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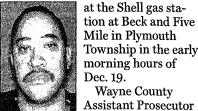
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Guard's note warned of potential bloodshed

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

A note Wayne County prosecutors say was written by murder suspect Darren Johnson warned "any blood that may be spilled could have been avoided," and was written within minutes of the argument that led to the death of a shift supervisor at Scott Correctional Facility in Plymouth Township.

Police found the note in Johnson's Dodge Durango parked on Belle Isle hours after Lt. Joseph Candie was shot to death after a heated argument



morning hours of Dec. 19. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Christine Kowal read portions of the

note into the record Friday at the preliminary hearing for Johnson, 44, of Redford, a guard at Scott who is charged with one count of firstdegree murder and one felony weap-

After listening to more than two hours of testimony, 35th District Court Chief Judge John MacDonald bound Johnson over for trial on both counts. He's scheduled for arraignment March 7 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Candie's fiance, Sherry Brandon, testified Candie called her in the early morning hours of Dec. 19. During tha /conversation, she testified, she heard Candie say, "Hey D.J." - a reference, Brandon said, to Johnson — after which he told Brandon he'd call her back. Brandon also test/fied she'd had conversations

with Candie, 39, of Detroit, about "writing up" Johnson for discrepancies on the job.

Later that day, police found Johnson in a rest room on Belle Isle, the apparent victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. A .38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver was found within inches of Johnson's hand, according to testimony from Detroit Police Officer Steven Schmekel.

Kowal and defense attorney Joseph Dillard stipulated to a statement from a Michigan State Police forensics expert that spent casings found on Belle Isle and casings found at the

Shell station earlier in the day were all fired from the gun found near Johnson.

In a search of Johnson's Durango, police found the note. While Kowal wouldn't release the note, portions she read into the record indicated there had been prior issues between Johnson and Candie. Kowal indicated the note had been written while Johnson waited in the prison parking lot for Candie the morning of the shooting.

"I have just loaded my .38 revolver

Please see NOTE, A5

City to switch water mains

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city officials are confident the switch to a temporary water connection on Saturday to accommodate construction of the Sheldon Road underpass won't be noticeable to residents when they shower, wash clothes or clean dishes.

The move to have the city's water supply re-routed through Plymouth Township via three temporary connections comes long before Wayne County's plan to replace the 36-inch water main under the Sheldon Road construction site - which carries all of the city's water supply from Detroit - by April 30.

"We're doing this well in advance of the immediate need," said City Manager Paul Sincock. "Part of the reason is to avoid any potential problems while crews are working near the existing 36-inch water main. We'll already be on the by-pass system, so we won't be affected by anything that may occur to that pipe.'

Sincock said installation of the by-pass connections should be completed by noon Saturday. City and township officials are convinced the switch will be completed successfully because the same

temporary system was tested in March 2006, when Wayne County was originally expected to replace the current water main at the construction site.

"Last year, we found both the city and township water systems operated normally, and we're basically going to duplicate that same test this weekend," added Sincock. "We'll continue the temporary system for about the next 60 days."

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said if all goes as planned, the new water main could be installed within weeks

"The current schedule calls for the contractor to be done by the first week of April," said Helmkamp. "Barring anything unforeseen, we've got some opportunity to hit our target."

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department says if the new water main isn't installed by April 30, it will have to be delayed until the fall. That could push the \$15 million project past its December 2008 completion date.

The city's Municipal Services Department offices will be staffed on Saturday from 8 a.m. through noon for residents to report any irregularities. The number at Municipal Services is (734) 453-7737.



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Denise Picard sells lots of truffles to Vince Magi. He stops by once a week to buy a new supply.

Truffle treats

'Candy Man' covers kindness with chocolate

BY NATALIE BURG CORRESPONDENT

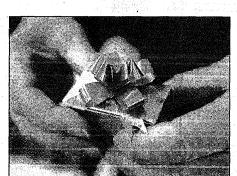
To hear Vincent Magi talk about it, you'd think his weekly ritual was a habit anyone might have.

"I just go and buy them from the House of Fudge, and when I go to church I pass them out to people," Magi said. What makes this man special, however, is that what he buys from downtown

Plymouth's House of Fudge every week is 72 boxes of truffles, which he hands out, not only at his church, but also at his local grocer, credit union, pharmacy and wherever he may happen to find himself. "Of course, my wife thinks I'm crazy,"

the 78-year-old retired school teacher said, laughing. But the recipients of his gifts certainly don't share that sentiment. Denise Picard, owner of House of

Fudge, doesn't just supply Magi with his truffle boxes, but is a beneficiary of his



Each pair of truffles is nicely wrapped.

kindness.

"He brings us Michigan State hats," she said, gesturing to a stack of green and white baseball caps. "He's just a happy-go-lucky guy. They call him 'The Candyman."

According to Picard, Magi has been coming into the House of Fudge to buy candies to distribute for a few years now.

"Very rarely do you see someone who does something like this just because," Picard said. "I don't know why he does

Neither does Magi, really.

"I just enjoy this," he said. "I would go to the House of Fudge, and I would see (truffles) there and I'd say, 'What are these?' They're so good," he said. "They just melt in your mouth. At first I'd take a box, then two boxes, three boxes, and then I started passing them out.'

And now it's a habit he has no intention of kicking.

"The expression on the people's faces when you hand it to them," Magi said. "At church I tell them, 'Now this isn't for before Mass. You have to wait until after Mass."

By now, his regular recipients at his church and grocery store expect to see

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On one of his many trips to Cuba, Jack Kenny of Quicksilver Photo in

Plymouth took this picture of a Cuban resident who keeps Che Guevara

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Student radio station silenced

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When problems occur at radio and television stations that affect programming, they're generally blamed on "technical difficulties."

Listeners of WSDP-FM, the student-run radio station operating out of Salem High School, will have to wait until sometime this week to tune into their favorite programs because "technical difficulties" have kept the station off the air since Sunday, Feb. 17.

"We went off about 7:35 a.m. and tried to go back on," said Bill Keith, station manager of 88.1 The Escape. "We tried to go back on, but we ended up reflecting our power back to the transmitter.

"They found some corrosion on the co-ax line that connects the transmitter

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to the antenna," he added. "We're hoping to be back on the air sometime early next

For a station that receives its operating funds from the Plymouth-Canton Schools operating budget and radiothons, any cost associated with getting the station back on the air is money that could be put toward other uses.

"The early estimate was a couple of thousand dollars.' Keith said. "We have the money from fund-raisers over the past several years, but it's like robbing Peter to pay Paul, taking money from other options.

"But if we don't have the connection and we can't be heard ... I guess we'll just have to bite the bullet," he added.

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STAFF WRITER At least five attorneys have

have to file until April 29.

Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township. Candidates must be an attorpetitions with 600-1,000 valid registered voter signa-

Plakas, who ran in November 2006 against incumbent Judge Ron Lowe who was re-elected to a third term — said he expects plenty of competition for the open seat, a race which is much different than battling a sitting judge.

"I witnessed the power of 45. "Last time we didn't get





involved in the process until

May, which gave us only six

months to campaign. This

time we've already started,

and we're light years ahead.

frontrunner, but everybody

will know I'm a very worthy

in the 2006 campaign, pre-

\$100,000 to win this year's

than 20 years, believes his

experiences clerking for for-

mer Judge Jim Garber and

MacDonald, as well as his

current position as prosecutor

for the city of Plymouth, gives

him an edge. But according to

Miller, having been a life-long

dicted it will take at least

Plakas, who spent \$96,000

Miller, an attorney for more

opponent."

I'm not calling myself the



Hopefuls already lining up for court seat



about \$5,000.

a difference," added Miller,

Snow appears to have

the support of at least some

members of the Republican

Party. Her Feb. 19 fund-

raiser attracted about 150

people, including Michigan

Attorney General Mike Cox

and his wife, Wayne County

Commissioner Laura Cox, as

well as state Rep. Phil LaJoy,

"As much as this office is

about the law, it's also about

people," said Snow, 45. "As a

community activist, I've got-

ten to know a lot about the

people of the 35th District.

their sense of community and

"As your judge, I will work

hard every day to be a positive

role model for our children

community a safe place to

and to continue to make our

Barone, the most junior of

the candidates at age 36, made

it known last year he'd be in

what they expect from their

public servants.

live," she added.

R-Canton Township.

whose gathering of about 60

supporters Feb. 15 netted him



the race. He's expressed a desire to work with the youth in the commu-

nity. "A district judge is in a great posi-

tion to make

a positive impact on the lives of young people," Barone said. "Many times the difference between a young person leading a life of hardship vs. a life of success comes down to choices they make while growing up. A district judge has a great responsibility to reach the young people that come before him or her to positively

influence their lives.' Butler said he served his country in the military, and he'd like to end his career in public service.

"Forty years ago I started my adult life in the Coast Guard Academy, and I'd like to end it with service to the community," said Butler, 60, a former military trial judge. "That's a lot of my motivating factor.

"I've had a lot of experiences in both the military and afterward in Michigan's legal system," he added. "I think I've developed a conscience and a judgment that will be beneficial to the community."

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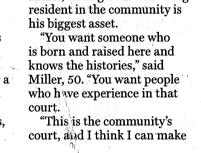
BY TONY BRUSCATO

emerged as candidates for the 35th District Court judgeship that will become available when Chief Judge John MacDonald, 72, retires at the end of this year after 24 years on the bench. While candidates don't

Cameron Miller, Joe Barone and Art Butler, all of Plymouth Township, and Martha Snow and Jim Plakas, both of Northville Township, have all indicated they are in the race for the six-year term which pays \$139,272 annually. The court serves Plymouth,

ney, reside in the 35th District Court boundaries and submit

the incumbency," said Plakas,





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How to Install Ceramic Tile 2 p.m. -Home Depot

Dressed for Success: "Putting the Finishing Touches on your Room" 3 p.m. -

Interiors by Decorating Den

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'Plan C' makes nice new home for store owners

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth certainly has been "home sweet home" for Carol

After moving her Home Sweet Home antiques shop from Trenton to downtown Plymouth on Ann Arbor Trail, business has been booming. So much, in fact, the store has made more since it opened in the early days of November

than it did all year Downriver. "We've done very well the first few months, we've always got people in here," said Uber, who owns the store with her husband, Bob May. "We're really excited about being here. We chose Plymouth because of all the activities that happen here, the lovely downtown and all the shops and restaurants.

Some would consider the move a stroke of genius on Uber's part. But, maybe Lady Luck had a hand in the fortunes of Uber and May.

"I really wanted to stay in Trenton because that's where I live and I had a lot of people who were customers for 20 years," said Uber, who ran the business out of her home for 16 years before renting a storefront the past five. "But, because of layoffs, there's not a $lot\ of\ disposable\ income\ down$ there. And, I certainly don't sell anything you need.

"We decided to build in Dexter, and that fell through," she said. "Plymouth was really

Uber said her first visit to Plymouth was only a drive through, and she was convinced moving downtown would be a mistake.

Without even getting out of the car, I thought there were too many stores like mine and we just kept driving," said Uber. "But, a lot of my customers told me to check it out.

So, Bob and I spent a whole day in Plymouth and found this building," she said. "The landlord (Rick Reid) let us design it, and we gutted it

from ceiling to floor." Everything in the store is new, except - of course - the

antiques. "Half the store is made up of antiques, with the other half new merchandise," she said. "We sell decorative antiques,



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Carol Uber owns Home Sweet Home, on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown

Owner Mary Uber moved Home Sweet Home to Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth from its previous location Downriver.

the kind you take home to decorate with, not the kind you sell on eBay. I'm very particular in what I buy."

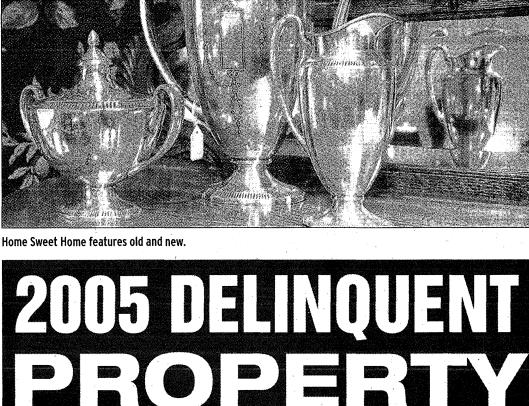
Home Sweet Home features a number of individual room vignettes - a bedroom, dining room, parlor and garden room – visual suggestions for customers on how to display the antiques in their own

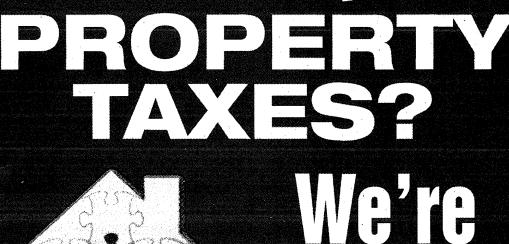
"I love antiques, and it's beautiful the way she displays everything," said Cherylee Hilton, 47, of Canton. "She has a lot of different items in here, very quality pieces. I love everything in here."

For Uber and May, the store is just an extension of what

they love to do the most. "Our favorite thing to do is to shop for antiques," said Uber. "I love to decorate, I love antiques, I love to mix the two. What a better way to fulfill your habit.

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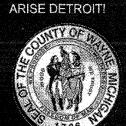
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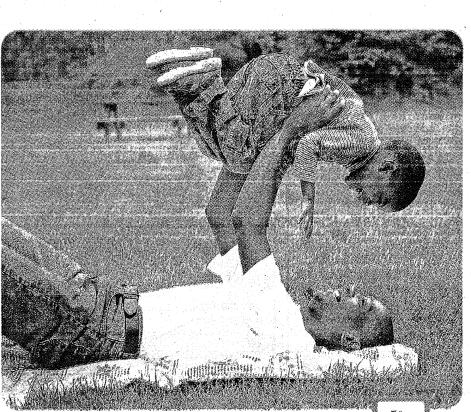
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Toxic toys

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

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

Preschool information night

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

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

Bowling fund-raiser

Students from East and Pioneer middle schools in Plymouth and Marshall Middle School in Westland are raising money for the People to People Student Ambassador Program, which sends students to other countries as Student Ambassadors to meet and learn from foreign students and representatives of other nations. The students - Richard McCutcheon of East Middle School, Abbey Jarrett of Pioner Middle School and John Puterbaugh and John Hollenbeck of Marshall Middle School - had to qualify for the honor.

The Bowling Fun Raiser will be at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, March 2. Tickets are \$15 and include three games of bowling, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and a soft drink.

For tickets or more information, call Roy McCutcheon, (734) 398-5676 or (734) 748-5803.

Classic movies

The March "Thursday Classics" movie series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth marks "Hitchcock Month" and will feature clas-

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The schedule for March has Stranger on a Train March 6; Dial "M" for Murder, March 13; North by Northwest, March 20; and Trouble with Harry, March 27.

Box office opens at 6:30 p.m.; movies start at 7 p.m. All seats are \$3.

The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman. For more information, call (734) 453-0870.

Sagear scholarship

Students wanting to apply for the Sagear-Rotary Scholarship have until April 1 to get in their applications.

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also shown an appreciation of
others and a commitment to
their community.

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

Information and applications on the Sagear-Rotary
Scholarship are posted at
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returned to Debra Madonna,
Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.,
40200 Pinetree, Plymouth,
MI 48170. The award will be
announced April 25.

Tiny Tots Preschool

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

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

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

Civitan essays

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

March 13, 2008

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning

Board of Appeals THURSDAY, March 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The

meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER

ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Steven Johnson,

1. Bryan Amann, 355 North Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48187,

for light industrial property located at 39740 Warren Road, north

side of Warren Road between Lotz Road and the train tracks,

appealing Buildings and Building Regulations Article V, Section

All written comments need to be submitted to the Charter Township

of Canton, Clerk's Office 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI

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Senior spellers

Plymouth area seniors gathered at the Plymouth Manor on Wednesday for a spelling bee sponsored by Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency. The Plymouth District Library's Susan Stoney and 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou acted as 'Bee Masters.' For more photos from the event, see the gallery on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

annual essay contest with first-, second- and third-place winners winning \$500, \$300 and \$200, respectively.

Any student under 21 who is enrolled as a full-time student in any high school – public, private or parochial - in the Plymouth-Canton School District can compete.

