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Local police add forensics to fight against computer crimes

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It was just a few months ago when an elderly man called Canton police, after discovering someone he didn't know had opened up multiple credit card accounts in his name.

Canton police were able to track some of the fraudulent activity to a woman who lived in Detroit. Turned out she worked in the billing department of a medical center where the man had seen a doctor, and she admitted to stealing his personal information, banking on his age and improbability that he'd discover the fraud or remember what credit cards he had.

It is a scenario that happens all the time, according to police officials.

Computer crimes and identity theft are the fastest growing crimes nationwide, and Canton is no different. More than 10 such crimes were reported every week in Canton last year, and if the trend continues, it's projected that by the end of next year there will be 860 reported cases in Canton Township alone.

"About three or four years ago we saw a trend in

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Fear the 'Fro

Plymouth Wildcat fan Tim Kwicien looks like a refugee from the 1970s, cheering for his basketball team. The Wildcats defeated cross-campus rivals, the Salem Rocks, 61-50 Tuesday in a Western Lakes Activities Association contest. For the full story on the game, please turn to Sports, Page C1.

Board seat to sit vacant while Caccamo heads off to Iraqi war

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

This spring, one of the seven seats on the Canton Township Board of Trustees will sit empty. Trustee Todd Caccamo has been called to active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, and expects to be gone for nearly a year. "By Sept. 1, I should be in Iraq," said the 33-year-old trustee, who was elected in November 2004.

Caccamo had served in the Marine Corps from 1990-96, but began the process of re-enlisting two years ago, and in December he was sworn in. He found out last week about his upcoming deployment.

Caccamo will start

active duty April 26 and will head to California for annual training. On May 18, he returns home and will work in Toledo four days a week.

"A lot of that will be administrative, like getting together our wills and power of attorney," he said.

Then he heads back June 1 to California.

"For three months, I'll be undergoing more advanced training in urban warfare and desert warfare and something that's called MOUT or military operations in urban terrain," he said.

And by Sept. 1, Caccamo expects to be in the Al Anbar province in Iraq.

"Of course I'm terrified," he said, but added

that he felt strongly about re-enlisting.

"A lot of people rushed to join after Sept. 11, and now the war has lost some of its glory and its favor. But that's what leadership is about — you have to stay the course. And that's how I feel about this. The mission has to be executed fully," Caccamo said.

Caccamo expects to be home in 10-11 months, which would mean he could still serve some 18 months of the remainder of his term on the board of trustees.

By charter, his seat will be vacant, according to Township Clerk Terry Bennett. "He has a choice. He can take what's like a leave of absence, or he can resign. Since he has-



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Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo re-enlisted in the U.S. Marines and expects to be deployed to Iraq by September.

n't resigned or been removed from office, the seat will just be empty until he returns," she said.

If Caccamo does resign before he leaves, his position would be filled by appointment or by special election, depending upon how much time is left in his term, Bennett said.

In the meantime, Caccamo's wife Kay will be praying for his return, she said. "I obviously don't want him to go, but I'm very proud of him," she said. "I'm just trying to stay positive."

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Ryan gets high grades

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan is getting high marks for accomplishments in the first half of the school year.

The mid-year evaluation by the Board of Education's superintendent's evaluation subcommittee indicates the district is moving forward with the goals the board set for Ryan and his staff for the 2005-06 school year.

"Most of all his goals are on track," said board trustee Judy Mardigian, a member of the superintendent's evaluation committee. "The only area we recognize is delayed is the master plan, but that's mostly because of the bond work we've been doing. That will be addressed in the second half of the year."

Ryan

Among the areas the board feels Ryan is on target:

- Excellent progress on measuring student success.
- The district is well positioned to meet changes in state requirements for high school graduation.
- Compliments to administration for on time and under budget performance on the 1999 and 2004 bonds.

Goals on which the board would like to see a stronger performance include:

- Implementing a ticket process for high school football games.
- Focusing on development efforts for large gifts and grants.
- Additional progress on a alumni relations program.

"I think the board is getting better at defining a specific set of goals that gets us toward student achievement, and that's our ultimate goal," said Mardigian.

As for Ryan, his work with the board and the public has not gone unnoticed.

"We feel he's a very good leader," said trustee Tom Wysocki. "Dr. Ryan is very reliable and easy to work with. There couldn't be a better face for the district."

The Board of Education's final evaluation of Ryan will be delivered in May.

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Station beats the drum for best local bands

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Matthew Trevarthen of Canton Township says he's on track to make his first million.

Trevarthen, 21, and Mario Villanueva, 20 — both Plymouth-Canton Schools graduates — have their own hip-hop band, VeRb. And the Canton Township duo is confident

someday they'll sign with a major record label and tour the U.S. in venues such as The Palace of Auburn Hills.

"It's not a matter *if* we're going to make it, but *when* we're going to make it," Trevarthen said. "You've always got to stay on the grind, and it takes a lot of energy out of you. I just want to make a living off what I love to do."

The two are hopeful they'll make the cut as radio station WSDP-FM (88.1) The Escape (owned and operated by Plymouth-Canton Schools) holds "Out of the Box: The Search for Plymouth-Canton's Best Unsigned Band" Friday, March 31, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Trevarthen and Villanueva, who started their music career

after getting rave reviews from a middle school talent show, stay "on the grind" by performing throughout metro Detroit, in places like Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Detroit and Ann Arbor.

"I went to a music conference and they said we should be known throughout the region,

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Artrageous Fashion 2006!



Merit scholars

Eleven students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (P-CEP) were named National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists this week.

The students — Canton High School seniors Julie Constantine and Niveditha Subramanian, Plymouth High School seniors Adam Davis, Liyan Liu and Xiwen Wang and Salem High School seniors Myron Chang, Yiyan Lu, Vikram Raghunathan, Trevor Sponseller, Teresa Wang and Stacy Yee — rank in the top 1 percent of their peers across the nation.

The National Merit Scholarship Program has named approximately 15,000 academically talented high school seniors as finalists. These seniors now have an opportunity to advance in the competition for 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards (about \$32 million) to be offered next month. Students entered the National Merit and Achievement competitions by taking the 2004 PSAT/NMSQT.

Students must fulfill several requirements to become a Finalist—record of very high academic performance in college prep course work, SAT scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance, detailed scholarship information about extracurricular activities and leadership positions, self-descriptive essays, and full endorsement of the high school principal.

District hours

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell, will hold office hours for all constituents of State Senate District Seven, in the Canton Public Library, on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The library is at 1200

S. Canton Center Road, and can be reached at (734) 397-0999.

All are welcome. No appointments are necessary. For more information, call Patterson's office at (866) 262-7307 or (517) 373-7350.

Newcomer meeting

The Canton Newcomers invites those interested in learning more about this social, civic and charitable organization to its March 1 general meeting. In addition to monthly meetings, the group also hosts interest groups throughout the month that include: Book Club, play groups, Creative Kids, Chick Flick, Couples Social, scrapbooking and many more.

The Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September through May) at 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford, which is west of Canton Center b between Woodmere and Weathersfield.

For more information, including a complimentary Newcomer newsletter, visit them on the Web at newcomers.angelcities.com. You can also call (734) 737-0755 with any questions. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer.

Disaster recovery seminar

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering a seminar called "Disaster Recovery Planning for Your Business" on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the chamber office, 45535 Hanford Road in Canton. The seminar will run from 9-11 a.m. and cost is \$15 for chamber members and \$25 for non-members.

The seminar is a two-hour educational class that is designed to allow business owners and managers to

develop and maintain a disaster recovery plan. The seminar includes a consultation and business analysis. Participants will learn how to create and maintain a recovery plan, as well as how to stay healthy and avoid computer virus attacks.

The seminar is presented by Linda Whiteaker, certified business continuity planner with Whiteaker Associates. To register, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040 or visit the chamber's Web site registration form at www.cantonchamber.com/eventsform.asp. Registrants must include the seminar name when registering online.

Consumer Expo

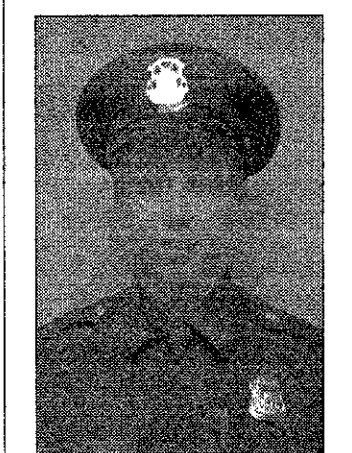
The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the bi-annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and October, and features more than 50 businesses from the community which display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance and travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Admission is free, and the expo is open to the public. Other features include a cash bar and door prizes.

For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

Construction site theft seminar

Construction site theft is an ongoing problem for both law enforcement and the construction industry. The Canton Police Department has partnered with Plymouth Township Police, Northville Township Police and Crime Stoppers to present a con-



New hire

Jeremy Quinn is the newest officer to join the Canton Police Department. He was the first in a series of new hires to fill several openings created by retiring police officers. Quinn, a 28-year old Ortonville resident attended the Oakland Police Academy and previously worked as a deputy at the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. To be hired, he had to go through a testing process that included both a written and physical agility tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations.

struction site theft prevention seminar. "We Nail Thieves" is being held Friday, Feb. 24, from 2-4 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Officers will teach proven crime prevention strategies that will help prevent theft at job sites, secure heavy equipment and reduce the overall cost of theft. The goal is to create an environment that makes it difficult to steal. This informative seminar is recommended for builders and their management level representatives.

Anyone interested in attending should reserve a seat by calling the Canton Police Department's Community Relations Division at (734) 394-5325.

'Golfapalooza'
The Jen Possible

Golfapalooza is scheduled for May 5 at Fellows Creek in Canton. The event is a fundraiser for Jennifer Hayse, a Visteon engineer and a mother of two, who learned she had breast cancer in 2003.

Proceeds will help the family pay for cancer treatments. The golfing event, which begins with a shotgun, 4-person scramble at 9 a.m. The cost is \$95 per person and dinner for \$30. Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast and lunch at the turn. Dinner to follow. Other fund-raising opportunities include a silent auction, raffle drawings, a putting competition, skins, Texas hold'em holes, and more.

Registration deadline is April 7. To reserve a spot, contact Todd Laird at (313) 755-0182 or Mike Michela at (313) 722-1018. To learn more about Jennifer's story or to make a donation, visit www.jenpossible.us.

Chinese culture fair

A Chinese Culture Fair is planned as part of the Connect with Your Neighbors series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

This evening at 7 p.m. is your opportunity to experience Chinese culture with demonstrations in several art forms. Mingwei Yao will present origami, the art of paper folding that originated in China around 105 AD. Learn about Chinese calligraphy from Chen Li, the graceful and powerful movements of tai chi, demonstrated by Julie Burt, and penging bonsai, a free form and artistic style of bonsai, by Connie Bailie.

The Connect With Your Neighbor series offers a chance to learn about the many diverse cultures within the Canton community. People of all backgrounds are encouraged to attend.

The Chinese Culture Fair is free and will take place in the library's community room.

There is limited seating available, so please register by visiting the library or call (734) 397-0999. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

Breakfast help

Organizers of the annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast at Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools are looking for help for the breakfasts, scheduled at the respective schools 6 a.m. Thursday, March 30.

Officials are seeking assistance with donations of breakfast foods (egg casseroles, potato dishes, baked items, fruit bowls, etc.) and drinks (water, juice) or monetary donations to help purchase whatever the committee doesn't receive.

They're also looking for people to help set up the day before, after school and then the morning of the breakfast to help serve the food.

Anyone willing to help in any of these areas can contact Suzanne Zabowski (Salem High School) at sunique7@aol.com; Maryanne Turner (Canton High School), mdt89@comcast.net; or Mary Schultz (Plymouth High School), trixi1971@hotmail.com.

Scholarship help

Parents and students in the Plymouth-Canton school district no longer have to physically visit their high school's counseling office for one of the most time-intensive processes for high school seniors: Identifying and applying for scholarships to help fund their college education.

District officials have now put that information on the district's Web site.

Families can now visit the site, which currently lists 65 scholarships, any time of the day or night at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/scholarshipsSmartURL.htm>




Physical Therapy UPDATE
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OFF-THE-CUFF REMARKS


Repetitive and overzealous over-arm throwing motions and tennis serves are the type of actions that can lead to rotator cuff injuries. The rotator cuff is comprised of the group of deep muscles that hold the arm in the socket. To repair the problem, many people turn to surgery. However, according to a recent Danish study, 12 weeks of physical therapy involving shoulder strengthening and stretching exercises may work just as well. When compared to patients who underwent surgery to repair their rotator cuffs, the physical therapy patients regained the same range of motion and reported less pain. On the basis of this finding, people with rotator cuff injuries may want to try six months of physical therapy before undergoing surgery.

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Canton woman honored for work in Norwayne

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Joan Carr was surprised ... correct that ... shocked when she heard her name called as the winner of the 2006 Westland ATHENA Award. She was certain her friend, Ronaale Bowman, would win, so much so that she had told her that.

But instead, it was Bowman, who also had been nominated for the award, showering Carr with congratulations and a bouquet of flowers during the awards portion of the Chocolate Fantasy Ball.

"She knew I was the winner," said Carr. "She works in (County Commissioner) Kay Beard's office and did her resolution for me."

The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated excellence, creativity and initiative in his or her business and profession; contributed time and talent to help improve the quality of life for others, and assisted women in realizing their full leadership potential.

Wendy Lyon, a social worker at Lincoln Elementary School, nominated Carr for the award, citing her work as a psychiatric nurse at the University of Michigan Hospital and the Hawthorne Center and her volunteer work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Red Wagon Literacy Project and Wayne-Westland's Health and Welfare Advisory Committee.

"Joan is the finest example of selfless volunteerism in our

community," Lyon wrote. "And to other women, she has passed on that passion and compassion that drives her to hard work and mobilizing others to reach out to those in need."

REACHING OUT

Carr was among six women nominated for this year's award. In addition to Bowman, the recently retired director of the Westland Youth Assistance Program, others are: Mary Browe, supervisor of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Dyer Senior Center; Linda DeVore, a dietitian and diabetes educator who works at Henry Ford Dialysis and Garden City Hospital; Marsha Bianconi, the executive director of the Conference of Western Wayne, and Diane Browning, assistant librarian at Eastern Michigan University and service unit manager for the Girl Scouts of Huron Valley.

Carr is best known in Westland for the Red Wagon project. She started the program about eight years ago to bring books to children in the Norwayne area who have no way to get to the city's public library. She brought the idea to the church and got it going.

One of her very first volunteers was Bowman.

The project went on to be named as the best community service program in the state by the Michigan Association of School Boards and was presented at a National Association of School Boards convention.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Joan Carr, who has filled her retirement years working with the residents of Westland's Norwayne community, shows off the 2006 Westland ATHENA Award she received Saturday evening.

HUGS TO GIVE

Carr views the Red Wagon project as an offshoot of her work with St. Vincent de Paul. Through her church, St. Simon and Jude, she visits families that request assistance, determining if they need what they've asked for and often finding they need even more. She dispenses hope to women who feel dejected and depressed, and serves up hugs for those who haven't had one in a long time.

"I try to convey to them that we do care and that they truly have a choice, that they don't have to stay there," she said.

What makes what Carr does even more special is that she doesn't live in Westland. In fact, she never has lived in the city. She called Garden City home for 52 years, before she and husband Joe moved to Canton two years ago.

She doesn't see herself as a shining example. The people she influences, she said, are because they're compassionate. She does nothing more than give them the opportunity to be that.

"I believe we get more than we give when we do volunteer work," she said.

It is Carr's giving that have inspired those who have worked with her on the health and welfare committee and the Red Wagon project.

"Women who have been fortunate enough to work beside her have all benefited from the contagious nature of her leadership," Lyon wrote.

"We all want to follow her lead as women in this community who are committed to the greater good and the improvement of the quality of life for all."

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District finds plenty wrong with state list

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials had planned to handle a Freedom of Information Act request for the names of employees the state said had criminal records with "sensitivity."

But an Ingham County Circuit Court judge took care of it, issuing a preliminary injunction last week that will keep the highly criticized state-generated results under wraps.

"This is a boondoggle," said Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy. "No employee should have to go through that type of emotional stress based on the release of a list that was not given the due diligence that is required of us in our daily operations."

"This has been devastating for people who pride themselves on living very clean lives," added Evelyn Baran, the Wayne-Westland Michigan Education Association executive director. "If you work in a school district and know the kind of people there and how they were hired, it's just not possible to be that kind of person and apparently it wasn't."

In Wayne-Westland, there were 27 names on the state list. Five were tied to felonies including attempted murder and possession, manufacture, sale and delivery of narcotics. Misdemeanor charges range from a moving violation to minor in possession of alcohol, drunken driving and having open intoxicants in a vehicle. Some of the offenses dated back some 30 years.

"One just says liquor," said Baracy. "What does that mean? One is listed as damage to property. These lists didn't come with legends to figure out the meanings."

The district has been doing background checks on teachers for at least 10 years, but law that went into effect Jan. 1 requires that school employees

undergo criminal background checks twice per year. The law was aimed at identifying sex offenders, whose employment would have to be terminated.

Baracy isn't sure how the state got employees' names, but believes it used the state's Registry of Educational Personnel and cross-referenced them with State Police records. The burden of proof fell on the school district and employees.

"That takes time and money and isn't a good use of our time," Baracy said. "The names don't match the ethnicity, the birth dates, the ages. That should have been done before the list was sent to the districts."

According to Baran, the consensus among MEA representatives is that the list most likely has a 90 percent error rate for felonies and at least a 60 percent error rate for misdemeanors. "We know a 9-year-old didn't steal a car or an 8-year-old didn't hold up a liquor store, they didn't match up birth dates to names," she said. "Yes, there's people out there with those records, they just don't work in this school district."

Baracy had said the district would not violate the law and respond to the FOI request made by *The Detroit News*, but stressed that the district "would not disclose any list where innocent people are falsely listed as criminals."

"I'm obligated to protect my employees," he said. "Even if it's false, once information like that is made public, it can't be retracted."

"*The News* says people have the right to know, but we say the people have the right to know the truth," said Baran. "We're so grateful the judge granted the injunction. We believe the districts, through the state Department of Education and the State Police, will get an appropriate list and it appears there will be a lot fewer felons on it."

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Count on Us

An inspired journey

Grand Canyon hike to raise funds for cancer research

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Every year, Scott Redding gets a flier in the mail. And he gets out his checkbook to donate some cash to the non-profit Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. But not this year. This year, the checkbook just didn't seem sufficient.

Instead Redding, of Canton, will participate in a seven-hour "Hike for Discovery" in the Grand Canyon to raise money for the society.

"At first I just thought this would be an excellent way to see the Grand Canyon," Redding said, but the more he read and the more he thought, the more meaningful the walk has become.

He first started getting the fliers when a coworker was diagnosed. She's since passed away, but he's continued to contribute. But when the flier

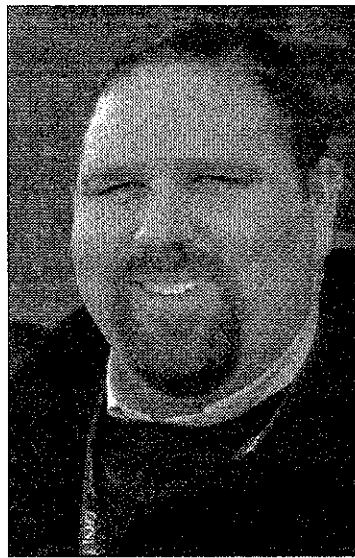
came this year, asking for his contribution, Redding had already been thinking about another friend he knows from church, Jan Fallat of Canton, who is suffering with leukemia and in need of a bone marrow transplant.

To keep Fallat's struggle in mind when he goes on the June 3 hike, Redding will write her name on his bandana (each of the walkers in the Hike for Discovery will wear one).

"In a way, Jan's coming with me," Redding said.

To prepare, Redding has started training every Saturday for the hike, which will include navigating rocky and uneven terrain. He meets with about 40 other hikers who are Grand Canyon-bound, and they walk at the local metroparks. The training sessions become more demanding every week, so Redding has also begun training on weekdays.

He hasn't done as much



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Scott Redding of Canton will hike through the Grand Canyon to raise money for cancer research.

walking recently as he'd like, though he's participated in few 5K walks, but he had already resolved to ramp up his

weekday walks in order to get healthier.

"I see this as a way to get three things done - raise money, get into shape, and see the Grand Canyon," Redding said.

He'll be writing a journal and blogging the experience - through training and even through the hike itself - at www.active.com/donate/hfdmi/hfdSRedding.

The minimum pledge hikers must raise is \$3,700, but Redding has set his own goal at \$5,000. He's got a lot of work ahead of him, having only raised about \$525 so far. But he's optimistic.

"If I can just get 100 - 120 people, that should do it," he said.

For more information, e-mail Scott Redding at scred-ding@hotmail.com.

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Police issue warning about phone scams

The Canton Police Department's community relations unit would like to remind everyone, particularly senior citizens, to be cautious of phone solicitors trying to gain your personal information.

According to Sgt. Scott Hilden, a Canton resident was recently contacted regarding free insurance being offered to protect senior citizens from Internet fraud. The caller stated that she just needed her to verify her bank name and routing numbers of her checking account.

"Fortunately the resident thought it sounded fishy,

and questioned the caller, at that point the caller hung up," says Hilden.

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DEATHS

B
Lillian "Patricia" Bassett
Bassett, 90, of Plymouth, died Feb. 12.

Danny Bogush
Bogush, 80, of Troy, died Jan. 27.

C
Philip Thomas Calder Jr.
Calder, 42, of York, Pa., died Feb. 10.

D
Helen M. DeSmet
DeSmet, 84, died Feb. 11.

G
Jason William Gamble
Gamble, 28, of Wayne, died Jan. 9.

H
Melda Hilgendorf
Hilgendorf, 85, of Austin, Texas, formerly of Rochester, died Feb. 9.

R
Ronald Dean Roberts
Roberts, 74, of Gold Canyon, Ariz., formerly of Farmington and Livonia, died Nov. 23, 2005.

Francis William Rockwell II
Rockwell, 82, of Bloomfield Township, died Jan. 11.

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Kay E. Walsh
Walsh, 69, died Feb. 8.

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Woman's \$90,000 investment vanishes

A Canton woman who invested more than \$90,000 went to police when she began to question what happened to her investment.

The woman told police she met a man in September and hired him to do some yard work for her. He uses all organic products, according to police reports, and because the woman is concerned about the environment, she was happy to hire him.

She was also so happy with his work that she told neighbors about him.

The woman and her lawn care man started discussing his business, and he said he wanted to incorporate and to expand. The two worked out an agreement, and she invested at least \$90,000, she told police. But months later, when she began asking questions about a return on her investment, and about the incorporation paperwork and bank statements, he seemed evasive, she told police.

When he did produce the paperwork she requested, she became concerned because he applied for incorporation in

POLICE BEAT

Wyoming instead of Michigan. He told her he did that to avoid paying Michigan taxes.

It also appeared that he had been using the woman's - and other investors' money - to live on, and had not paid himself a salary the way he had said he would.

He asked her to sign the incorporation application since she was a primary investor, and she took the document to her attorney, who advised her not to sign anything, and to take the papers to the police, which she did Monday.

The man is on probation for federal tax evasion, according to police reports. It's uncertain at this time if he's in violation of his parole or of any law, according to Sgt. Rick Pomorski. The case is still under investigation. She went to police because she was concerned that he may be doing something illegal, and she could be implicated, she said.

BOMB FOUND

Canton police were called to

a home on Dorchester Circle Tuesday when a resident found a suspicious item in the road in front of his home.

The Michigan State Police later said the item was some kind of homemade explosive device, according to police reports.

The man saw the object in the street on Feb. 13. When it was still there the next day, he picked it up when he went to get his mail, and called police.

Police inspected it - the object was covered with masking tape - and took it to the police station, where it was placed in a cup of water until a state police bomb squad could take a look at it.

When the state police arrived, they saw that one end of the object appeared to be broken, and inside the masking tape was a white solid with some kind of plastic cap. The whole apparatus was encased in green plastic. The state police said the white substance inside did appear to be some kind of explosive powder.

STOLEN PURSE

A Canton woman called

police on Feb. 9 after her purse was stolen from a shopping cart.

According to police reports, the 25-year-old woman was shopping at Meijer. As she was loading groceries into her car, someone took her purse, she told police. The thief made off with her drivers license, Social Security card and her bank cards.

One debit card had been used by the culprit, who made a purchase near Michigan Avenue and Merriman.

WINDOWS SMASHED

A Canton man called police after someone smashed up his girlfriend's van.

According to police reports, the man frequently takes the van to work, just like he did on Feb. 9.

And like he usually does, the man went for some lunch at about noon, and left the van at a job site. But when he came back, there were three windows smashed out of the van.

Damage is estimated at \$600.

CRIME

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computer crimes," said Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

The department at that time evaluated its capabilities to respond to computer and identity fraud crimes, and found that while Canton police are able to answer calls for service, the forensics work had to be sent out to Michigan State Police, Wayne County and to some degree the Dearborn Police Department, which were the only agencies that had the capability.

"Those agencies were simply overwhelmed," Santomauro said.

As a result, cases would sit for months. For example, if the Canton police had confiscated a computer that they suspected was used in a crime that didn't pose an immediate danger, it would wait on average for eight to 10 months before a computer forensics expert could take it apart and examine the contents of the hard drive.

"We knew that we had to add the capability to do forensics within our department," Santomauro said.

And the department will, very soon. On Tuesday, the Board of Trustees approved the expenditure of \$14,500 for training and equipment to implement a computer forensics program in Canton.

"We're starting immediately. The classes for our officer to get training have been

scheduled and we're ordering the equipment today," Santomauro said on Wednesday.

Though the ability to serve Canton residents and businesses who have become victims of fraud or a computer crime is a valuable service, it becomes even more valuable if the police department can collaborate with other western Wayne County police agencies in a consortium.

"These kinds of crimes almost always cross jurisdictions," Santomauro said. "By working in a consortium, we can pool not just manpower, but also ideas and approaches."

About half of the computer crimes and identity fraud cases reported by Canton residents happen in the Southeast Michigan region, according to Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski. The others cross state - or even international - lines.

But the good news is that if the department can trace a crime to somewhere in Michigan, chances are there will be a conviction.

