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# Canton to be first township to join MML

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

Canton is poised to become the first township to join the Michigan Municipal League

The Ann Arbor based nonpartisan organization for cities and villages recently tweaked its bylaws in order to extend membership to the township

'Canton acts like a city in many cases rather than a typical township, said MML Executive Director Daniel P

The township has been informally involved with the organization for nearly two years and is expected to become a member before the end of the month

"Just like a small business will join the chamber of commerce, it's the same thing with the MML, said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack

More than 500 cities and villages are members of the

MML, one of the oldest associations of its kind in the coun-

Canton had been a member of the Michigan Townships Association, but ended its membership about 18 months ago, according to Yack He said the main reason was the hope that Canton would be accepted into the MML, which he feels is a better fit for Canton

The bulk of their (MTA) membership are rural townships with less than 5,000 residents We don't really have a lot in common with them." Yack said

The MML promotes state and federal legislation targeted at local governments, administers insurance programs, sponsors conferences and training programs, offers consulting, personnel and labor relations services, maintains a resource center and produces various publications

'There was a time when city meant urban and township

meant rural,' Gilmartin said "But (including Canton) made sense to a lot of people We have to get past our old visions

of townships and cities" In its first act as a member, the township recently submitted about \$9.000 in membership dues Membership is on a voluntary basis

Crediting Gilmartin with opening the way for Canton's inclusion, Yack praised the MMLs training programs and legislative efforts

"I see us making the organization stronger," he said "They

now have 85,000 more voices The group's board of trustees meets every two months

"I knew it would take some educating, but I was pretty confident (we'd become a member), Yack said "In most cases, being the first is pretty good'

For more information on the group, log on to www mml org

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Tonda third grader Mingi Kim, left, reads about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to kindergartner Kevin Sivic during MLK activities at the school Friday morning

# Striving for equality

# District developing expanded diversity agenda

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

As the nation prepares to celebrate Dr Martin Luther King Day - a fed eral holiday – Monday, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has moved away from a oneday diversity training for teachers and administrators, and instead is in the process of developing a district-wide diversity

"Diversity isn't just a one-day activity,' said Barbara Rodenberg, assistant superintendent for instructional services

"We're drafting a diversity plan, which we think will have a stronger impact. It reflects some of the things we re already doing, and reflecting on some areas we need to work on"

Rodenberg said the goals are in the areas of students, community and staff While the district's student population includes some 20 percent minorities, "one major weakness right now is our staff doesn't reflect our student body in ethnic and racial background,' she said

The percentage of our

staff from diverse backgrounds is much smaller than the percentage of our students," Rodenberg said 'We're putting a lot of effort into that this year"

According to Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, approximately 20 percent of the district's student population is listed as minority

Bihun's figures from February 2006 indicate that of 1,059 teachers in the Plymouth-Canton school district, 24 were

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Tonda Elementary School principal George Belvitch, right, joined a few students, including fifth graders Brendan Kelly, left, and Cara Gross, middle, to talk about the meaning of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr day during the school's morning broadcast of "The Bully Help Desk" Friday



Hosam Hassanien already has Lowe's in his back yard and a JCPenney is on the way

# Residents worried about JCPenney development

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

When Hosam Hassanien first toured his Westminister Way home eight years ago, he was floored by its tranquil, wooded backyard that seemed to go on and on for miles

"It was beautiful, he said, walking out to his

Years later, things have changed and Hassanien, along with many of his neighbors, are hoping that history doesn't repeat itself

The coming of Lowe's Home Improvement shattered the calm of Hassanien's property and he, along with many of his neighbors, are crossing their fingers that a proposed JCPenney doesn't bring more of the same issues

"We got the short end of the stick,' said Hassanien, a department manager with the engineering design firm, URS Corporation "And (the construction's) not done yet"

The home improvement store and the planned site of the national department store are directly south of Westminister Way on Ford Road

The backyards that used to be bathed in darkness at nighttime are now illuminated by a series of lights on the Lowe's store and the trees that blocked the view of the activity near Ford Road have been replaced by a retention pond

Hassanien, one of a dozen homeowners that met with JCPenney officials last week, said he wouldn't have bought his Carriage Hills subdivision home if he knew big-box development was on the horizon

"Look at that, he said, staring at the brick wall of the Lowe's building "It just doesn't fit but I think we're in good shape with JCPenney'