The topic this year is: "Today, there are 6.7 billion people living on the planet Earth. Over 300 million live in the United States alone. In such a crowded world, do the actions of one individual matter? Can the one have an impact on the many – for good or for bad? Is there any point in policing our own actions when there are so many other people counteracting our gains? If it's possible to make a significant change, how could one person go about doing it?"

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

Child seat clinic

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

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

Money management seminar

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

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

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

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

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

Bowling fund-raiser

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

Check-in begins at 2:30 p.m., with bowling to start at 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 per adults, \$12 per youth, and includes two games of nine-pin, no-tap bowling, two slices of pizza and Cosmic Lights. Shoe rental available for 99 cents. A 50/50 raffle and door prizes will also be available.

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

Charity bowlathon

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

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

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

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 to let her know what items you wish to donate by Feb. 28. The baskets will 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 Creflo at (248) 374-0501.

Fall festival

■ The Plymouth Fall
Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall
Festival, scheduled for Sept.
5-7. Ten-by-ten foot spots will be \$75 per day or \$200 for the three-day weekend.

Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

■ Businesses interested in participating in the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 5-7 may sponsor the entertainment venues, or have a booth downtown during the festival. Sponsorships can include ads in the Fall Festival Guide, banners on the stage, and many other great ways to get exposure for your business.

Visit www.plymouthfallfestival.com for application forms or call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

Penn Grill & Bar 820 Penniman Proposed 2nd Floor Seating and Bathrooms Zoned: B-2, Central Business Applicant: DJ Maltese Consulting, LLC

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

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

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

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Organizational Meeting -4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
(No Appointments)

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Monday, March 10, 2008

Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only) Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only) Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.

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Thursday, March 13, 2008

Friday, March 14, 2008

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

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK Charter Township of Canton

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STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice his hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on MARCH 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.

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'CANDY MAN'

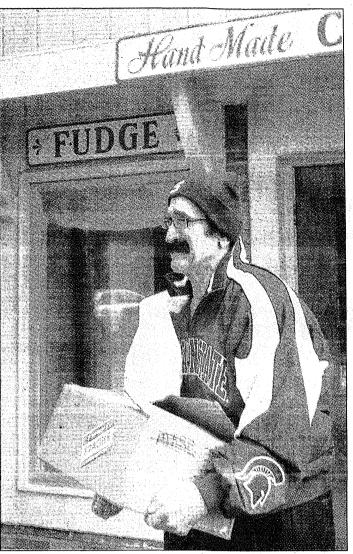
the truffle boxes tumbling from his pockets each week. Some have expressed their gratitude with thank you notes or kind words, while one young lady even made him a Michigan State blanket.

But the gratefulness of those on his regular route isn't what keeps Magi going. In fact, he always tries to give out chocolates to brand new people each week to see their surprise.

"Sometimes I just walk up to a person at Kroger," he said, "someone really good-looking and say, 'Here, this is from the House of Fudge in Plymouth, and you're getting this because you're good-looking.' It's a lot of fun for me."

Magi, who worked for Detroit Public Schools for 35 years, now lives in Canton with his wife, Karen. The couple has one daughter, Lisa, and two grandchildren. Magi hopes his random acts of kindness will be a positive example for Sydney, 7, and Hunter, 5. The message should be coming through loud and clear. After all, they aren't just the Candyman's grandkids; they're also recipients of his gifts.

"Oh, yeah," Magi laughed,
"I've got to save one for them."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Vince Magi leaves the House of Fudge with a new supply of truffles.

NOTE FROM PAGE A1

... and (Candie) is walking to his car," the note read, according to Kowal. "The war is on."

One witness, Aaron Yates, testified he was passing the Shell station that morning and heard three gunshots. When he looked over, he said, he saw someone standing upright, and saw the muzzle flash of a gun. He admitted, though, he

couldn't identify the shooter or see what he was shooting at.

Another witness, Jerry
Protiva, testified he pulled into
the station on his way to work
and observed two AfricanAmerican men in what he
described as a "heated argument." Protiva said the argument escalated into gunfire, at
which point he scrambled into
his car and left the station.

Dillard asked MacDonald to bind Johnson over on lesser charges of either manslaughter or second-degree murder, a suggestion MacDonald refused to consider. Kowal said the first-degree murder charge "is not even a close question."

"You have overwhelming evidence of premeditation, including 12 gunshots (from a six-shot revolver) with six of them center mass, and several hours later you have the murder weapon in (Johnson's) possession," Kowal said. "This was a heinous and senseless crime, and very brutal in its nature."

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Deadline Monday for video contest

The deadline to register your high school team for the Buddy's Pizza/Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers public service video contest is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25.

The winning team will receive \$1,000 to be divided among the participating students.

Schools throughout the tricounty area are invited to produce a 30-second PSA video focusing on teen issues.

"The contest will give high school students an opportunity to send a powerful message that impacts their peers and the community on topics including, but not limited to, the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, 'drugs, bullying, cyber-bullying and violence," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's.

Completed student PSA videos are due by midnight Tuesday, April 1. They will

stay on the Buddy's Web site throughout April for the public to view and vote for their favorite video. Detroit media professionals will select the winner from the top 10 public favorites.

Student teams interested in participating should e-mail or fax their school name, student project manager and name of high school adviser with address, telephone and e-mail contact to Buddy's Pizza, Attn: Michelle at (248) 855-6329 or mlawton@buddyspizza.com by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25.

CONTEST RULES

Each video must include some representation of Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric or Mirror Newspapers (i.e. filmed at a Buddy's Pizza location, Buddy's logo in video, Observer & Eccentric and/or Mirror Newspaper visible at

some point in video). Also included must be the tagline "Sometimes you just need some Buddy's ... Seriously!"

A school team (one per high school) entering the contest must have a school staff member to supervise the project. No copyrighted audio or video materials will be allowed. Only public domain and royalty free music is allowed. No obscenities, vulgarity or lurid material will be permitted and disqualification will be at the discretion of the judges.

Each school can submit only one video for judging.

For more information on uploading submitted videos to YouTube and a complete list of rules, contact Michelle Lawton at (248) 855-6222, Ext. 212, or via e-mail at mlawton@buddyspizza.com or Brontman at (248) 626-0250 or visit Buddy's on the Web at www.buddyspizza.com.



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Arts council eyes annual auction as top fund-raiser

Most of metro Detroit is feeling the current recession, and the Plymouth Community Arts Council is no exception.

That's why PCAC officials say the PCAC's 18th annual dinner auction, "An Artful Affair: Mod," is more important than ever.

Proceeds from ticket sales and items auctioned at the event will help save many popular programs at the Arts Council, including the hugely popular Music in the Park, the Wednesday concert series that packs Kellogg Park.

Officials say Music in the Park is just one of several programs in jeopardy at the council this year due to dwindling donations and reduced sponsorship. The series,



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Buyers will get a chance at a variety of items as the Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its 18th annual dinner/auction March 7 at Laurel Manor.

started some 24 years ago, is funded largely by sponsors and donors

"While we have been blessed to have very generous sponsors, currently the economy makes it tough for everyone to find extra money, even for established programs," said Debra Madonna, vice president of the PCAC board who has chaired Music in the Park for 14 years. "We have some sponsors in place for the 2008 series, but would like to have

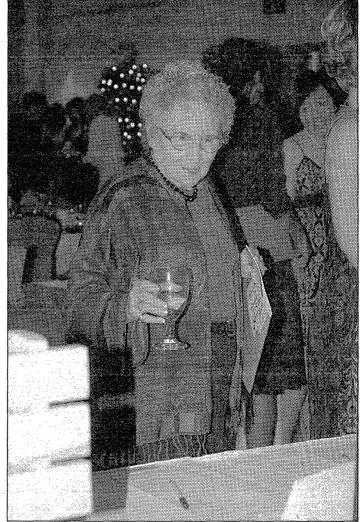
additional sponsors to make this our signature event."

Costumes from the 1960s are optional at the dinner/auction, set for 6 p.m. Friday, March 7, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Auction goers will have the opportunity to bid in live and silent auctions, with proceeds going to benefit programs and classes at the Council. Unique artwork, vacation packages, autographed sports memorabilia, din-

ner packages and tickets to museums, sports events and zoos are among items that will be up for bid.

Tickets are still available, at a cost of \$85 (\$45 of which officials pointed out is tax-deductible). Tickets for a table for 10 cost \$850. Laurel Manor is located at 39000 Schoolcraft Road.

For more information and for tickets, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278. Anyone interested in volunteering, making



Plymouth Community Arts Council matriarch Jo Hulce eyes some of the goodies on display at the annual dinner/auction. This year's event is set for March 7

a tax-deductible donation or needing answers to questions can contact Sheila Paton at stpaton@hotmail.com.

Big Irish party to raise funds for St. Patrick's Parade

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Mike Kelly promises the Sunday, Feb. 24, fund-raiser for the St. Patrick's Day Parade will not only showcase the best Irish entertainment but traditional fare such as corned beef and cabbage.

Kelly's family comes from County Cork so it's no surprise that he's been going to the parade since he was pushed in a stroller. He grew up celebrating the day at Mass at St. Mary's of Redford. Now he cochairs the fund-raiser with his wife Maureen, a Collins with ancestors from County Clare.

"It's going to be a great Irish day for the family," said Kelly of Livonia. Kelly is also co-chairman of the 50th parade which takes place Sunday, March 16. "People can meet 2008 Grand Marshal Patrick O'Hara and the Maid of Erin and her Court,

and the Court of St. Brigid. Irish entertainers donate their time to this great cause."

Brian Bonner has played the fund-raiser for the last 30 years. His band Arranmore is named after a part of Ireland that his family comes from in County Donegal. Bonner's parents came over from Ireland in the early 1920s. He'll be playing mostly Irish ballads including Home to Donegal, the title of a CD he made a couple of years ago. Joining him are Bob Paige, drums, and Mick Reid and Will Derry, guitar and vocals. Bonner plays accordion and sings.

"We have continuous entertainment going on in two locations in the building," said Brian Bonner, a former parade grand marshal. "Each group plays 45 minutes to an hour. The purpose is to make sure we can put the parade on."

It costs about \$30,000 to run the parade so Gerard Smith is hoping "everybody

Mike Kelly welcomed Maid of Erin Bridget Belvitch of Livonia and her Court (Megan Henahan, Royal Oak, and Molly Noyes, Bloomfield Hills) to last year's St. Patrick's Parade Fund-raiser.

will come down and have a good time." His band, Bill Grogan's Goat, plays at 5 p.m. The five-piece Celtic rock band is named after an old folk song his granddad sang to him all the time.

the time.
In addition to Smith who

plays electric mandolin and guitar, concertina and Irish Bouzouki, the band is composed of Jude Closson, drums; Terry Murphy, vocals, guitar, banjo and tin whistle; Dean Western, bass, and Norman Rosenbaum, guitar.

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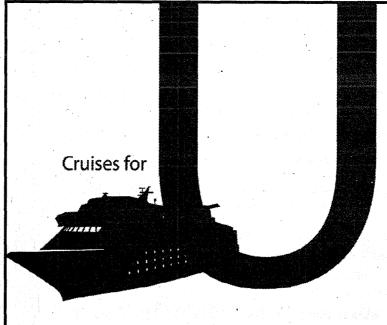


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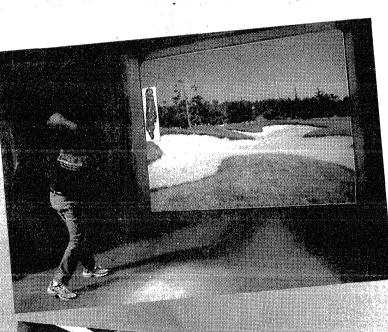
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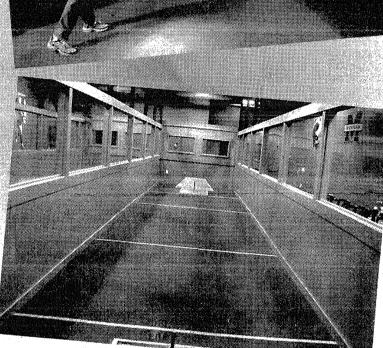
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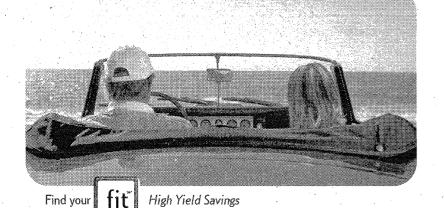
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Growth Works lauds young people, community supporters



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Receiving academic awards for their efforts in obtaining their GED were, from left, Patrick Young, Anthony Tyler, Anton Mills, Nick Jadczak, Julius McCants, Theodore Storm, and Jomiah Washington during the Growth Works Recognition and Awards Dinner held Thursday night at the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.



Receiving awards for their efforts in the Growth Works program were, from left, Stephanie Watt, James McCormick, Ashley Holland, Linda Langford, and Mariah Mikesell during the during the Growth Works Recognition and Awards Dinner held Thursday night at the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

BY JULIE BROWN

They could have given up on themselves, but they didn't. For their efforts, young men who earned their GEDs were among honorees Thursday at Growth Works' annual dinner.

"What these young men have done is certainly commendable," said master of ceremonies Marc Smith as the honorees assembled in caps and gowns with *Pomp and Circumstance* playing in the background.

Growth Works Inc., serving at-risk youth and their families in western Wayne County, held its 19th annual Recognition & Award Dinner Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Fox Hills Golf & Conference Center. The agency, providing services in the areas of juvenile justice and chemical dependency for more than 35 years, celebrated the achievements of young people and their parents and community members that have contributed to their success.

Honoree Theodore Storm of Canton is now a student at Eastern Michigan University, while honoree Nick Jadczak will enroll in community college. Anthony Taylor of Livonia has been accepted at Delta College in Saginaw. "I want you to stay positive about what you started in these past few months," Growth Works executive director Dale Yagiela told the young people. "What I see today is a lot of promise in you guys. There are going to be times when you get discouraged."

Yagiela urged the young people to remember the Feb. 21 dinner and their recognition.

Youth Program Recognition
Awards were received by
Stephanie Watt of Dearborn,
Mariah Mikesell of Dearborn,
Ashley Holland of Westland,
James McCormick of Westland
and Adam Vega of Beverly Hills
for their special achievements
and outstanding efforts over the
past year. Linda Langford, whose
child also receives services, was
recognized for her commitment
to change while participating in
the parent program.

Achievement Awards were presented to a number of youth who received their GEDs while participating in agency programs. They include Patrick Young of Wixom, Jomiah Washington of Redford, Anton Mills of Westland, Theodore Storm of Canton, Julius McCants of Shreveport, La., Anthony Tyler of Livonia and Nick

Jadczak of Redford. Westland resident Holland was lauded for her commitment to recovery. She was brought to Growth Works by her grandmother in October 2005, and later began to make recovery a priority. Holland's made good peer choices, attends AA and has a good relationship with her grandmother. McCormick, also a Westland resident, was cited for helping others in his unit and his dedication to treatment. He's been accepted at Delta College. "I just want to thank Growth Works for always supporting me," said McCormick, who also thanked his group.

GWI board member Tom
Fielder, former mayor of
Belleville, received a Community
Award for his efforts aimed at
improving the lives of young
people. Fellow board member Bill
Ventola of Plymouth was honored for his role as chair of the
Growth Works golf outing for the
past 10 years. Master of ceremonies Smith also took a moment
in remembrance of Charles
"Chuck" Allegrina, a longtime
board member and supporter of
Growth Works, who died last fall.

Outgoing board member
Rita Lowenstein of Plymouth
Township was also recognized.
Yagiela thanked the board members, noting their significant
involvement. "They come because
they have their hearts in it," he
said of the board members and
their expertise. "They keep us
honest and they keep us on the
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Yagiela also thanked partners including the Conference of Western Wayne, Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, which helps with residential care for drug treatment, and Wolverine Human Services.

"We have a great staff, a great staff," Yagiela said. "I'm very proud of all of you." Tough economic times have made staffers' jobs even more challenging, he added.

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Photographer sees gradual change for a Cuba without Fidel

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, an ailing Fidel Castro, 81, resigned as president of Cuba, ending almost 50 years as leader of the Caribbean island communist country. Today, the Cuban parliament will select a new leader, probably Castro's brother Raoul, 76, who has been acting as president since Castro fell ill in 2006.