"Last year, we executed about 30 search warrants for these kinds of crimes," Pomorski said. "And 100 percent of the time we got something. Sometimes it's records and profiles. Sometimes it's merchandise or fraudulent credit cards. But we always get something."

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Dinner dance to raise money for people with developmental disabilities

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Christine Lerchen believes her daughter Elizabeth might not be moving into her own condominium if not for the help she received through the years from the Arc of Northwest Wayne County in Redford. The nonprofit supports people with developmental disabilities and their families by providing educational opportunities, information, and advocacy.

Fund-raisers such as the annual dinner dance Saturday, Feb. 25, at Vladimir's in Farmington make it possible for the organization to offer services and programs that allow members to develop socially and contribute to the community.

"Elizabeth is age 25 now and I don't think she would have had the fully included life she has had if not for the Arc of Northwest Wayne County," said Christine Lerchen, the Arc's executive director.

"The Lekotek play sessions I started in 1988 as a volunteer were meant to draw in young families to keep the Arc strong. In the program the children enjoy toys and have a lot of fun but families get to know about

the Arc and learn about services in the community to help sons and daughters become viable members of the community, to be fully included in the fabric of life, first in school and then the community."

This year the nonprofit hopes to raise \$10,000 so staff can continue to answer phone calls and meet with families who are trying to access special education and mental health systems. Volunteer and grant or staff-based programs provide a variety of opportunities for people with developmental disabilities including training them to participate in Special Olympics. Fund-raisers such as the dinner dance raise money to pay for the rental of gyms and transportation to state games.

The Arc's Just Fun Club coordinates social activities including monthly dances for adults with developmental disabilities. Another program, After I'm Gone, helps parents plan for their adult children when they're no longer able to care for them. Still another program, guides parents through alternatives to guardianship.

Marianne DiPonio Licari's brother is involved with swim-

ming as part of the Arc's athletic program. Duane is one of the reasons she's volunteered to serve as chairperson of the dinner dance which is expected to draw around 350 people. Her family, the DiPonios, founded the annual fund-raiser that provides services to help Duane and other Arc members find jobs in the community. Currently, Duane, 40, works at Joe's Produce in Livonia.

"I feel it's such a good cause," said Licari of Livonia who'll be in attendance with all six of her brothers and sisters, and their children who volunteer to make the dinner dance and a May golf outing successful. "It's a fun evening that brings together not only members of the Arc but other people in the community, all age groups. People who help with raffles are 16 and there are others in their 70s. The dinner dance is not only for fund raising but to come out and have a good time. The band, Mass Transit, actually donates their services for the evening."

"We have great raffles for two tickets to the Pistons, a flat screen TV, an extravaganza for 5 different metro Detroit area restaurants. After dinner, we'll

have a huge sweet table with items from Elite Sweets of Livonia. Others involved with the dance bake sweets for the table. It's a family affair and you can't beat the price that includes an open bar, family style dinner and pizza later in the evening."

The annual dinner dance runs from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25. Tickets are \$50, \$40 per person with a developmental disability, and available by calling (313) 532-7915.



Guests of all ages enjoyed the 2005 dinner dance to benefit the Arc of Northwest Wayne County in Redford.

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Red Kettle campaign hits target

The Salvation Army reported last week that its 2005 Red Kettle Christmas Campaign raised a total of \$6,767,905 from Nov. 18, 2005, through Jan. 31, 2006, the highest amount ever raised in the annual drive by the Eastern Michigan Division. The 2005 Christmas campaign increased from the \$6,098,000 raised in 2004; an even more significant increase from the \$4.82 million raised in the 2003.

In 2005, southeast Michigan donated an additional \$3 mil-

lion to The Salvation Army for tsunami relief and \$5 million in response to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita relief efforts.

"We are immensely grateful for the generosity our community has shown to the world and to our neighbors throughout the last year," said Major Norman Marshall, divisional commander for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan.

With Detroit recently ranked the poorest city in the country with a 33 percent poverty rate,

demand for The Salvation Army's services continue to rise. Salvation Army officials are crediting the successful fund-raising campaign to the Detroit community's outstanding generosity in times of great need and to initiatives developed by The Salvation Army to streamline operation costs including the online volunteer drive, Ringbell.org, which filled more than 6,400 hours of bell ringing from Nov. 18 through Dec. 24.

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We remain committed to offering lively community newspapers that arrive on your doorsteps Sunday and Thursday. The shift is in our new O&E Web site at www.hometownlife.com, which has been unveiled, updated and refined over the past month — all because you, our readers, have demanded it.

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The Web is a great way to provide readers information that can't wait.

Finding the Canton edition is easy. Just scroll to the mid-point of the O&E homepage under the heading Your Hometown News and click on the link, which is located in the section labeled Wayne County.

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Michigan must act on lobbying reform

In 2005, Michigan had 2,573 registered lobbyists or lobbyists' agents working in Lansing to prod legislators and administrators on everything from environmental protection to tax abatements. If you own a business, belong to a union, hunt, farm, teach or provide health care, you're represented by lobbyists in Lansing and Washington.

That's not necessarily a bad thing. Lobbyists provide valuable information for legislators and administrators on every conceivable issue. Sometimes they even write the initial legislation on an issue.

But as the recent news about lobbyist Jack Abramoff and former Majority Leader Tom DeLay shows, there is a line between lobbying and bribery. The Congress is currently debating several campaign financing and lobby reform measures. Republicans are attempting to distance themselves from the Abramoff scandal, which primarily involves Republicans. Democrats see an opportunity to use the issue in this year's crucial congressional elections.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm used her State of the State address as an opportunity to push for several campaign and lobbying reforms.

In Michigan, lobbying is regulated under the Michigan Lobby Regulation Act of 1978. The Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections sets various monetary thresholds for expenditures or compensation for which lobbyists must register. The thresholds are adjusted annually based on the Detroit Consumer Price Index.

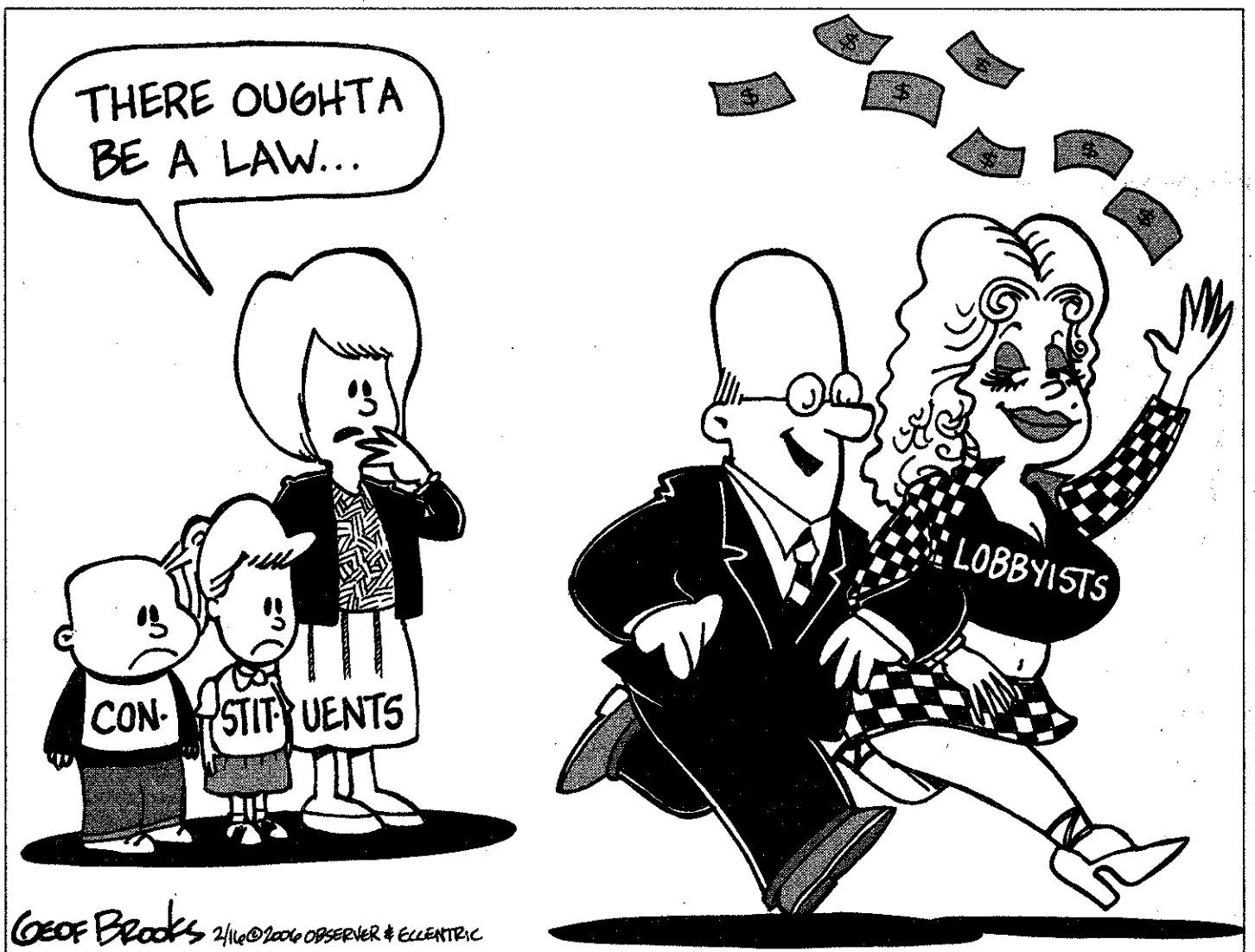
More needs to be done. Granholm has called for a series of ethics reforms "that will require public officials to disclose their financial information so taxpayers know elected officials are working for the public, not enriching themselves."

Michigan is one of the few states that doesn't require financial disclosure statements.

The governor is also proposing a one-year ban on lobbying by former state elected officials and non-elected heads of major state departments and a ban on honoraria. We also suggest a ban on all lobbyist-paid junkets.

We need to know that our elected officials are working for the general good and are not in the pay of big contributors.

While there is nothing wrong with lobbying for legislation, there is a great deal wrong with public officials accepting bribes to do the bidding of lobbyists. Now is the time to act quickly for honest government.



Geoff Brooks 2/16/06 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

LETTERS

Different conclusion

I have never written to a newspaper; however, in response to an opinion editorial published in the Jan. 26 *Observer* ("Religion vs. Science") I cannot remain silent. Ms. Joan Pence, an educator in advanced placement biology at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, wrote the opinion.

My son was one of Ms. Pence's students and was exposed to her opinions on evolution, her support of abortion and passion to save the whales, to name a few. Pence, as an educator, is entrusted with the development of our children. I find it a violation of that trust given her published position on creation vs. evolution. She quickly points to the potential shortcomings of Mr. Kramer's observation regarding evolution based on his research and credentials as a chemist, while at the same time asserting her conclusions as "absolute" based on her research and credentials in biology.

The fact is that both creation and evolution are theories. For something to be deemed truly scientific, it has to be repeatable and measurable. As yet, no one has been able to repeat the creation of life from non-life. We can only base our conclusions on what we observe and test today, with the limited knowledge we have, regardless of how intelligent we think we have become.

In a 1929 interview, Albert Einstein was quoted as saying, "We are in the position of a little child entering a huge library filled with books in many different languages. The child knows someone must have written those books. It does not know how. It does not understand the languages in which they are written. The child dimly suspects a mysterious order in the arrangement of the books, but doesn't know what it is. That, it seems to me, is the attitude of even the most intelligent being toward God. We see a universe marvelously arranged and obeying certain laws, but only dimly understand those laws. Our limited minds cannot grasp the mysterious force that moves the constellations."

Einstein, who was neither "religious" nor a "believer" in an anthropomorphic deity, understood his and our limitations of comprehending the magnificently created universe, as evidenced by his humility in dealing with the truly unknown.

The bottom line is that both Ms. Pence and myself have arrived at different conclusions based on faith in a theory. I have concluded creation provides the most logical explanation for this magnificent world in which we live. It is inconceivable to me how anyone could study a creation without acknowledging there must be a creator. I also openly proclaim my agenda when debating the issue of creation vs. evolution: One Creator, God, who authored life, which in my opinion is strongly supported by the overwhelming evidence.

I would challenge all students to not blindly accept any theory or teaching, be it evolution, creation or anything else, but to apply sound thinking and reasoning with the mind they have been provided. It pleases me to say that this spring my son will finish his degree from MSU in biochemistry and molecular biology as a creation-believing graduate.

Joseph Sinischo
Canton

Stick to adult stem cells

This letter is in regard to the article to remove Michigan's limits on the development of stem cells from embryos (Feb. 2 *Observer*). Research is permitted in Michigan using adult stem cells. Many people are not aware of the following:

- Human stem cells are available from other sources: placenta, amniotic fluid, blood, bone, bone marrow and even fat tissue.

- Adult stem cells have already been found to be effective in treating some leukemia, heart disease, type II diabetes, immune deficiencies, eye diseases and most recently the effects of Parkinson's disease.

- Umbilical cords are rich in stem cells which can be injected into a young cancer patient's blood stream in lieu of a bone marrow transplant.

- By contrast, embryonic stem cells have yet to demonstrate a single human therapeutic benefit.

Barb Schmid
Canton

Show some kindness

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, I was involved in an accident at around 9 p.m. at the intersection of Ford and Beck roads. There were four or five other cars at the intersection when the accident occurred. However, none of the drivers of those vehicles stopped. No one pulled over to ask if we were OK, and none of them stopped to stick around and be a witness for police. To all of you I just have to say SHAME ON YOU!

Yes, I know it was a cold evening, but you were right there — you saw it happen and you did nothing. Police need witnesses in all accidents. Sticking around, offering help and being a witness was not only the nice thing to do, it would have been the proper thing to do. I hope if you are ever in an accident the people that witness it are kinder to you than you were to me.

For those of you (about five or six people) who did not witness the collision, but drove by after the fact, while we waited for the police to arrive, and at least slowed down and ask if everyone was all right and if help was needed — THANK YOU! Your kindness at such a time was greatly appreciated.

Cheryl Phillips
Canton

Wonderful event

Thank you for the coverage of the Martin Luther King Day celebration at the Village Theater. I would like to emphasize that these wonderful young singers and their teacher Cheryl Valentine have performed at the Canton Library for the past three years, hosted by the Friends of the Library. We have only had the capability to seat 100 people at the library, so this year's opportunity to present Vision at the Village Theater was something we welcomed.

The Friends decided to schedule and pay for the group to appear, and we also provided them with a light dinner and sodas. We also provided all of the cookies and punch, and the volunteers to serve everyone. Many thanks should also go to Marcia Barker and Laurie Golden of the library, who provided

the informative printed programs and were responsible for the program publicity.

The Friends were delighted to see 350 people come out to hear the beautiful and inspirational voices of the young men of Vision. We were happy to organize and support this program for the community and hope those who missed this year will be able to attend next year.

Nancy Spencer
Friends of the Canton Public Library
board member

New service for teen readers

Recently the American Library Association (ALA) announced the recipients of all its 2006 award winners, including the Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in young adult literature. This award is the most distinguished in teen literature and is administered each year by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest growing division of ALA. YALSA has two other teen awards: the Margaret Edwards Award for lifetime contribution to young adult literature and the Alex Awards for adult books with teen appeal.

These awards are great because they promote teen reading, and what parent out there wouldn't want their teen to spend more time reading? These awards are also important because there are so many reading choices out there today for teens, that they and their parents can easily become overwhelmed by the wide selection.

By offering awards for excellence in young adult literature, YALSA has given teens and parents a means of knowing what has been recognized as the best of the best. I'd like to invite the area teens and their parents to stop by the Canton Public Library any time to take a look at the latest award winners, including *Looking for Alaska* by John Green, this year's winner of the Printz award. With so many books here at the Canton Public Library, there is bound to be something for everyone. For more information please contact Kevin Scanlon, the teen services librarian, by e-mail at scanlonk@cantonpl.org.

To learn more about these awards and other recommended books go to www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists.

Kevin Scanlon
teen services librarian, Canton Public Library

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— Roger Gallerini, a marketing specialist, speaking of community pride at a recent meeting of Canton business owners and managers

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Patterson's message is right: SBT is a killer for Michigan

I had the opportunity to hear L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive, deliver his State of the County speech last week. Patterson, no shrinking wallflower, spoke of a "healthy," "strong" and "robust" county. He went on to explain and update the initiatives he has introduced, including Wireless Oakland and Emerging Sectors. He explained that the core of the initiatives "launched over the past 13 years have patience as an ingredient." He gave credit to his team for its accomplishments, but that's his style. He plans ahead, is bold and gives credit where credit is due.

Patterson saved the best for last when he called for those assembled and those who were listening to pledge \$800,000 to launch a petition drive to place on the November 2006 ballot the repeal of Michigan's Single Business Tax. He has established a Web site called www.repealSBT.com to help those who want to make a pledge. A telephone number (888) SayNoSBT (729-6672) is also available.

He explains as "a ballot question, corporate dollars are acceptable and there is no limit that a company or individual can contribute."

As of today, the SBT is scheduled, in phases, to expire in 2009. Is this too late or just right?

Is Patterson smoking something or is he on to something? Is he saying the emperor has no clothes?

Many are not familiar with the SBT. It's a tax on businesses, not individuals. An individual pays a tax on his/her income. One could rightly assume that if a corporation or company records a profit that it will pay a (income) tax to the state. If the company loses money, it pays no (income) tax. Wrong. The SBT is essentially a tax on payroll — jobs. That's why Patterson calls it a "job killer, it's a business killer." So with a tax on payroll is a business going to expand in Michigan, is it going to add jobs in Michigan or is it going to move to Michigan? I say no, unless it's absolutely necessary to do so or it is "locked" into staying here. Let me speak from experience.

For more than 25 years, I was the president and CEO of HomeTown Communications Network, a company owned by Philip and Kathy Power, operating principally in Michigan. This news-

paper was owned by HomeTown. As one can imagine, in 25 years we had some good years and some bad years (read losses). Michigan's economy, as we all know, is very cyclical. From memory, in every year, whether we earned a profit or experienced a loss, we had to pay the SBT. Now how fair is that?

Some would complain that they would like to not pay any tax at all even if they earned substantial sums, but I don't agree. Don't complain — if you are making a profit, pay your fair share of a fair tax.

So when we were looking to expand or acquire, we were very cognizant of the SBT. It was one of the reasons when we expanded the telephone directory business we went to Kentucky vs. Michigan. How many other businessmen make similar decisions?

Now, I am not advocating that we eliminate all taxes or eliminate the revenue the tax raises and neither is Patterson. I do agree with Patterson, however, that the SBT is a job killer and it puts Michigan at a disadvantage when compared to other states.

Patterson offers various solutions to replace the \$1.8 billion the SBT raises, such as a "fair corporate tax on profits, dropping the sales tax from 6 percent to 5 percent but extending its base ... a sales tax on gross receipts ... charging a fee for business licenses based on gross sales. There is a host of options to explore."

He is giving the Legislature and the governor the opportunity and the time to replace all taxes or eliminate the revenue the SBT raises. If the petition drive is successful and the issue is on the November ballot and passed by the voters, the SBT goes away for the state's fiscal year beginning October 2007. That gives the powers that be a year, ample time to replace the revenue the SBT raises.

I would argue that the fairest tax is a tax on profits — net income. If a corporation is making money, it should pay a portion in tax to the state; if it is losing money, it should not pay a tax. In any event, when we desperately need jobs, the SBT — a tax on payroll — is a sure way to kill jobs.

If you agree, go to the Web site or call and make your pledge. It doesn't take much from any of us to raise \$800,000. Then help circulate petitions to obtain the necessary signatures so the voters can decide on the job killer SBT.

Patterson is right on — the SBT is a job killer.

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Richard Aginian

Caccamo's decision to join up should make us all proud

Todd Caccamo is putting his money where his mouth is. You have to give him that.

No matter what you think about the 33-year-old Canton Township trustee and his politics, you have to respect him for re-enlisting in the U.S. Marines at a time when the military is falling far short of its recruiting goals.

With an unpopular war raging in Iraq, which seems to have no end in sight, most Americans are not exactly clamoring to enlist in the military. But Caccamo truly believes America is locked in a life-and-death battle with Islamic terrorists, and he thinks Iraq is ground zero of that battle.

Many Americans, including myself, disagree with the second part of that viewpoint. Personally I am baffled that we are spending billions and losing precious American lives in Iraq, while Osama bin Laden is still out there taunting Americans with his message of hate and destruction. I have been heavily criticized by some for expressing that opinion in previous columns, as I'm sure I will this time.

Many of those people drape themselves in the American flag, yet are critical of those who exercise their right to free expression, something the founders of this country believed to be so important they made it the foundation of the First Amendment. I don't understand how they can't see the contradiction.

Despite having some reservations about the policies of President George W. Bush, Caccamo believes we must win in Iraq. He doesn't believe it's an option. Instead of jumping up on a soapbox, however, he decided he would sign up and do his part.

"A lot of people rushed to join after Sept. 11, and now the war has lost some of its glory and its favor. But that's what leadership is about — you have to stay the course. And that's how I feel about this. The mission has to be executed fully," Caccamo said this week.

This is actually Caccamo's second stint in the Marines. He first served from 1990-96. Caccamo, who was sworn in to the Marine Reserves back in December, says he will start active duty in April and expects to be shipped over to Iraq's Al Anbar province by Sept. 1.

Caccamo was elected to the township board back in the fall of 2004. Although he was a newcomer to the political world, it didn't take him long to make his presence known. Anybody that regularly attends or watches the township board meetings can tell you that. There are few issues that Caccamo has not spoken out about, and he is usually at odds with the rest of the board — to say the least.

As such, he has made some political enemies, and there have been some whispers in the community that signing up for the military is some kind of political maneuver on Caccamo's part. But how many

politicians would put their life on the line to earn a few votes? Very few, if any.

And it's not like Caccamo has nothing else to do in life. In addition to having a job, he owns his own business — a karate studio in Livonia. He also shares a nice home near the Summit with his wife, Kay. All the while serving his community, not only on the board, but also with his volunteer activities.

I have no idea exactly what Caccamo will be doing in Iraq once he gets there. I'm not sure whether he will be on the front lines or somewhere in an office. But I don't think it matters, because there doesn't seem to be any true safety zone in Iraq these days. It makes little difference if you are in the military, a contractor of some type or even a journalist — if you are in Iraq, you are in harm's way. Once you decide to go to Iraq, there are no guarantees that you are coming back.

And no one knows this better than Caccamo. He realizes what he is thrusting himself into, and he even admitted this week that he is "terrified," which is all the more reason he deserves our respect.

Caccamo said he will not resign his position on the township board, so it will remain vacant until he returns — God willing. Who knows, perhaps by the time September rolls around, Caccamo won't even be needed, because the Iraqis will have taken over much of the military duties from our troops and democracy will begin to flourish.

To the best of my understanding, that's why the Bush administration decided to invade another nation and depose its dictator. Certainly a noble idea, Utopian, perhaps.

But it is hard to imagine that our conception of democracy is going to take hold in a part of the world where Hamas terrorists are elected by the people of Palestine, and American fast food restaurants are being attacked and people killed because of some political cartoons.

In my opinion, our presence in Iraq is fueling hatred throughout the Islamic world, and giving the mongers of hate ammunition in their attempt to fan anti-Western and anti-American flames among the masses.

Caccamo sees it differently. He believes we are planting the seeds of freedom in Iraq and, more importantly, ensuring future American security. He believes in the current administration, and he is willing to lay his life on the line for those beliefs. He believes it is his duty. I have nothing but respect for someone who would sacrifice so much for his convictions.

And it's not just Caccamo. There are people all over this country who have signed up for the same reasons. If the politicians who decided to invade Iraq in the first place were willing to sacrifice as much, I just wonder if people like Caccamo would have to make that choice.

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Oakland executive wants Single Business Tax on ballot

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
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County Executive L. Brooks Patterson will show the way to a Michigan without the Single Business Tax if private citizens will provide the near \$1 million to put on a ballot drive, but representatives of the governor have said there will be no support for a plan that eliminates the SBT on the backs of working families.

At his State of the County address in Troy last week, Patterson said that if donors would come up with the money, he'd spearhead a ballot drive to eliminate the state's Single Business Tax.

"It's time to end the Single Business Tax," he said. "And so tonight not only do I call for an end of the Single Business Tax but I am prepared to put the question of its repeal before the public on the ballot this November."

All he needs is \$800,000 within the next 10 days. While he cannot place an item on the ballot himself,

Patterson said he's got a law firm and a public relations firm "that will guarantee to put the question on the ballot in November."

The SBT is a value-added tax base on three components labor (compensation and benefits), capital (depreciation, interest, dividends and royalties) and profits. The tax was created in 1975 as a way of stabilizing tax revenue for the state. Critics say the SBT penalizes businesses for being successful.

On Friday, the 15-member Republican caucus of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners pledged \$1,500 to put the issue on the November ballot.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's press secretary Liz Boyd said the governor stands ready to alter or eliminate the SBT, something she's proposed in the past.

"She proposed changes in January of '05 that would have cut the SBT from 1.9 percent to 1.2 percent, that was voted down by the legislature,"

she said. "That would have been a significant tax cut for three-quarters of the businesses in the state."

What would not happen, she said, was a shift in tax burden from the state's wealthiest corporations to working families.

"The governor will not support cuts to schools, health care or public safety," Boyd said.

The need to repeal the tax, Patterson said, was indicated in the state's numbers.

"We are 50th in economic momentum, 50th in job creation, 49th in personal income gains, we are the only state except for two ravaged by hurricanes, to suffer a net job loss in '04 and '05," Patterson said. "And, of course, we're number one in unemployment."

Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives Craig DeRoche (R-38), who introduced Patterson as "bold, innovative and creative," said he welcomed the SBT challenge.

"We have to get there for

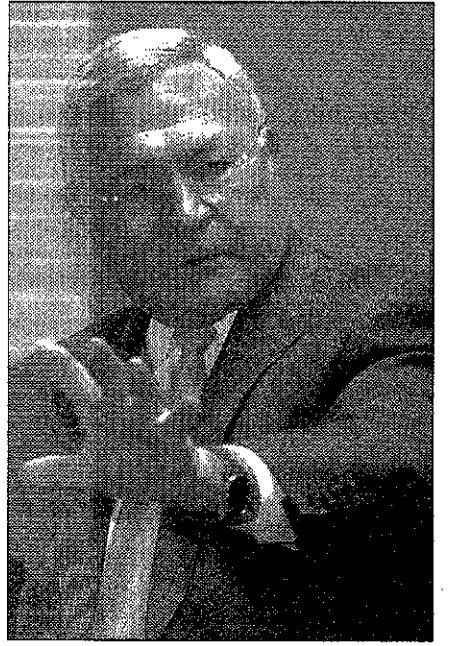
Michigan's future," he said. "We have to get to the meat and potatoes of attracting business."