Maureen Rich, a Lowe's spokesman, said the 60year-old, North Carolina-based company has hundreds of stores across the nation and prides itself on being a good neighbor

We do our best to come to workable solutions wherever we go," she said, while

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# Chamber computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering a MS Excel Part I course 6-9 p m, Jan 31 at Canton Computers, which is located at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford Road This is one of many computer training courses that the chamber has sched uled in 2007 The classes are open to chamber members and to the public

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 formon-members Class size is limited Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis To register, contact the Canton Chamber of Coramerce at (734) 453-4040 Registration deadline is Jan

# Musical auditions

Auditions for the musical The Canton Follies A Night of Rock and Roll' (a co-production of Canton Township and Destination Theatre) will be held Jan 16-17 at 7 pm at the Cherry Hıll Vıllage Theater, located at Cherry Hıll and Ridge Roads in Canton Please enter through the stage door at the rear of building The audition schedule is as follows Registration, 7-7 30 pm, vocal auditions, 730 8 30 pm (prepare 16 bars of an upbeat song), movement portion, 8 30-9 15 p m, MC auditions, 9 15-10 p m (if you are auditioning for MC you may also come to the vocal and movement portion of the audition)

The musical will feature rock and roll hits from the 1950s through 1970s Rock & Roll hits of the 50's through 70's Come prepared to sing, play or dance - whatever best showcases your talent Prepare a song that you'd like to perform in the show, or just give producers a taste for your talent and they'll help you find the right number for the show Groups and individuals wel-

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March 16 17 and 23 24 at the Village Theater For more information contact Patrick Persons at personsp@yahoo com or visit www.destinationtheatre.org

# New Liberty scholarship

New Liberty Bank is offering one \$500 scholarship to a local high school senior who demonstrates scholastic achievement and upholds the Banks commitment to community" through volunteer service

"When it comes to financing a college education, every little bit helps,' said New Liberty Bank President and CEO Raymond Reame 'We are very excited to be able to reward one outstanding student for their hard work and communi ty contributions with this scholarship'

Applications are available at the Banks branch or on-line All materials must be returned to the Bank or postmarked by March 1 Applicants must be residents of Plymouth Canton or Northville and planning to attend an accredited US college, university or trade school

# Home Expo applications available

Applications to participate in Canton's 2007 Home Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes are now available on the township Web site at www.canton-mi org The Expo, scheduled to be held next year on March 3-4, is an opportunity for home improvement businesses and builders

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# Literacy tutors

The Community Literacy Council is looking for volunteer tutors in Plymouth and Canton to help adults improve their reading, writing and speaking skills

The CLC will provide free training and materials to interested volunteers Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required Volunteers will be matched with students in their area

The next CLC five-part training begins 6 9 p m Jan 16 at the Canton Chamber of Commerce

For more information, call

# (734) 416-4906 **Exhibitors** needed

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters is hosting its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 10 Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the third annual event to be held at Canton High School The juried art event is produced each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park

Artists and crafters who are

interested in applying for con sideration to exhibit should visit www pcmb net/arteraft to download an application and submit with photos by Jan 31 Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at the event Last year, more than 1,500 attendees visited the event

'The annual Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble is one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year," said Mark Stamper, pres ident of the 2007 Plymouth Canton Music Boosters The money raised helps the band students with participation fees, cost of uniforms, props, instruction, and various events for our music program throughout the year This event is quickly building a reputation for being one of the best run spring arts and craft events in the area

# **Grief support series**

Coping with the death of a parent can be very difficult Heartland Hospice is offering a free four week senes, 'Adult Loss of a Parent', beginning Thursday, Jan 18, through Thursday, Feb 8, from 5 30-7 p m This program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief The series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office ın Ann Arbor, 3840 Packard Road, and is open to anyone For more information on other support groups or to register, contact Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator at (734) 973-1145 or toll free at (888) 973-1145

# Lincoln roundtable

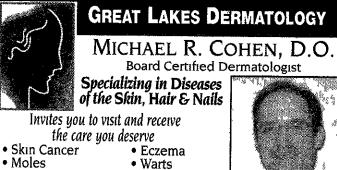
Matt Switlek will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table Switleks topic will be 'The 2nd Kansas Militia and General Sterling Price's 1864 Invasion He will provide a discussion of this event and follow with a description of his attempt to locate and recover a prized relic cannon used in the cam

Switlek was director of the Monroe Historical Museum from 1969-2004 and has degrees in history from the University of Detroit and Wayne State University He is an active participant in the North-South Skirmish Association marksmanship competition