Photographer Jack Kenny, the owner of Quicksilver Photo Service in Plymouth who has traveled to Cuba more than 40 times in the last decade, said Wednesday that any changes in the government would be gradual.

"A year and a half ago, Raoul took over as acting president. In that time he has talked about changing to the China model, which is free-market communism, a contradictory term, but that's what China does and we know what we do with China, our number one trading partner," said Kenny, 63, who lives in Ann Arbor.

Kenny said it is possible that Raoul may move back to his position as leader of the military, opening the way for council vice president Carlos Lage, 56, to move into the political leadership.

"Lage is a good choice and we'll know more on Sunday," Kenny said. "If Raoul is the leader of the country, I think you'll see some changes. But you won't see anything on this side of the border. I don't think he'll do anything drastic. But he's talking about opening up travel for the Cuban people, where they have freedom to come and go, which they don't have now, and expanding private businesses, which they've been doing since the 1990s."

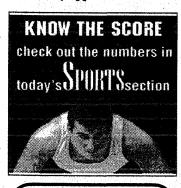
IN LOVE WITH CUBA

Kenny's love affair with Cuba began in 1996, when he was invited to accompany some friends who were shooting a documentary. On that trip, he met Roberto Salas, a noted photographer who has worked with Fidel Castro since 1959.

"I met him the second day I was there, became fast friends. brought some of his pictures back. All my friends loved them, all my revolutionary friends," Kenny said. "They said 'I want to get some of those.' So I started a little enterprise to bring back art and photography and went three more times that year."

Kenny's Quicksilver office is decorated with dramatic, iconic photos by Cuban photographers of boxing champ Rocky Marciano, Ernest Hemingway, Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Fidel Castro and Havana street scenes.

"When I first went, the questions were, 'Aren't you afraid to go? Don't you know you'll be followed everywhere? Don't you think it will be dangerous?' So I went," he said. "When I got there, it was the complete opposite of all the impressions given to me. Not having studied Cuba particularly, it was 180. It was presented as a small island with a dark cloud over it, military oppression. When





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Jack Kenny, photographer and owner of Quicksilver Photo Services in Plymouth.

I got there it was a vital place, lots of art and culture.'

Kenny, who began taking photographs when he was serving in the army in Vietnam in 1967, said Cuba was an enigma to him. It had good educational and health care systems, but the people lived in poverty. He said some of that is the result of U.S. policies, but some the result of Cuban government actions.

They are educated, healthy people with no economic opportunities. The average wage is \$20 a month," he said. "But the people were inviting, open, gregarious. As I walked around with my camera, I would be invited into people's houses, invited for a cup of coffee and I didn't speak Spanish at the time." He began taking pictures

of Havana street scenes and scenes from the countryside. He created a Web site, www. cuba-photo.com, to sell his photos and photos by noted Cuban photographers. In 2005, he published a coffee table book of black and white photos, Cuba (available from Corazon Press at www.corazonpress.com).

"In 1933, Walker Evans went to Cuba on assignment and did street photography in Cuba

and that book has inspired me," Kenny said. "What I have tried to do is undate what he did in the '30s. Several of these photos could be picked up and put into his book and you wouldn't notice the difference."

Kenny also met and fell in love with a Cuban woman. In May 2006, he married Niurka Sanchez Cutino. Last November, Cutino and her 13-year-old son moved to Michigan from Havana and experienced their first snow-

Kenny said he hasn't been bothered by the State Department about his travels. He flies from Toronto under a general license as a publisher.

Cuba is a complex problem for the United States, which is home to a large Cuban expatriate community in Florida. They have been strong vocal critics of Castro.

"The problem with the expa-

triates is that the core group left 45 years ago," Kenny said.

"They are very disconnected from the country. I've talked to some who don't even know there was a highway built in the country 15 years ago. They are largely a white population, not representative of Cuba and people in Cuba do not respect them or want them back."

Kenny said the U.S. made a mistake in not opening up Cuba long ago.

"Fidel gets all of this power from the embargo. He blames all of his economic woes on the embargo. Most are selfinflicted, but some are from the embargo," Kenny said.

Kenny is also critical of the "One Foot on Dry Land" policy, that allows any Cuban who reaches U.S. soil to remain. He called the policy "propaganda."

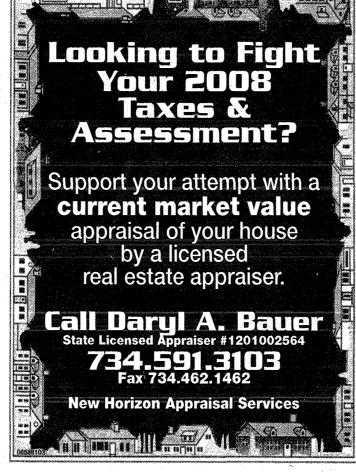
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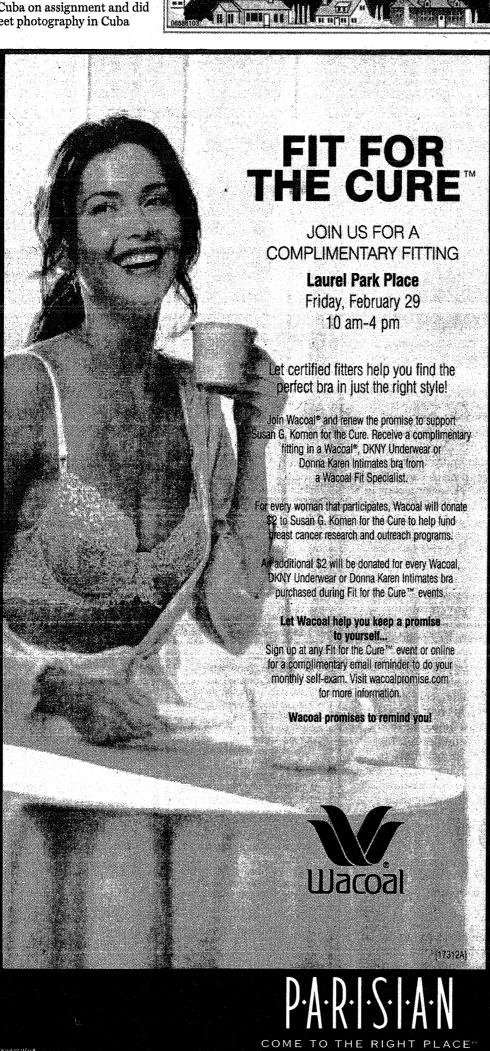






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AROUND TOWN

Crop for a Cure

An all day scrapbooking event, Crop for a Cure, will be held 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in the gymnasium at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, Garden City. The cost is \$35 per person and includes lunch, dinner, beverages and snacks. Pay by March 20 and receive five free prize tickets for a raffle of scrapbooking and non-scrapbooking related merchandise. A Close to My Heart consultant will be on site with some cash-and-carry stock and limited supplies for purchase. Registration fee is non-refundable. First come, first serve. For more information, call Dawn Downer at (734) 502-4277 or contact her by e-mail at downt@comcast.net. All proceeds will benefit the 2008 Michigan 3-Day

Breast Cancer Walk. Preschool open house

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, located at 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, hosts an open house 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 11. The preschool offers 3- and 4year programs. Potty training not required. Certified teacher. For more information, please contact (734) 459-6689 or visit us at www. academicpathwayspreschool.com.

Suicide Loss Support Group

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

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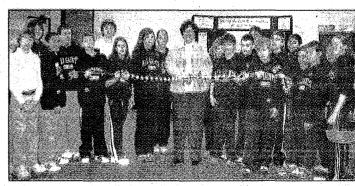
Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between

Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

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.annarborcivicballet.com or contact Mary Combi at (734) 668-8066 or mcombi@comcast.net

Travel clinics When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.



Opening up the bank

On Feb. 7, students, teachers, and administrators, including Principal Debrah Davidson (center), at All Saints Catholic School in Canton held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Student Credit Union Branch, which is being sponsored by Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union. Students visit the branch on the first and third Thursday of the month during their lunch hour, while students from the 6th and 7th grades will be running the operations. Among the objectives of the branch is to help students learn the importance of savings. The program also provides students real-life job experience – from interviewing for a position at the Student Credit Union Branch to performing the duties of a teller, an accounting clerk, a member service representative, and a marketing specialist. Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union is opening a new branch in spring 2008 at Sheldon and Joy in Plymouth. For more information about Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union, call (734) 432-0212 or visit www.catholicparishesfcu.org.

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By Elena Lombari

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

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

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

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

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits telescopic devices surgeons use during operations. says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are.

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

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

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

"Buddy said. Paid Advertisement

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road again. I tell a lot of

people about Dr. Smith



Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

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

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

1-877-677-2020

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing

Visit Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at suburbaneyecare.com or find out more about the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists at ialvs.com.



Presented by Andrea S. Vivian, D.D.S.

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OUR VIEWS

Call to action for local election

British philosopher Edmund Burke is frequently quoted as saying something like, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

While it is largely considered a warning of the potential misdeeds of government, we see it differently in our local context. While adjusting it to include women, and with the deadline coming quickly for candidates to file to run in local elections, we see Burke's philosophy more as a call to action.

In the Plymouth area, races are setting up for both the Plymouth Township board and the 35th District Court. All seven seats are up for grabs in Plymouth Township, where

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only five of the incumbents have said they'll run again (though we expect the other two to join them soon).

People worried about whether they're qualified need not worry: The only real requirement is that you live in the township, though a healthy knowledge of issues and serious concern for the welfare of your hometown are certainly helpful on the campaign trail.

the welfare of your hometown are certainly helpful on the campaign trail.

That kind of love of community has provided Plymouth Township with long-serving trustees such as Clerk Marilyn Massengill and trustees Kay Arnold and Charles Curmi, all part of the Class of 1992, and Treasurer Ron Edwards, first elected in 1996.

Say what you will about any of them, but that kind of longterm service is admirable, and anyone thinking about getting involved would do well to emulate them. Anyone who's been thinking about running who wants to jump in has to file at the Plymouth Township clerk's office by May 13.

There's also a wide-open race for an open seat on the 35th District Court, which serves the Plymouths, the Northvilles and Canton, created by the retirement of Chief Judge John MacDonald.

Competition is expected to be fierce, with three candidates - Northville lawyer Martha Snow and Plymouth attorneys Joe Barone and Cam Miller — already having said they'll run. Surely other candidates will throw their hats in the ring (by the way, if you want to run you have to file with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections by April 29)

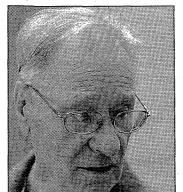
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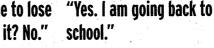
- Henry Sacha, Canton

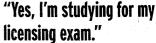


"I halfway made one to lose weight. Have I kept it? No."

- Ginny Weaver,

Canton





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- Orangnette Jones,

LETTERS

FISH story

In December you provided the community with information about the local FISH organization. The article was forwarded to me recently. We no longer provide baby-sitting, meal preparation or housecleaning services as we did years

As was pointed out, we are exclusively funded by donations, usually from our clients who request rides, and annually from a local bridge club.

Last summer FISH nearly went out of business as we did not have the money to pay our next telephone bill. Besides churches, the local service clubs have responded when we find ourselves in need of funds. This time it was the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth who came to our rescue.

All of the local service clubs do so much for our communities. Each and every one of them needs more recognition for their good deeds.

> **Margaret Raison** Member, FISH Steering Committee

> > Plymouth

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The United States continues its inexorable slide into a Christian theocracy with U.S. House Resolution 888 seeking to designate the first week in May as "American Religious History Week."

First, the word "religious" in the resolution is (deliberately) misleading, as the introductory statements make quite clear that the only religion under consideration is Christianity.

More importantly, this country used to guarantee not just freedom of religion, but freedom from religion. Now we see politicians falling over themselves to see which of them can suck up the most to the religious fundamental-

Not only do we have a semiviable presidential hopeful who regards a creation myth as fact, but not one of the apparently less benighted candidates dares to profess anything other than pious reverence for the Christian dogma. Free speech is being eroded in this

country to the extent that many people, myself included, have to think twice before expressing our opinions for fear of incurring the wrath of the religiously cor-

If our lawmakers can ride roughshod over the First Amendment, which of our rights will be the next to go?

Rachel McCormack Canton

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No to McCain

Belleville

This is addressed to the conservative readers.

Eight years ago I got fooled by John McCain but not this time. I was also frustrated that we were treated as idiots by the Republican Party; some "good ole boys" got together in Texas and decided "W" was just what the country needed and I wanted to see a race, so I voted for McCain.

Two events have shaped my negative

First, no matter how hard the fight, both parties normally "kiss and make up" after an election. Everyone else did as Bush took the White House but McCain actively tried to sabotage everything he could those first years. That soured me on McCain, but the second event is a show-stopper.

Like a lot of Americans, I want to see an end to the illegal invasion from Mexico. I have three spouses to my children who are legal immigrants, and I even worked (with) one personally when my son was injured. When you know how tough and expensive it is — you have little patience for sneak-ins.

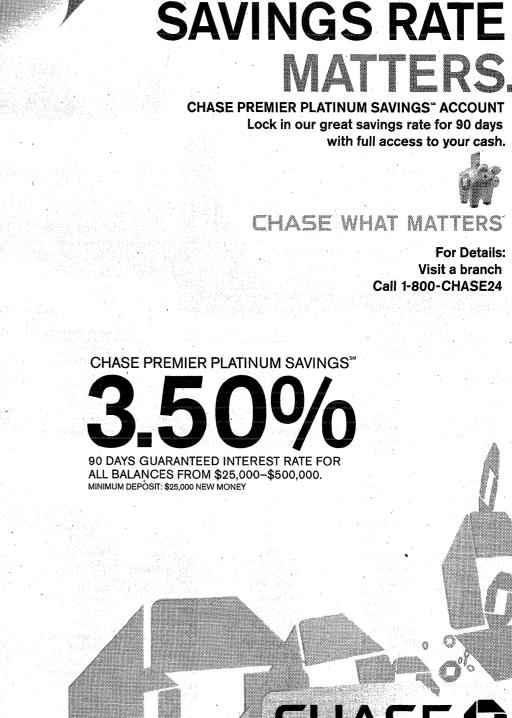
Think carefully who to support, we got fooled in the White House, too.

Vincent Robinson Rochester Hills



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IRS won't allow you to apply rebate to taxes you owe

Dear Rick: I completed my 2007 tax return and I owe money. I want to apply the tax rebate to the taxes I owe. Can I do it and if yes,

Unfortunately, you cannot offset your tax liability with the rebate. What you need to do is file your return and pay your taxes. If necessary, borrow the money from another source and when you receive a rebate later this year settle up your accounts.

The government will begin issuing rebate checks in May and will probably continue sometime into the summer.

Although there are no forms to complete to get the rebate (it is done automatically), it is



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Rick Bloom

return. You will not get a rebate until tax return. Therefore, if vou file for **Money Matters** an extension, it will delay when you

receive your

important to

file a 2007

tax refund. Although I could not confirm this with the IRS, I believe if you electronically file a 2007 tax return, your rebate check also will be directly deposited into your bank account.

In addition, the IRS has not issued any rules as to

whether taxpayers who owe money to the IRS will get that rebate, or whether the money will be withheld.

One last note regarding you file a 2007 the rebate. The rules are still somewhat unclear for some individuals who do not have to file tax returns but who are eligible for a rebate. If you're in this category, contact the IRS.

> Dear Rick: A group of friends meet every quarter to discuss our investments. A few of us have our money professionally managed and an issue has come up with regard to fees. I pay 1.5 percent in management fees. I recently found out in addition to management fees, I am

paying commissions on many funds. When I asked my advisor about this, his explanation was less than convincing. I generally like my advisor, however, now I'm not so sure. What should I do?

I congratulate you and your friends for spending time to discuss investing. I believe the more you know the better. Even if you use a professional advisor, it is important to be informed.

My philosophy with any professional - lawyer, doctor or financial advisor - is you must have trust and confidence in them. If you can't count on them to give you straightforward answers, particularly about fees, it's probably an

indication you should move on. Having money

professionally managed is something more and more people are doing because it is difficult to stay current with investments.