Citizen's Research Council Director of State Affairs Tom Clay said removing the SBT would have a significant impact on the state's general fund.

"SBT is 22 percent of the general fund," he said. "The general fund spends 85 percent of its funds in four areas: Higher education, corrections, the Department of Community Health and the Department of Human Services."

The 22 percent figure is, coincidentally, the exact amount of the higher education or corrections budgets. While he doubts that the state will eliminate either program, he said realistic discussions have to happen before any tax cut goes into effect.

"If they're going to discuss cutting revenues they have to come up with some way of cutting on the spending side," Clay said. "Budgeting is a two-part process."



County Executive Brooks Patterson will supply the muscle to end the state's Single Business Tax if others supply the cash.

Airport receives federal funds

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) will be receiving \$14 million in federal funding for airport improvement projects.

The funding was announced recently by U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Birmingham, and Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson

Addressing the media in the ticketing lobby of DTW's McNamara Terminal, Knollenberg listed the projects these earmarked transportation grants will help to fund:

- \$6 million for Multilateration Surveillance Technology Equipment
- \$5 million for rehabilitation of one runway
- \$2 million for capacity enhancements for another runway

- \$1 million for aircraft deicing fluid disposal infrastructure

"These projects will contribute to the safe and efficient operation of Detroit Metro Airport," said Knollenberg, who serves as chairman of the House Transportation Treasury Appropriations Committee. "Because it is a major connecting hub airport, improvements in Detroit will have a significant beneficial impact on aviation elsewhere in the nation."

THE PROJECTS

Multilateration Surveillance Technology will help DTW improve arrival capacity during low visibility conditions by significantly improving air traffic control's ability to monitor aircraft on final approach. Equipment upgrades would enhance DTW's low-visibility arrival rate from 72 to 96 aircraft per hour-taking full advantage of DTW's four parallel runways. Estimated project cost: \$8 million. Amount from this grant: \$6 million.

Runway 3R/21L Rehabilitation: The runway and associated taxiways require major rehabilitation consisting of the total replacement of the top 17 inches of concrete and nine inches of underlying asphalt as well as the repair and resurfacing of the asphalt shoulders. Estimated project cost: \$74 million. Amount from this grant: \$5 million.

Runway 3L/21R Capacity Enhancements: Primary focus will be on installing the appropriate navigational aids to improve the efficiency of this runway while other runways are undergoing rehabilitation. The project includes lengthening the runway as well as the extension of four associated taxiways, rehabilitation of centerline lighting, construction of a hold pad, drainage, shoulders, pavement markings and signage. Estimated project cost: \$35 million. Amount from this grant: \$2 million.

Aircraft deicing fluid disposal infrastructure: The Wayne County Airport Authority recycles the majority of the spent fluid which is sprayed by airlines to deice aircraft. Estimated project cost: \$7 million. Amount from this grant: \$1 million.

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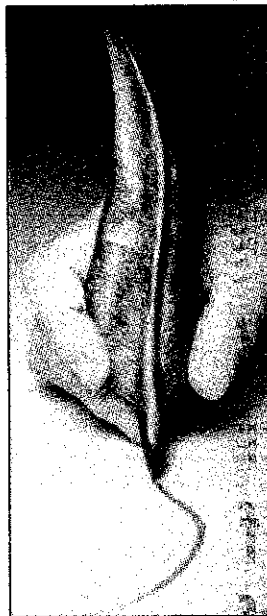
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Accents



Great graphite

Artist Agelio Batle's cast and carved solid graphite sculptures draw like pencils and won't stain hands.

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The sculptures come beautifully packaged with a description and hand-signed certificate of authenticity. Display them on a desk, mantel or coffee table. Cost is \$40 each.

The quill sculpture is shown here. Also available are olive branch, dragonfly, fern, pea pod, sea horse and spindle seashell.

Docents sought

New docents are sought for 2006 tours of Cranbrook House, metro Detroit's oldest manor home. The 1908 Arts and Crafts home, designed by Albert Kahn for the George Booth family, is at 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

Docents are needed for Thursday and Sunday public tours, and numerous private tours.

Potential docents can select one of two training times: beginning 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, or 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, March 8. Both sessions last six to eight weeks.

Docent candidates will learn about the house and its 40 acres of gardens.

The training is free, but candidates must join the Cranbrook House Auxiliary. Annual dues are \$35.

For more information or to register, call (248) 645-3149.

Rid of rust

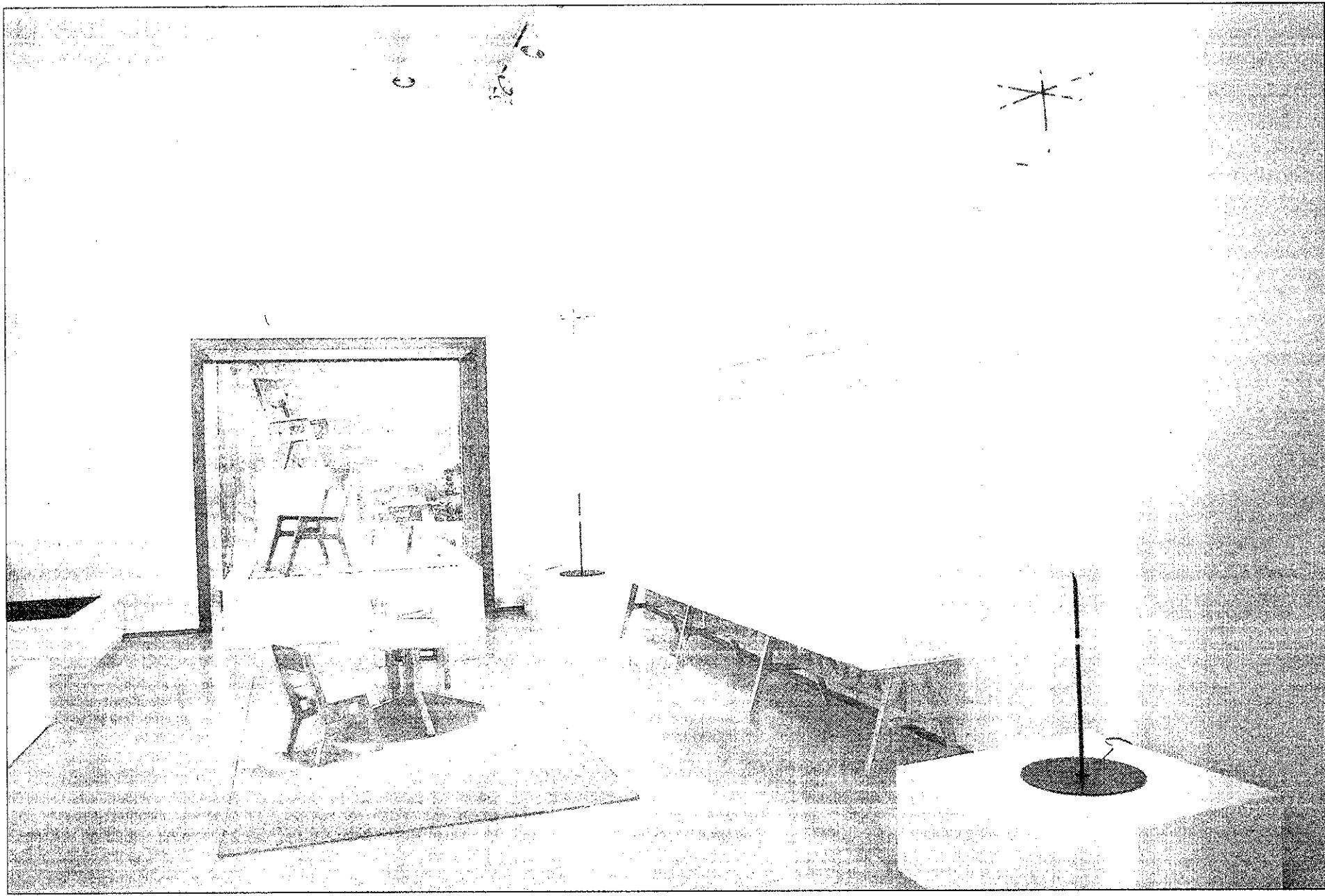
"Your steel porch railings are under attack from rust every hour of every day, but you can rescue them," says James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"Use a wire brush or wire wheel on a drill to get down to bare metal. Be sure to get it all.

"Rust in tight corners can be dissolved with a thick coat of chemical rust remover. Let it sit for half an hour, then rinse well.

"Once the rust is gone, paint the railings with a zinc oxide or red oxide metal primer. This will discourage future rust attacks.

"Finish the job with a coat of good high-gloss, oil-base enamel paint."



MITCH CARR

Visitors to *Crossing Flatland* may sit on the A-frame bench. Youngsters may sit at the children's table and play with the Spaceframe kit. Scott Klinker designed the furniture and lighting using new digital manufacturing tools.

Cafe chairs have a slight angle.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Furniture designer uses modern technology

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

As an adjective, "flat" usually isn't paired with "exciting." But exciting is one of the first adjectives for *Crossing Flatland: New Designs by Scott Klinker*, an exhibit continuing to April 2 at the Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills.

It's exciting to see the innovative designs, by an artist in his first solo exhibition.

And it's exciting to be part of the rich history of the Cranbrook Academy of Art, where Klinker is designer-in-residence and head of the Department of 3D Design.

The show features new furniture and lighting by Klinker (see related item). It's an opportunity to see furnishings before they are introduced to the market at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair in New York in May.

Also featured is Klinker's Spaceframe Builder's Kit, which *Fortune* magazine selected as one of

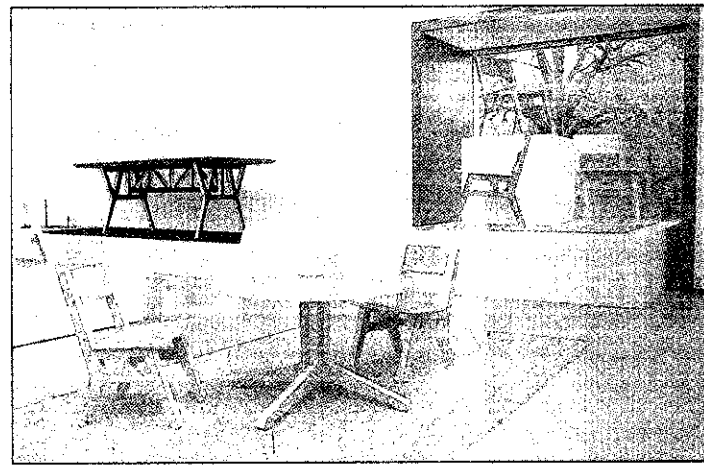
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MITCH CARR

Scott Klinker explored new ways of changing two-dimensional patterns into three-dimensional structures. His furnishings will be introduced to the market in New York in May.

The furniture forms are made with a digital laser cutter and a computer-controlled milling machine. They are cut from flat sheets of birch plywood.



MITCH CARR

Pieces of a Spaceframe kit stand on a children's table in the current *Crossing Flatland* exhibit at Cranbrook Art Museum. The kit and furnishings were designed by Scott Klinker, designer-in-residence and head of the Department of 3D Design at the Cranbrook Academy of Art. Tables here are in his Truss Collection.

Podcasts put world of information, entertainment in your pocket



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Podcasts have hit the big time. In their early days (back in 2005), these audio programs — which you can download to your iPod or MP3 player — consisted mostly of mindless blather produced by nobodies with microphones.

What a difference a year makes.

Here's a small sampling of what I found recently when perusing the iTunes

(apple.com/itunes) podcast library:

■ Selected stories from *60 Minutes*.

■ A cornucopia of NPR segments, with topics ranging from food and pop culture to books and movies. Don't miss: *All Songs Considered*, NPR: *Driveway Moments* and NPR: *Story of the Day*.

■ Movie reviews from *Ebert and Roeper*.

■ Entire episodes of HBO's

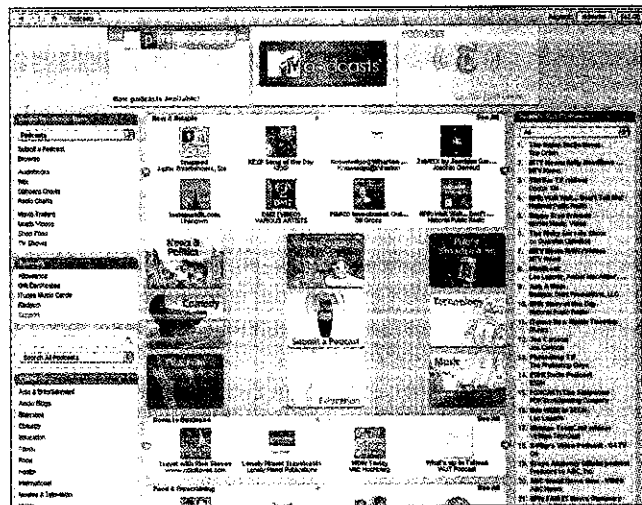
Real Time with Bill Maher.

■ Commentaries and inside looks at popular TV shows like *Battlestar Galactica*, *Firefly*, *Lost* and *The O.C.*

■ Stories and features from shows like *Nova*, *The American Experience* and *Discovery Channel News*.

■ A hilarious podcast original called *The Ricky Gervais*

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B3



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Rusty water in house means replace galvanized pipes

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Peter asks: "The water that comes into my 25-year-old house is rusty. Toilets, sinks, showers everywhere. Do I have to replace the old galvanized pipes?"

Unfortunately, yes. Once that brown stuff starts traveling in old galvanized pipe it's all over. Replacement is the only solution, short of bottled water.

And with the real estate disclosure laws, you'd probably have to fix the pipes anyway in order to sell the home.

The only advice we can give is to get your money's worth from the plumber you select to do the work.

To do this, have each plumber submit a drawing of what pipes he will replace and what size pipe will be used. At least you will be able to compare apples for apples.

And, by the way, replace with copper and the problem won't come back.

Prepare wood well before staining

I got a call last week from a friend who is doing some remodeling in his home.

Part of this work involves replacing painted trim, molding and doors with new stained wood. He was a bit unhappy

with the results of the stain appearance, especially on the pine doors.

We discussed the products he was using and how he was applying the stain. Our talk got me thinking that this would be a good topic to share with you.

The varieties of stains available today are numerous. There are hundreds of color choices, available in both oil-

based and water-based liquids, and gels.

Before staining the wood, apply a coat of wood conditioner to the piece.

Wood conditioners seal the soft parts of the wood and help prevent a blotchy appearance. This is especially important on soft woods such as pine. This is the problem my friend had.

Conditioners are available where stains are sold. Stain is most commonly applied by painting on a heavier coat, allowing it to soak into the wood for a time and then wiping off the excess.

Another method involves wiping the stain directly onto the wood with a rag. This is best done in two or three thin coats.

The former is my favorite but either works well.

It's important that the wood be bare, clean and sanded prior to applying the stain. Any thing such as oil, water, old fin-

ishes and most wood putty won't take the stain, leaving an uncolored spot.

Don't sand across the grain. The fine scratches left by the sandpaper will show up when the stain is applied.

When applying the stain to large areas, follow the grain of the wood using long brush strokes, keep a wet edge, and stir the stain occasionally.

Be certain the stain is mixed thoroughly. Because stain is very watery, the pigment (coloring) easily settles to the bottom of the can. This too can cause a blotchy or inconsistent color.

It is very important that you follow the manufacturers' instructions for both the conditioner and the stain.

My personal favorites are oil stains and in particular those made by Minwax. However, several other manufacturers have very good products.

I don't particularly like

water-based stains. They tend to raise the wood's grain and can be a bit opaque. They are less volatile and have less odor.

To finish the project, the stained wood needs to be coated with a clear finish. There are many, many finishes on the market and each has its own characteristics.

If the stained piece is going to be subjected to blows or abrasions, as most household wood trim is, I suggest clear polyurethane finish.

My preference is water-based polyurethane. It dries fast, has low odor and leaves a tough film finish.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Roses, perennials

English Gardens hosts free seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays in February at all six English Gardens locations. Scheduled topics are What's New in Roses (Feb. 18) and Perennial Gardening (Feb. 25).

The locations include stores in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak-Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

Roses are the only "perennial" that bloom year after year, all summer long. At the Feb. 18 seminar, learn about new varieties available this year, as well as how to select, plant and care for your plants all year to achieve a beautiful rose garden.

At the Feb. 25 seminar, learn about favorite perennials (plants that come back year after year), and how to select plants, combine colors and provide proper care during and after the growing season so you can create a colorful, beautiful garden using perennials.

Michigan Orchid Society

The Michigan Orchid Society will meet 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willis, north of Maple (15 Mile) at Bates and east of Southfield Road in Birmingham.

Rob Halgren, a judge with the American Orchid Society and owner of Little Frog Orchids, will talk on the latest trends in phragmipedium breeding. Halgren's expertise is gongora, catsetums, coelogyne and phragmipedium orchids.

Design

Gardening expert Janet Macunovich will present Simple Successful Garden and Landscape Design, and sign her book, *8 Months of Color*, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Olde Towne Road in Rochester. Registration isn't required. For more information, call Ellen Kieta at (248) 650-7124.

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook

Hall Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 24, in the Coach House adjacent to the hall on the OU campus, off Adams in Rochester.

Guest speaker will be Dawn Venzina, a member of the Organization for Bat Conservation at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

She will explain the benefits of bats in the environment, and how to attract them to gardens and yards and preserve their habitats.

Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required.

For more information, call (248) 608-0485 or (248) 310-8793, or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Herb conference

The 19th annual Michigan Herb Associates Conference will take place Wednesday-Thursday, March 8-9, in Wells Hall on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing.

Scented geranium is the 2006 Herb of the Year. The theme of this year's conference is Herbal "Scent" Satiations. The conference will feature programs on herb culture, crafting and cooking.

Registration will start at 8:15 a.m., the program at 9:15 a.m.

The conference is open to the general public. Walk-ins may register for one or both days.

Preregistration rates are \$65 for both days and \$35 for one day for MHA members; \$85 for both days and \$55 for one day for non-members. Walk-ins add \$10 to the rates.

Tickets for the luncheon (\$10 each day) and banquet (\$30) must be reserved by Monday, Feb. 27. You may bring your own lunch or go out to eat. Conference information and forms are available at www.hrt.msu.edu/herb/.

Master composter

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority Master Composter Program for environmental gardeners will begin 6:45-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at the Birmingham Department of Public Services Building, 851 S. Eton in Birmingham. The program includes six classroom sessions, assignments and required

volunteer service. Class fee is \$30.

For the program flyer and/or to register, call Karen Bever at SOCWA at (248) 288-5150, or e-mail LFDean@aol.com. The program is sponsored by the SOCWA Healthy Lawns and Gardens Programs to help promote waste reduction, water quality protection and earth-friendly landscapes.

Master composters learn about making and using compost, compost bin options, healthy lawn care, natural mulches, sustainable landscapes, healthy soils, benefits of compost, and cycles of nature.

Plant pest problems

Gardening classes offered at The Community House in Birmingham include Solving Common Pest and Disease Problems, four sessions (including one Saturday off-site lab) beginning Thursday, March 2.

The Community House is at 380 S. Bates. Fee for this class is \$143. To register and for more information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

The class will take a thorough look at plant/pest relationships, how and why these relationships develop in the residential garden, and what can be done to maintain plant health and appearance without negative effects on the environment or the gardener.

Participants will receive an overview of common insects, non-insect pests and diseases, and methods for identifying and controlling these problems. Many traditional and alternative pest control methods will be examined. The Ins and Outs of Plants class at the Michigan School of Gardening, or equivalent experience, is a prerequisite.

Instructor Steven Nikkila has planted, maintained and photographed gardens and landscapes since 1983 and is co-owner of Perennial Favorites, a garden and landscape design firm. He has been a senior instructor of the Michigan School of Gardening since its inception in 1996 and assisted in the development of the school's curriculum.

Orchids for Beginners

Home gardening courses offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning include Orchids for Beginners, Saturday, Feb. 25, at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive.

Suzanne Bucki of the Michigan Orchid Society will explain common orchid species and how to recognize signs of disease, pest infestation and watering problems. Participants will also learn how to pot and repot orchids, and the temperature and sunlight requirements for orchids to bloom.

Cost is \$26 for Dearborn School District residents, \$29 for non-residents. To register, or for a complete list of CL2 courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Throughout history, plants have ignited passion - for adventure, for knowledge, for love. Whether a matter of aroma or taste, medicinal properties, or seductive powers, plants have always held a fascination for cultures around the world.

During February, Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum (MBGNA) will highlight "plants of passion" with a public lecture, tours of the Conservatory, and a family day event. All events will take place at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Reservations are strongly recommended for each event. Call (734) 647-7600.

Chocolate, a lecture by Patrick Fields, AKA "Doctor Chocolate," is scheduled 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19. Chocolate tasting will follow the talk. Cost is \$15 for the public, \$10 for MBGNA members. Seating limited to 100.

Family Day at the Gardens is scheduled 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. Enjoy a scavenger hunt in the Conservatory, have a snack and listen to stories told by Jean Gordon, and pot a chocolate mint plant (one per child) to take home. Cost per child is \$7 for the public, \$5 for MBGNA members.

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the top 25 products of 2005.

"The appeal . . . was to look at new ways of making things, new manufacturing technology . . . And the interest for me is a shift from mass production to niche production," Klinker said.

A towering edifice made of 12 Spaceframe kits stands in the main gallery at the museum, almost touching the ceiling. It is among works in another exhibit, this one called *Building Connections: Architectural Dialogues with the Collection of Cranbrook Art Museum*.

"The history of design at Cranbrook is one where many of the designers, from the time of Charles and Ray Eames to the present, have been interested in looking at new technology and finding ways that this new technology can create new forms," said Greg Wittkopp, Cranbrook Art Museum director.

Charles and Ray Eames explored the technology that made molded plywood. (A prototype of one of their chairs is in this display, which consists of works from the museum's permanent collection.) Klinker explores new digital manufacturing tools.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

Computers enable designers to make every piece differently, Klinker said. He investigated ways of changing two-dimensional patterns into three-dimensional structures, and his fascinating findings are in *Crossing Flatland*.

The furniture forms are made with a digital laser cutter and a computer-controlled milling machine. They are cut from flat sheets of birch plywood.

Fasteners are hidden in "pockets" cut into the plywood.

All parts are shipped flat, and can be put together easily with-out tools.

The lighting prototypes are formed with a digital laser cutter.

Crossing Flatland includes furniture in Klinker's Truss Collection, developed in partnership with Context Furniture of Royal Oak. Several pieces in this collection - desks, tables and benches - can be "chained" together, Klinker said.

EFFICIENT, ETHEREAL

Elements in tables and benches are an open network of beams that resemble a bridge's girding and support. The furnishings have an A-frame, and corners of the tops are angled.

A library desk has a desktop shelf, just right for a computer; cords and wiring would be easily out of the way with the open structure.

Backs of cafe chairs and armchairs have a slight angle. So do the children's chairs at a round children's table. It's a simplicity that says much about comfort.

Klinker's lighting pieces have an almost ethereal quality, whether tall floor lamps, short table lamps or hanging lamps. Some resemble a cocoon wrapped in strips. Others are straight and encased in an open framework.

Klinker designed Spaceframe in partnership with Offi & Co. Spaceframe is a kit for youngsters that consists of rigid, lightweight, modular pieces made of reinforced PET plastic. They look like felt in their raw sheet form.

The Spaceframe pieces can be easily stacked and connected into any shape, such as a fort, castle, playhouse, tunnel or sculpture.

Spaceframe was one of Design Within Reach's first choices when the store decided

to sell a line of modern products for youngsters. (Design Within Reach has a store in Birmingham.)

The kit can be seen in the Design Within Reach JAX catalog of items for children or at www.dwrjax.com.

Except for the lighting and for the items on platforms, visitors are invited to sit on and touch the furniture in the show. Children may sit on the little chairs and play with the Spaceframe kit.

The furnishings are presented in vignettes featuring carpet tiles provided by Interface Inc.

The lighting prototypes were made with the support of the YUPO Corporation, which makes synthetic paper.

BACKGROUND

Klinker is from Philadelphia. He studied at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and earned a master of fine arts degree in design from Cranbrook.

"I've always been interested in art," Klinker said. "The more I learned about design the more fascinating it became."

Klinker was drawn to Cranbrook because of Charles and Ray Eames, he said.

His professional experience included positions at Ericsson Communications (in-house design), IDEO Product Development in Silicon Valley (design consulting) and the Kanazawa International Design Institute in Japan (design education and chair of product design).

Klinker has organized and curated design exhibits in Kanazawa, Detroit, New York and Milan.

He founded Scott Klinker Product Design, a design office that focuses on developing designs and patents for licensing in contract furniture, household goods and toys. mklemic@hometownlife.com | (248) 901-2569

Kitchen cabinets

Classes taught by professionals take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Fancy Color Paints and Interiors, 3883 Rochester Road in Troy.

In Updating Kitchen Cabinets (Feb. 28), learn how to restore and rejuvenate your kitchen cabinets. For registration information, call Troy Adult Education at (248) 823-5100, Rochester Adult Education at (248) 726-3165, Birmingham Adult Education at (248) 203-3800, Huntington Woods Adult Education at (248) 541-3030 or Royal Oak Adult Education at (248) 588-5050.

Auction

The Frank H. Boos Gallery will conduct an auction 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 22 and 23, at the gallery at the Antiques Centre of Troy, 2830 W. Maple, Suite 206, at Maple and Coolidge.

A preview will take place at the gallery noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Monday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, and 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

For more information, call (248) 643-1900, visit www.boosgallery.com or e-mail artandauction@boosgallery.com.

The auction will feature property belonging to the estate of Brian Killian, the estate of a prominent Tennessee collector, the Roz and Sherm Boutique, and numerous other estates and private collections.

Heart of the Home tour

The Groves High School Parent Senior Committee will present its annual Heart of the Home house tour noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5, featuring homes in West Bloomfield, Franklin, Bingham Farms and Birmingham. Tickets are \$25 for Friends, \$50 for Patrons. The Patron ticket includes the tour and a reception immediately afterward.