The meeting takes place 8 p m Thursday, Jan 18, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S Ma n St in downtown Plymouth The public is invited and admission is free For more information call (734)459-7324

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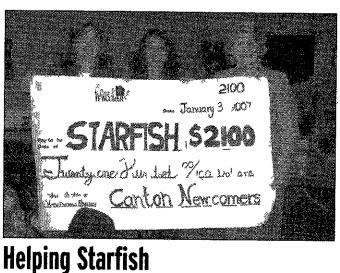
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Plymouth, 14707 Northville Road, hosts a Red Hat Society luncheon with Elvis as the entertainment noon-1 30 p m Wednesday, Jan 24

Lunch will be served at noon The event is to all Red Hat Society members and also to ladies who may want to join the Red Hat Society It is a free event RSVPs are due by Jan 22 For more information, call (734) 453 2600

# Canton Concert Band

If you are a musician, 16 years of age or older, with the desire to have fun while making great music in the Canton Community, the Canton Concert Band might be for you Rehearsals are on Thursday nights from 7-9 30 p m in the Village Theater's Biltmore Studio The band offers many opportunities to play in the public eye There are numerous small group spin-offs for the serious musician

For more information, contact Band Director Jim Blough at (734) 495-1608 or e-mail him at jimb323@aim com You can also visit the Web site, www cantonband com

# 'Children of Eden' auditions

Auditions for "Children of Eden will be held at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, beginning at 6 30 p m, Monday, Feb 26 and Tuesday Feb 27 Please bring a photo and a resume There will also be auditious for children between the ages of 7-12 from 1-3 30 p m on Sunday, Feb 25 at the Curtain Call Dance Studio, located on Joy Road between Lilley and Haggerty The children auditioning on Sunday will be the animals in the performance "Children of Eden" Approximately 30 children are needed, and they will only be

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# Artist applications sought

The application deadline for the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's Youth Artist Competition is Monday. Jan 22 The competition is scheduled to take place on Sunday, Feb 4 at Evola Music, 7170 N Haggerty Road in Canton The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society recognizes young orchestral talent from greater Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities Since 1978, this competition has offered music scholarships to the youth in these areas

The competition is composed of three divisions Senior Instrumental (grades 10-12), Senior Piano (grades 10-12), and Junior Combined (grades 7-9) Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students residing in one of the following school districts Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville) or Wayne-Westland Members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra or students at Evola Music are also eligible

The distribution of scholarship funds for the first place winners in each division is as follows Semor Instrumental -\$500, Senior Piano - \$500, and Junior Combined - \$250 If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged

Applications, available through the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, are due on or before Monday, Jan 22 Past participants are encour aged to reapply, nowever, musicians are eligible to win only one First Prize Award in each division Winners may have the opportunity to perform with the PSO and Orchestra Canton. Applicants must be available to perform at the competition \* For an application and or

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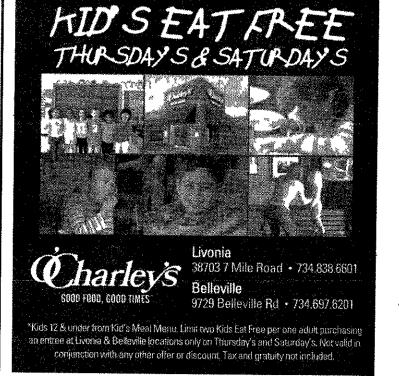
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# Auto show security adjusts to changing times

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Carl Berry was hired by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association in August 2001 to develop a security plan for the North American International Auto Show, the former Plymouth Township police chief thought it would be a piece of cake

'I'd developed a plan that provided the typical security, primarily focused on people stealing tickets and forgeries, said Berry, as well as protecting people against different kinds of minor crimes on the floor, like pickpockets"

Approximately one month later, the entire scope of his job changed

'Needless to say, when 9/11 happened, I had to change everything, and it's been an ongoing change ever since, Berry said Now we prepare for possible terrorist attacks and higher-type crimes

'We have a K-9 unit here to sniff out any kind of explosive device that may be brought in, he said 'You ll see identifiable guards at the doors with wands to check everyone and all packages That's the visible part of it"

Behind the scenes, more than a thousand public law enforcement and private security personnel, many in plain clothes, are walking the auto show floor. However, they aren't looking at the various new models and concept vehicles.