The theory behind professional management is that the advisor establishes a game plan then watches and manages the portfolio for a

The manager, since he/she is receiving a fee, should be independent of the investments and make decisions good for you - the client.

In regard to fees. The standard is generally a certain percent of the money under management. The

norm is around one percent. When you pay a fee to have

your money professionally managed, why should there be commissions paid in addition? I believe it is double dipping.

A true professional has no problem discussing fees. When it comes to handling your money, if you pay for the service, make sure you pay for a professional.

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



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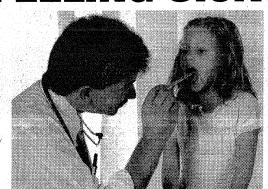
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Chiefs snap, crackle, pop Regional foes

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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Much like the face on the life-sized cardboard cut-out image of coach Casey Randolph that was propped up beside its bench, the Canton wrestling team never lost its intensity during Wednesday night's Division 1 Regional tournament at Novi High School.

As a result of their relentless tenacity, the Chiefs are headed to the D1 state finals in Battle Creek for the second time in the past three years.

Working in machine-like fashion, Canton (26-7) knocked off conference rival Livonia Franklin, 49-20, in a semifinal showdown before derailing Novi, 47-15, in the final match.

Canton will face No. 1-ranked Davison (31-1) in a quarterfinal tilt set for Friday, Feb. 29, at 5:30 p.m. at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

The Chiefs were ranked No. 10 in Division 1 in the latest Michigan Grappler rankings.

Randolph was suspended for the 2008 postseason after attending an offseason senior national event that one of his former wrestlers was competing in. He can still run practices.

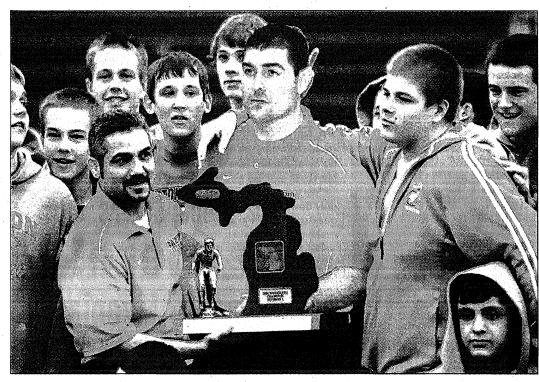
Although he wasn't in attendance Wednesday night, Randolph still had an impact on his on-a-roll contingent.

"The kids were very inspired to get Casey a victory tonight," said Canton interim head coach Mike Pantaleo. "He's our leader; he's the one who's shown us the way. We dedicated tonight's wins to him.

"Everybody in this program has been building up to this moment all season. Ever since our pre-season conditioning started, these kids have put their whole hearts into it. They believe in the coaching staff, they believe in themselves and they're putting it all together right now."

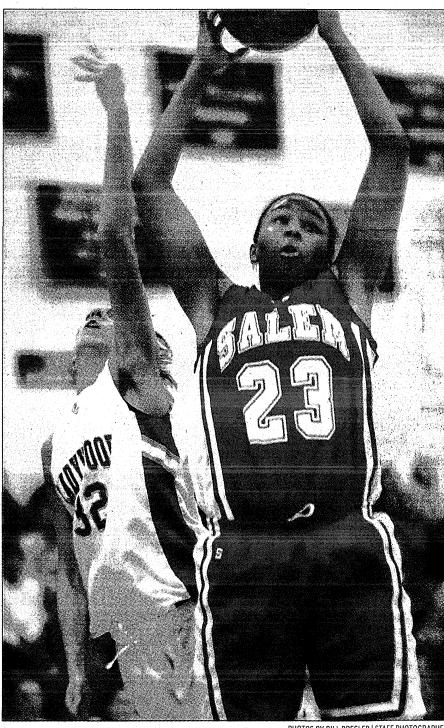
In the much-anticipated semifinal match, Franklin jumped to

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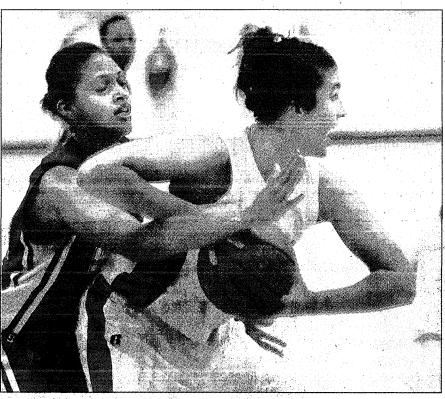
Members of Canton's wrestling team surround the cardboard cut-out of coach Casey Randolph moments after the Chiefs captured their second Division 1 Regional title in three years at Novi High School. Randolph cannot coach during the post-season due to a 2007 infraction.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 47, SALEM 32



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Salem's Sara Stone pulls down a rebound over Ladywood's Jenna Anastos during Friday night's Class A district final in the Blazers' gym. Ladywood won, 47-32.



Salem's Chelsea Davis (left) defends Ladywood's Alex Serowoky during Friday night's Class A

Blazers' defense stymies Salem shooters in Class A District final

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Arguably the toughest Class A girls basketball district in the state was won Friday night with arguably the best defensive effort in the state.

In a battle of top 10-ranked teams, host Livonia Ladywood applied the defensive clamps on the Rocks early and often to claim a 47-32 victory.

The 20-3 Blazers earned a berth in next week's regional semifinal showdown against North Farmington at Walled Lake Western High School. The game is set to tip off at 8 p.m.

Salem capped its brilliant season with a 20-3 mark.

The tournament included three conference champions — Ladywood (Catholic League-Central Division), Salem (WLAA) and Novi (KVC) - who entered the postseason with a combined record

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Dedication helps Darolfi reach the century mark

STAFF WRITER

Not even an American Express card would pay the membership fees in the exclusive club Plymouth wrestler Vince Darolfi joined earlier this year.

No, it takes four years' worth of nonmonetary intangibles like perseverance, diligence and unyielding dedication to secure a seat in the "100 Victory Club" - an elite status all high school grapplers yearn for, but only a few manage to attain.

Darolfi's career came to a premature halt at last weekend's Division 1 Individual District competition, but not before he established himself as one of

the school's all-time winningest grapplers.

Darolfi notched his 100th win in a 42-second pin at the prestigious Observerland Tournament on Jan. 26. Later that day he came within one point of winning the 189-pound title, falling to Livonia Franklin's highly regarded Dan Woodall, 9-8.

Reaching 100 career wins is what I'm most proud of in my career because I proved to myself I could accomplish a high goal," Darolfi said. "I like wrestling because it's an individual thing — you only have yourself to rely on when you're winning and yourself to

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Plymouth wrestler Vince Darolfi closed his high school career as one of the Wildcats' all-time winningest performers.

Hockey teams set for the post-season

The three P-CEP boys hockey teams will begin post-season play Monday (Canton and Plymouth) and Tuesday (Salem) nights.

On Monday in a Division 2 pre-Regional contest, Plymouth will take on Canton at 7 p.m. at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. The winner will play Wednesday at 7 p.m. against Livonia Franklin. The victor of Wednesday's game will move on to the Regional final Saturday, March 1, at 6:30 at the Novi Ice Arena against the Novi pre-Regional winner.

Salem will tangle with state-ranked Livonia Churchill in a Division 1 pre-Regional game set to face off at 8 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The winner will play Thursday at 8:30 p.m. against the winner of Tuesday's Livonia Stevenson Redford Unified contest.

What a comeback!

The Our Lady of Good Counsel varsity No. 2 boys basketball team pulled off a rally for the ages on Sunday, Feb. 17, against Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows.

OLGC trailed 27-5 at halftime before storming back to post a 45-43 victory. The 22-point comeback was extra amazing considering the game featured six-minute quarters.

David Houle led the winners with 21 points – 19 of which came in the second half. Garrett Moores added 10 and Alex Loveland poured in nine, including the two differencemaking free throws with 10 seconds left.

"This was the absolute most amazing game I've ever been associated with," said OLGC coach Bob Loveland.

The Crusaders, who finished 7-6 overall and 4-2 in their league, consist of the following players: Cole Forfinski, Sawyer Srpyszak, Matt Solarz, Brad Nelson, Mark Bellemare, Kevin Williams, Houle, Loveland, Garrett Moores, Ryan Keast and Sean Yanik. The team is coached by Bob Loveland, Guy Bellemare and Bernie Wrocklage.

Cope selected

Salem junior Kevin Cope, 16, was recently named to Disney's Soccer Showcase All-Star team, which will travel to England this summer to compete against teams from across the world.

Cope, a member of the Michigan Wolves 92 team, was among 18 players invited by English Premier League team Chelsea Football Club to train and compete at the club's world-class facilities near London. The All-Star team, comprised of players from across the United States, will compete in the inaugural Chelsea FC Youth Cup in August of 2008.

Players were selected based on their performances at Disney's Soccer Showcase, the premier youth soccer tournament in the United States.

Coaches: Please report results

Area high school coaches are encouraged to report their scores to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright. Results can be phoned in to (734) 953-2108; e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife.com; or faxed to (734) 591-7279. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 11 p.m.; the deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 11 p.m.

Rocks tame Wildcats in District semifinals

Sophomore forward Sara Stone netted 14 points and six rebounds to lead Salem's girls basketball team to a comefrom-behind 41-28 victory over Novi in a Class A District semifinal contest played Wednesday night at Livonia Ladywood High School.

Salem trailed 18-13 at the half and 20-13 early in the third quarter before reeling off a 14-2 run. The Rocks made all

seven of their fourth-quarter

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"We were getting some good shots in the first half, but the ball wasn't falling for us," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We shot very well in the second half and got very-balanced scoring."

Senior guard Alaya Mitchell added 10 points and six assists; junior forward Victoria Brotz contributed 10 points; Chelsea

Davis tallied two points and 14 rebounds; and Brett deBear scored five points.

Caroline Johnson led the Wildcats with 13.

Novi led 13-8 after one quarter and 18-13 at the break before Salem stormed back to seize a 27-22 lead heading into the fourth.

Salem made 7-of-10 free throws; the Wildcats were 5-of-10 from the stripe.

with 0:25 left in regulation, then scored the deciding goal in a shootout as the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Brampton Battalion, 7-6, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 2,641 at Compuware Arena.

Chris Terry scored two

goals and set up the equalizer

Plymouth improves to 32-22-2-2, good for 68 points and fifth seed in the Western Conference playoff race.

Brampton is now 35-20-1-3, good for 74 points and second seed in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

Besides Terry's pair (teamleading 38th and 39th of the year), Vern Cooper scored twice (15th and 16th) and A.J. Jenks (25th) and Ryan Hayes (9th) one each for the Whalers.

Six different players scored for Brampton - Kyle DeCoste (9th), Jason Dale

(9th), Thomas Stajan (23rd), Cody Hodgson (team-leading 36th), Graham McNabb (16th) and Bobby Sanguinetti (23th).

Terry sparks Whalers' victory

Brampton came back from deficits of 1-0, 3-1 and 5-3 and took the lead at 6-5 with 1:17 remaining in regulation, only to see Cooper tie the game at 19:35 and Terry win the game in a shootout.

Plymouth led 1-0 after one period and 3-2 after 40 minutes. Brampton outscored Plymouth, 4-3, in a wild third period.

Cooper scored a shorthanded goal and his first of the night at 15th of the year at 1:33 of the period when he scored on a breakaway.

After Stajan scored for Brampton at 2:34, but Terry restored Plymouth's two-goal bulge at 5-3 when he buried a shot from the lower rim of the right circle.

Hodgson scored for

Brampton at 13:22 with a shot from the right circle and McNabb tied the game at 5-5 in a scramble in front of the Plymouth goal.

Sanguinetti gave Brampton their first lead at 6-5 at 18:43 when he snapped a shot from the slot past Whalers goaltender Jeremy Smith, but Cooper tied the game in a scramble in front of the Brampton goal when he scored from the right hashmark.

After a scoreless overtime, Terry scored his league-leading fifth shootout goal of the year when he skated in on Brampton goaltender Patrick Killeen and - after several fakes - stuffed the puck past the Battalion goaltender.

Jenks sealed the win when he scored top-shelf past Killeen. Smith faced Brampton's Luke Lynes (who shot the puck wide) and then stopped Sanguinetti to preserve the victory.

The usually hot-shooting Rocks connected on just 10of-38 field goals (26.3 percent) against Ladywood's relentless defense that was about as easy to penetrate as barbed wire.

The Blazers forced the Rocks into 16 turnovers, 10 of which came in the momentumchanging second quarter when Ladywood outscored Salem

"No. 1, we wanted to keep (Alaya) Mitchell in front of us and I thought we did a pretty good job of keeping her from getting to the basket," said Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski, whose squad held the Rocks' biggest offensive threat to nine points. "I thought Mary Fitzgerald did an outstanding job on Mitchell. And our help defense was good on the times we did get beat."

Ladywood senior Alex Serowoky was a force at both ends of the court. She netted a game-high 22 points and nine rebounds and was the Blazers' primary help defender.

Just as importantly, Serowoky drew two early fouls on Chelsea Davis, who was mired in foul trouble the entire game until eventually fouling out with 4:40

"Alex was more assertive tonight than I've seen her in a long time," Gorski said, smiling. "She likes to pass, but we'd like" to see her be a little bit more of a ball hog. She was tonight, thank goodness.'

Caitlin Szczypka and Jenna Anastos both added six points while Alison Szczypka added

Canton Agape's boys bas-

Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference's Red Division title

Thursday night with a rousing

improved the Wolverines' con-

Ty Majeski led the winners

and Joel Ruffin both contribut-

ed 12 points while Jared Miller

Agape led 24-13 after one

quarter, 33-21 at the half and

"Our defensive pressure led to

a lot of fast-breaks at the other

end," said Agape coach Keith

Anleitner. "We were in charge

throughout the entire game."

45-29 with eight minutes to

with 17 points. Mark Mullett

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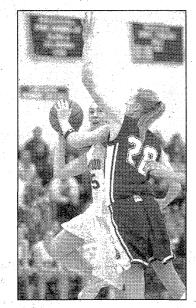
Calvary Christian. The win

ference record to 8-2.

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ketball team clinched the



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Salem's Victoria Brotz (right) defends a shot attempt by Ladywood's Caitlin Szczypka during Friday night's Class A District final.

Salem's Sara Stone closed out her sophomore season in fine style with team highs in points (10) and rebounds (11).

Brett deBear scored five points for the Rocks before leaving with an apparent eye injury with 3:38 remaining in the contest.

"I give a lot of credit to Ladywood," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Their No. 42 (Serowoky) got off against us a little bit and they knocked down a number of three-point shots. They were a hard cover for us.

Both teams came out firing on all cylinders in the first quarter, which ended with the Blazers ahead, 11-9.

Ladywood amped up its defensive effort in the second stanza as it held the Rocks to 1-

Wolverine cagers clinch MIAC Red

Class A District 25 at Novi H.S.

Friday, 7 p.m. - Championship game.

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Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - (C) Redford Covenant vs. Detroit Urban Lutheran;

The Wolverines open District Wednesday night's semifinal

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The other side of the bracket

Tuesday, 6 p.m. - (B) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Plymouth

Monday, 7 p.m. - (B) Canton vs. Novi;

The Blazers padded their lead to 26-15 with 4:35 to go in the third quarter on an Anastos fast-break layup, but Salem whittled its deficit down to 32-25 at the end of the quarter thanks a steal-and-layup from Stone.

Salem drew to within 32-26 19 seconds into the fourth quarter on a Mitchell free throws, but that's as close as it got.

"We were still right there, only down six in the fourth quarter," said Thomann. "If we make the next basket, we have a shot. Well, we never made the next basket."

Ladywood shot well from the floor, sinking 18-of-38 attempts (47.3 percent), but struggled from the free-throw line (7-of-

The Rocks sizzled from the stripe, canning 11-of-13 (84.6).

We had a great season," said Thomann. "We ended up 20-3, won our conference, we won our division and we played in the District championship game with a chance to move on. And we did it with one senior, two juniors and two sophomores.

"We won a lot of close games and we won some games with magnificent comebacks. It was

a fun season."
LUTHERAN WESTLAND 53, PCA 41: In a Class D district semifinal Wednesday, Lutheran High Westland (15-5) relied on the one-two punch of Allyson Yankee and Becca Refenes to beat Plymouth Christian Academy (9-11) at Huron Valley Lutheran.