Tickets can be bought at the Groves High School main office at 13 Mile and Evergreen; at the Apple Tree Room on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile in Franklin; or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope, with a check payable to Groves PTA Graduation Committee, to Shelley Roberts, 320 Sufferd, Birmingham 48009. Maps will be distributed to ticket holders on tour day.

Each residence will include arrangements by area floral designers and music performed by members of the

Groves Orchestra.

For more information, call Shelley at (248) 645-0513 or e-mail shelley-roberts@communityhouse.com.

Snow Ball

The 10th annual Snow Ball will take place 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Townsend Hotel Ballroom, 100 Townsend at Pierce, south of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Southfield Road in Birmingham.

The event includes a black-tie dinner, live auction of fantasy packages, and entertainment, presented by Variety - The Children's Charity. Proceeds benefit children with special needs in metropolitan Detroit.

Tickets are \$300 Friend, \$400 Patron, \$500 Benefactor.

A preview party for patrons and benefactors is scheduled Thursday, Feb. 16, at the home of Michael and Kay Poncill in Bloomfield Hills.

For information, contact The Variety Office, 30161 Southfield Road, No. 301, Southfield 48076, phone (248) 258-5511.

Make centerpiece

The Center for Lifelong Learning at Henry Ford Community College will offer a course on how to make corsages, centerpieces and bouquets Mondays, Feb. 20 to March 20.

The class will take place at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center at 22586 Arden Arbor Trail, between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive.

Participants should bring a notebook, pen or pencil and wire cutters. All other supplies will be provided. The cost is \$179 for Dearborn School District residents, \$199 for non-residents.

To register or for more information, call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2. For more information about HFCC, visit www.hfcc.edu.

Participants will learn how to create handmade floral pieces using basic floral-handling techniques, design principles and creative tips from internationally known floral educator and designer Robbin Yelverton.

Scrapbook beginnings

Learn about the basics of making a scrapbook in a class for all ages, Scrapbook Beginnings 101, presented at Simple Pleasures Scrapbook Treasures stores at 44645 Mound in Sterling Heights (phone (586) 323-6300) and 4944 John R in Troy (phone (248) 524-0051).

The hands-on class will take place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in Sterling Heights or 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, in Troy. Fee is \$15. Call for registration and other information. Bring six to eight photos related to one birthday event. You will complete a double-page layout based on a birthday theme.

Organizing family

Professional organizer Shannon Burdick will present Organizing Your Busy Family 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Utica High School. For registration and other information, contact Burdick at (248) 854-7037 or shannon@SOSorganizing.com.

Bring a sense of calm to your life by learning ways to balance your time spent on work and family. Burdick will provide information on managing your children's schedules, getting family members to contribute, and methods to help establish effective routines geared toward your family's individual needs.

Floral arrangement

A Floral Arrangement Workshop will take place 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 18, in the Music Room at the Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane, on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus.

At the workshop, make a spring floral arrangement with fresh flowers and greens to take home with you. Cost is \$45, including materials.

Workshop proceeds benefit the Henry Ford Estate Gardens. Seating is limited and reservations and pre-pay are required. Call (313) 593-5580 or (313) 593-0514.

Professional florists from Christopher's Personal Touch will teach the class, which is designed for adults only.

Crafters wanted

St. Damian of Westland is seeking crafters for its annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show, which will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8. For more information, call (734) 721-4758 or e-mail nelius@comcast.net.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kabramczyk@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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Show, whose star is the creator of two of my favorite Brit-coms: *Extras* and *The Office*.

■ A young librarian (anniecoleman.com) who reads public-domain books like *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *Pride and Prejudice*.

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As for actually getting them, iPod users have it easy: venture into the iTunes Music Store, click Podcasts, browse the selection and subscribe to the ones you want.

For non-iPod users, I recommend Yahoo Music Engine (music.yahoo.com/music-engine). It's an iTunes-like music manager/store, and it offers a similarly diverse selection of podcasts.

Plus, it works with just about every MP3 player (except the iPod).

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Music Engine (YME), you'll need to download a plug-in (tinyurl.com/b48hv) that adds the podcasting capability.

Once that's done, fire up YME, click Yahoo Podcasts, browse the selection and subscribe to the ones you want.

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What I find most amazing of all is that all this content is free. I don't know of a single podcast that costs more than a minute or two of download time.

Of course, they've always been free. But now they're worth hearing.

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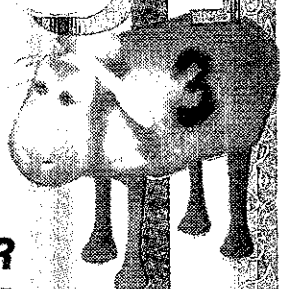
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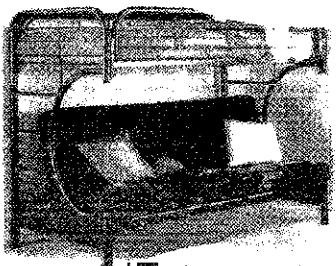
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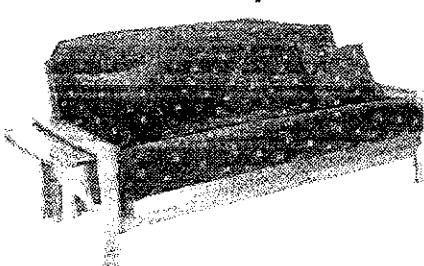
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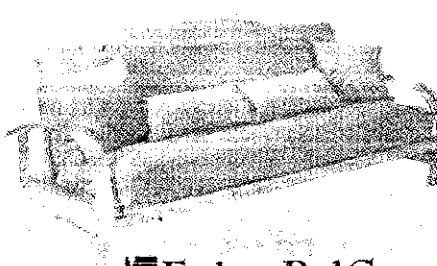
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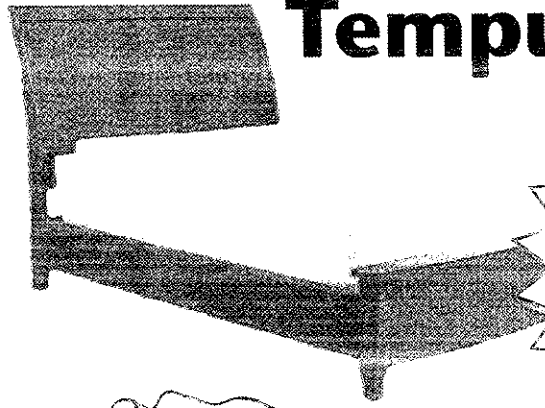
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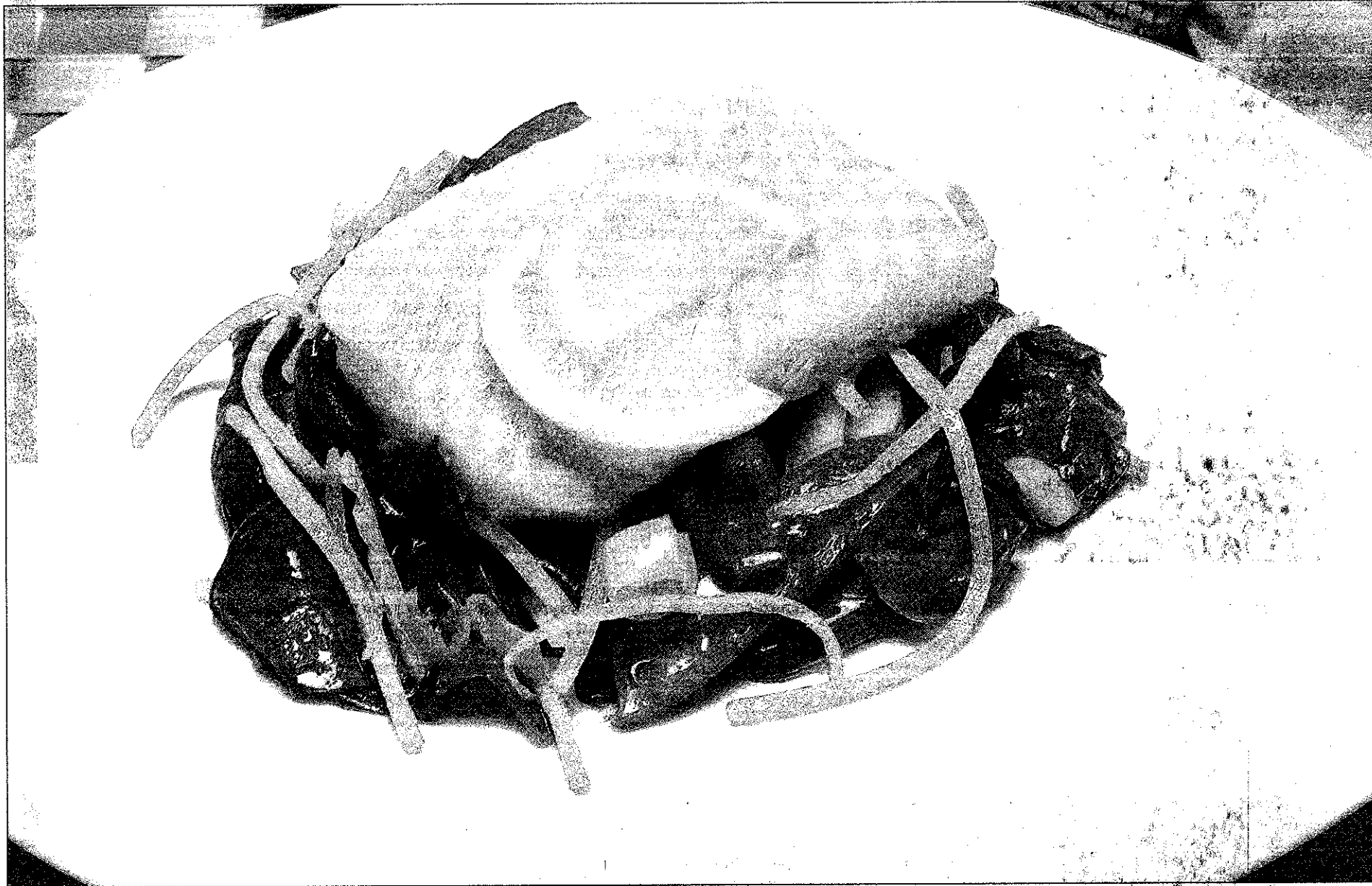
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Salmon

An easy dinner in a packet



FROM THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

In Latin America, fish are baked in banana leaves. In France, they are baked in parchment (en papillote). This technique seals in moisture and flavor. Home cooks anywhere can do the same thing with aluminum foil.

By adding a few vegetables, you have a whole meal in a package. It's easy to assemble, pretty to look at and delicious to eat. As an added bonus, it's a healthful meal.

Salmon is a good choice for this cooking method. It is a rich source of omega-3 fat, a polyunsaturated fat that doesn't raise blood cholesterol and seems to have health-promoting powers that lower the risk of heart disease and possibly cancer.

Only certain fish are a good source of omega-3 fats: salmon, mackerel, herring, white (albacore) tuna and sardines. When buying some fish, such as salmon, there is often a choice between farm-raised and wild. Whatever type is selected, fish is always an excellent choice for good nutrition.

Of course, the preparation must be healthful too not deep fried, slathered in butter, or covered in cream sauce. The steam-baked cooking of fish and vegetable in packets is ideal.

The following recipe creates a dish special enough for company but easy enough for every-day meals.

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OVEN-BAKED SALMON WITH SNOW PEAS

- 2 small leeks, white and pale part chopped fine
- 2 large carrots, cut into julienne strips (width of matchsticks)
- 1/2 pound snow peas (fresh or frozen)
- 4 salmon steaks or fillets (4 ounces each)
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon plus 1 tablespoon sesame oil, divided
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 pound fresh spinach
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

Preheat oven to 450° F. Tear four large sheets (18- by 12- inches) of heavy-duty aluminum foil and lay out on table or counter.

Place one-fourth each of leeks, carrots and snow peas on each sheet of foil. Place a piece of salmon on top of each mound of vegetables. Sprinkle one-fourth of the ginger and drizzle one-fourth of the vinegar and one-fourth teaspoon oil over each piece of fish. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Double-fold foil and seal tightly, to form four packets. (Leave enough room in the packet for heat to circulate.) Place packets on cookie sheet and bake about 20 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with fork.

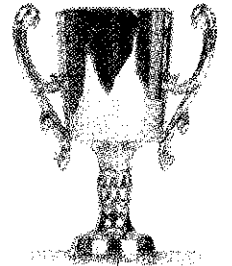
Meanwhile, rinse spinach leaves and place in large bowl or platter that will fit in a microwave oven. Drizzle with fresh lemon juice and remaining 1 tablespoon oil. Cook in microwave at high power 3-4 minutes, checking every minute or so to make sure spinach is tender but not over-cooked. Place one-fourth of spinach in center of each of 4 plates, making a flat bed.

When salmon is cooked, open packets carefully to allow steam to escape without scalding hands or arms. Transfer contents to top of bed of spinach on each plate.

Makes four servings. Per serving: 342 calories, 17 g. total fat (3 g. saturated fat), 19 g. carbohydrate, 29 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 188 mg. sodium.

Side dish

Brinker awarded



Dennis Brinker has received the Michigan Restaurant Association's Distinguished Service Award.

The award recognizes individuals who have provided exceptional and continuing leadership, vision and commitment to the Michigan food service industry. Brinker is president of Sign of the Beefcarver, which is based in Birmingham. His company also operates the Clarkston Café in Clarkston and Wagon Wheel Saloon in Troy.

Brinker's career with the Sign of the Beefcarver (known as Sign of the Beekeeper in those days) began in 1967 when he took a job washing dishes for the company as a way to earn money while attending Wayne State University.

Brinker became president of the MRA Board of Directors in 1999. He remains active with the MRA board, serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Fund (the member-owned workers compensation program which has returned over \$12 million to members since 1992) and assists with the MRA's mission to represent, promote and educate the food service industry.

Brinker and his wife, Anne, live in Birmingham.

Stage Deli offers soup

For the entire month of February, the Stage Deli in West Bloomfield is offering a cup of chicken soup with any sandwich ordered at the deli.

The made-from-scratch soup of the Goldberg family has soothed illnesses of winters for more than a century.

The deli is located at 6873 Orchard Lake Road (Between Maple and 14 Mile roads). The phone number is (248) 855-6622.

Gluten-free

Giulio's Cucina Italiana in Livonia is offering a gluten-free menu for patrons who suffer from Celiac disease, according to Ray Borden, owner of Giulio's.

Borden said he now has gluten-free preparations on "almost every item on my menu." "I have gluten-free pasta on hand and am working to develop a gluten-free pizza," Borden said.

Giulio's Cucina Italiana is located at 31735 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The phone number is (734) 427-9500.

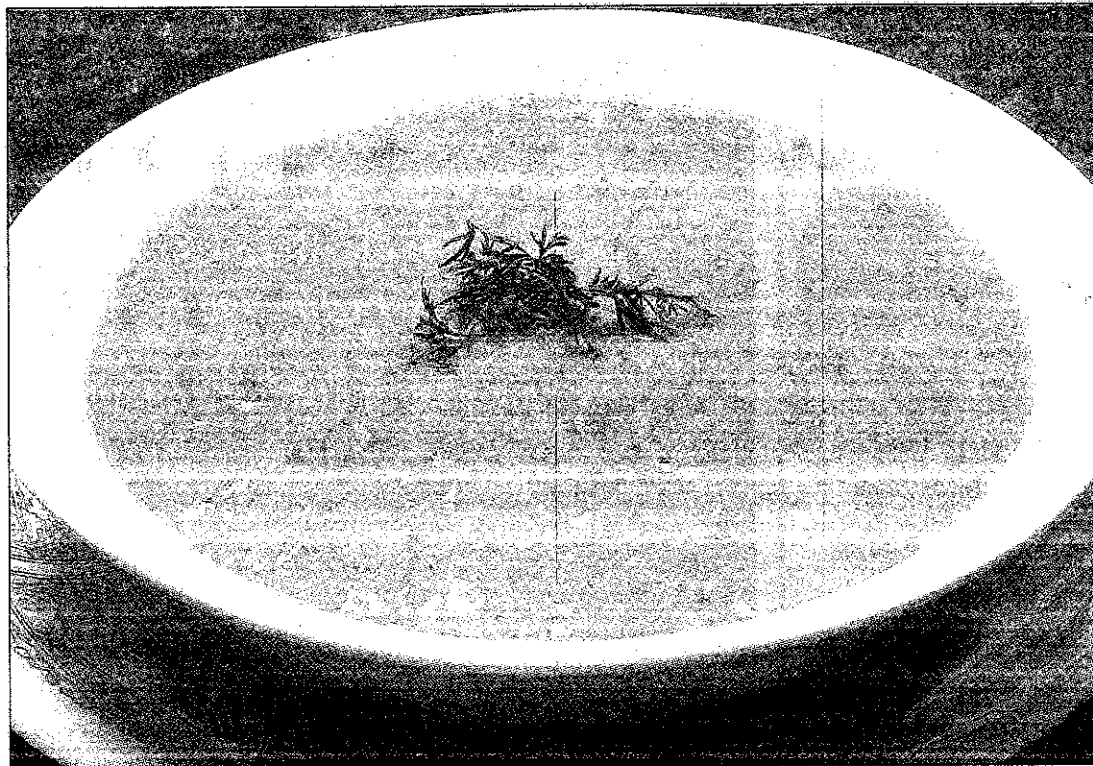
Tomato soup is food for the body and soul

BY DANA JACOBI
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Inhaling the aroma of a steaming bowl of canned tomato soup, while gazing at its velvety orange-red color, recalls for many people comforting childhood memories. In fact, tomato soup ranks high on the list of American comfort foods. It warms our psyches as much as our bodies, and has the natural sweetness of tomatoes.

One of the greatest culinary challenges is achieving a homemade version of favorite comfort foods. Mother's recipe for chocolate chip cookies, for example, is better than any commercial brand - and a lot more healthful. Similarly, I enjoy the challenge of creating a tastier and more healthful tomato soup in my own kitchen.

Unfortunately, food manufacturers rely mostly on salt and sweeteners to provide flavor - relatively cheap additions for the producer, but often high in health risks for the consumer. It is not difficult or time-consuming to make tomato soup at home that is low in sodium but still offers a satisfying flavor.



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There are smart, healthful ways to add flavor to foods without adding unnecessary calories or excessive sodium levels. Onion, garlic, herbs and spices, for example, add valuable nutrients, and the phytochemicals that help protect us

from serious chronic diseases, as well as rich and robust flavor.

So make good on your resolution to eat more healthful foods, and give yourself an added treat: enticing aromas that fill the kitchen and the

satisfying flavor of homemade tomato soup. This classic tomato soup uses just enough butter and fat-free cream to ensure rich creaminess, and a very modest amount of sugar to bring out the natural sweetness and flavor of tomatoes.

OLD-FASHIONED TOMATO SOUP

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 can (28-ounces) diced tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon ground mace
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup fat-free half-and-half cream
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons snipped dill, for garnish (optional)

Melt the butter in a small Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion until translucent, 4 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté until the onions are golden, 5 to 6 minutes. Add the tomatoes with their juices, the sugar, thyme, mace and cayenne. Bring to a boil, cover, and simmer the soup until the tomatoes and onion are soft, about 15 minutes.

Let the soup sit 20 minutes, uncovered. Transfer it to a blender (or use an immersion blender) and reduce the mixture to a purée, either pulpy or completely smooth, as desired. Blend in the half-and-half. Season the soup to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve the soup hot, sprinkling one-fourth of the dill over each bowl, if using.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 105 calories, 3 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 18 g. carbohydrate, 3 g. protein, less than 1 g. dietary fiber, 586 mg. sodium.

TASTE CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com or fax (734) 591-7279.

Healthy Cooking Classes

Enjoy vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Each class is scheduled 6-9 p.m. in Garden City and includes discussions on the healthy benefits of ingredients. Upcoming classes include Healthy Pizza Cooking Class on March 15 (\$30) and Mid Eastern Cooking Class on March 22 (\$30). Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856.

Breads of India

Students will learn to make flat bread, layered bread and stuffed bread, then prepare a curry and cucumber-yogurt salad to accompany our breads. A material fee of \$13 is payable at class. Bring a cup measure, wide bowl and two dish towels. Class offered 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 through Birmingham Community Education, Derby Middle School, Room 114, 1300 Derby Road, Birmingham, \$39. To register call (248) 203-3800 or on-line at www.communityed.net.

Authentic Italian

Dawn Bause, co-author of the Italian cookbook Romance Begins in the Kitchen, has brought back authentic home-style Italian recipes to share with students at this class taught 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. The menu includes: Mixed Greens with Gorgonzola and Hazelnut Dressing, Wild Mushroom Risotto, Chicken Florentine and Panna Cotta. Students will receive recipes and sample dishes with a glass of wine. A \$6 materials fee payable to instructor at class. Students must be 21 to attend this class. Session costs \$29. To register, call (248) 644-5832.

Gluten Free and Loving It

Students will learn the secret behind a gluten-free lifestyle and learn to make Roasted Pepper Rolls with Tzatziki and Capers; Wild Rice, Mushroom and Leek Stuffed Chicken with White Wine Sauce; Baked Sweet Potatoes Dauphinoise and Eggplant, Sundried Tomato and Feta Lettuce Wraps. Class is 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27. A list of other gluten-free meals and where to get the gluten-free items used in class will be provided. Students will sample and take home all the recipes taught in this

class. Session costs \$30. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.

Soup for You

Learn about a Basic Seafood Chowder, a Basic Broccoli Chowder and a Basic Black Bean Soup to build on. Instructor Peter Engelhardt is Executive Chef at The Community House in Birmingham. Class is scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28. Session is \$30. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.

Nutrition and Cooking Seminar

This seminar will make you aware of the latest scientific discoveries in nutrition 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Metro Seventh Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty (just north of 5 Mile Road), Northville. Cancer, heart disease and diabetes are largely preventable through proper nutrition. There will be lectures, cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans. Cookbooks will be available for purchase. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. To register call Dr. Arthur Weaver at (248) 349-5683 or Helen and Floyd Morris at (313) 531-2179.

Schoolcraft classes

Culinary Seminars are offered through Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development for winter 2006. The campus is located at 18600 Haggerty in Livonia. Call (734) 462-4448 for information or visit webadvisor.schoolcraft.edu Here are some of the classes:

Hands-On

These classes require Cooking 101 or chef's approval to register. Wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. You'll need a tool kit consisting of a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. The following classes, instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel are scheduled: European Bread Making, 5-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 14; Soup it Up, 5-9 p.m., Thursday, March 23; Saute Like a Pro, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 4; Stewing & Braising, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, and Outdoor Grilling, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, April 25. Class fees range from \$109-\$139.

Polish Cooking

Learn how to make perfect pierogis (Polish dumplings), golabki (stuffed cabbage) and kielbasa and other traditional Polish entrees. Sample Polish dishes with instructor Jeff Gabriel, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, fee is \$109.

Healthy meals can look and taste great

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — All-but-forgotten New Year's resolutions to slim down and eat more healthfully might seem to preclude the idea of fine dining.

Far from it: There are dishes within reach whose eye appeal and rich flavor qualify them for entertaining, let alone healthful, everyday meals.

Most of us can stick to strict diets and limited food choices for only short periods.

But according to the American Institute for Cancer Research, it's a myth that eating for health and weight loss has to mean food with less flavor and variety.

AICR nutrition experts recommend eating a wide variety of fruit, vegetables, whole grains and other plant-based foods; in moderation, they can also help people lose weight.

They advise reducing unhealthy saturated fats, while keeping rich flavor and mouth feel by using more healthful fats, including olive, canola and sesame oil.

Salt and sugar can be replaced with ingredients that are health-protective as well as flavor boosters, like fruit and their juices, spices, herbs, nuts and seeds.

Red meats offer important nutrients, but fish, especially those found in deep water, are far more abundant in health-protective substances like omega-3 fatty acids. Generally, they also contain less fat and calories per serving.

"There is no reason a healthful meal that helps us slim down can't also taste and look so special that we could proudly serve it to guests or to celebrate important occasions," Karen Collins, AICR's nutrition adviser, said.

The easy-to-make recipes that follow are festive in looks as well as taste. They complement each other in color, texture and flavors so they can pleasingly be served together.

ASIAN-STYLE SALMON

1/2 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce

- 1/2 tablespoon fresh or prepared orange juice
- 1/2 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1/2 tablespoon prepared Chinese mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon Chinese five-spice powder
- Four 4-ounce salmon fillets
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- Canola oil cooking spray
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds

With a spoon, mix together soy sauce, juices, mustard and spice powder in a shallow pan or dish. Add salmon and turn to coat all sides with marinade. Cover with plastic and refrigerate 1 hour. Bring salmon back to room temperature before broiling.

Preheat broiler. Remove salmon from the marinade, pat dry with paper towels. Brush top and sides of fillets with sesame seed oil and place on broiler pan. Broil 4 inches from heat until fish is cooked through, about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat a medium skillet over medium heat until hot. Add sesame seeds and, stirring continuously, toast just until golden, about 1 minute. (Sesame seeds can quickly go from golden to burned, so watch carefully.) Immediately transfer sesame seeds to a small bowl. Remove skin from salmon fillets and place 1 on each of 4 serving plates. Garnish the top of each with sesame seeds. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 216 cal., 11 g fat (2 g saturated), 3 g carbo., 24 g pro., 0 g dietary fiber, 443 mg sodium.

Turmeric is used in the following recipe to turn brown rice a rich, golden color without affecting the flavor. Dried fruits give a bright, jeweled appearance and slightly sweet taste.

GOLDEN JEWELED RICE

- 2/3 cup quick-cooking brown rice (see note)
- 1 and 1/3 to 1-1/2 cups fat-free reduced-sodium broth or water (or follow rice package instructions)
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/4 cup dried apricots, cut in small pieces
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries

In a large saucepan, bring broth to a boil, stir in rice and turmeric.

When liquid comes to boil again, reduce heat, cover and simmer about 10 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender.

Meanwhile, place dried fruit in a small bowl. Add hot (but not boiling) water to cover. Let soak for 5 to 10 minutes, or until soft. Drain well.

Remove rice from heat and stir in dried fruit. Cover and let stand 2 to 5 minutes. Lightly fluff mixture with a fork and serve.

