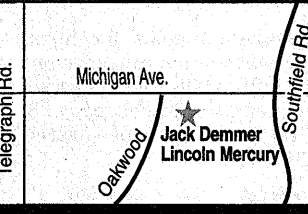
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