Yankee tallied a game-high 24 points, including 12-of-14 free throws in the final quarter. Refenes added 19 points and 12 rebounds for the

Meghan Polera, who keyed fourthquarter run which sliced the deficit to 39-33, scored 17 to lead the Eagles. Sara Ross added 11.

Livonia Blue takes WLAA gymnastics title

Local finishers: Salem 4th, Canton 5th, Plymouth 10th

The top three teams at Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association gymnastics conference meet at Hartland High School were separated by the width of a balance beam.

When the final points were tallied, Livonia Blue was crowned champion with 142.475 points, Northville was second with 141.250 and Livonia Red was third with 140.150.

Salem placed fourth with 138.725, Canton was fifth with 138.300 and Plymouth was 10th with 118.425.

Livonia Blue excelled in the floor exercise (36.700) and bars (34.750), the two events in which it placed first. The Mustangs took first in the beam (35.400) while Livonia Red earned the top spot on the

"We were without Cathy Huang, but we still had an excellent showing," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Robyn Piwowar took first place in the Western Division on vault. Mallory Hudak (Division 2) and Jessie Murray (Division 1) both took second on floor."

Red's Paula Guzik won the all-around with a score of 37.175. Rounding out the top five spots were Blue's Emily Quint (36.450), Salem's Katie Koetting (36.400), Northville's Cassidy Winter (36.350) and Canton's Jessie Murray (36.300).

Northville won the regularseason title with a 10-0 record.

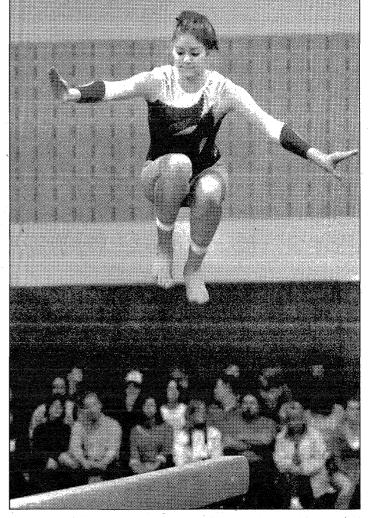
WLAA GYMNASTICS MEET THURSDAY AT HARTLAND H.S.

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Blue, 142.475; 2. Northville, 141.250; 3. Livonia Red, 140.150; 4. Salem, 138.725; 5. Canton, 138.300; 6. Walled Lake Northern, 136.075; 7. Howell, 132.075; 8. Walled Lake Central, 131.675; 9. Brighton, 126.800; 10. Plymouth, 118.425; 11. Hartland, 86.850

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

DIVISION 1 **VAULT:** 1. Katie Koetting (S), 9.550; 2. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.450; 3. Emily Quint (LB), 9.350; 4. Alicia DiMauro (LR), 9.325; 5. Taylor Meredyk (WLC), 9,200; 6, (tie) Meghan Powers (LB) and Robyn Piwowar (C), 9.150; 8. Jessie Murray (C), 9.050; 9. Kelly Charniga (LB),

8.950; 10. Alexis Johnson (HWL), 8.90. UNEVEN BARS: 1. Paula Guzik (LR),



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Salem's Katerina Kariotis, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, tied for 11th in Division 2 at Thursday's WLAA conference meet.

9.250; 2. (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Liz Sommer (WLN), 9.00; 4. Meghan Powers (LB), 8.90; 5. Katie Koetting (S), 8.750; 6. (tie) Robyn Piwowar (C) and Cassidy Winter (N), 8.70; 8. Alexis Johnson (HWL), 8.60; 9. Brittany Janis (LB), 8.550; 10. Alicia DiMauro BALANCE BEAM: 1. Cassidy Winter (N),

9.350; 2. Liz Sommer (WLN), 9.30; 3. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.20; 4. Robyn Piwowar (C), 9.10; 5. Autumn Collins (S), 8.850; 6. Katie Koetting (S), 8.750; 7. Jessie Murray (C), 8.70; 8. Alicia DiMauro (LR), 8.650; 9. Emily Quint (LB), 8.425; 10. Mochan Payers (JR), 8.40

8.625; 10. Meghan Powers (LB), 8.40. FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Emily Quint (LB), 9.625; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 9.550; 3. Katie Koetting (S), 9.350; 4. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.275; 5. Cassidy Winter (N), 9.175; 6. (tie) Alicia Dimauro (LR) and Kelly Charniga (LB), 9.100; 8. Liz Sommer (WLN), 8.925; 9. Taylor Meredyk (WLC), 8.90; 10. Meghan Powers

ALL-AROUND: 1. Paul Guzik (LR), 37.175; 2. Emily Quint (LB), 36.450; 3. Katie Koetting (S), 36.40; 4. Cassidy Winter (N), 36.350; 5. Jessie Murray (C), 36.30; 6. Liz Sommer

(WLN), 35,625; 7, Alicia DiMauro (LR), 35.475; 8. Meghan Powers (LB), 35.250; 9. Robyn Piwowar (C), 35.050; 10. Taylor Meredyk (WLC), 34.500.

DIVISION 2 VAULT: 1. Allison Kemp (N), 9.275; 2. (tie) Hannah Saarinen (WLN) and Margarita Lazarevska (LR), 9.050; 4. Laura Nomura (LD), 3.UU, 3. (LIe) Katerina Kariotis (S) and Kelly Tapella (LB), 8.950; 7. Tiffeny Wysocki (B), 8.900; 8. Monica Cauley (HWL), 8.800; 9. Amy O'Brien (N), 8.750; 10. Jamie Marihugh (LR), 8.700. (LB), 9.00; 5. (tie) Katerina Kariotis (S) and **UNEVEN BARS:** 1. Hannah Saarinen

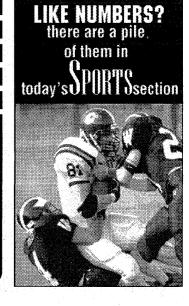
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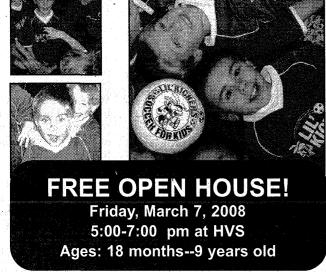
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8.70; 5. Amy Reynolds (N), 8.550; 6. Mallory
Hudak (C), 8.50; 7. (tie) Brittany Young (S)
and Chelsea Foss (WLC), 8.450; 9. (tie) Jamie
Marihugh (LR) and Alicia Potchynok (WLC),
8.350

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Monica Cauley (HWL), 9.350; 2. Mallory Hudak (C), 9.150; 3. Katie Bridges (Lb), 9.075; 4. (tie) Allison Kemp (N) and Katerina Kariotis (S), 9.0; 6. Hannah (N) and Naterial Adriotics (3), 9.0, 6. Hallian Saarinen (WLN), 8,975; 7. Laura Nomura (LB), 8,90; 8. Caileigh Deacon (N), 8,850; 9. Shannon Slayton (WLN), 8,80; 10. (tie) Tatiana Palafox (WLC) and Brittany Swazey (LR),

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Plymouth icers fall to Spartans

Mike Voran scored a pair of goals Wednesday as host Livonia Stevenson, ranked No. 1 in Division 1, defeated Plymouth, 5-2, in the second-place WLAA crossover at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson improved to 21-1-2 while the Wildcats slipped to 13-9-2.

Stevenson led 3-1 after one period.

At 7:58, R.J. Kierdorf scored from Ryan Baratono and Cole

pin at 189 pounds. However,

over Cody Hay at 215, Luke

fellow heavyweight Michael

15-1 major-decision victory over Connor Johnson at 112 to bring the Patriots to within 21-20, but Canton's 119-pound

Carl Lucke rocked Franklin's

hopes when he pinned Justin

"We had a lot of big wins

tonight, but Carl's was the one

Pantaleo. "We caught fire after

Franklin coach Dave Chiola

was less-than-thrilled with his

team's mental preparedness

during Wednesday's match.

except for maybe two kids,"

Chiola lamented. "Whatever the reason - they don't want

to go to the state meet, they were nervous or they're getting

bad coaching — they weren't

through the first nine matches

"We needed to be up about

31-15 at that point to have a

chance," he said. "All of our

four matches thanks to strong

efforts from Donnie Watkins

(125), Jeremy Filippelli (130)

strength was early on." Canton rolled in the final

ready. They're never ready." Chiola said his team's seem-

ingly small 21-20 deficit

was deceptive.

"Nobody came to wrestle

that kind of set us off," said

forge a 21-16 lead.

Jacobsen at 3:53.

that pin."

the next three decisions

Rochowiak. Voran followed at 12:39 from Sean Lerg and Tyler Vines and just 57 seconds later Ian Curran scored from Ian Montgomery and Marc Villaire.

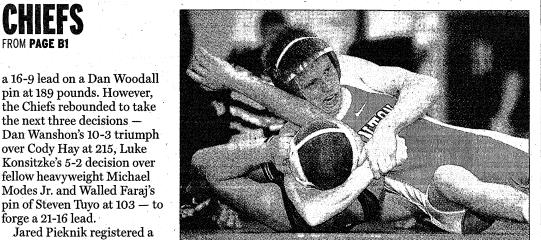
Jerry Pitts scored for Plymouth at the 13-minute mark of the first period, while Jake Jossey (from Steve Smith and Kyle Rockov) added the Wildcats' second goal at 8:34 of the second period.

Ryan Schultz was in goal

during the first period for the Wildcats before being replaced by Christian Blick.

Baratono scored for the Spartans 58 seconds into the third and Voran notched his second from John Vella just 36 seconds later.

Plymouth goaltender Ryan Schultz stopped 42-of-47 Stevenson shots, while counterpart Pat McHugh had to make just 13 saves.



Canton's Connor Johnson (top) defeated Novi's Beau Bielski 10-3 in the 112pound match of Wednesday's Division 1 Regional final at Novi High School.

and Steve Cox (135).

Franklin voided 140. The Chiefs trailed Novi, 9-6, early on before winning eight of the final 10 matches.

Highlights of the titleclinching win included Konsitzke's 42-second pin at 285; Johnson's 10-3 decision over Beau Bielski at 112; and Rodger Kropp's thrilling 6-5 victory over Joe Pritchard at

Kropp trailed 5-4 with 22 seconds left when he registered a two-point take-down.

CANTON 49 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 20

WEDNESDAY AT NOVI 145 pounds: Braden Price (C) pinned

Brandon Billiau in 1:13; 152: Elvin Ferreira (LF) won by major decision over Anthony Abro, 12-3; 160: Don Stratz won by disqualification; 171: Rodger Kropp (C) dec. Garrett Hay

189: Dan Woodall (LF) pinned Adam

215: Dan Wanshon (C) dec. Cody Hay,

285: Luke Konsitzke (C) dec. Mike 103: Waleed Faraj (C) pinned Steven Tuyo

112: Jared Pieknik (LF) won by major decision over Connor Johnson, 15 119: Carl Lucke (C) pinned Justin

125: Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Grant

130: Jeremy Filippelli (C) won by major decision over Matthew Hintz, 14-2; 135: Steve Cox (C) pinned Nick

140: Brent Winekoff (C) won by default.

CANTON 47

WEDNESDAY AT NOVI 152 pounds: Ryan Thomas (N) won by

160: Pat Durocher (C) dec. Luke Maxfield, 11-5; 171: Rodger Kropp (C) dec. Joe Pritchard,

189: Ryan Ridenour (N) dec. Adam

Powers, 11-6; 215: Dan Wanshon (C) dec. Joey Shada, 8-4; Variable (C) gipped Charles 285: Luke Konsitzke (C) pinned Charles Satterwhite in 42 seconds

103: Connor Caldwell (N) dec. Waleed Faraj, 7-4; 112: Connor Johnson (C) dec. Beau Bielski,

119: Robbie Yusko (N) dec. Carl Lucke, 2-0; 125: Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Ryan

Pollard in 1:26; 130: Jeremy Filippelli (C) pinned Clayton Caldwell in 4:07; 135: Steve Cox (C) won by technical fall,

16-1, over Tom Symanski; 140: Brent Winekoff (C) pinned Steve

Debono in 30 seconds; 145: Braden Price (C) pinned Aditya Sathi

Local icers "Crush" foes

The Canton Crush Midget A boys hockey team that calls the Arctic Edge home won the Midget A District 4 championship Feb. 10 by defeating the Orchard Lake Pirates, 5-4. The victory qualified the Crush for the Midget A state tournament set for March 7-9 at the Great Lakes Sports Arena in Fraser. The team consists of: Brandon Baker, Trevor Baruzzini, Ryan Bauer, Matt Berry, Bryce Connor, Sean Gaffney, Alec Gilo, austin Hervey, Kevin Hoyle, Matthew Hull, Kyle Korte, Royale Letourneau, Steven Manser, Vince Rossi, Ben Wilkewitz and Stephen Zavori. The head coach is Ken Gaffney.



Sharks take "Windy City" by storm

The Plymouth Lightning Sharks Pee Wee B hockey team captured the Chicago Mid-Winter Classic Jan. 19-21 by compiling a 4-1 record. The Lightning Sharks defeated the Foothill Flyers, 3-1, in the title game thanks to goals from Steven Dunn, Brandon Zack and Brendan O'Hare. Jack Collop was named the tournament's MVP. The team consists of: Brandon Brewer, Collop, Peter Contos, Daniel Countegan, Brendan DiRezze, Dunn, Bobby Fletcher, Callum Gibbs, Steven Homrich, Thomas Kelly, Joey Kenzie, O'Hare, Patrick Revnew, Lyle Soucey and Zack. The team's head coach is Bob Fletcher.

blame when you lose." Fast learner

Darolfi spent his freshman season at 171 pounds, a weight class that is highly populated with older, more mature athletes. Despite his lack of experience, the high-energy athlete maintained a .500 record before turning the corner for good the following season when he upped his record to 31-14.

"As a wrestler and a captain, Vince has meant a lot to this team during my two years here," said Plymouth coach Jay Helm. "He's a scrappy kid who can catch anyone at any time.

"He's one of those kids who is the first to arrive at practice and the last to leave. He helps with both the set-up and takedown duties. He's put in a tremendous amount of time and effort into this program."

Helm attributed Darolfi's success to "a combination of strength and good technique.

"Vince is one of those guys that never stops, never gives up," said Helm.

Darolfi was introduced to the sport by his older brother, Victor, who wrestled for Dearborn Divine Child.

"I'd go and watch some of his matches and found out that I liked the sport," he remembered.

Solid leader

Darolfi said he enjoyed his role as a captain because it put him in a position to offer advice to the team's younger members.

"I liked teaching the younger kids how important it was to keep trying, to keep going," he said. "We didn't win a lot of matches the past two years, but nobody ever gave up. That's what I'll always remember about this team."

Darolfi was an accomplished linebacker on the Wildcats' yarsity football team for three seasons. The highlight of his gridiron career came his sophomore year when he started in the school's first-ever playoff game against Detroit Cody.

He played baseball his freshman year before turning his attention to the more physical sports.

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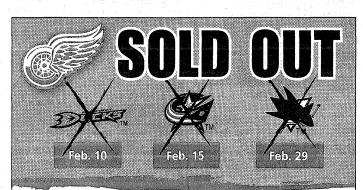
An exemplary student — he has compiled a 3.2 gradepoint average with just four months to go before graduating — Darolfi's post-high school plans include attending Penn State University in State College, Pa., to pursue a degree in heavy construction management and operations. "Penn State is one of just

three schools in the country that offers that major," he said. "I'd like to get a job working with heavy construction machinery — earth movers and the dump trucks that are two-stories high.