Note: Regular brown rice can also be used. To shorten the usual 50 to 60 minutes required, use an appropriate amount of rice and liquid as given on package instructions. Cook at a low boil (not a simmer) until rice is tender, about 30 minutes. Drain away any remaining liquid.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 104 cal., 0 g fat (0 g saturated), 24 g carbo., 3 g pro., 2 g dietary fiber, 1,877 mg sodium.

Steaming is a simple, fat-free way of preparing vegetables, and helps retain nutrients and phytochemicals often lost with other cooking methods.

The citrus sauce, which is similar to the marinade used for the broiled salmon, helps sweeten this dish.

STEAMED ASPARAGUS WITH CITRUS SAUCE

- 12 asparagus spears of roughly equal thickness, ends trimmed
- 2 tablespoons finely minced mint leaves (see note)

Place asparagus in a dish that will hold 1/3 cup water and can be used in a microwave. Sprinkle herbs over asparagus. Carefully add water at edge of dish. Cover with wax paper or a damp paper towel, and cook in a microwave until crisp-tender. (Timing depends on the power of the microwave, which can vary. If in doubt about the time required, first cook 3 minutes at 50 percent power, check degree of doneness, and repeat as needed.)

Asparagus can also be steamed stove-top using a steaming pot, or using an electric steamer.

Arrange asparagus on a serving dish or evenly divide among 4 plates. Spoon 1/2 to 1 tablespoon Citrus Sauce (recipe follows) over

each serving.

Makes 4 servings.

Note: Thyme may be substituted if fresh mint isn't available.

Nutrition information per serving (including 1/2 tablespoon sauce): 17 cal., 0 g fat (0 g saturated), 3 g carbo., 1 g pro., 1 g dietary fiber, 97 mg sodium.

The following citrus sauce makes far more than is needed for a vegetable side dish, but it can be refrigerated or frozen for future use.

Besides dressing vegetables including carrots, broccoli and cabbage, the sauce can be used as a marinade or sauce for fish, poultry or pork dishes.

The ingredient amounts called for can be halved if a smaller quantity is desired.

CITRUS SAUCE

- 2-1/2 cups fresh orange or tangerine juice
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 3/4 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1/3 cup diced peeled fresh ginger root

In a large saucepan combine citrus juices, soy sauce, oil and ginger root. Simmer 10 to 15 minutes, or until mixture thickens slightly. Pour sauce through a strainer into a container.

Use immediately or store, covered and refrigerated, up to 3 or 4 days; in a freezer, up to 1 month. Reheat sauce before using.

Tip: If a somewhat thicker sauce is desired, cornstarch can be added, using 1/2 tablespoon per 1 cup of sauce.

Thicken by mixing cold sauce with cornstarch until dissolved, then heating in a pan over medium heat to a simmer, stirring until sauce thickens and appears translucent.

Makes 2-1/2 cups (40 tablespoons).

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 13 cal., less than 1 g fat (0 g saturated), 2 g carbo., 0 g pro., 0 g dietary fiber, 182 mg sodium.

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Cook up rosemary and ginger vegetable soup

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - Been thinking a lot about soup lately.

It's not because of the cold; it's because of a cold. Or rather, because of three colds, all of them belonging to my son.

Parker started with the sniffles almost a month ago. It wasn't so bad, at least not until the sniffles turned into full blown stuffiness turned into wheezing turned into wake-him-from-a-deep-sleep coughing.

Ever try to get a 15-month-old to blow his nose? They don't. You vacuum it out. Which is why my wife and I recently found ourselves in the bathroom at 3 a.m. with a crying toddler, shower blasting hot water as we tried to steam my son's sinuses clear.

It's a good thing he's so cute. Then there was last night. Parker began hacking and wailing at 2 a.m., just about the same time the cat found a mouse at the foot of our bed, a discovery that spurred her to apoplectic fits as she tried and failed to catch it.

It's a good thing they're both so cute. When does life get back to normal?

Which brings me back to soup, about which Parker has compelled me to think a lot lately. Great source of fluids. Great source of veggies. And the sooner Parker is healthy, the sooner my wife and I get to sleep through the night again.

My goal was a soup that was brothy, but still packed with vegetables. It should be flavorful and well seasoned, but nevertheless minimally seasoned. In other words, a few star seasonings that shine, not an assembly of lesser players. Speaking of minimal, labor

should be little more than chopping and tossing it all in a stockpot. My plan was to make this during Parker's often all-too-brief nap, so there was no time for fussing.

Got to love any recipe you can sleep your way through.

ROSEMARY AND GINGER VEGETABLE SOUP

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large stalk fresh rosemary
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons grated fresh ginger
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, cut into thin rounds
- 8 ounces (about 2 cups) button mushrooms, stemmed and cut into quarters
- 2 medium potatoes, cut into small cubes
- 1/2 small butternut squash, cut into small chunks
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup crushed tomatoes
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 slightly stale sourdough dinner rolls, cut into cubes

Heat the oil over a medium heat in a medium stockpot.

Use a rolling pin to gently bruise the rosemary by rolling over it several times. Add the entire stalk to the pot. Add the garlic and ginger and cook, stirring frequently, 1 minute. Add the onion, green and red peppers, carrots, mushrooms, potatoes and squash, then saute 3 minutes, stirring often. Add the broth and tomatoes and bring to a simmer. Lower heat, cover and simmer 30 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Discard rosemary stalk. Ladle soup into serving bowls and stir one dinner roll, cut into cubes, into each. Makes 4 servings.

Try the bold flavor of broccoli raab

BY DANA JACOBI
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Americans like vegetables with simple names. We also prefer them with a mild, friendly taste.

Given this information, it is amazing that broccoli raab (pronounced rob and also known as rapini, cima di rape and broccolotti), is popular enough to be found in most supermarkets despite its bitter, even aggressive flavor.

Raab, another way of referring to it, is a brassica related to more gently-flavored broccoli. It even has little green florets resembling baby broccoli, sometimes dotted with yellow blossoms, peering from its broad, dark leaves, which are attached to firm, long stems.

Broccoli raab's flavor transports one instantly to Italy, where it originated. Italians, who love its peppery taste and understand this vegetable's affinity for other, equally pungent or spicy ingredients, often serve raab sautéed with lots of garlic and a sprinkling of red pepper flakes. If you prefer to tame its feistiness a bit, cut the stalks and leaves crosswise into one-inch pieces and blanch them for a minute in boiling water, then plunge them quickly into cold water to set their vibrant color. Sauté the drained broccoli raab with chopped onions, using oil and some chicken broth, until it is as tender as you like.

To Italians, broccoli raab is comfort food. They use this rustic vegetable in hearty dishes along with beans, grains and pasta. You will no doubt enjoy the local soup made with raab that is served at a popular restaurant and hotel in the



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Try broccoli raab soup with an Italian cheese grated on top, a few drops of extra virgin olive oil drizzled over all, and a little hot sauce.

mountains of Sicily where the owners, a mother and daughter, do the cooking.

Most of their soups include pasta which, in the recipe below, is broken up into small pieces before cooking. Try their special broccoli raab soup with an Italian cheese like pecorino grated on top, perhaps with a few drops of extra virgin olive oil drizzled over all, and a little hot sauce if you like.

BROCCOLI RAAB SOUP WITH CHICKPEAS AND PASTA

- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 3 large garlic cloves
- 1 1/2 bags pre-chopped, or 3/4

- 1 pound broccoli raab (7-8 cups)
- 4 cups fat-free, reduced sodium-beef broth
- 4 ounces whole-wheat spaghetti
- 1 can (15 ounces) chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Hot sauce, to taste (optional)
- 1/4 cup (1/2 ounces) low-sodium cheese, grated (ideally, pecorino cheese)

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Sauté the garlic until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the raab, stirring until it is wilted and dark green. Cook uncovered until the greens are almost soft, 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasional-

ly. Add the broth and 2 cups water. When the liquid boils, break the spaghetti into one-inch pieces and add it to the pot. Reduce the heat and simmer until the pasta is done, about 10 minutes. Add the chickpeas. Season the soup to taste with salt and pepper and hot sauce (if desired).

Divide the soup among 4 deep bowls. Drizzle one-fourth of the remaining oil into each bowl. Sprinkle a tablespoon of cheese over each and serve. Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 308 calories, 8 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 49 g. carbohydrate, 15 g. protein, 11 g. dietary fiber, 837 mg. sodium. Dana Jacobi is the author of *The Joy of Soy*.

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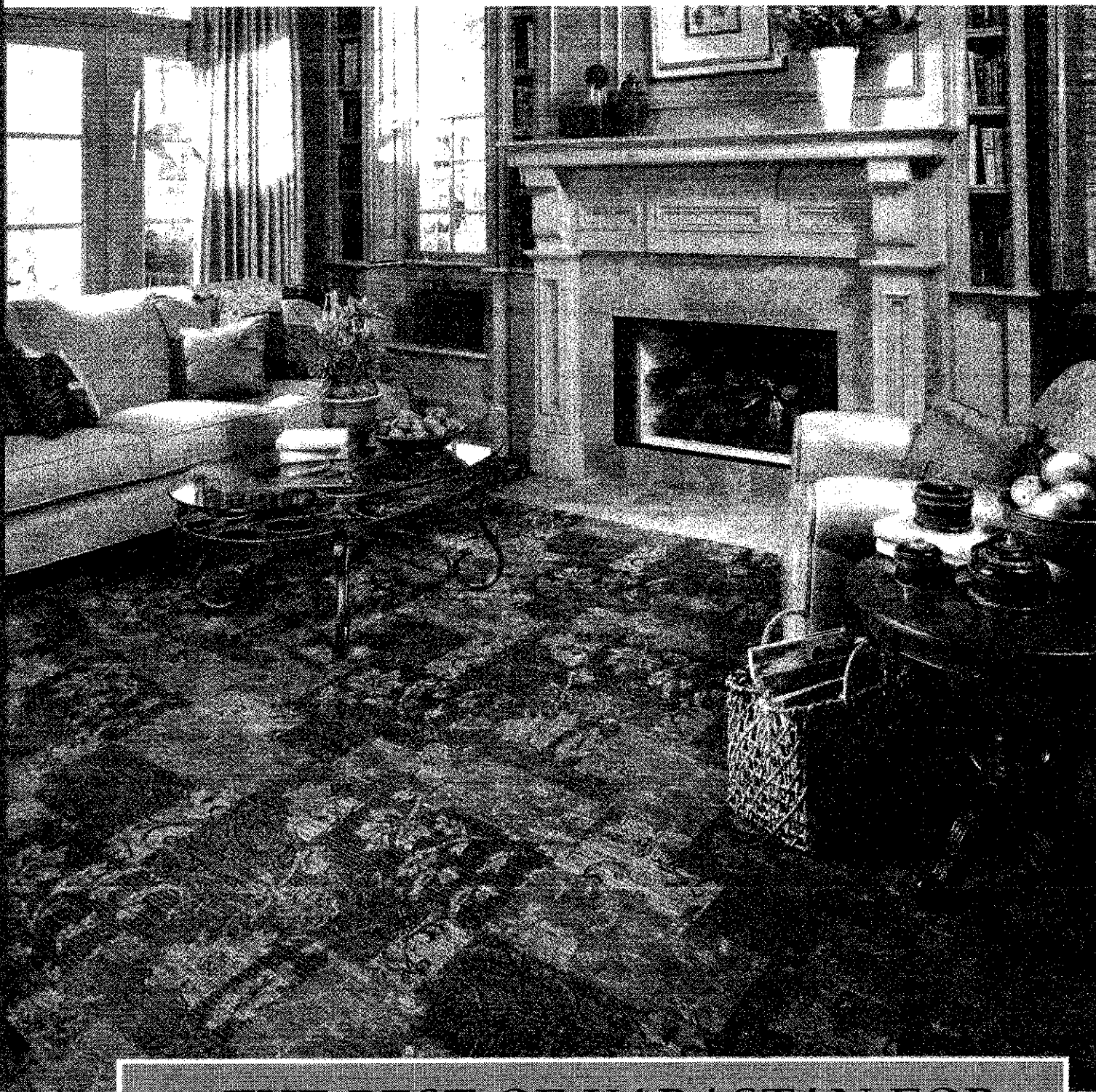


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Chiefs earn 2nd straight district mat title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you combine the brute strength of Donnie Laramie, the machine-like precision of Corey Phillips and the refuse-to-lose determination of Marwan Faraj and Konrad Konsitzke?

Answer: A second straight Division 1 district title for Canton's wrestling team.

One year after ending a 22-year district drought, the Chiefs proved last year's championship effort was no fluke as they knocked off Salem, 45-18, in the district final match Wednesday night at Plymouth High School.

Canton advanced to the final by upending the host Wildcats, 36-21. Salem drew a first-round bye.

Canton will ride a wave of momentum into Wednesday's D1 regional tournament at Plymouth. The two semi-final matches will start side-by-side at 5 p.m. followed by the championship showdown at 7 p.m. If all the favored teams win their district tournaments this week, Wednesday's regional will pit Canton against Saline and Novi Detroit Catholic Central against Livonia Franklin in the first-round matches.

"I think the most important thing about tonight's win was

that it solidified last year's district title," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We want to prove that we have a strong program, not just a team that is going to be good for one or two years."

"Both Plymouth and Salem are very dangerous teams, so I was nervous coming in tonight. But our kids rose to the level of competition they were put up against."

Laramie was his usual wrecking-ball self at 275 pounds, pinning both of his opponents. Phillips (135), Faraj (160) and Konsitzke (152 and 145) — the other members of Canton's "Fantastic Four" — also won

both their matches handily.

Joe Wilson (140) and Kiel Price (171) were the other Chiefs to notch two wins Wednesday night. Price's opening match against Plymouth's Vince Darolfi may have been the most exciting of the night. Darolfi held a 5-4 advantage with two seconds left when Price registered a takedown to win 6-5. The victory was big as it increased Canton's lead to 21-6.

"I thought we came out a little flat tonight and Canton won all the tight matches," said Plymouth coach Sam Amine. "They won the toss again, which was a huge advantage."

"I told the kids to leave everything they had out on the mat tonight, and I think they did that. I'm not disappointed because I think everybody gave their best effort."

In the championship showdown, Joe Wilson's 19-8 victory over Kevin Hayter gave Canton a 4-0 lead. Salem's Jake Bennett evened the count at 4-4 with an 11-3 major decision over Joe Sanders.

The Chiefs then ran off 18 straight points to grab a commanding 22-4 advantage. Konsitzke and Faraj both pinned their counterparts, and

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Sidelines

Mihelick honored

Plymouth's Alex Mihelick was recently named the recipient of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award, which is presented annually to 32 Class A student-athletes from throughout Michigan. The selection earned Mihelick a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Mihelick, who played football at Plymouth, will be honored on March 25 along with the other recipients at halftime of the Class C boys basketball final game at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

To qualify for the award, applicants had to carry at least a 3.5 grade-point average, earned a letter in a varsity sport and show active participation in other school and community activities.

Hockey pairings

The Canton and Salem boys hockey teams will both be competing in the pre-regional (6B) tournament on Monday, Feb. 27 and Wednesday, March 1, at the Novi Ice Arena. The tournament host is Northville. South Lyon will join the Chiefs, Rocks and Mustangs.

On Feb. 27, Canton will face Salem at 5:30 p.m. followed by the South Lyon-Northville contest at 8 p.m. The winners of the two games will face-off for the pre-regional title March 1 at 7:30 p.m. Whichever team survives the pre-regional will advance to the Region 6 title game in Ann Arbor against the pre-regional 6A tournament. That pre-regional includes Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron, Brighton and Ypsilanti-Willow Run.

Admission to the games will be \$5 at the door. For more information on the tournament, visit www.mhsaa.com.

Youth golf

Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center will serve as one of 105 national qualifying sites for the 2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt competition. The event, a free golf skills competition for kids between the ages of 7 and 14, will be held Thursday, July 20, at 4 p.m. at Fox Hills.

More than 35,000 youngsters throughout the country are expected to compete in the DC&P. Winners from each local event will have the opportunity to compete in regional championships.

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WLAA volleyball

Livonia Churchill is set to host the 2006 Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball tournament Saturday, Feb. 25. Three local teams — Salem, Plymouth and Canton — will be among the 12 teams aiming for WLAA supremacy. Matches will start at 8 a.m. The teams will be divided into three four-team pools.

Following pool play, the top eight teams will advance to the playoffs.

A night to remember

Harvey's 18 points lead 'Cats to win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A few minutes before Plymouth's game against Salem Tuesday night, Wildcat senior guard Alex Harvey escorted his mom across the court during the team's "Senior Night" ceremonies.

Once the game started, Harvey escorted his team to a crucial late-season victory.

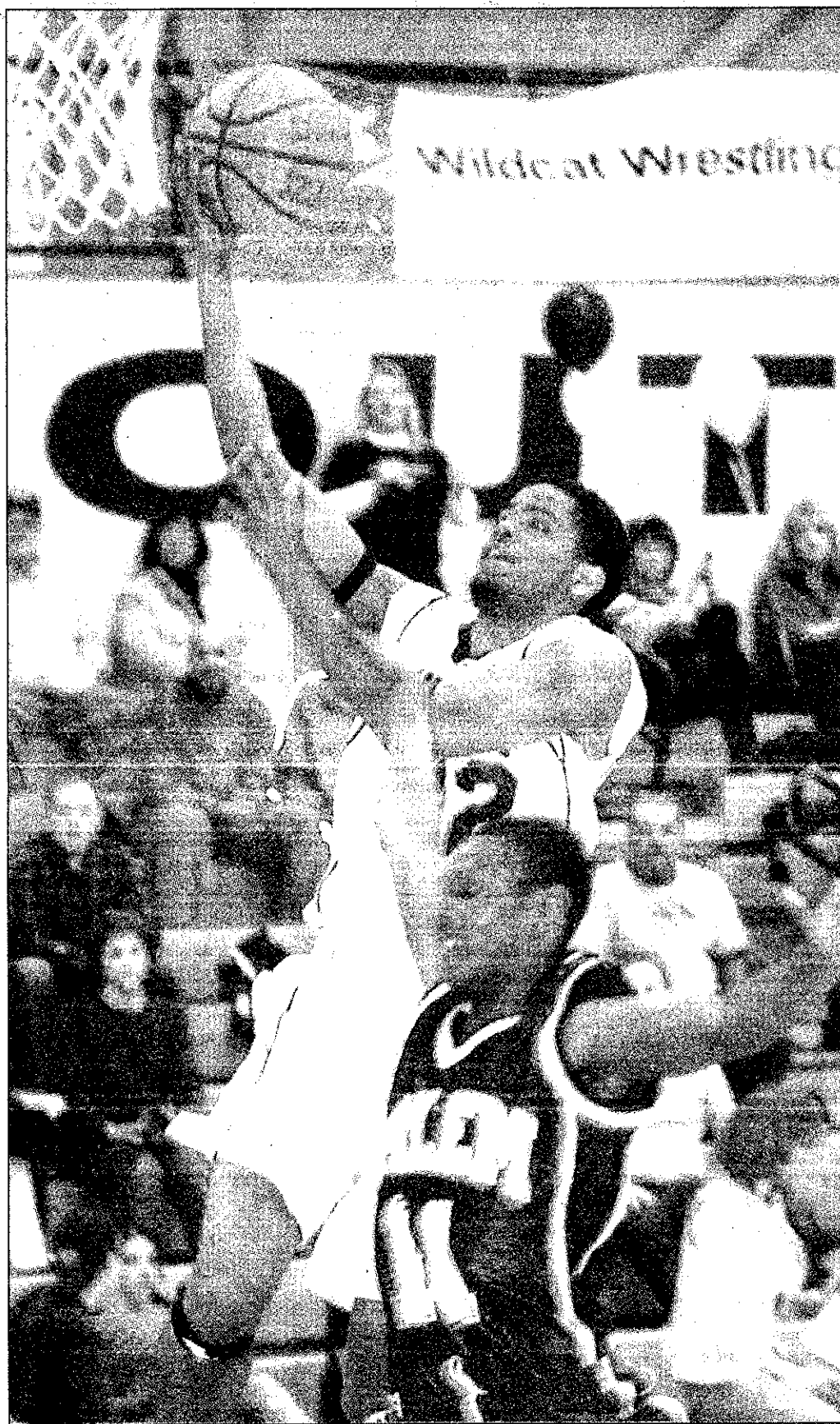
Harvey netted a career-high 18 points — nine of which were the result of three three-pointers — to lead Plymouth to a 61-50 victory over the visiting Rocks. The win, which improved Plymouth to 6-10 overall and 4-6 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, clinched the a spot in next week's WLAA conference tournament for the Wildcats. Salem (3-13 and 3-7) dropped its fifth consecutive decision and fell out of contention for a conference playoff berth.

"It was 'Senior Night' plus we were playing another team from the 'Park,' so I knew it was going to be a crazy game," said Harvey, who started the game along with the Wildcats' other four seniors — Josh Le Duc, Jim Wilbur, Brent Jones and D.J. Coleman. "Coach told us to move the ball and he said if we get an open shot, take it."

Harvey followed coach Tom Van Wagoner's instructions to a "T," burying 6-of-9 field goals. He also went 3-of-4 from the free-throw line.

Junior guard LaBroderick Caldwell also sparked for the Wildcats, scoring 12 of Plymouth's 15 second-quarter points on the way to a 16-point night. During one stretch of the second quarter, Caldwell single-handedly

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Plymouth senior guard D.J. Coleman scores on a fastbreak despite the defensive effort of Salem's Jierah Dixon. Coleman netted eight points in the Wildcats' 61-50 "Senior Night" victory over the Rocks.

Scero takes his ice skills to Omaha

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Nebraska will probably always be known more for corn and college football than hockey, but Canton native Brandon Scero is doing his best to close the recognition gap.

Scero, a 19-year-old Canton High School graduate, has played a pivotal role in the University of Nebraska-Omaha hockey program's recent ascension up the Central



Scero

Collegiate Hockey Association's standings.

The Mavericks (17-11-4 overall and 11-9-4 in the CCHA) are unbeaten in their last six games thanks in large part to the play of Scero, who was named CCHA "Player of the Week" following his two-goal, three-assist performance in last weekend's two-game sweep of Northern Michigan University. The 6-foot-2, 200-pound forward tallied a key goal in Friday's 2-1 win over NMU. For an encore, he netted a goal and three assists in Saturday's 8-3 Maverick triumph.

Altogether, Scero has racked up six goals and 11 assists in 25 games following a freshman season in which he accumulated 23 points.

"Hockey is really popular here," he said. "Our crowds are unbelievable — we average about 7,000 per game — and once Nebraska's football team is done playing in December, it's just us and Creighton's basketball team."

"We're doing a lot of stuff to educate people around here about hockey, too. For instance, we have a one-day 'Hockey 101' clinic for women and there are other programs set up to help people learn

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Jammoul a leader on mat and in classroom

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

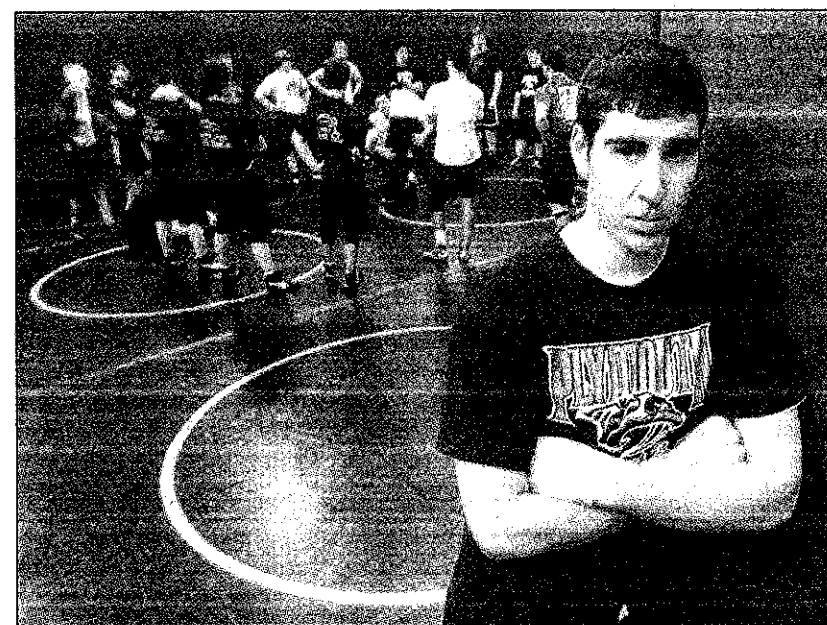
When it comes to high school wrestling reversals, Plymouth student-athlete Danny Jammoul's is more than impressive.

The senior's reversal isn't a lightning-quick, from-top-to-bottom move that earned him two points from the referee.

It's been a deliberate, persistent series of actions that have garnered the respect of Jammoul's teammates and coaches over the past four years.

The reversal started in the fall of 2002 when Jammoul was approached in the Plymouth High

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In four years of wrestling at Plymouth, Danny Jammoul went from knowing virtually nothing about the sport to earning the distinction of being the team's only captain during his senior season.

Local swimmers gain D1 state meet invites

For a list of the complete results from Saturday's meet, please see page C4.

Several local prep swimmers qualified for the upcoming Division 1 state meet thanks to their outstanding performances at Saturday's Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet held at Eastern Michigan University.

The lone local relay to qualify was Canton's 200-yard medley relay foursome of Nathan Phillips, Matt Carlson, Shogo Uno and Chris Marinica, which finished 25th Saturday with a time of 1:44.54. Carlson, a sophomore, also made the state cut in the 100 breaststroke with his 14th-place clocking of 1:03.65.

Carlson will be joined at the state meet by teammate Derek Schmitt, who posted a state-qualifying time of 4:57.29 in the 500 freestyle.

Plymouth's Andy Knisely, a senior, qualified in the 100 butterfly with his time of 55.70. He nearly made the state cut in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.03).

Salem's lone qualifier from Saturday's MISCA meet was Stan Chen, who stroked to a state-qualifying time of 1:03.17 in the 100 breaststroke.

Canton improves WLAA seeding with 73-52 win

Canton's basketball team improved its seeding for next week's Western Lakes Activities Association basketball tournament with a resounding 73-52 victory over Livonia Stevenson Tuesday night. The win lifted the Chiefs to 12-4 overall and 8-2 in the WLAA. The Spartans slipped to 9-7 and 6-4, respectively. Canton locked up the third seed in the conference tourney.