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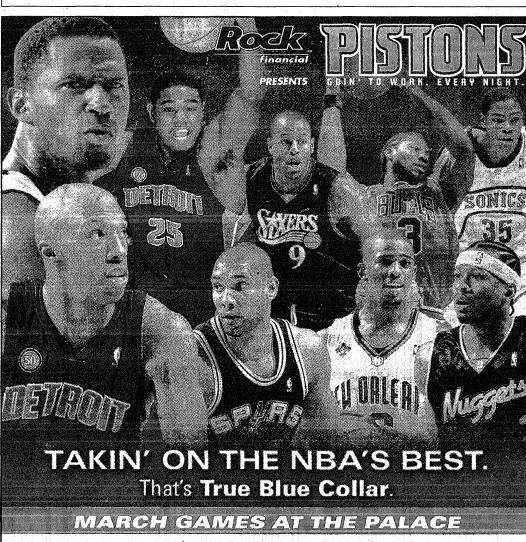
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Family time

Beat boredom and get moving together

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

From cardio kick boxing to aqua pilates, now there's no excuse not to get moving. Maybe it's just time to try something fun. Exercise doesn't have to be boring - and what's even better — families can do it together at the YMCA, community recreation centers or even church. The Farmington Family Y offers everything from a state-of-the-art Wellness Center with cardio and strength training equipment to salsa dancing on Friday nights.

"We have activities for everybody in the family from shooting baskets to walking on the track or using one of our two swimming pools," said Rick Durei, YMCA district vice president. "New starting now we have family time within the Wellness Centers so kids 11 to 13 can come in with adults after school and evening, and weekends."

Tom Spring recommends alternating resistance or strength training with cardio to stay fit and reduce health risks. Obesity continues to skyrocket causing a variety of diseases from Type 2 diabetes to cancer. As an exercise physiologist in the cardiac rehabilitation program at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Spring works with heart patients on advanced weight training tech-

We coordinate high intensity weight or resistance training with heart patients already on an aerobic program with treadmill, biking," Spring said. "We're built of skeletal muscle and bones that work together. If we're working on heart we have to be working on other muscles in the body. The way we do that is adding resistance and adding a load

to muscles and bones. Resistance exercise be it dumbbells, soup cans or body weight is the best way to do

"With the advance weight training program we found patients improving strength and flexibility but our primary finding was it reduced their blood pressure and heart rate during that exercise. As part of the program published data shows absolute strength has increased and the work load on the heart has decreased."

For flexibility and balance Spring recommends stretching, yoga or tai chi. He exercises during his lunch hour and in the evening goes for long walks with his wife and kids.

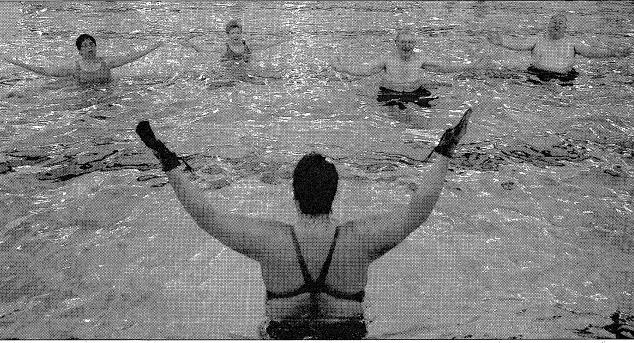
"I do a lot of exercise with resistance bands which are portable, easy to use and cheap," Spring said. "We need to be active on a daily basis. Whatever we can fit into our schedule to get moving is a key. Most of us don't move enough."

American Heart Association and American College of Sports Medicine guidelines recommend all healthy adults ages 18-65 get at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity activity five days a week (www. americanheart.org).

"The key for people is to schedule time for them to do exercise. It's as important for our health as taking a vitamin, eating right, brushing our teeth," said Spring. "Dancing requires a great deal of energy and aerobic. Anything that gets you moving off the couch is fantastic. And any time you can do it with somebody else it helps with motivation. Do it regularly with your friends. I like to spend time with my family when I'm home."

Spring says, children don't need a structured exercise program.

"Kids are built to be active, meant



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Participants exercise in the pool during aquatic fitness class at the Farmington YMCA.

to be moving around. They don't need exercise. They need to be outside running around. From age 5 to 10 and into the teen years you have to keep your kids active whether it's a sport or kicking them out to climb a tree. We're seeing the effects of it (healthwise) if we don't do something about it."

Brenda Woody has a family who comes to exercise class with sons 11 and 13 and loves it. Woody and her husband, Randy, have been doing personal training and ongoing exercise classes for 8 years.

Beginning March 1, they'll offer something new at the Total Life Fitness Center in Redford - 3- and 5-day-a-week exercise boot camps for those looking to step up their workout, families included. Woody continues to teach exercise classes for free through Detroit World Outreach in Redford.

For information about the 4-week camps affiliated with the church, call (313) 561-LIFE or (313) 622-2837.

"It's straight forward weight training exercises to teach form and technique, breathing," said Brenda Woody of Westland. "They'll be kicking and punching a bag, drag-



Instructor Lynn Drywer runs an aerobic and weight training class at the Farmington YMCA.

ging a bag, cardiovascular stuff. I tie in pilates and yoga holds for balance. It's a quick way to change your health around. You're able to build some muscle and trim some fat in a certain amount of time.

Woody tests participants' level of endurance during the first session. Exercises are modified for the elderly or those with injuries if necessary. The only criteria for participants is attitude.

"I don't want anybody to have fear that they can't do it. I want people with a certain level of attitude that they can do this," said Woody.

"I'll be giving handouts on nutrition. You can't sustain a great workout program without good nutrition."

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FEBRUARY

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

Divorce support group

Gaining financial control of your divorce and how to plan for your future with Jacqueline Gold-Rosesler 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Families in Action program

Presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness the 10 week educational program is designed specifically for any individual with a loved one that has been diagnosed with a mental illness. The two hour weekly sessions cover topics relative to mental illness, facilitated by family members trained by NAMI- Michigan. Sessions begin 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at St. Regis School Campus, 3695 Lincoln Rd. (14 1/2 Mile and Lahser), Bloomfield Hills. Cost \$20 per person, \$30 a couple. Call Mary Ellen, (248) 348-7196, or send e-mail to mejudd@comcast.net. Another session is set to begin 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Oakwood Heritage Hospital, 10000 Telegraph, Taylor. Call Dr. Huebl, (313) 359-0253, or Art, (734) 427-1435.

Pandemic response

Conference and strategic planning 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Best Western Executive Plaza, 2900 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor. The forum is on issues related to emergency planning is for professionals in home health care, seniors centers, community/public housing, assisted living, homes for the aged. Contact hours available for nursing home administrators, nurses. Cost \$50. To register, call (800) 968-8195 or visit www.affordablehomecare.

Blood drive

7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb.

28, in the lower level classrooms

of the Allan Breakie Medical Office building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (734) 458-4259. Walk-ins welcome.

Sharing & Caring

Pain and shoulder dysfunction of breast cancer survivors with Justin Riutta, M.D. 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Beaumont Hospital Cancer Center, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. For more information, call (248) 551-8586.

UPCOMING

Deadline for registration is March 1 for the 9th annual Art of Aging Successfully 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. 7 Mile. Hear Detroit icon Sonny Eliot talk about his decades of working in radio and TV and his personal triumphs and tragedies. Sign up for any of five workshops on exercise, nutrition, masterpiece painting, aging issues, and humor. Cost is \$18 for age 55 and older, and includes a hot, sitdown lunch. To register, call (313) 577-2297 and ask for Donna. Art of Aging is hosted by the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University.

Exercise boot camps

Begins Monday, March 3, 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday (\$300) or Monday, Wednesday and Friday (\$180) for four weeks, and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (\$180), at Total Life Fitness Building, 9562 Telegraph, Redford. One day women only boot camp Saturday, March 1 (\$60). Space limited to first 15 people. Call (313) 561-LIFE or (313) 622-2837.

Breastfeeding classes

10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Feb. 25, and March 3, 10 and 17, at the Oakland County Health Division. 27725 Greenfield, Southfield, Classes for mother and baby are taught by public health nurses and cover everything from pumping to starting solids and weaning. Information targeted to first year of breastfeeding. For information or to register, call (248) 858-4003 or (888) 350-0900,

ext. 84003. **Sharing & Caring**

Dinner and support for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients and their partners with Annette Spencer, Phd. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Beaumont Hospital Cancer Center,

Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

Food for thought

Workshop with Dr. William Karl, D.C. on how nutrition affects health and longevity 7 p.m. Monday, March 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington

No charge. Call (734) 425-8588 for more information and to reserve your seat.

Volunteers needed

For Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy (June 29 to July 3, at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, northwest of Kalamazoo). Volunteer training from experts on epilepsy and camp procedures Saturday, June 28. Free room and board. Opportunities include camp counselors, junior counselors, medical staff, recreation assistants, dietary aides, behavioral specialists and support staff. For information or an application, visit www.epilepsymichigan.org, call (800) 377-6226, option 1, ext. 231, or send e-mail to sdarroch@epilepsymichigan.org.

Self-defense class

For women and men 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at the Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7100. The techniques, tactics and information will be new each month and will add to any prior class instruction. No charge, but a \$5 donation will be sent to a shelter for abused women and children.

Fibromyalgia lecture

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, with Dr. Peter lanni, a behavioral pain psychologist, present a demonstration. of surface EMG and Biofeed back, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. RSVP a few days before the lecture if you will be attending, by sending e-mail to smo23915@aol.com. Cost is \$5 to help pay for the cost of the room.

For more information, call (248) 344-0896. Loren DeVinney, P.T. will discuss the role of physical therapy in the treatment of fibromyalgia and how Biofeedback and physical therapy complement each other in a multidisciplinary treatment program.

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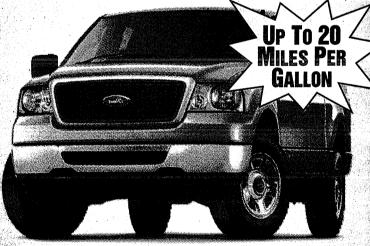


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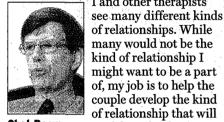
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Gifts in relationships can come in many forms

Hugh Gallagher, editor . (734) 953-2149 . hgallagher@hometownlife.com

everal years ago, when I first began writing for the Observer newspapers, I wrote an article I called "A Gift for Valentine's Day." In it, I suggested that often the gift of a card is to make nice with your partner after a big blow out or blow up. Sometimes, the card is the only way that a couple communicates. It keeps up appearances and gives both the public and that couple the impression that they still have a relationship.

Now, it is true that there are all kinds of relationships. In the consulting room, I and other therapists



Paul Melrose

might want to be a part of, my job is to help the couple develop the kind of relationship that will work best for them. But having said this, there is still a sense with many couples that they

are unhappy, dissatisfied, don't know what to do about it, have even given up, are willing to stay with the status quo because it is familiar or get to the point where one party feels that nothing about this relationship can be saved; in that case someone walks.

The faith aspect of my work has given me a sense that there is often hope when one thought there was none. Let me be clear, however; hope often leads one down a road of different possibilities, not the re-creation of what was and no longer

In the case of relationships, the sense of hope might be that a couple has reached the breaking point, they will split, but each, after they have worked at it, may gain some important new insights and/or skills which will improve relationships and make for greater potential in a future

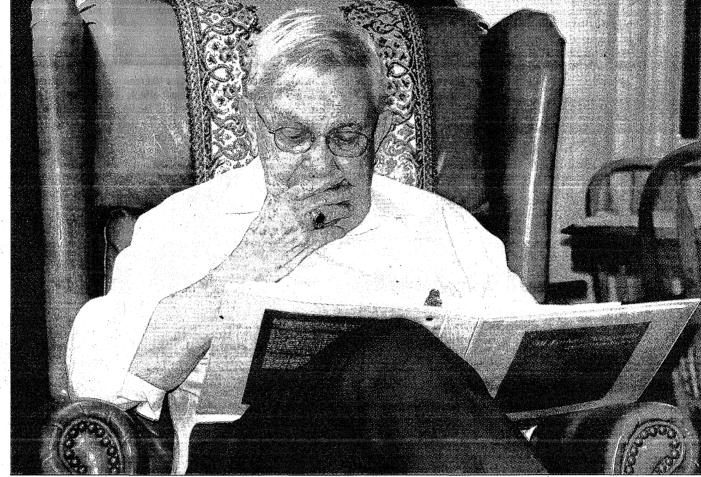
The caveat here is that one or both parties to a relationship that is on the rocks will have had enough commitment to themselves and those they love to look carefully, with the help of counseling, at what is not working, stay with the process long enough to see if it can be saved, and if not, what are the possibilities for the future that are best for all concerned.

I think the gift I would suggest we offer our partner is the gift of honesty; let's see how our relationship really is and how we feel about it. After that, if there is work to be done, give yourself and your partner the gift of commitment, the willingness to explore the situation fully and completely, as hard and as complicated as that may be, to work together for, as Christian scripture puts it, "a more abundant life

It is both a psychological and a spiritual truth that you must pay as much attention to yourself as you need to pay to your partner for both to be happy. That, perhaps, is the final gift. Take your life seriously enough to pay attention to those areas that need care: your loneliness, your low self-esteem, your lack of selfconfidence, your depression, and your anxiety. You know what those parts are. This kind of attention to self and relationship could provide a greater life-fulfilling gift than you might have thought.

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All fathers are



Wallace Caminsky reads through the manuscript of 'All Fathers are Giants' during his 85th birthday celebration at his Redford home.

Author inspired by childhood in Hamtramck



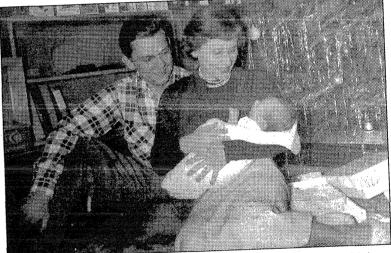
Wasil Caminsky and his son, Wallace, in the back yard of their Hamtramck home

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Wallace Caminsky's short stories might have remained hidden in a filing cabinet if not for his son, Jeffrey. The two sit side by side to talk about the project to publish All Fathers are Giants. The collection of short stories and poems was inspired by the elder Caminsky's childhood experiences as the son of immigrants in Hamtramck and later as a young father raising a family in the suburbs of Detroit.

Wallace Caminsky speaks fondly of his father, who was born in a little town outside of Kiev. Wasil graces the cover of the book. His long-suffering death from cancer was very traumatic for Caminsky.

"My favorite is still the first one about my father," said Caminsky,



Wallace and Alice Caminsky enjoy Jeffrey's first Christmas at home in Royal Oak.

85, of Redford. "It was written about 40 to 50 years ago. My father spent most of the Depression out of work. We were poor. One time my mother gave me a plate of mashed potatoes (and nothing else) for dinner and I liked it but it sent her upstairs crying."

Caminsky went on to earn a scholarship to Wayne University and for the next 20 years worked at one of the Big Three automobile companies. It wasn't until President John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963 that he decided to go to law school at night. He retired as an administrative law judge for Aid to Dependent Children in the late 1980s.

Please see FATHERS, C2

Sassy has a career outside of the show ring as well. She recently attended the **North American** International **Auto Show's** black tie charity preview as one of the Celebrities Against Autism. Pictured with Sassy is owner Terry Seraceno of Farmington Hills. The two also do pet therapy work with Doctor Paws.



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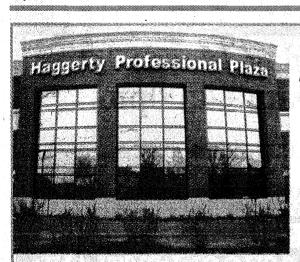
Terry Seraceno starts conditioning her golden retrievers Blue and Sassy about a month before big shows like the two presented by the Detroit Kennel Club at Cobo Center Saturday and Sunday, March 1-2. That takes a lot of shampooing and blow drying not to mention exercising them on a treadmill to keep their muscles in shape.

"I take better care of the dogs than myself," said Seraceno of Farmington Hills.

"I bathe and blow dry them every other day. Goldens have a lot of fur. For a shiny coat, there's a special shampoo with conditioners. I'm feeding a good healthy diet, give them vitamins mixed in with food every day. In the winter it's hard to exercise your dog. Many owners train the dog to run on a treadmill at home."

After all of her hard work Seraceno plans to enjoy the show as a spectator. She's hired a professional handler to show and stay with

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Humor heals and it's good for our health. That's the reason Angela Hospice is hosting Laughter Lifts You Up Thursday, March 13. More than 300 women are expected to attend the event at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"Our invitations have gone out and so far the response has been very positive," said Barbara Paul, events coordinator at Angela Hospice in Livonia. "Ladies are very excited about coming to this event and having a fun night out with their girlfriends.'

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barbershop quartet. A plated dinner of Chicken Wellington will follow before the main event with guest speaker Maureen Burns who has presented to groups in the U.S., England and Canada, and is the author of the bestselling book Run With Your Dreams. She has been called warm, witty, down-to-earth, uplifting, and memorable.

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"Some of our committee members saw Ms. Burns speak a number of years ago and are still raving about her," said Paul. "She'll be talking about how humor affects our health."

Following Burns message, guests will be treated to a fruit

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Reservations are \$40 per person and can be made by calling Barbara Paul at (734) 953-6014. Proceeds from the event will benefit ALS patients at Angela Hospice. For more information or to download an invitation. visit www.angelahospice.org.

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LOVE OF WRITING

"I enjoyed writing from high

school and overseas while serv-

ing in the Army on a ship. I

ing for Buick and wrote at

my sons grew up with."

came home and started work-

night," said Caminsky. "The sto-

ries are based upon what hap-

pened to me or I heard about.

Always is about a retarded boy

Caminsky started writing

novels about being on the ship

fact after returning home from

the Army, Caminsky didn't do

courting Alice, his soon-to-be

wife. Alice is a former speech

English as a second language

The couple has lived in Redford

since 1954. They married near-

"After we were married one

of the things she said to me was

you're not going to quit writ-

ing, are you. She encouraged

me," said Caminsky. "She liked

the stories. She proofread the

stories and sometimes made

Jeffrey began editing the stories early last spring after wad-

ing through file cabinets full of manuscripts with the hope of

publishing his father's book as a surprise for his 85th birthday

for Redford Union Schools.

teacher and later taught

ly 60 years ago.

suggestions."

A FAMILY AFFAIR

on Oct. 28, 2007.

much writing. He was busy

but never finished them. In

Nationally known speaker Maureen Burns explores how humor affects our health at Laughter Lifts You Up, a women's event hosted by the staff and volunteers of Angela Hospice.



Jeffrey remembers reading his father's writing as a kid then he started writing. Jeffrey Caminsky and his New Alexandria Press published his book, The Referee's Survival Guide, last year. The Livonia man's next project was All Fathers are Giants. Wallace Caminsky continues to work on new stories. Jeffrey has a series of science fiction novels he's written coming out later

this year. Both of Wallace's sons. Jeffrey and Christopher, followed in his footsteps and became lawyers. Jeffrey is an assistant prosecutor for Wayne County. He admires his father's writing.

Jeffrey says short stories are very challenging to write since the author doesn't have much time to capture the reader's attention or develop the story, but his father has a very poetic writing style and a good ear for a descriptive turn of phrase.

Since I shared some of the same experiences from a different perspective, I can recognize many of the people and places in many of the stories, but like any artist he uses his life as a point of departure and paints his stories with words."

All Fathers are Giants can be ordered through any bookstore, autographed copies through the publisher's Web site www.newalexandriapress. com. Locally, copies are available at the Book Connection in





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However, several features of Allopurinol make physicians careful in ordering its use. First are side effects. The drug can cause mouth sores and a rash. In rare instances, but still more frequently than physicians want, the medication can cause a life threatening hepatitis. Second is the timing in starting Allopurinol. You cannot use the drug during an acute

attack of gout or begin Allopurinol soon after an attack ends. If used during such times, the drug will make the gout worse or cause another flare of the arthritis. If you wait too long to start the medication, you may have another attack of gout and need to further delay the start of this effective medication

Third is the difficulty in determining the proper dose. Some individuals need as much as 900 mgm a day, while others because of prior kidney or liver damage should take no more than 100 mgm.

Allopurinol is a fine medication but as good as it is, it is not the ideal. Better gout medications are in development, and may soon become the treatments of choice.

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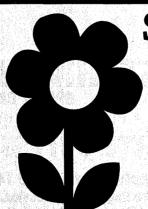


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Blue and Sassy in an area separate from the golden retrievers. Benched shows like the DKC require dogs to be on a bench from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during show hours so visitors can learn more about the breed. Sassy and Blue will be in the professional handlers benching

SPEAK UP

"People can come up and ask questions," said Seraceno. "If anybody is looking to buy a dog tell them to come down to the shows before they get a dog and remember if the price sounds cheap, you get what you pay for. Goldens have heart, hip, eye problems. If you're looking for a dog, contact your local club. They have a puppy referral system for reputable breeders. Ask to see the mother or father. Ask questions. Get some kind of guarantee. Hopefully this is a member of the family and they'll be with you for quite a

Blue has been with Seraceno 6 1/2 years, Sassy for 3. Both have careers outside of the

ring. Blue is a Doctor Paws therapy dog that visits patients at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills on a regular basis. Seraceno founded the organization and tests dogs to see if they qualify to work with not only patients but staff (www.drpaws.org or www. drpaws.info).

Sassy, whose registered name is Harbourfleets Sugar and Spice, recently attended the North American International Auto Show's black tie charity preview as one of the Celebrities Against Autism. Seraceno accompanied the golden imported from Canada. She's been showing dogs 20 years and breeds them as well (sarabaygoldens.com).

The dogs truly are members of Seraceno's family. Sons Kevin, 15, and Christopher, 12, help out with Doctor Paws, events and shows like the DKC which judges different breeds including four new ones this year — Tibetan mastiff, the Beauceron, Swedish valhund, and the Plott hound. In addition to watching the dogs compete in conformation, obedience and agility trials, visitors can learn more about Leader Dogs for the

Blind, the Children's Hospital of Michigan Pet Therapy Program, retriever and field training, herding, and first aid, CPR and arthritis in animals with Michigan Veterinary Specialists.

GOOD FOR KIDS

"It's (showing) something kids can do too," said Seraceno. They can get involved with junior handling.'

Like Seraceno, Cheryl Zink believes shows are a good place to learn about dogs. She's showing Izzy, a 21-monthold Lhaso apso. The breed originally is from Tibet, weighs about 12 to 17 pounds and classified as a small dog in the nonsporting group.

"I've been raising and showing Lhaso for over 30 years because I love the breed," said Cheryl Zink of Westland. "They're eye catching in their beauty with their long coat but can be stubborn and independent. Some people describe them as cat-like. They're loving dogs and not always patient with children like many small breeds but I raised two boys myself and with training they do make good pets."

The beautiful long hair on

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What: An annual celebration fea turing more than 2,500 canines from the 169 breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club When: Two separate shows run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 1-2, with Best of Show going into the ring at 6 p.m. each

Where: Cobo Center, Detroit Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 children under age 12 and seniors age 60 and over, \$35 for family packs of 2 adults and 3 children. For information, call (248) 352-7469 or visit www.detroitkennelclub.com.

the Lhaso apso is a lot of work. Zink will not only be brushing Izzy before but at the show. Zink has shown dogs in DKC events for more than 20 years. The only time she missed one of the Detroit shows was when her second son was born too

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received many

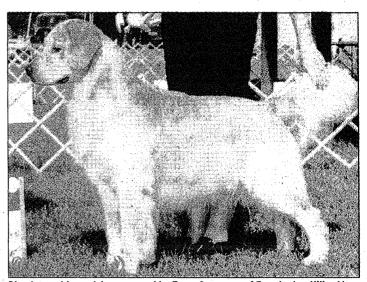
honors and awards

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Blue is a golden retriever owned by Terry Seraceno of Farmington Hills. At age 6 1/2, he is going to retire soon from the show ring but not from pet therapy work with Doctor Paws.

close to show time.

"They should be mat free so you brush them constantly," said Zink whose husband David frequently helps with grooming. "Lhaso don't shed a lot except for a major coat

change at 6 to 18 months of age. I bathe them in the laundry tub, blow dry by hand, brushing as you go along. There's a lot of grooming. Most people keep them on the shorter side."

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pain for years. My face would swell and my whole mouth would throb," she explains. "Then a visit to Parkside Dental Team changed my life." Deanna was so afraid of the dentist, that she lived with dental

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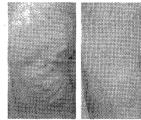
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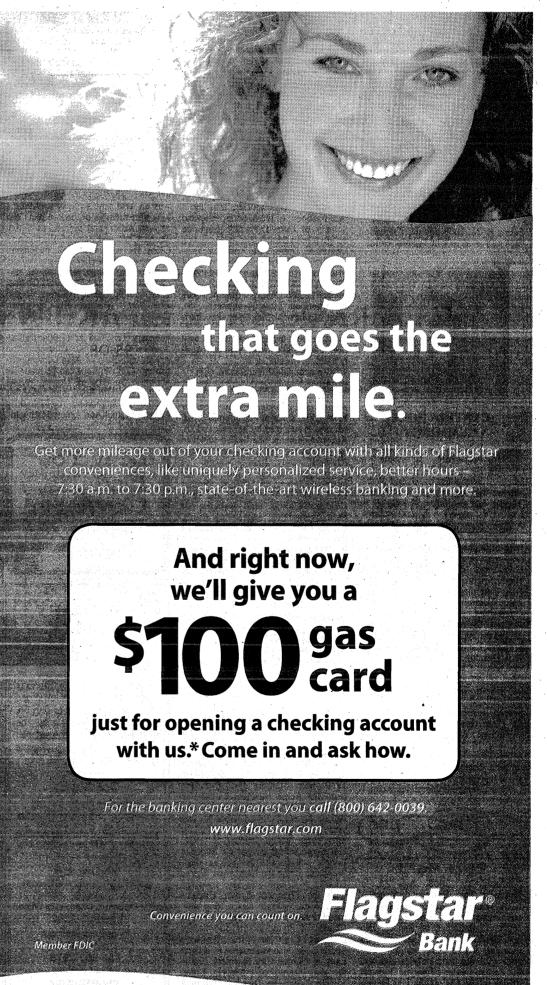
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Irish heritage day celebrates dance, music and food BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN "GILLL OO

The Rose Kennedy Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians invites everyone to Irish Heritage Day 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, Detroit.

There is no admission charge. Traditional Irish food is available throughout the day.

Una Bonner says the event is a perfect way to learn about the Irish. The day kicks off at 11 a.m. with a presentation on Irish soda and griddle breads by Peggy Boland and Sadie O' Boyle.

"They're going to talk about and show you how to make it and come with bread already made to pass out samples," said Una Bonner of Detroit.

Bonner is especially excited about the 1 p.m. performance of Siobhan McKinney who plays harp. McKinney is just one of the musicians entertaining during the event. Lynne and Mick Reid, and The Celtic Harpers of Detroit play at 11:30 a.m.

"Siobhan's father is a piper. She won the all Ireland for three years. Her dad is steeped in Irish tradition of uilleann pipes," said Bonner. "One of the nice features this year is a Mass at the ending. Religion is a big part of our heritage. After the Mass they're going to keep a musical session going."

Learn about Irish Scones the Irish Baker way with Charlie French at 12:40 p.m. or Irish literature with Tony Johnston at 1:30

Redford fiddler Mick Gavin and Anne McCallum set dancers kick up their heels at 2:30 p.m. after a discussion on the concertina and it's music at 2 p.m.

John Heinzman II talks about step dancing before a demonstration by Kitty Heinzman's ceili and step dancers at 3:30 p.m.

The day offers a variety of ways to experience Irish culture from a noon lesson in conversational Irish to a bodhran demonstration and workshop at 12:20 p.m.

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GARLAND B. BORDEN, SR.

Age 92, received by the Lord February 20, 2008. Beloved husband of the late Maryalice. Loving father of Landy (Debra), Toni (Marc) Heinonen, Cary, Brooke (Michael) Ruggiero, James, Margaret and Rebecca. Grandfather of 15. Great grandfather of 3. Brother of Suzanne. Proceeded in death by his daughter Elizabeth. Will be missed by his family and friends. Respected teacher and administrator for Livonia Public Schools for over 30 years. Was an active member of the Goodfellows, Kiwanis Club, and the Livonia Housing Commission. Visitation Sunday 1-7pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home; 37000 Six Mile Rd, Livonia. Funeral service Monday In state 9:30am until the time of service at 10:00am at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church; 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church.

DOLORES G. CLARKE,

February 21, 2008 age 64. Cremation rites entrusted to Uht Funeral Home.



CYNTHIA HOLT CUMMINGS

February 19, 2008, Age 88.

Peacefully at home in Beverly Hills, surrounded by loving family. Proud WWIIveteran serving in the West African Theatre and the Italian Theatre as 1st Lt. US Army Nurse Corps. Accomplished author and publisher of 11 books of Christmas poetry. Beloved wife of Richard Howe Cummings for 60 years. Dear mother of Roger Holt Cummings (Buff). Grandmother of David Michael Cummings (Michelle), Julia Cummings Dick (Casey), Jessica Lynn Cummings and Amanda Susan Cummings. Great-grandmother of Andrew Dylan Cummings. Preceded in death by her parents and three brothers. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward (btw 13 -14 Mile) Monday (February 25) 4-8pm. Memorial Service at First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple, Birmingham, Monday, (March 3) 11am. Interment in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, West Boylston, Massa-chusetts. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to the charity of donor's choice. View obituary and share memories at:

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LEO J. McGUE

February 16, 2008. Age 85, of Plymouth Twp. Beloved husband of Nancy. Loving father of Jerry (Shelly) and James. Dear brother of June and Joyce. Grandfather of Rachel, Jake and Brett. Member of the Westland Planning Commission for 5+ years. Active in Westland politics and with the Senior Center of Wayne. Funeral, Friday 11:30 AM, at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Road, Westland. Family will receive friends Friday 10 AM until time of service. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

ROBERT J. (BOB) MCNUTT

Left this earthly clime Wednesday, February 13, 2008. He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, March 7, 1920, to R D and Louise Ashton Barron McNutt. He was City Manager for Harper Woods and Southfield from 1955-1960. In 1960 Bob moved out west. He was a retired Consulting Civil Engineer. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, of 60 years, two daughters Marcia Ann Thornton of Magdalena, New Mexico and Jane Roberta McCoy of Las Vegas, Nevada. He is also survived by two granddaughters, two grandsons and two great grandsons. Cremation has occurred. A service celebrating his life was held at First Presbyterian Church, 1515 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 10 AM.

JAMES EDWARD "ED" SCHWARTZ

Age 77, of Howell, passed away Saturday, February 16, 2008. He was born October 28, 1930 in Detroit, son of Edward J. and Elizabeth (Sause) Schwartz. Beloved husband of Barbara in Bloomfield Hills in 1966; dear father of Ellen L. Schwartz of Howell. Ed received a degree in chemical engineering from MIT and an MBA from the Harvard Business School. He was a chemical engineer and Founder of Great Lakes Laboratories, Inc. and a past president of the Marine Historical Society of Detroit. Private graveside services have taken place at Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Memorial services will be held Friday, March 28th at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 504 Prospect Street, Howell. Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association, St. John's Episcopal Church or any charity of your choice. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Please visit the family's online guestbook at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

LYNN ANN (Moore) SEARS

Age 46 died in Oklahoma on February 15th, 2008. Born in Farmington Hills, MI, she is survived by her beloved Dr. Rupert Anderson. She is also survived by her loving son Ryan, her parents Richard and Joan Moore of Cheboygan MI, sister Lisa and her husband Steve, of Milford, brother Durk and his wife Cyndi, and their children Calvin and Isabelle, of Farmington Hills, and loving Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. Lynn Graduated from North Farmington High School in 1980 and went on to pursue a career in the Culinary Arts, cooking from Texas to Chicago. A graveside memorial was held February 18th, 2008 in Brinkley Arkansas. Memorials can be made in Lynn's name to: Vitalcare Hospice of the Straits, 761 Lafayette Ave, Cheboygan, MI 49721, and are very appreciated.

EVELYN MAY STANIBLE

Age 96, passed away February 21, long time resident of Plymouth. She was born December 27, 1911 in Nankin Township, the daughter of the late Fred and Lillian Stanible. The family moved to Plymouth in 1923 where she graduated from Plymouth High School in 1930. Mrs. Stanible also graduated from the Acme Business College in Lansing, Michigan. She worked for Burton Abstract of Ann Arbor for two years, then the City of Plymouth for thirty-three years, retiring in 1976. Her memberships include the Rebekah Lodge, where she served as past-President of the the Northwest Wayne District # 8. She was also involved with the Plymouth Senior Citizens Club. Mrs. Stanible was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, its 60+ Senior Citizens Club and the Women's Society. She also voluntered as a Gray Lady at Garden City Hospital. She is the dear friend of Melvin Litke. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 10am until time of funeral service 12 Noon at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Contributions suggested to Angela Hospice.