Northville will go in as the No. 1 seed and Walled Lake Central will be No. 2. The Mustangs upended the Vikings Tuesday night.

Senior guard Andre Bridges led the winners with 18 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Half of Bridges' points came from beyond the arc as he drained three long triples. Canton's scoring ledger was balanced as Andy Larsen contributed 13 points and Ryan Waidmann netted 13 points and eight rebounds. Waidmann made all six of his field-goal attempts.

Josh Butler and Neal Sharma both scored six for the Chiefs.

Tony Lenardon was red-hot for the Spartans, racking up 28 points. Lenardon drained 15-of-19 free throws. Stevenson swished 25-of-33 free throws.

Canton led 15-10 after one quarter, 32-25 at the half and 53-38 with eight minutes to play.

PREP BASKETBALL

"They wore us down," said Stevenson coach Bill Dyer.

The Chiefs close their WLAA regular-season schedule Friday night when they host Walled Lake Northern. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

ZOE 64, PCA 55: The Warriors jumped to a 21-11 first-quarter lead and never looked back in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game played at Plymouth Christian. Matt Saagman led the Eagles with 15 points and four assists while senior forward Ryan Barber contributed 11. Justin Govan pulled down seven rebounds and sophomore guard Trevor Zinn dished out five assists.

Joel Williams led Zoe with 15 points while Larry Houser and Juwan Shakespeare each twined 13.

The victory improved Zoe to 7-7 overall and 3-4 in the conference. PCA dropped to 8-8 and 2-5, respectively.

Zoe led 33-21 at the half and 46-35 with eight minutes to play. The winners sank 4-of-13 free throws while the Eagles were successful on 9-of-12.

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outscored the Rocks, 12-4.

Le Duc (nine points and six rebounds) and Coleman (eight points) also turned in solid efforts in their final game in the Plymouth High School gym.

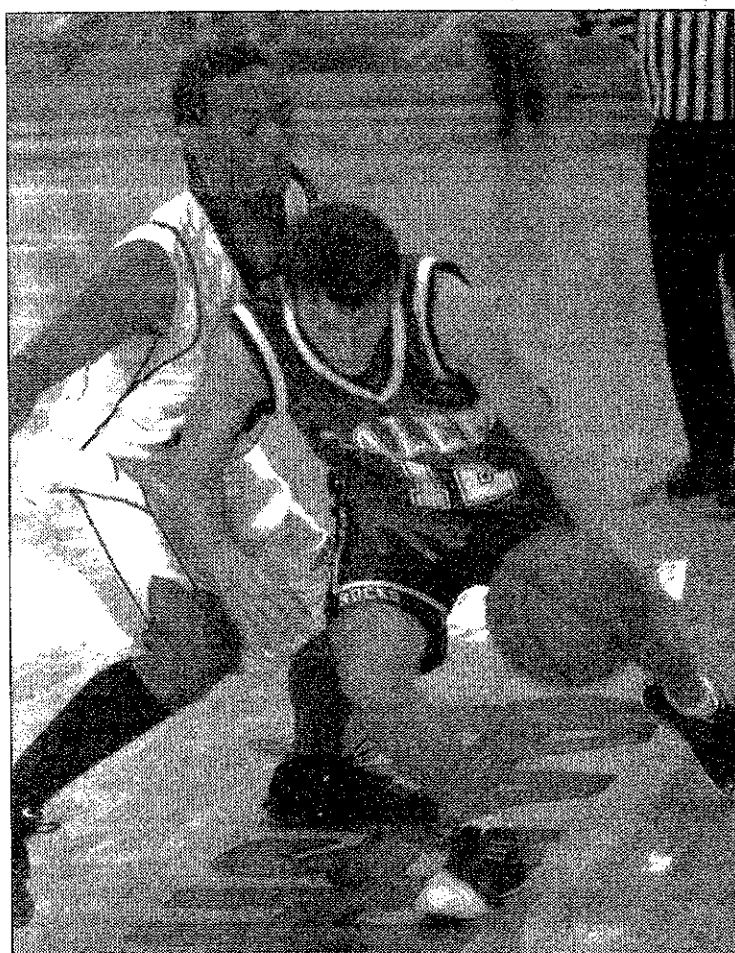
Senior guard Billy Leddy paced Salem with 14 points, five rebounds and two steals. Junior forward J.P. Truesdell added 12 points and seven boards while sophomore guard Grant Stone chipped in with 12 points and three rebounds.

Both teams were struggling offensively heading into game, but that wasn't apparent during the opening quarter which ended with the Rocks ahead, 17-14. Truesdell was "The Man" early for Salem, pouring in six early points.

Salem padded its lead to 26-19 with five minutes left in the first half on a smooth drive by junior guard Mike Marek, but the Caldwell-led Wildcats answered with a 10-0 run to surge ahead, 29-26, with 1:27 to go in the half. The Rocks grabbed a 30-29 halftime advantage thanks to a long triple from Leddy with 0:01 showing on the clock.

Harvey took over in the third quarter for Plymouth, scoring eight straight points on a pair of threes and a driving layup to give his team a 39-34 lead with 4:25 left in the quarter.

A pair of Leddy free throws brought Salem to within 43-41 with 6:29 left, but that was as



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Salem's Mike Marek attempts to dribble around Plymouth's LaBroderick Caldwell during the second quarter of Tuesday night's 61-50 Wildcat victory. Caldwell scored 16 points.

close as the Rocks would get.

Plymouth connected on 21-of-48 field goals (43 percent) while Salem hit 14-of-40 shots (35 percent). The Rocks sizzled from the free-throw line, draining 19-of-22 (86 percent). The Wildcats made 13-of-18

(72 percent) from the stripe.

Led by Caldwell's seven rebounds, Plymouth outboarded the Rocks, 26-24. Truesdell grabbed a team-high seven boards for Salem.

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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a February 28, 2006 Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., at which time, Van Buren Public Schools in Wayne County will be holding a Special School Election for the purpose of presenting a Building and Site Bond Proposition. (Only the qualified electors of the Charter Township of Canton residing in the Van Buren School District will be qualified to vote in this election. Precincts: # 20 and #33.)

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006 CANTON TOWNSHIP

BUILDING AND SITE BOND PROPOSITION

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan borrow the sum of not to exceed \$111,000,000 and issue its unlimited tax general obligations bonds therefor, for the purpose of defraying all or part of the costs of:

- (1.) Purchasing land for a new Belleville High School facility and developing and improving a site and constructing, erecting, equipping, including equipping for technology and technology improvements, and furnishing thereon a new Belleville High School facility, including athletic fields and related structures, and
- (2.) Preparing and improving the site of the current Belleville High School and improving and remodeling (to include partial demolition and abatement) the current Belleville High School?

The bonds shall be qualified pursuant to Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963. In the event the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds, the School District may be required to continue to levy mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State.

The bonds may be issued in series, with the maximum number of years any series of the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, not to exceed thirty (30) years. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in the year 2006 is 2.99 mills (\$2.99 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond is 2.18 mills (\$2.18 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State Law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

YES NO

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTCOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of January 17, 2006 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 5, 1974 November 8, 1988 August 6, 2002	1 mill 1 mill 1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely 2005 Indefinitely 2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 5, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2000	0.25 mills	Thru 2005
Wayne County Community College	November 3, 1998 November 6, 2001	1 mill 1.5 mills	2002 Indefinitely 2005 thru 2010
Van Buren Township School District	October, 2001 June, 1998	18 mills 1.30 mills	Thru 2006 (non homest) Thru 2015

RAYMOND J. WOJTCOWICZ
Wayne County Treasurer

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION FOR THE VAN BUREN DISTRICT, will be held on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 28, 2006 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the following polling locations:

Precinct #20	Township Fire Station # 1	1100 S. Canton Center
Precinct #33	Dodson Elementary School	205 Beck Rd.

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2006, for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, February 27, 2006, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day, FEBRUARY 28, 2006.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 394-5120. You may also check your location on-line at www.canton-mi.org. Click on voting.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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DISTRICT MAT

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Price won by void.

Salem's Jeremy Henderson stopped the Canton run by downing Alex Amberg, 14-3, in the 189-pound match.

Alex Smith ensuing 10-3 win over Tom Bonnell re-ignited some hope for the Rocks, who trailed 22-11, but the Chiefs closed the deal by winning the next four matches.

DIVISION 1 DISTRICT FINAL
CANTON 45
SALEM 18

Wednesday at Plymouth H.S.

140 pounds: Joe Wilson (C) won by major dec. over Kevin Hayter, 19-8; 145: Jake Bennett (S) won by major decision over Joe Sanders, 11-3; 152: Konrad Konsitzke (C) pinned Jeremy Epley in 3:51; 160: Marwan Faraj (C) pinned Sam Lepper in 1:21; 171: Kiel Price (C) won by void; 189: Jeremy Henderson (S) won by major decision over Alex Amberg, 14-3; 215: Alex Smith (S) decisively Tom Bonnell, 10-3; 275: Donnie Laramie (C) pinned Ajami Hussein in 3:45; 103: Mike Haar (C) decisively Kevin Bennett, 6-2; 112: Ryan Schnettler (C) won by major decision over Alex Kemp, 11-2; 119: Sam Santilli (S) won by major decision over Josh Santilli, 14-5; 125: Nick Steiger (S) decisively Steve Cox, 5-3, in overtime; 130: Cory Mervyn (S) won by major decision over Fawzi Zaidan, 15-4; 135: Corey Phillips (C) pinned Matt Stott in 3:31.

DIVISION 1
DISTRICT SEMIFINAL
CANTON 36
PLYMOUTH 21

Wednesday at Plymouth H.S.

135 pounds: Corey Phillips (C) won by major decision over Steve Korpus, 21-9; 140: Joe Wilson (C) won by major decision over Ryan Valle, 14-5; 145: Konrad Konsitzke (C) won by major decision over Ali Youssef, 14-0; 152: John Hagar (P) pinned Joe Sanders in 2:53; 160: Marwan Faraj (C) pinned Jeff Schwartz in 2:27; 171: Kiel Price decisively Vince Darolfi, 6-5; 189: Alex Amberg, 5-3, in overtime; 215: Taylor Fox (P) decisively Tom Bonnell, 13-8; 275: Donnie Laramie (C) pinned Shaun Bailey in 1:04; 103: Carl Lucke (C) decisively Santino Besco, 10-8; 112: Steve D'Annunzio (P) decisively Ryan Schnettler, 6-5; 119: Ben Kosmalski (P) decisively Sam Santilli, 5-4; 125: Steve Cox (C) decisively Amir Pakray, 8-6; 130: Andrew Saunders (P) pinned Fawzi Zaidan in 2:44.

DIVISION 1 TEAM DUAL
DISTRICT WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
Feb. 15 at Westland John Glenn

(Championship final)
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 38
BELLEVILLE 25

171 pounds: Scott Brown (WJG) pinned Brandon Easterday, 1:18; 189: Joey Kowtko (WJG) won by technical fall over Jacob Sweeney, 17-2; 215: Shamir Garcia (WJG) p. Roger Roper, 2:47; 275: Kevin Hanka (WJG) p. Josh Shipman, 1:28; 103: Tommy Kozak (B) p. Tim Boes, 1:00; 112: Justin Fleeson (B) p. Rasheed Salaam, 5:57; 119: Jared Stephens (WJG) dec. Dustin Zak, 5-4; 125: Brandon Nikula (WJG) dec. Josh Keating, 9-2; 130: Steve Pace (B) won by major dec. over Dan McCahill, 20-6; 135: Jeff Phillips (B) dec. Rowdy Glasgow, 3-2; 140: Steve Coak (B) dec. Jim Wood, 8-3; 145: Ed Manier (WJG) p. Kevin Putnam, 5:01; 152: Steve Sherman (B) dec. James Zerebiny, 10-8; 160: Matt Hensley (WJG) dec. Brandon Chapple, 7-3. Glenn's dual meet record: 14-5 overall.

(Semifinal match)
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 69
ROMULUS 6

Franklin puts headlock on WLAA mat title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Franklin wrestling team is living proof that invincibility and humility can go hand-in-hand.

The dominant — yet humble — Patriots continued their two-year run through Victoryville Saturday when they captured their second consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association mat title at Plymouth High School. Franklin rang up 252 points to out-distance runner-up Canton, which finished with 192.5. Plymouth (155.5) and Walled Lake Central (123.5) rounded out the top four spots.

Even though Franklin is 18-3 in dual meets and has won nine of 10 tournaments this season, the Patriots don't take anyone lightly, said 119-pound junior standout Jon Roos.

"We weren't real good my freshman year and we kind of came out of nowhere last year, so we don't look past anyone," said Roos, who defeated Westland John Glenn's Jared Stephens in Saturday's 119-pound final. "We know what it's like to struggle because it wasn't that long ago that we were a .500 team. We don't get overconfident because we know there are other teams out there that can turn it around quick like we did last year."

"Our coach (Dave Chiola) is the biggest reason for our success. He has taught us how important it is to come to practice every day and work hard."

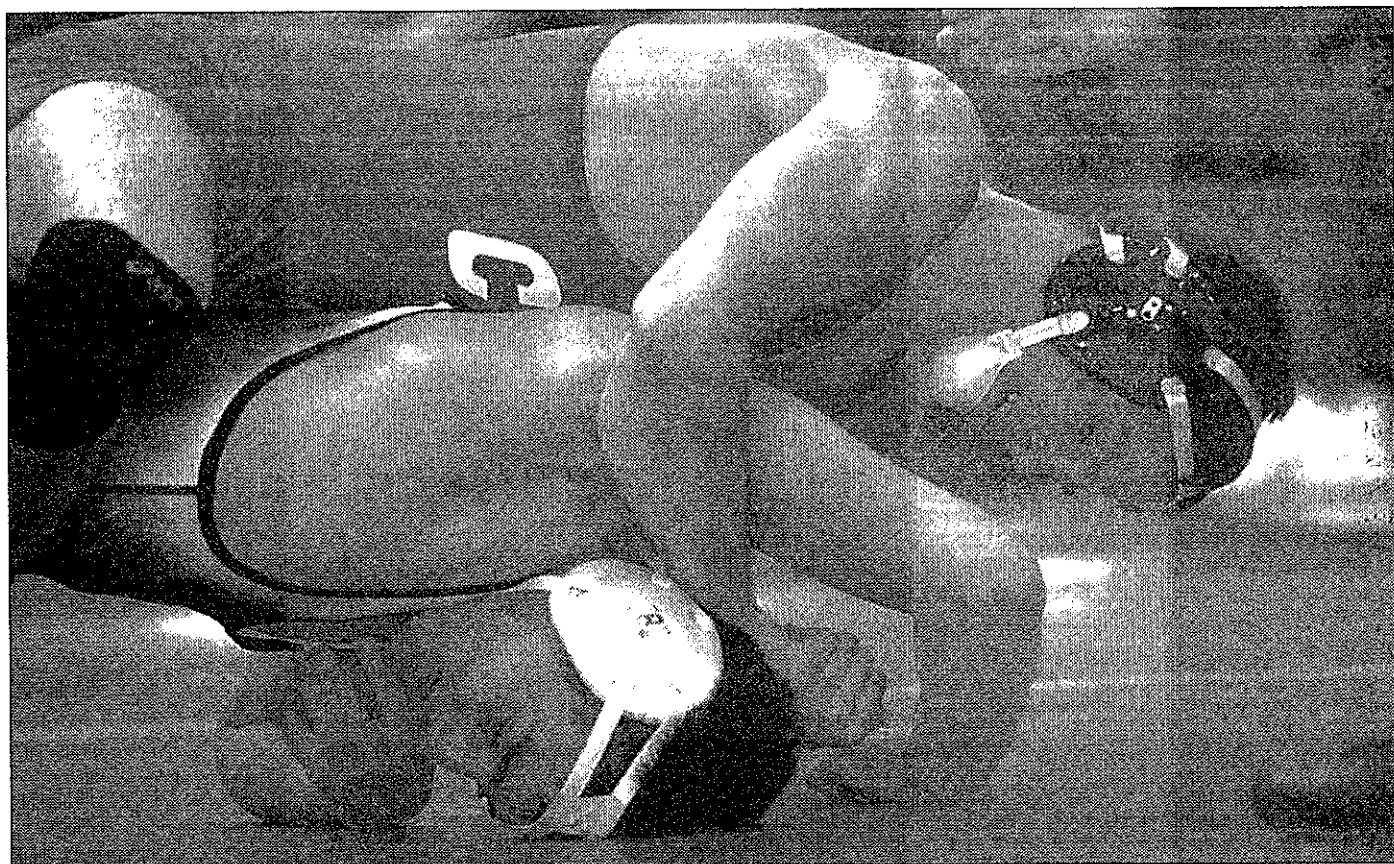
Chiola said his team's lack of superstars keeps it grounded.

"These kids are never going to get arrogant or cocky because we don't have any undefeated studs or guys that only have one or two losses," Chiola said. "Today went a lot like our tournaments have gone all year. We improved our standing during the first two rounds and 13 of our kids ended up placing. We won some big matches against some tough opponents."

Franklin advanced wrestlers to the finals in six of the 14 weight classes. Joining Roos in the winner's circle was teammate Blake Karkoska, who defeated Livonia Stevenson's Cody Rize in overtime.

Mike Warren (125), Josh Billiau (130), Chris VanCamp (189) and Kyle Brown (heavyweight) all earned second-place points for the Patriots.

When the Plymouth gymnasium lights had dimmed late Saturday night, the second-place Chiefs had three champions: Corey Phillips, who pinned Franklin's Billiau in the 130-pound final; Marwan Faraj, who handled Livonia Churchill's Josh Kelly, 16-8, in the 160-pound title



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Konrad Konsitzke, pictured above in action from earlier this season, placed second in the 145-pound weight class at Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association tournament held at Plymouth High School.

match; and Donnie Laramie, who pinned Franklin's Brown in the heavyweight title bout. Canton's fourth finalist — Konrad Konsitzke — dropped an agonizing 6-4 overtime decision to Walled Lake Central's Kyle Kuenzel in his final match.

"I thought we came out a little flat today," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "Some kids — especially Marwan Faraj — wrestled well, but overall we were flat. The kid Marwan beat in the finals (Kelly) beat him 4-0 a couple of weeks ago. So for him to come back and win like he did was phenomenal."

Randolph also praised the performance of last-minute 103-pound fill-in Carl Lucke, who finished third after being seeded in the bottom-half of the draw. Lucke was standing in for Mike Haar, who was sick.

"Carl wrestled his tail off," Randolph said. "Joe Sanders at 152 was a pleasant surprise, too. He was seeded eighth and finished fifth."

Plymouth coach Sam Amine was pleased with his team's effort in its first WLAA tournament with seniors.

"We placed 11 of our 14 wrestlers, so I

was happy with that," said Amine. "We have a young team — six of our seven lower weight kids are either freshmen or sophomores — and we were without one of our best wrestlers, Taylor Fox, so I thought we did well. We didn't have anyone in the finals, but we had three kids who were close."

"My goal coming in was to finish in the top five. I knew if we wrestled well, we could finish second or third, which is what happened."

Standouts for the Wildcats included 103-pound Santino Besco (fourth), 125-pound Amir Pakray (sixth after being seeded 11th), 152-pound John Hagar (third) and 171-pound Vince Darolfi.

The highlight for Salem came in the 189-pound weight class where Jeremy Henderson won by technical fall over Van Camp of Franklin. The Rocks' Jake Bennett was edged by Walled Lake Central's Jamar Leggs in the 140-pound finale.

Complete results of the tournament were not available as of Tuesday night's deadline.

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WLAA MAT CHAMPS

Listed below are the champions of each weight class from Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament:

- 103 — Jamie Preiss (Wayne)
- 112 — Alex Fowler (Churchill)
- 119 — Jon Roos (Franklin)
- 125 — Josh Gesev (W.L. Northern)
- 130 — Corey Phillips (Canton)
- 135 — Mike Morfitt (W.L. Northern)
- 140 — Jamar Leggs (W.L. Central)
- 145 — Kyle Kuenzel (W.L. Central)
- 152 — Adam Kokenakes (Stevenson)
- 160 — Marwan Faraj (Canton)
- 171 — Blake Karkoska (Franklin)
- 189 — Jeremy Henderson (Salem)
- 215 — Chris Alexopoulos (W.L. Western)
- HWY — Donnie Laramie (Canton)



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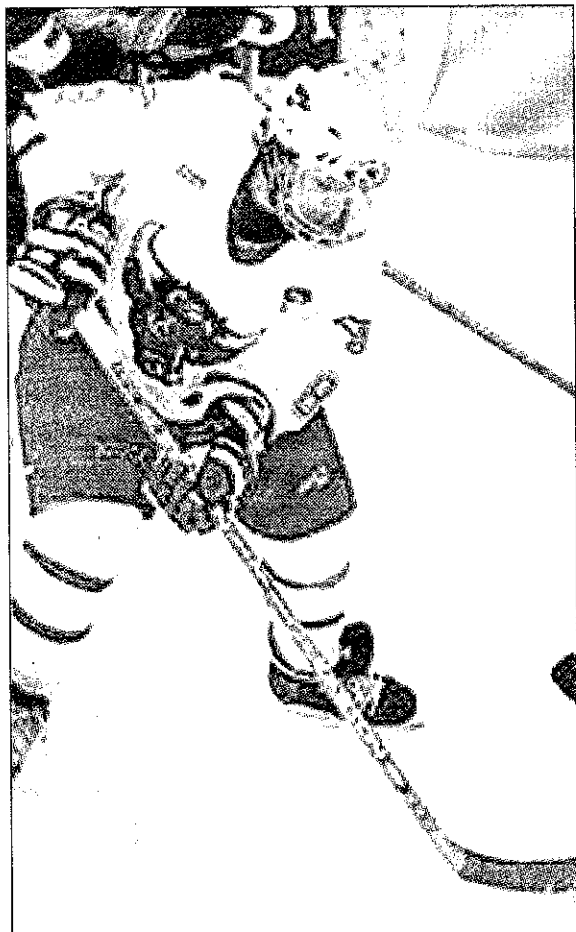
more about the sport."

During his junior and senior years of high school, Scero was a member of the elite United States National Team Developmental Program (USNTDP), which allowed him to play with and against many of the most talented amateur players in North America. He recorded the fourth-highest point total on the USNTDP's under-18 squad during the 2003-04 campaign with 23 goals and 17 assists.

"Playing for that program was my best hockey memory so far, both on and off the ice," Scero said of his USNTDP experience. "I would get out of school an hour early and drive to Ann Arbor for practices. It was very grueling and they worked us really hard, but it was all worth it in the end. I got a chance to play against some very good players, a lot of whom were older, so it prepared me for what I'm doing right now."

After being recruited by several CCHA schools, including Ohio State, Michigan State, Bowling Green and Miami of Ohio, Scero wound up in Omaha, which has suited him just fine. "Coming here gave me a great opportunity to contribute right away," he said. "It's 11 hours (drive time) from Canton, but my parents (Rick and Christine) have seen a lot of my games since most of the CCHA teams are in Michigan."

Scero admitted his adrenaline flows at an accelerated rate when he plays at MSU and the University of Michigan. "There's such a great hockey history at those schools," he said. "Especially at Yost Arena, where you have all the banners hanging overhead. It gets you fired up."



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-OMAHA PHOTO

Canton native Brandon Scero was named the Central Collegiate Hockey League's "Player of the Week" on Monday after tallying two goals and three assists in the University of Nebraska-Omaha's sweep of Northern Michigan University.

THE SCERO FILE

Name: Brandon Scero
Age: 19
Hometown: Canton
Current status: Sophomore hockey player at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.
Honors: Named Central Collegiate Hockey League's "Player of the Week" Monday after netting two goals and three assists in the Mavericks' two-game sweep of Northern Michigan University.
Before college: Played for the elite United States National Team Developmental Program under-18 team for two seasons.
Future goals: After hockey career ends, would like become a high school physical education instructor and hockey coach.
Family ties: Scero's younger sister, Brittany, was an All-State soccer goalie at Canton. She currently plays for Schoolcraft College.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Autumn Collins, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, helped lead the Rocks to a narrow victory over Hartland Monday night.

Freshman's strong night leads Rocks to victory

Led by freshman Katie Koetting's 36.5 all-around score, Salem's gymnastics team edged Hartland, 141.75-139.60, Monday night in a meet held at Hartland High School. Koetting won the vault (9.15) and the floor exercise (9.2), and finished second on the beam (9.3).

"Overall, this was our best all-around team score," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "It was nice to have a little rest. We had a week off for the first time in a while, which was nice. The girls needed it and they responded. We had some

scores that could have been a little higher, but overall we did well and showed that we have a lot of potential."

Also excelling for the Rocks were Brittany Young (second on bars, third on beam and fourth on floor); Sarah Bugosh (first on beam, third on bars and fifth on floor); Autumn Collins (second on vault) and Katerina Kariotis (fifth on both beam and vault).

"The big event for us tonight was the beam," Driscoll said. "We outscored them 36.65 to 34.95, so that was the difference."