FREDERIC W. TAKALO Age 77, Farmington Hills, MI. Thayer-

Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



WOODWARD ALFRED "CHIP" WARRICK

Of Plymouth, MI, age 86 died February 7, 2008. Born in Indianapolis, IN. Parents, Charlotte Barksdale & Woodward Warrick, Sr. "Chip" married Janet Anderson on June 14, 1952.

He was a Stockbroker beginning in 1965 for E.F. Hutton, also worked for Prudential Bache, First of Michigan, and Robert W. Baird. In 1940 he entered U of M and received his com-mission in the NROTC in 1944 and served in active duty in the North Atlantic. Returned to U of M in 1946 and earned his varsity letter in wrestling and was President of the "M" Club in 1975. In 2008 "Chip" was awarded "The Bob Ufer award". Chip was an avid tennis player and was a long time member of the Racquet Club of Ann Arbor, and the Huron Valley Tennis Club, and Barton Hills Country Club. He won the Nat'l Paddleball Championship in 1977. His survivors include his loving wife, Janet; his daughter, Courtney (Andrew) Cherna; three grandchildren, Andrew, Regan and Mary Cherna. His daughter, Cecily predeceased him in 1979. A memorial service will be held on memorial service will be held on February 11, 2008 at 11:00am at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, with Rev. Fr. Alan Gibson officiating. Contributions can be made to: Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, Arrangements by Muehlig Funeral Chapel Ann Arbor, Michigan



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ENGAGEMENTS



Foley-Kasten

Kristen Colleen Foley and Timothy Robert Kasten are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Debbie Foley of Plymouth and Pete Foley of Plymouth. She is a graduate of Canton High School. She will be graduating in May 2008 with a bachelor's degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University. She is employed at Studio Design.

The future groom is a graduate of Salem High School. He is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn, majoring in mechanical engineering. He is employed at Power Sports.

A May wedding is planned for Weller's in Saline.

Riley-Rzetelny

William and Laura Riley

of Romulus announce the

engagement of their daugh-

ter, Kelly Ann of Livonia, to

Randy Joseph Rzetelny Jr. of

Livonia, son of Randy and Kim Rzetelny of South Lyon.

The bride-to-be is a graduate

The future groom is a gradu-

of the International Academy

of Design and Technology

of Troy. She is employed at

ate of Livonia Franklin High

School. He is employed by

Formen Brothers Trucking.

A September wedding is

planned at Crystal Gardens in

Outback Steak House.

Southgate.



Jim and Linda Courtney of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Lynn Courtney, to Giuseppe Ianni, son of Theresa and Hasan Nazeer of Canton and Joe and Pam Ianni of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in cable and broadcast production. She is currently a closing coordinator at 1st Security Title.

The future groom is also a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in sales and business marketing. He currently works at Azox, an e-commerce solution provider, as a channel sales manager.

A summer 2008 wedding is planned.

Zazula-Brcka

Ann-Marie Zazula of

Royal Oak and Joshua

engaged to be married.

ter of Arlene Zazula of

Westland and the late

Joshua is the son of

Mich., and the late Kay

Robert Brcka of Plainwell,

The couple met at their

A November wedding is

place of employment and

will make their home in

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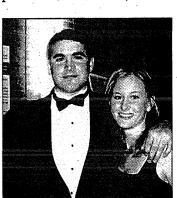
Pawloski-Zurawski

Sharon and Al Pawloski of Greenbush, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Pawloski, to Eric Zurawski, son of Paula and Don Zurawski of Livonia.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor of science degree from Grand Valley State University and master of library science degree from Wayne State University. She is the head of circulation at Marygrove College.

The future groom has a bachelor of fine arts degree from Center for Creative Studies. He is self-employed as a free lance art director.

An August 2008 wedding is planned for Greenbush, Mich.



Michael and Joann Trosell of Livonia announce the Stacy Trosell, to Jonathan Schwartz, son of Craig and Linda Schwartz of West

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and received a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University

The future groom is a 2000 degree in political science from

Farmington Hills law firm. A wedding is planned for September in Pontiac.

BIRTH

Alyssa Noelle Gerwing

Jeff and Heather Gerwing of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Noelle Gerwing, on Dec. 29, 2007 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Alyssa weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long at birth.

She has an older sister, Hayley Elizabeth Gerwing. Grandparents are Nard and

Pat Cossaboon of Bridgeton, N.J. and Ted and Carole Gerwing of The Villages, Fla.



ANNIVERSARY



Maycocks celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Maycock or Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 23, 2007. They celebrated with their family while on a cruise to the Caribbean.

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engagement of their daughter, Bloomfield and Ilene Schwartz of Franklin.

in 2007. She is employed by MetroDetroit YMCA.

graduate of Birmingham Groves High School and received a bachelor of arts the University of Michigan in 2004. He received a juris doctorate of law degree from Wayne State University in 2007. He is employed by a

GIVING TRADITION

The Farmington/ Farmington Hills Foundation continues its tradition of giving, with the latest round of grants.

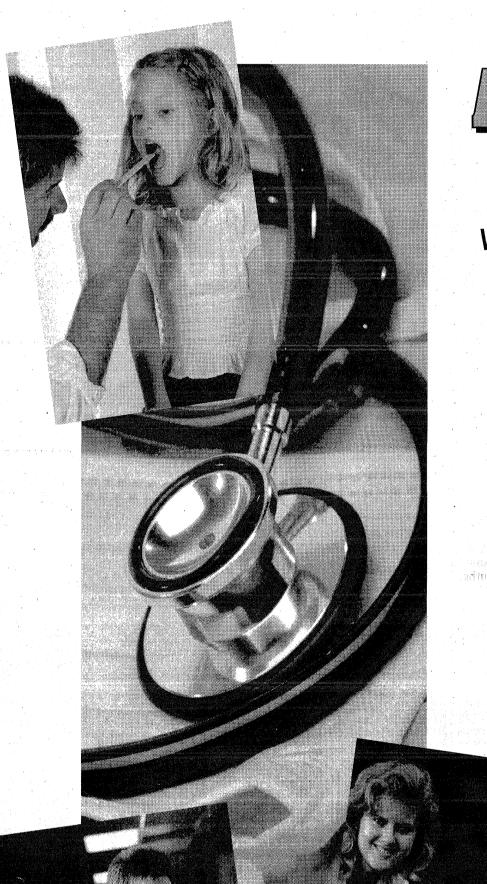
"In these difficult economic times, the Foundation is glad to be able to help organizations that help residents of our community," said Bill Dwyer as he presented a check to Dick Tupper for Neighborhood House. Neighborhood House provides assistance to members of the community in need of food, shelter, clothing or assistance with utility bills. Referrals are made through schools, religious organizations, police and fire departments. In addition, clients receive counseling to enable them to develop long-term solutions.

Grants were also awarded to the Farmington Musicale in support of their monthly music programs; Farmington Players for the educational component of the recent production of Cat on a Hot Tin Roof; Farmington Youth Assistance for the Summer Activity Camp; the Multicultural Multiracial Community Council; North Farmington High School's "Link Crew Program," and Pastways, an organization promoting local history.

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STENING AS MANAGING FOR WORKING RETIRED



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the working retired need to be managed may seem bizarre to you, but not when managing is equated with listening. Mary Young, senior researcher and author of "Gray Skies, Silver

The belief that

Linings," a research report from The Conference Board, writes: "To retain mature workers and keep them engaged, employers must manage them better, rather than leave them alone to manage themselves, as is common. When companies take the trouble to listen to their older workers, they can manage them more effectively....

Do the working retired -- people with careers or jobs into their 60s, which they then left, either by choice or company design -- want to be listened to? You bet. WORKING RETIREDS

Alfred Kline, 76, is a case in point. He delivers 24-ft. fiberglass VIP boats part-time for Vivian Industries Inc., in Vivian, La. -- work quite unrelated to his career as a draftsman at a leading intercontinental pipeline company, where he also installed a CAD system and managed about 80 permanent and part-time employees. He accepted

early retirement after a buy-out in 1986 and subsequently left Houston for the house he built on Caddo Lake, in Oil City, La., 15 miles northwest of Shreveport.

"Before I went into drafting," he says, "I wanted to be out and see the country, not sit at a desk. I spent 30 years at a desk. This job affords me the luxury of going anywhere."His neighbor recruited him for a special run, and he's been driving three kinds of trucks ever since, clocking up to 74,000 miles per year since June, 2000.

Blanche Sobun, 69, is another working retired, a cake decorator part-time in the bakery of a national grocery chain store in Joliet, Ill. She also decorates cupcakes, brownies and as many as 50 pies per day, and waits on customers. Like Kline, she worked in a very different field, medical underwriting, until she was laid off into forced retirement at 63. She babysat her grandchildren for three years, for which she was paid. "I got tired of it," she

LISTENING

Are employers listening? Some may be. Vivian Industries paints the picture, but the driver fills in the particulars, which Kline loves. There is a time frame, and he's paid per mile (for the shortest route) and per size of the truck. He chooses the itinerary. "They want me to get there as soon as I can legally do it," he explains. When he's near Maryland, he visits his 95 year-old mother.

"I wanted to get into something with a little freedom

but didn't want to commit," he says. "Companies need to build a pool of part-time people without asking them to commit. They need to call you on an as-needed basis. That way, if you can't accept, there are no hard feelings and we don't have to feel guilty about telling them no.

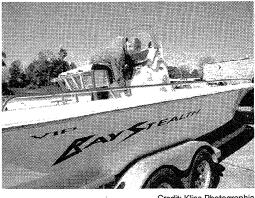
Sobun, who was a manager in her previous company, maintains, "Part of management's job is to help this person."This includes listening. She filled in her boss when she was being hired. No work Tuesdays or Thursdays, because those were grandchild days, but "When we go into the freezer," she says, "we wear

gloves and a hat. I won't stand on top of boxes. I'm not going to break my hip. I have to lift 35 pounds, but my boss knows that I'll ask for help if I need it." She doesn't want special privileges. She's also not afraid to point out that if she's making a

mistake, "the company needs to give me tools to correct it,"including the hours to make it happen. In other words, she wants management to listen and act upon what she

The Conference Board's Young comments, "You don't have to create different programs for mature workers if you have very effective HR practices and systems for employees of all ages." One of these is "a very robust career mobility process (encouraging employees) to look for a different job elsewhere in the organization" when

DIRECT CARE WORKER



Alfred Kline, at 76, is working retired, preparing a boat he's about to deliver. Before driving away from Vivian Industries Inc., in Vivian, La., he secures every part of a boat -- one of the most important parts of

they so choose. Companies that are listening will know that working retireds go for variety. Sobun has her eye on pharmaceutical tech.

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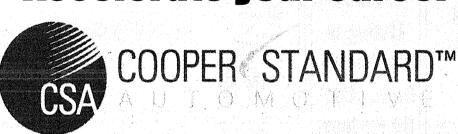
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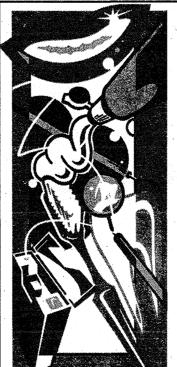


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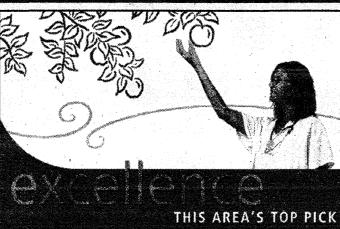
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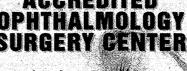
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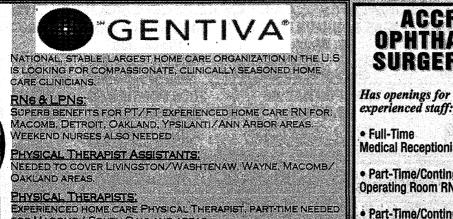
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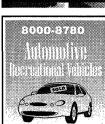
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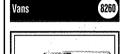
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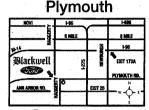


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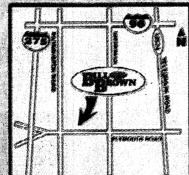
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Down on the farm: Discerni design for the discerning

The Discerni (407-35) brings back memories of visiting Grandma and Grandpa on the farm. The home has been designed to reflect the look of the past homes and still carry the more modern look within. The downstairs area of the Discerni is 1,087 square feet, but when the unfinished attic is added to this to this amount, the area of the home is increased considerably.

Homes of our childhood had the large great room areas where the family could gather in the evenings to eat, relax, and be together to share the stories of the day. The living room/dining room area is over 30 feet long and 10 feet wide. There are bench windows in the dining area, along with a row of windows in the living room to allow the natural light to flow and light up the space.

The kitchen, located on the right side of the home, has plenty of counter space, as well as an eating bar. The sink faces the front of the home, looking out onto the covered front porch. The bathroom for the home is accessible from both the master suite and the great room. The master suite contains a wall closet area and its own sink for privacy of putting on her makeup or for

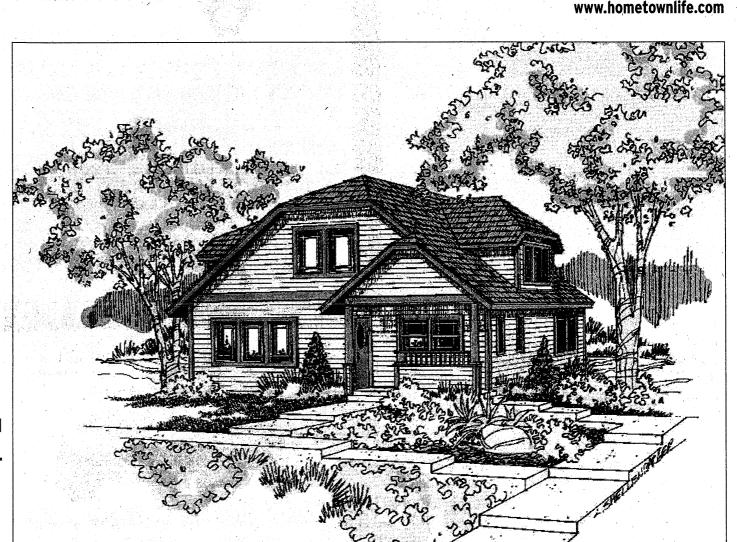
his shaving. Across the hall from the master suite is the second bedroom. It has two wall closets with shelves in-between. In the area

The Discerni has numerous windows that not only supply the inside with lots of sunlight, but also make the exterior of the home pleasing to the eye The covered porch with the door opening into the living room and windows looking out towards the front of the home are reminiscent of our childhood and the great times we had.

between the two bedrooms are the stairs to the attic a long with an area for the washer and dryer. This location of the utility room makes it convenient to both bedrooms and the upstairs, should the attic be converted into spare bedrooms.

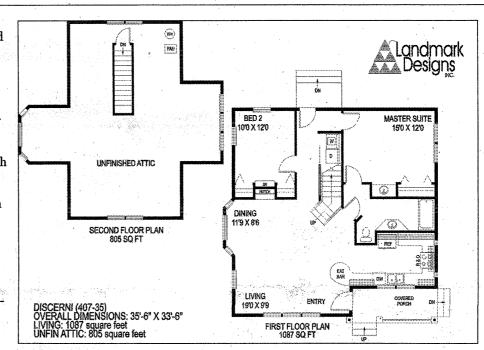
Upstairs is an unfinished attic that is 805 square feet. This is ample space to add more bedrooms, maybe an extra bathroom, a family room, play area for the kids, or an office for the working mom or dad. There are two dormers in the attic, one on each side of the home.

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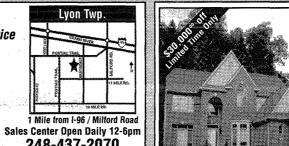
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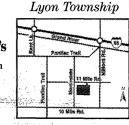
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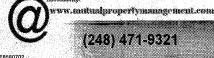
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