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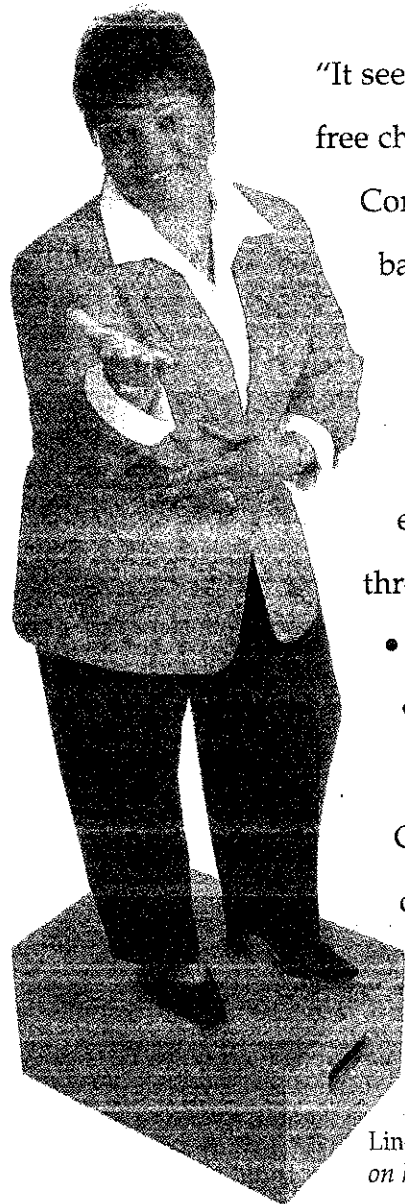
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Feb. 10-11 at Eastern Michigan University (first-place and Observerland finishers are listed)

- 200-yard medley relay:** 1. Midland Dow, 1:37.06; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 1:37.62; 25. Canton, 1:44.54; 42. Salem, 1:48.07; 44. Livonia Churchill, 1:48.43; 45. Wayne Memorial, 1:48.53.
200 freestyle: 1. Tony Wahl (U of D Jesuit), 1:41.92; 3. Travis Hall (Stevenson), 1:44.42; 19. Nick Stone (Westland John Glenn), 1:47.82; 22. Jeff Pauza (Stevenson), 1:48.77; 25. Steve Bruestle (Stevenson), 1:49.36; 27. Matt Carlson (Canton), 1:50.16; 42. Drew Randall (Churchill), 1:52.53; 52. Kyle Herman (Stevenson), 1:54.00.
200 individual medley: 1. Sho Koba (A.A. Pioneer), 1:56.27; 47. Nick Landis (Canton), 2:11.22.
50 freestyle: 1. Cody Stinnett (St. Johns), 21.33; 4. Matt Massman (Stevenson), 21.85; Dave Gosdzinski (Stevenson), 22.25; 45. Shogo Uno (Canton), 23.57.
1-meter diving: 1. David Garry (Warren DeLaSalle), 445.50.
100 butterfly: 1. Tony Wahl (U of D Jesuit), 49.87; 2. Travis Hatt (Stevenson), 51.41; Steve Bruestle (Stevenson), 53.44; 23. Andy Knisely (Plymouth), 55.70; 25. Robert Luke (Stevenson), 55.89; 30. Shogo Uno (Canton), 56.07.
100 freestyle: 1. Cody Stinnett (St. Johns), 46.51; 11. Matt Massman (Stevenson), 49.05; 32. Nick Leone (Salem), 50.59.
500 freestyle: 1. Ricky Forrest (Lake Orion), 4:38.37; 16. Derek Schmitt (Canton), 4:57.29; 19. Nick Stone (John Glenn), 4:58.38; 32. Drew Randall (Churchill), 5:05.38; 35. Nick Landis (Canton), 5:06.47; 38. Matt Underhill (Salem), 5:07.28; 44. Kyle Herman (Stevenson), 5:09.53; 58. Mike Cruce (Stevenson), 5:15.45; 60. Charles Turlo (Stevenson), 5:22.89.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson, 1:27.03; 24. Canton, 1:33.37; 41. Churchill, 1:35.15; 46. John Glenn, 1:35.63; 50. Salem, 1:36.18; 51. Wayne Memorial, 1:36.19.
100 backstroke: 1. Gabe Strickler (Midland Dow), 52.13; 11. Jeff Pauza (Stevenson), 55.54; 14. Robert Luke (Stevenson), 56.71; 47. Robert Blaesser (Canton), 1:00.28.
100 breaststroke: 1. Brad Craig (Midland Dow), 57.59; 3. Dave Gosdzinski (Stevenson), 1:00.32; 11. Stan Chen (Salem), 1:03.17; 14. Matt Carlson (Canton), 1:03.65; 19. Andy Knisely (Plymouth), 1:04.27; 42. Joe Wingett (Stevenson), 1:06.31; 49. Mark Gordon (Churchill), 1:07.66.
400 freestyle relay: 1. A.A. Pioneer, 3:12.20; 10. Stevenson, 3:21.78; 42. Salem, 3:32.35; 46. John Glenn, 3:33.46; 47. Canton, 3:34.77; 48. Wayne Memorial, 3:35.14.

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 Friday, Feb. 17
 Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.
 PCA at Southfield Christian, 7:30 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Salek at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
 Thursday, Feb. 16
 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING
 Thursday, Feb. 16
 Salem at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL
 Saturday, Feb. 18
 Canton at Individual Districts
 at Saline, 9 a.m.

GIRLS GYMNASICS
 Saturday, Feb. 18
 Canton at T.C. Central, 11 a.m.

ICE HOCKEY
 Friday, Feb. 17
 Canton at Livonia Franklin
 at Eddie Elgar Arena, 6 p.m.
 PCS Penguins at A.A. Pioneer, 4 p.m.
 Livonia Steenson at Salem
 at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18
 Salem at Plymouth
 at Compuware Sports Arena, 6:40 p.m.

Canton at Saline
 at Arctic Coliseum, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
 Saturday, Feb. 18
 PCA at U-M Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.

Canton at Ladywood Invite, 9 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Wednesday, Feb. 15
 Madonna at Cornerstone, 7:30 p.m.
 Kirtland CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18
 Siena Heights at Madolna, 3 p.m.
 Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Wednesday, Feb. 15
 Kirtland CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
 Cornerstone at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18
 Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.
 Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
 Friday, Feb. 17
 Whalers at Oshawa Generals, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18
 Whalers vs. Guelph Storm
 at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

JAMMOUL

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School weight room by wrestling coach Sam Amine, who was recruiting athletes for his first-year program.

"I was a basketball player who knew nothing about wrestling when coach Amine first talked to me," Jammoul remembered. "I thought it was the kind of wrestling that was on TV. He asked me to come to tryouts and if I didn't like it, we'd shake hands and that would be it."

GOOD 1ST IMPRESSION

Like the boy in the Life cereal commercials, Jammoul tried it and liked it. He just wasn't very good at it in the beginning.

"I got beat up a lot my freshman year," he said. "I was wrestling against a lot of older guys who were stronger than me and had better technique. For a while, I'd ask myself if it was worth it. I'd walk out of the wrestling room after practice totally exhausted. But after my sophomore year, all thoughts of not wrestling dropped out of my mind. I was committed to putting the time in that

would help me get better."

It didn't take long before Amine became a fan of Jammoul's work habits, which he displayed long after the official wrestling season would end in March.

"Danny made himself better by working hard in the off-season," said Amine. "I open up the wrestling room for a couple of months after the season ends. Last year, I had four or five former state champions working out in there, and Danny learned a lot from them."

LONG PATH TO SUCCESS

Amine said Jammoul has come a long way since the two first crossed paths.

"The first time I met him when he was in the ninth grade, he was kind of a chunky kid," Amine said. "I never thought that one day he'd be the wrestler he is today."

"Even today, Danny isn't a superstar, but he's one of those kids that works his butt off and gives 110 percent every day at practice. He's the same way in the classroom that he is on the mat. He's not satisfied unless he reaches his goal. If he doesn't get an 'A' on a test, he's upset."

CAPTAIN DANNY

Jammoul, who has wrestled at 189 pounds this season after competing at 215 as a junior, is so highly thought of by Amine and his teammates that he was selected as the team's lone captain this season.

"There's not much I can ask the kid that he won't do," said Amine. "If I have to step out of practice for a couple of minutes, he'll take over. And he makes sure that no one dogs it while I'm gone."

Jammoul said wrestling has taught him lessons that will endure for the rest of his life.

"The most important thing I've learned from wrestling is self-discipline," he said. "I watch what I eat now a lot more than I used to. I don't eat fast food and I rarely eat

foods that aren't good for me. The other day, we had pizza and I could barely eat three pieces."

WORTH A TRY

Jammoul did something this past fall that few high school seniors try for the first time - he played football. Although he didn't start for the state playoffs-bound Wildcats, his name was one of the first called when a substitute offensive lineman was needed.

"I got so much out of playing football this year," he said. "I'm a better athlete, a better person and a better leader because of my one year of football. The team was like one big family. I wish I would have played it sooner."

Jammoul is a solid student, having compiled a 3.3 grade-

point average over his first three-plus years at Plymouth. He especially enjoys his ecology and honors physics classes.

"I like math and physics, but I like physics more because you can actually apply the math to something," he said.

Jammoul has applied to Michigan State University, where he said he may attempt to walk on to the wrestling team if he's accepted.

"If it worked out, that would be great," he said. "If not, at least I got to wrestle four years here at Plymouth. It's been an experience I wouldn't trade for anything."

Amine would second that statement.

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Costs include all ice times, jerseys, referee fees and team registration fees. Registration forms can be picked up at the Compuware Sports Arena, or check on-line at www.compuwarehockey.com. For more information, call (734) 453-6400.

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**Charter Township of Canton
 Public Notice of Accuracy Test**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Van Buren School District Election on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. The test will take place on **Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information contact Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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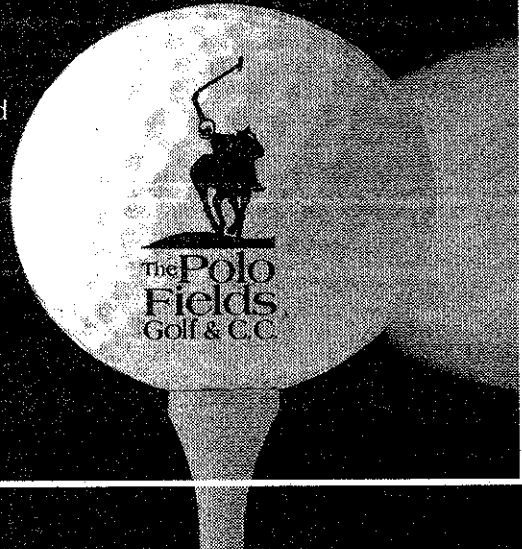
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Salem 2nd at T-B tournament

The competition was stiff at Saturday's Temperance-Bedford Invitational volleyball tournament, but Salem was up to the challenge.

The Rocks finished second in the talent-heavy tourney, advancing to the finals before falling to the host Kicking Mules in three games.

Salem opened with a 23-25, 25-13, 15-13 victory over Chelsea before dropping a tough 25-23, 10-25, 17-15 setback to Fraser. The Rocks finished pool play with sweeping wins over Farmington (25-22 and 25-20) and Saline (25-11 and 25-23).

In the quarterfinals, the Rocks knocked off state-ranked Livonia Churchill for the second time this year — 25-19 and 25-15 — before extinguishing Ann Arbor Pioneer, 25-17, 25-27 and 15-13.

Temperance-Bedford, which was ranked No. 2 in Division 1 last week, defeated Salem 25-20 and 25-21 in the championship match.

Several Salem players enjoyed stellar afternoons, including Courtney Seiler (71 digs), Jansan Falcuson (133 assists), Lauren Price (66 kills, 49 digs, 12 services aces and nine blocks), Teresa Coppiellie (83 kills, 57 digs and nine blocks), Lauren Kurtz (15 blocks and 23 kills) and Shannon Rusin (25 kills and nine blocks).

"It was a great day all around," said Salem coach Amanda Suder.

SALEM 3, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0: The Rocks improved their record to 37-7-1 overall and 9-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a convincing sweep of the Zebras: 25-16, 25-11 and 25-11. Several Salem players excelled, including Price (12 digs, 11 kills and five aces), Coppiellie (11 digs and 13 kills), Kelly Behr (eight digs), Falcuson (17 assists) and Ashley Hayes (seven assists, six digs and one ace).

NORTHVILLE 3, PLYMOUTH 0: The

Wildcats were swept at home by Northville on "Senior Night", 25-16, 25-20 and 25-23. The loss dropped Plymouth to 28-8 overall.

The Wildcats' eight senior were honored in a ceremony prior to the contest.

"The girls were excited and motivated to come out and play for their last home match, but, unfortunately, Northville's outstanding defense at the net quickly turned a great night into a disappointing one," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "This loss also knocked us out of contention for the league's Western Division championship, which Northville deservedly won. Steve (Anderson) has done a great job with his group of girls and we were not evenly matched up with them offensively."

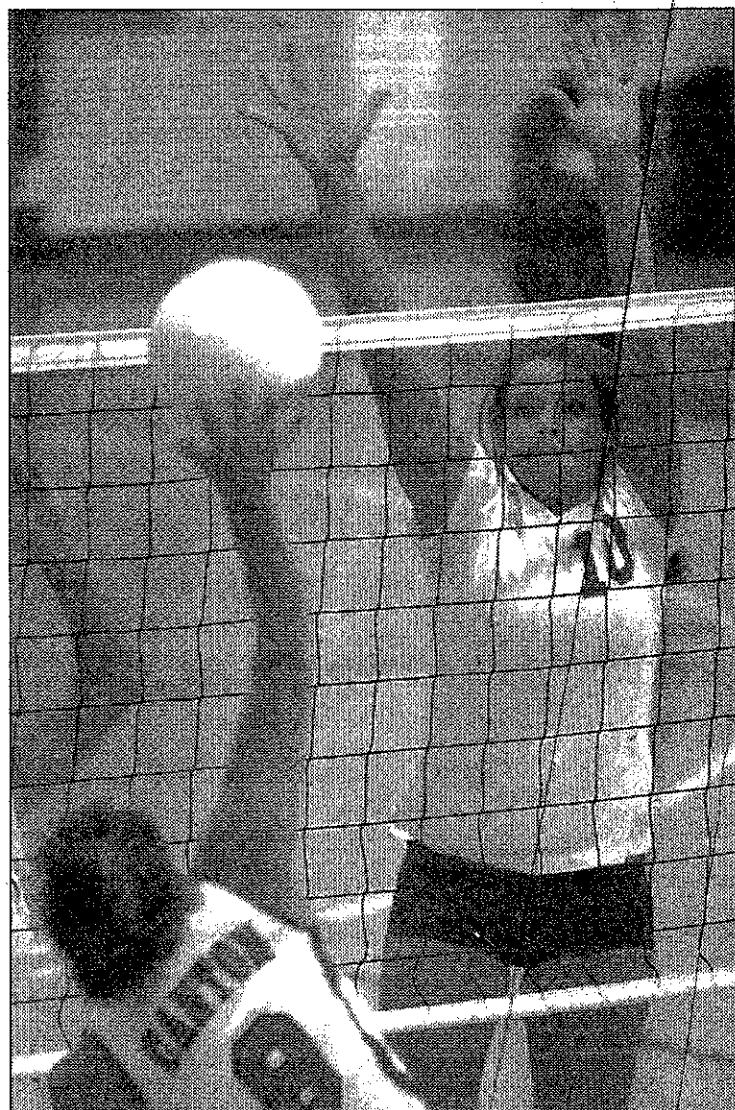
"As a group, we have struggled with injuries throughout the season, but I believe that, in a way, this group has grown and has learned many valuable lessons from our adversities. They have learned what teamwork really is, and they have reacted well to the changes made in the line-up. Our opponents have just been able to execute their offense better than we could."

Excelling for the Wildcats were: Lindsay Vogelsberg (17 digs and no reception errors), Brandi Swyhart (15 digs), Chelsey Quinlan (10-for-10 serving), Janet Hanchett (10-for-10 serving), Sarah Haskins (22 set assists), Brittney Hengesh (nine kills) and Jackie Dorre (eight kills).

W.L. NORTHERN 3, CANTON 0: On Monday, the Knights swept the visiting Chiefs: 25-9, 25-21 and 25-20 in a WLAA cross-over match-up.

"The girls are getting better every match," said Canton coach Kristi Drinkhahn. "The improvement we've made since the beginning of the season is great."

Drinkhahn praised the play of



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Shannon Rusin, pictured above in a match earlier this season, helped lead the Rocks to a second-place showing in Saturday's Temperance-Bedford Invitational.

Heidi Herendeen (12 assists), Lisa Western and Krista Holcomb (five digs, five service receptions and four solo blocks).

The Chiefs will compete in the Livonia Ladywood Varsity Invitational on Saturday.

PCA 3, ROEPER 0: The Eagles swept the Roughriders, 25-14, 25-8 and 25-18, to improve their record to 22-15 overall and 7-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division, where they finished in second place.

"Everyone played amazing," said PCA coach Missy Henry. "It was a great night for everyone."

Shining for the Eagles were: Kelsie Tietjen (15 kills, 15 digs,

eight service points and two blocks), Rachel Wiard (seven kills, five digs, two blocks and five service points), Julie Bahbah (18 digs, six kills and eight service points), Brooke Harris (15 assists, six digs and 14 service points), Bre Ruark (15 digs, six kills, 11 assists and nine service points) and Stephanie Auwers (three kills and four service points).

On Saturday, the Eagles placed second at the Whitmore Lake Invitational. PCA fell in the finals to Class A Birmingham Seaholm.

PCA will return to action Saturday at the U-M Dearborn Invitational.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH Amelia Row P.U.D. ORDINANCE NO. 06-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING MAP (SECTION 78-27) IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 78-27, in Article II Zoning Districts in Chapter 78 "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinance of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by changing the following described parcels from I-2 Heavy Industrial to PUD, Planned Unit Development.

SECTION 2. The parcels are described as:

PARCEL 1: LOTS 17 THROUGH 24, BOTH INCLUSIVE, ALSO LOTS 54 AND 56, AND WEST 35.00 FEET LOT 55 ALSO LOTS 57 THROUGH 60, BOTH INCLUSIVE, AND ALL OF VACATED BLANCHE STREET TO THE NORTH OF LOT 20 AND TO THE SOUTH OF LOT 57, GRAVEL HILL SUBDIVISION, ON THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, IN PLYMOUTH VILLAGE (NOW CITY OF PLYMOUTH), WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 21 OF PLATS, PAGE 54, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, CONTAINING 102,592 SQUARE FEET OF 2.36 ACRES OF LAND.

PARCEL 2: LOTS 10, 11 AND LOT 12, EXCEPT THAT PART THEREOF DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF AMELIA STREET WHICH SAID POINT IS ALSO THE EASTERN MOST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12 AND THE NORTHERN MOST CORNER OF LOT 7, RUNNING THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 12, 90 FEET TO THE WESTERN MOST CORNER OF LOT 9; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY LINE OF AMELIA STREET, 6 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY PARALLEL WITH SAID FIRST BOUNDARY LINE 90 FEET TO SAID WESTERLY LINE OF AMELIA STREET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE OF AMELIA STREET 6 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; AND ALL OF LOTS 13, 14, 15 AND 16 OF GRAVEL HILL SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 21, PAGE(S) 54 OF PLATS, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, CONTAINING 39,513 SQUARE FEET OR 0.91 ACRES OF LAND.

PARCEL 3: PART OF LOT 111, ASSESSOR'S PLYMOUTH PLAT NO. 5 OF PART OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, PLYMOUTH VILLAGE (NOW CITY OF PLYMOUTH) WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 64 OF PLATS, PAGE 29, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 111; THENCE S52°00'00" W (RECORDED AS S53°31'00" W) 90.84 FEET ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF NORTH MAIN STREET (66 FEET WIDE); THENCE N19°08'59" W 185.05 FEET; THENCE N51°58'22" E 31.15 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 111, S37°58'08" E (RECORDED AS 36°29'00" E) 175.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE NORTHWESTERLY 25 FEET TO LOT 12 OF GRAVEL HILL SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 21, PAGE(S) 54 OF PLATS, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, CONTAINING 10,682 SQUARE FEET OR 0.25 ACRES OF LAND.

PARCEL 4: PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND A PART OF LOT 111, ASSESSOR'S PLYMOUTH PLAT NO. 5, OF PART OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, PLYMOUTH VILLAGE (NOW CITY OF PLYMOUTH) WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 64 OF PLATS, PAGE(S) 29, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 111 DISTANT N37°58'08" W (RECORDED AS N36°29'00" W) 175.13 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 111 AND PROCEEDING THENCE S51°58'22" W 31.15 FEET; THENCE N19°08'59" W 794.78 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF FARMER STREET (60 FEET WIDE); THENCE N 85°45'14" E 30.50 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE; THENCE S19°08'59" E 776.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 23,159 SQUARE FEET OR 0.53 ACRES OF LAND.

Subject to Easements and Restrictions of Record.

SECTION 3. The Planned Unit Development is further described as two three story buildings, one four story building and three accessory carport structures, for a total of six buildings as depicted on the plans described as:

SHEET NAME	SHEET NO.	SHEET DATE
Title Sheet and General Information	T1	07/19/05
Preliminary Grading and Utility Plan	SP1	07/19/05
Sedimentation and Soil Erosion Plan	SP2	07/19/05
Boundary/Topographic Survey	SP3	07/19/05
Landscape Plan and Details	L1	07/19/05
Photometric Study	PS1	07/19/05
Lighting Specifications	PS2	07/19/05
Building "A" First Level Floor Plan	A3.1.A	07/19/05
Building "A" Second Level Floor Plan	A3.2.A	07/19/05
Building "A" Third Level Floor Plan	A3.3.A	07/19/05
Building "A" Fourth Level		
Mezzanine Floor Plan	A3.4.A	07/19/05
Building "A" Roof Plan	A3.5.A	07/19/05
Building "A" East & West Elevations	A5.1.A	07/19/05
Building "A" North & South Elevations	A5.2.A	07/19/05
Building "A" Building Sections	A6.1.A	07/19/05
Building "B" First Level Floor Plan	A3.1.B	07/19/05
Building "B" Second Level Floor Plan	A3.2.B	07/19/05
Building "B" Third Level Floor Plan	A3.3.B	07/19/05
Building "B" Roof Plan	A3.4.B	07/19/05
Building "B" East & West Elevations	A5.1.B	07/19/05
Building "B" North & South Elevations	A5.2.B	07/19/05
Building "B" Building Sections	A6.1.B	07/19/05
Building "C" First Level Floor Plan	A3.1.C	07/19/05
Building "C" Second Level Floor Plan	A3.2.C	07/19/05
Building "C" Third Level Floor Plan	A3.3.C	07/19/05
Building "C" Fourth Level Floor Plan	A3.4.C	07/19/05
Building "C" Mezzanine Floor Plan	A3.5.C	07/19/05
Building "C" Roof Plan	A3.6.C	07/19/05
Building "C" East & South Elevations	A5.1.C	07/19/05
Building "C" North & West Elevations	A5.2.C	07/19/05
Building "C" Building Sections	A6.1.C	07/19/05

(Planning Commission File No. PUD SP-05-03)

SECTION 4. Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance, as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid.

SECTION 6. All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

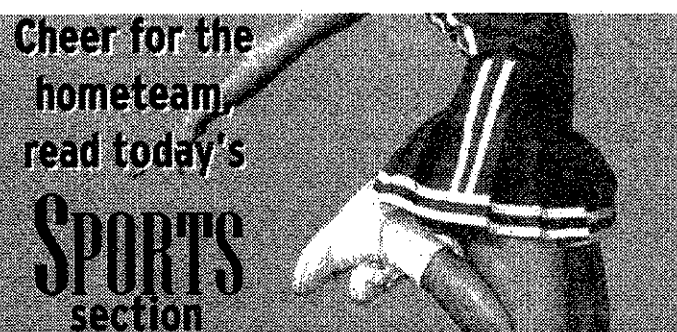
SECTION 7. This ordinance shall become effective after adoption and publication thereof.

DAN DWYER
MAYOR

LINDA LANGMESSER
CITY CLERK

Introduced: January 3, 2006
Enacted: February 6, 2006
Effective: February 17, 2006

Publish: February 16, 2006



Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 03/03/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

Shurgard Storage of Canton North *2101 Haggerty Rd*Canton* 734-981-0300		
2032	Hamilton	Household Items
4207	McGhee	Household Items
4209	Hayes	Household Items
4253	Diaz	Household Items
4294	Jacobs	Household Items
5218	Wilkins	Household Items
6003	Hall	Household Items
7002	Gregory	20' Flatbed Trailer
9040	Dean	Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Canton South* 45229 Michigan Ave*Canton* 734-398-5416		
5147	Coger	Household items
5148	Davis	Household items
4036	Frederick	Household items
2015	Hlavacek	Vehicle/h-hld items
4016	multi-racial	Learning/dev
4110	Purnell	Household items
4205	Tigner	Household items

Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313-277-2000		
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1220	Fowler	Household items
2060	Crawford	Household items
2290	Dodson	Household items

Shurgard Storage of Livonia*30300 Plymouth Rd*Livonia*734-522-7811		
101	Mason	Household Items
201	Lyons	Household Items
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3003	Lawless	Household Items
3014	Robbins	Household Items
3020	Donaldson	Household Items
3080	Northington	Household Items
3120	Karpanowski	Household Items
4130	Flumerfelt	Household Items
9043	Marks	Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Taylor*9300 Pelham Rd* Taylor*313-292-2950		
3057	Burch	Household
3033	Compeau	Household
6011	Farraj	Household
3082	Height	Household
9068	Hinojosa	Household
9092	Kellerman	Household
6070	Manville	Household
6109	Rogers	Household
3036	Ryan	Household
4057	Ryan	Household
3034	Smith	Household
2003	Smith	Household
4028	VanderWalker	Household
6055	Walker	Household
9027	Walters	Household
7082	Wolfe	Household

Shurgard Storage of Westland*36001 Warren* Westland*734-326-6000		
1300	BROWN	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
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5010	GRIFFIN	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
3116	HENDON-JENKINS	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
3014	HOCKENBERRY	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
3020	HOLT	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
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1218	THOMAS	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
3150	VALIND	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
1062	WHITLEY	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Shurgard Storage of Plymouth *41889 Joy Rd*Canton*734-459-2200		
1018	JAMES KUHN	EQUIPMENT
1029	VICKI LANDIS	HOUSEHOLD
1035	DOMINADOR REYES	HOUSEHOLD
3052	CHARLES BELL JR.	HOUSEHOLD
3068	JOHN BICKNELL	HOUSEHOLD
5003	TAUNAEDIE	HOUSEHOLD
9165	DAPHANI DENT	HOUSEHOLD

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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:

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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3267, between 8 am and 4:30 pm for an appointment.

Tuesday, March 7 9 am - Noon Organizational Meeting
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment

Monday, March 13 2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
6 pm - 9 pm Hearings by Appointment

Wednesday, March 15 9 am - Noon Hearings by Appointment
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment

Saturday, March 18 9 am - 11 am First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 18, 2006.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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Michalek's goal winner as Plymouth nips Canton

Justin Michalek's goal with 3:36 remaining proved to be the game-winner in Plymouth's 4-3 victory over Canton Friday night in a game played at the Arctic Edge Arena.

Michalek secured a pass from Billy Gauthier then wisted the puck past Canton goalie Nick Basel.

The Chiefs scored with 20 seconds left to momentarily deadlock the game at 4-4, however, the goal was disallowed as the referees ruled the net had been knocked off its bearings.

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 12-5-3 overall and 4-2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Mike Barile tallied the first of his two goals with 5:01 remaining in the first period to put Plymouth ahead, 1-0. Barile was assisted by Ryan Stamm and Gauthier. Nick Cote padded the Wildcats' lead to 2-0 one minute later after getting a helper from Michalek.

The Chiefs cut their deficit in half — 2-1 — 24 seconds later on Kevin Tollison's lamp-lighter from Kyle Kowalski and Brett Giacomino.

Canton's Chris Wies knotted the contest at 2-2 1:15 into the second period on an assist from Pat Gallagher. Gallagher then scored a little more than five minutes into the third period to put the Chiefs ahead, 3-2. He was assisted by Andy Barylski.

The lead was short-lived as Plymouth made it 3-3 off the ensuing face-off when Barile scored off a wrist that was assisted by Joe Perkovich.

The game then went back and forth before Michalek won it with his late-game heroics.

Junior Justin Desilets earned the win between the pipes for the Wildcats.

W.L. NORTHERN 5, SALEM 4: The Knights tallied four third-period goals to upend visiting Salem, 5-4, Saturday afternoon in a Western Lakes Activities Association game played at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

The game-winner came off the stick of the Knights' Al Harvey, who was assisted by Lee Downs.

Kris Brant had an outstanding game for the Rocks, recording a hat-trick. Brant's first goal, which was assisted by Steve Heilser and Tony Garbarino, opened the scoring with 11:27 left in the opening period. His second goal came with 3:42 left in the second period and gave the Rocks a 2-1 advantage.

Heilser scored Salem's final goal with 18 seconds left in the game. Angelo Constantino, David Carey and John Hoetscher notched assists for Salem.

Mark Barkoff suffered the loss in goal for the Rocks.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2, PLYMOUTH 1: On Saturday, the Patriots scored two first-period goals then hung on for a WLAA victory in a game played at the Compuware Sports Arena. Brad Pump and Dan Kozlowski found the back of the net for the winners.

Plymouth's lone goal came off the stick of Jon Knoerl, who was assisted by Charlie Webb and Nick Rosochacki. Both goalies shined: Desilets recorded 33 saves while Franklin's Joe Garbutt turned away 29 shots.

"It was our fourth game in eight days, so we had that working against us," said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois. "We had some bad penalties, too. The kids played hard, though. We just couldn't put the puck in the net."

W.L. NORTHERN 9, PLYMOUTH 7: On Feb. 7, the Knights overcame a second-period deficit with five consecutive goals to record a key WLAA win over the Wildcats.

Plymouth led 3-2 after one period before the Knights rebounded to grab a 6-5 advantage with 15 minutes to play.

Chris Blick and Desilets split time in net for the Wildcats, who received goals from Jason O'Guinn (two), Rosochacki, Knoerl, Adam Lazorka, Barile and Cote. Rosochacki also picked up a pair of assists.

Short-handed Whalers edge Barrie, 3-2

Short bench? So what? The Plymouth Whalers found a way to get the job done and defeated the Barrie Colts, 3-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 2,980 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth won in spite of playing without eight players who were missing due to injury or suspension.

John Vigilante (24th of the season), James Neal (14th) and

Andrew Fournier (14th) scored first-period goals for Plymouth to build a 3-0 lead after one period of play. The Whalers protected the lead the rest of the way, with first star Justin Garay stopping 35-of-37 Barrie shots.

Todd Perry scored in the second period for Barrie with his fourth of the season, while Ryan Hamilton added his team-leading 34th of the year in the third period.

But Barrie couldn't find the

equalizer and is now 33-16-1-3, good for 70 points and first place in the OHL's Central Division.

In winning, the Whalers (now 27-23-1-3) padded their lead in first place in the OHL West. Plymouth is three points up on idle Saginaw (27-24-1-0) and four points ahead of third-place Windsor (24-23-3-3).

Plymouth won the game without Justin Peters, Derek Merlini, Evan Brophrey and

Gino Pisellini — all suspended for fighting in the Whalers' 3-0 win in London Friday night — and without injured players Dan Collins, Tom Sestito, Ryan McGinnis and Ryan Stephenson.

After Vigilante scored on a partial breakaway at 11:59 of the first period, Neal scored on a power play at when he tapped in a rebound by Barrie goaltender Dan LaCosta at 15:26. Then Fournier stripped the puck off a

Barrie defender and beat LaCosta with a backhand for an unassisted goal at 17:31.

Fournier did an effective defensive job on Barrie center Bryan Little (86 points).

The Whalers are off until next Friday night when they play in Owen Sound. Plymouth's next home game is Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena when it hosts Guelph. Tickets are available by calling (734) 453-8400.

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FEBRUARY

Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month (Feb. 16), in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock

Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Vacation Bible school

Summer ministries preview 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Preview Vacation Bible School curriculum and get tips on organizing a VBS program or backyard Bible club. More than 25 workshops will be offered and 20 exhibitors will display at the preview presented by the International Christian Education Association. Cost is \$35 if registered by Jan. 18, \$40 between Jan. 19 and Feb. 14, or \$45 at door. Students (teen through college age \$20). Refreshments and lunch included. Make and take puppet workshop is an additional \$25. To pre-register, call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

Lay caregiver series

Presented by Samaritan Counseling Center, Pastoral Care during Times of

Change and Transition, change is certain in our lives and the lives around us, this workshop explores the stages of transition, led by Sharon Hage, staff counselor, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 474-4701.

Super Sundays

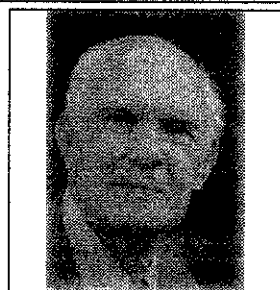
Burning Bush International Ministries presents Super Sundays 11 a.m. Feb. 19 (City Wide Youth Day celebrating Black History Month); Sunday, Feb. 26 (International Sunday celebrating cultures from all over the world), and Sunday, March 5 (Pentecostal Sunday), at Willow Run High School Auditorium, 235 Spencer Lane, between E. Michigan Ave and Holmes, Ypsilanti. Hosted by Pastor Don W. Shelby, Jr. and Evangelist Bonita A. Shelby. For more information, call (734) 487-7054.



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DANNY BOGUSH

Age 80 of Troy, MI passed away January 27, 2006. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Katherine. Loving father of Diane Bogush Mills, of California, Carolyn Armstrong, of Colorado, and Mary Bogush of Troy, MI. Grandfather of Jonathan and Ryan Mills, and Valerie Armstrong. Great-grandfather of Seth Patterson-Mills. He also leaves many beloved relatives and friends.
Mr. Bogush grew up in Cleveland Ohio, and graduated from West Tech High School. He was a Decorated Veteran of WWII, having served in the U.S. Navy, including service aboard a minesweeper, the U.S.S. Seer. He earned an Associates Degree in electrical and electronic technology from Lawrence Institute of Technology, and worked for Ford Motor Co.-Tractor Division in Troy, MI as a design engineer until retirement. He enjoyed attending Troy Senior Citizen and Community functions, dancing at concerts with his wife Kay, traveling to visit his daughters and grandchildren, and attending Naval Minewarfare Association reunions. Dan was proud to wear his Navy uniform at Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies in the City of Troy. A Memorial Service will be held at 3PM, Sunday, February 19, 2006 at Evanswood Church of God, Troy, MI. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society, or charity of the donors choice.

FRANCIS WILLIAM ROCKWELL II

Of Bloomfield Township, Michigan, age 82, passed away peacefully Wednesday, February 8, 2006. He was born in Taunton, Massachusetts on January 11, 1924, the son of Julius and Alice (Hearne) Rockwell. Francis was a graduate of the Maine Maritime Academy and received his BA from the University of Michigan. He served in the United States Merchant Marine during WWII. He was the president of the Rockwell Family Foundation and served as Governor to the Michigan Society of the Founders and Patriots of America. He made you laugh and he was fun to be around. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Susanna; sons Francis (Diane), Thomas (Elizabeth) and Edward; two brothers and eleven grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Christ Church Cranbrook Saturday, February 18, 2006 at 10:00am. with the Reverend Edward L. Mullins officiating. A private Committal will take place at Forest Hills Cemetery in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Tributes may be made to the Salvation Army or Christ Church Cranbrook. Arrangements by Wm. R. Hamilton Co. 248-644-6000



HELEN M. DeSMET

February 11, 2006 Age 84 Wife of the late Robert Harnden and the late Marcel DeSmet. Mother of Lani White (Michael) and Robert M.D. Harnden, (Janet). Stepmother of Nancy Dickinson, Barbara McLaughlin and Marshall "Bud" DeSmet (Margaret). Also survived by 15 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and cousins. Funeral service Friday 1:00 pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Thursday 2:00-8:00pm. Memorial tributes to the charity of donor's choice. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JOSEPH MONTGOMERY WEAVER

Age 88, of Harbor Springs, formerly of Birmingham, passed away February 4, 2006. Joe was born February 17, 1917 in Irwin, PA, and was graduated from Lehigh University with a degree in Metallurgy. He served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy during World War II and ended his service as captain of the U.S.S. Whipple. He married Harriet Robison of Detroit in 1949 and worked as a district and regional sales manager for Jones and Laughlin Steel. After many summers in Wequetonsing, he retired in Harbor Springs and became an enthusiastic member of the Harbor Springs Kiwanis Club, where he was scribe for the club newsletter. His memorable style, distinguished by humor and vigor, earned the chapter seven awards in state competition. He was a masterful storyteller, enjoying both a good joke and a bad pun. He played golf, squash, and tennis late into his life, loved being on the water on a boat, loved the Pittsburgh Steelers, baking pies, growing flowers, and spending his long life with his wife, Harriet. He was a proud member of the JMW Club and will be remembered for his willingness to attend a meeting at any place or time. He was preceded in death by his wife, Harriet, his parents Joseph and Marie, and his sister Louise McBride. He will be greatly missed by his four children, Susan Schoenfeld of Royal Oak, Patricia Francisco and her husband Larry of Minneapolis, Bruce Weaver and his wife Rita of Royal Oak, and Julie Weaver of Petoskey; his loving family of grandchildren, Shawn, Lee, Julianna, Andre, and Jesse; his great-grandchildren, Veronica and Levi, and his nieces and nephew. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs (on the corner of West Lake and Cemetery) with visitation at the church one hour prior to the service. The family requests that donations in his honor be sent to the Kiwanis Club of Harbor Springs, P.O. Box 485, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.



LILIAN "PATRICIA" BASSETT

Age 90, of Plymouth, died February 12, 2006. She was born November 3, 1915, in Beckenham, England. Before moving to the United States, she worked for British Army Intelligence during World War II. She met and married her husband, James, in Heidelberg, Germany, and together they came to the United States in 1950. She enjoyed gardening and bird-watching. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her children, Stephanie J. deBasset, Andrea E. (Dr. Michael D.) Cragel, Jill M. Bassett, and Victoria A. (Donald G.) McKeenan; her grandchildren, Ian and Averil Cragel, Clayton, Aaron, and Alecia McKeenan; and her dear sister-in-law, Mary Margaret Sweet. She is preceded in death by her husband, James O. Bassett. Services were held Tuesday, February 14, at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the National Audubon Society, Department W, 700 Broadway, New York, New York, 10003. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

ROBERT NIGOHOSEAN

Age 69; beloved husband of the late Mary Louise. Loving father of Debra Marie Forde, Gail Elizabeth (John) Burke and Mary Katherine (David) Niekamp. Dear grandfather of Ashlee and Michael Forde, Frankie and Caitlin Burke and Faith Niekamp. Robert passed from this world to rejoin his wife Mary on February 13, 2006. Robert retired from General Motors after 30 years. Visitation today 1pm-8pm at the Union Lake Chapel of Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, 1233 Union Lake Rd., White Lake (248) 363-7135. Prayers today 7pm at the funeral home. In state Friday 9:30am until 10am, funeral liturgy at St. William Catholic Church, 531 Common St, Walled Lake. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Beaumont Foundation for Diabetes. Arrangements entrusted to Edward Korkoian Funeral Home (248) 541-8325.



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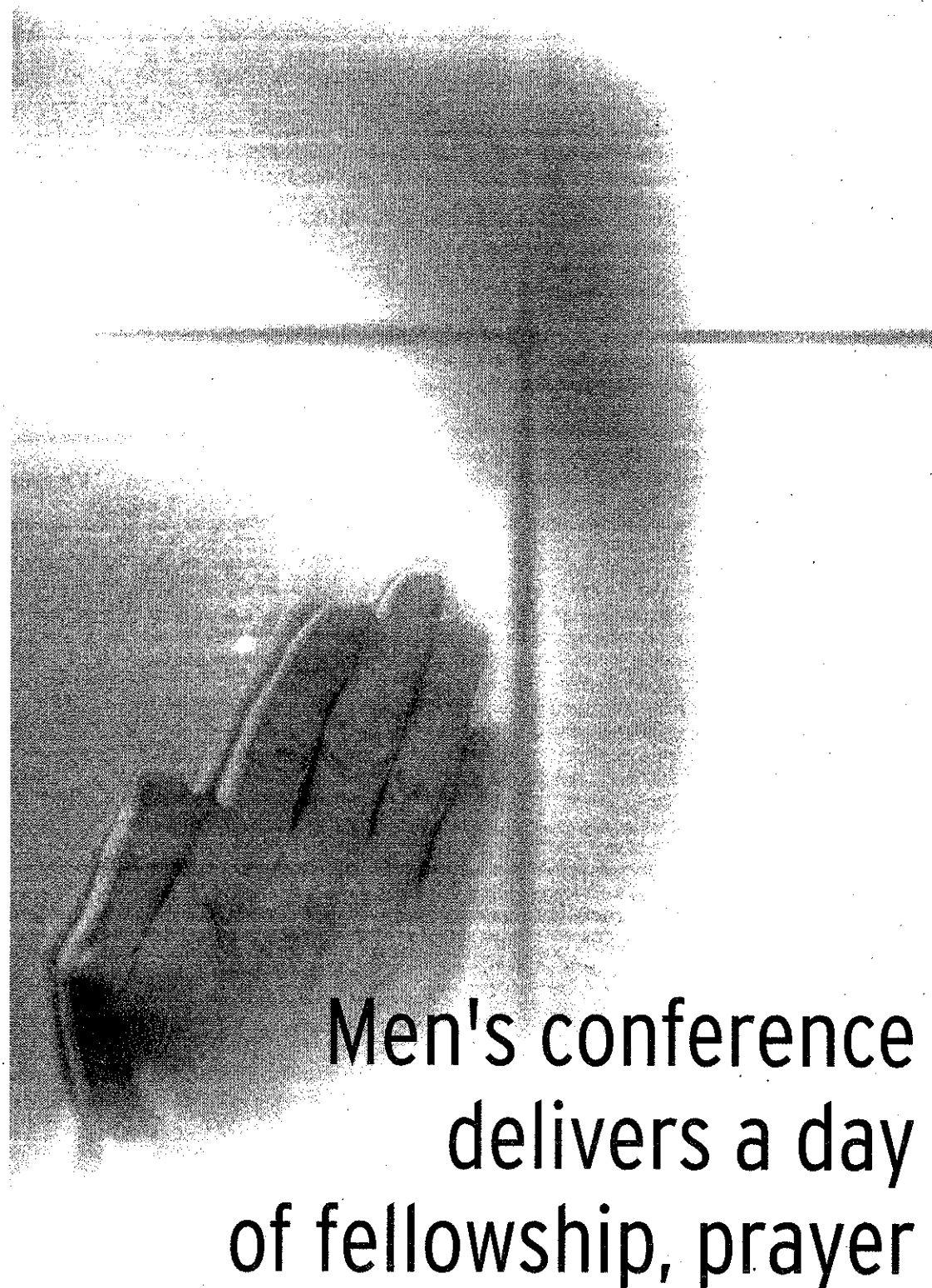
Age 69, February 8, 2006. Beloved wife of James Walsh for 49 years. Loving mother of Shelley K. Mlynarczyk. Daughter of Cinda E. Ellis and sister to Gail McCormick, both of Windsor, Canada. With many brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. Share memories at Knights of Columbus Hall, 25300 Five Mile Road, east of Beech Daly, from 1PM-5PM, February 26, 2006.

MELDA HILGENDORF

Age 85, of Austin, TX. Formerly of Rochester, died Thursday, February 9, 2006. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles in 2000. She is survived by her children, Judy (Dan) Lorenz, of Portland, OR, Tom (Marilyn) Hilgendorf of Austin, TX, and Kathy Hilgendorf of Harrison Twp., MI, and four grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Frederick Krey of Washington, MI. A memorial service will be held in Green Valley, AZ at a later date.

PHILIP THOMAS CALDER, JR.

Age 42, February 10, 2006, of York, PA. Beloved husband of Aleta Marie Calder. Father of Ella Camille Calder. Son of Philip T., Sr. and Jean M. Calder. Brother of Andrew J. Calder. Nephew of Victor Calder, Camilla Fagouri, Elizabeth Wassner, Joseph D. O'Connell, Jr., Michael P. O'Connell, and Mary Louise O'Connell. Relatives and friends may call at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, MD, Thursday, February 16, 2-4pm and 7-9pm. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Andrew Apostle Church, Kemp Mill Road and Arcola Ave., Silver Spring, MD, on Friday, February 17, 10am. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery.



Men's conference delivers a day of fellowship, prayer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

There's no doubt in Jeff Allen's mind that men are hungry to pursue their Catholic faith. In the past three years, attendance at an annual men's conference has risen from 800 to 3,000. If estimates for 2006 are correct 5,000 could attend the event presented by the Archdiocese of Detroit and Knights of Columbus 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at University of



Riccardo

Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall. Allen, a Livonia resident, went to the conference for the first time last year. Even though he was raised a Catholic and attended St. Robert Bellarmine School in Redford, the 27-year-old single man found himself searching for an intensified spiritual experience after graduating from Divine Child High School.

Since hearing the Rev. John Riccardo of St. Anastasia Parish in Troy speak in 2005, Allen has followed the pastor's recommendations to pray for 10 minutes a day.

"It's good to have a consistent prayer life, to keep God in your life on a daily basis," said Allen, a member of St. Colette Parish in Livonia. "The men (in attendance) understand the power of prayer. Last year after the conference 12 new men's fellowship groups were started throughout the archdiocese to gather for prayer and Bible study."

This year's conference, Put Out into the Deep, will challenge men to leave the conference asking two questions - What legacy will I leave? What difference are we making in the world?

Speakers include Alex Jones, a Pentecostal/Evangelical minister for 25 years before converting to Catholicism; Peter



Jones

Herbeck, vice president and director of Missions for Renewal Ministries; U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum; and Riccardo who's spoken at each of the conferences. Chris Stark is especially looking forward to hearing Santorum. "I'm excited about the senator because I heard him speak at another Catholic event on the dignity of the human being and the role of fatherhood in your life," said Stark, who's the father of two children - MaryGrace, 9 and Joey, 6. Stark attended several Catholic men's conference in Cincinnati before attending his first in Detroit three years ago.

"The speakers help me to be a better father, to learn to apply your faith to your family life and prioritize, to put your family first in your relationship with God to make sure your children are nurtured."

A member of St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, Stark is a volunteer for Archdiocese's Office of Evangelization. Stark, like Allen is coordinating the effort to seek out men at the parish level for the conference.

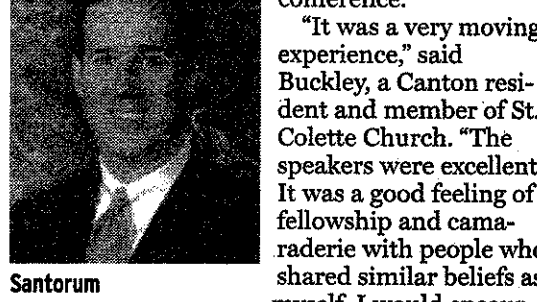
"Every year for me the conferences have been an opportunity to listen to great speakers and get rejuvenated in my faith journey," said Stark, a former seminarian who studied to be a priest for one year. "Last year with my pastor's blessing I started a small men's fellowship group that meets monthly and encourages smaller weekly get togethers. We're encouraging one another

and supporting each other."

According to Paco Gavrilides, coordinator of the men's conference and one of the evangelization coordinators for the archdiocese, over the last 12 years there's been an ongoing interest in men coming together to strengthen their faith. The archdiocese became involved after Mike Timmis, a former Catholic representative on the board of Promise Keepers, approached Adam Cardinal Maida, an ecclesial advisor for the National Fellowship of Catholic Men, an organization to help men grow in their spiritual life. Promise Keepers, a Christ-centered organization, held their first men's conference at the University of Colorado Events Center in 1991.

"The men's conferences are being offered for spiritual renewal, for strengthening, for a greater understanding of their faith," said Gavrilides. "It's a tremendous spirit of unity among men of God in an environment where everybody is there because of their faith or because they're seeking a deeper faith life. It's sharing, worship, instruction in the faith, just being together as brothers in Christ."

Three generations of Regis Buckley's family attended last year and would again in 2006 if his oldest son hadn't moved out of state. In addition to Buckley, his 24-year old son Brian, a seminarian at Sacred Heart, will attend the conference.



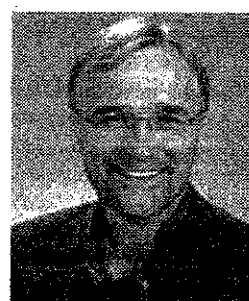
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"It was a very moving experience," said Buckley, a Canton resident and member of St. Colette Church. "The speakers were excellent. It was a good feeling of fellowship and camaraderie with people who shared similar beliefs as myself. I would encourage Catholic men to attend even if they've been out of the faith for a while. It's an opportunity to speak with priests all day, to speak on any issues you have. For us this draws us closer (as a family). It's an opportunity to share that with each other and you don't get that opportunity very often because our lives are so busy."

Ken Castel says there's nothing like the conference even though it's caused him sleepless nights. Castel is handling logistics for the event including providing food for 5,000 men. "It's such a tremendous event to have a basketball arena filled with men worshipping and praying," said Castel who's been a member of Divine Child Parish for 53 years. "I just want to be part of helping bring men to the day to realize that we're not alone. The men who are along on that journey are just like me, watching football, playing golf, working, raising our families, and there's something missing from that."

"My faith gives me peace. To try to find peace and joy in material goods or jobs, activities or toys, it's just not there. As much as you need a career to provide food on the table, if we identify too much with who we are Monday through Friday, we lose who we are as sons and daughters of the Lord."

Doors for the fourth annual Catholic men's conference open at 7 a.m. at Calihan Hall, 4001 W. McNichols. Tickets are \$40 advance, \$50 at the door. To register, visit www.mensfellowship.com, call (734) 459-9558 for registration or brochures, or Jeff Allen at (248) 761-5993 for more information.



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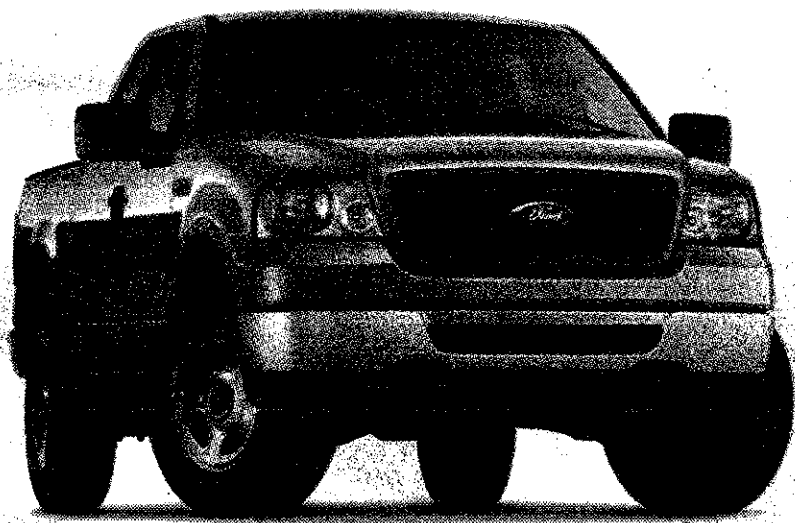
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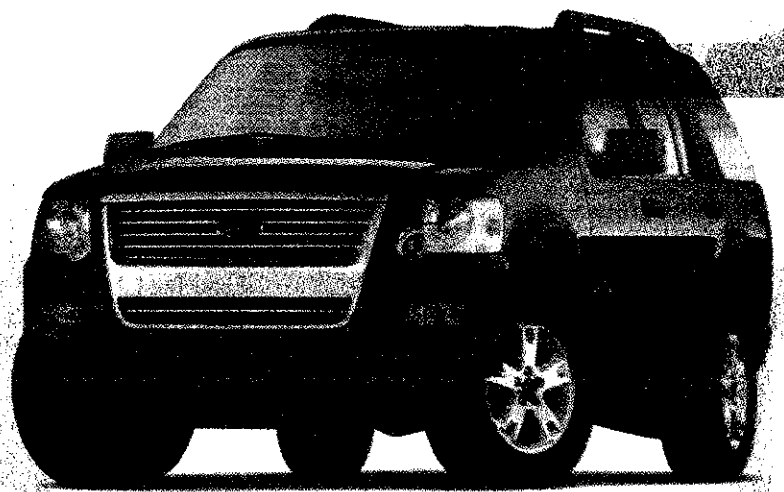


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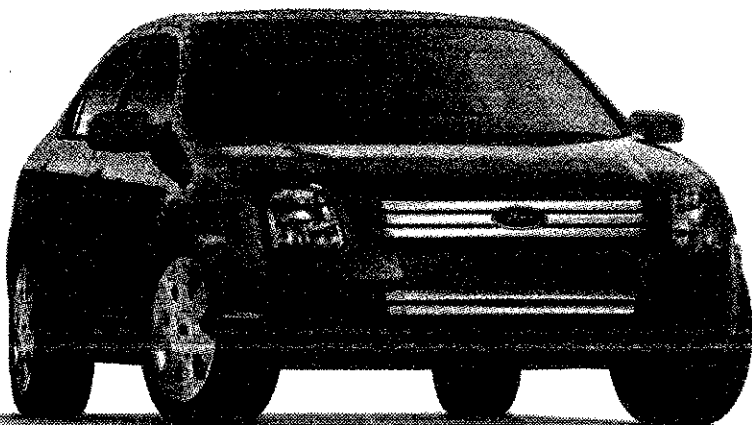


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