"You don't see a lot of the uniforms and things going on,



JOHN STORMZAND STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Working security at the Auto Show is former Plymouth Township police chief Carl Berry (right)

and we have guards in locations you wouldn't normally have," said Berry, careful not to disclose any security secrets 'We do have a lot of technology, with an extensive radio system that a lot of police departments would love to have

We have high-tech cameras that record everything, he said "We can pan and zoom every square inch of Cobo All of our systems are hooked into the Internet so we have instant communications anywhere in the world with any law enforcement agency we need to be in touch with

Stuart Rich, of Farmington Hills, has been a deputy for both Wayne and Oakland counties for more than 20 years, and helped initiate the K-9 unit for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department A dog handler for nearly 30 years, Rich and 'my second wife," Nina, a 2-year-old German shepherd, work 12-hour days during the show and walk about 15 miles a day around Cobo Center searching for anything suspicious

we check every package that comes into the show,
Rich said 'During the day, we walk around and the dogs will indicate if they hit on something we check out

It seems there's something every auto show, Rich said People get fatigued and set something down and forget where they put it, or they go to look at something and leave a package behind. In this day and age, we have to check out

everything

Berry said his security team is made up of Detroit police officers law enforcement personnel from around Wayne County, Michigan State Police and federal partners like the FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency, the US Marshal's Office and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Inspector Ellis Stafford, assistant division commander for the Michigan State Police Special Investigation Division in Livonia, said he has dozens of staff as part of the security team walking the auto show floor

"They re especially trained in hostile surveillance detection, Stafford said

Their job is to spot people who are more interested in security than they are in the show

Berry said hes done his job if people who attend the show notice a security presence, and they feel safe while walking Cobo and the streets around it

The show is supposed to be about the cars and the people who come here to have a good time and enjoy it, Berry said. We don't want an overwhelming show of security force because that scares people, too People who come to the auto show need to have some knowledge that things are going on to provide a safe atmosphere.

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# Glitz and glamour

Local company helps jazz up auto show exhibits

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Visitors touring the exhibits during the weeklong public viewing of the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center might not be able to tell, but some of the glitz and glamour displayed by manufacturers are the brainchild of creative designers at Exhibit

The Livonia-based, worldwide strategic marketing company is providing support for II domestic and foreign automakers

Its stressful, but an interesting and fun kind of stress, admitted Michael Croke, vice president of West Coast sales, while being interviewed at the Mazda display, one of Exhibit Works clients Its a challenge from a creative standpoint, but – in my opinion – we have the best designers in the business

'We want to do something completely new and different, and find what kinds of materials will match the brands, he said 'We seem to come up with something that is pretty successful for most of our clients'

Exhibit Works, founded by Dominic Silvio in 1979, has grown to become an industry leader in the development of marketing programs, with nearly \$170 million in sales Exhibit Works has operations in Livonia, Chicago and Los Angeles, employing more than 500 people at peak production Last summer, the company opened its first Asian operation in Shanghai, China, to work with its U S, European and Asian clients who are moving into a fast-building Chinese market

"We've done business throughout the world, on every continent China, the Middle East, Europe, Croke said

Exhibit Works teams are many times privy to some of the most well-kept secrets of the automakers they represent

'We will sit down with their public relations and marketing divisions of the companies and manufacturers and they will let us see vehicles they won't let others view, Croke said "We need that information to look at different materials and what they are planning on doing, and how we're going to integrate, from a branding stand point A lot of our clients expect confidentiality, and that's something we guarantee them

'It's actually a lot of fun," admitted Croke
'When we sit in on those meetings, a lot of time
they'll ask our opinions on what direction
they're going in, the advertising or the vehicles
their coming out with They really do see us as
partners to help drive their sales



JOHN STORMZAND I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The North American International Auto Show in Detroit has more than cars and trucks. Michael Croke, vice president of PR Exhibit Works of Livonia stands in the midst of a display for Suzuki, which is one of his clients.

Steve Hough, a creative director at the Livoma. headquarters for 25 years, has helped create marketing campaigns for Ford Motor Co, Volkswagen and Porsche Hough, who grew up in Livonia and now lives in Northville, likes planning for the big stage – the Detroit auto

"It's where the action is, it's the big show,' said Hough. Our job is to make their marketing campaign and develop the three-dimensional display. create an environment to showcase their products."

Hough said traveling to other auto shows, like those in Paris and Geneva, Switzerland, helps keep the creative juices flowing

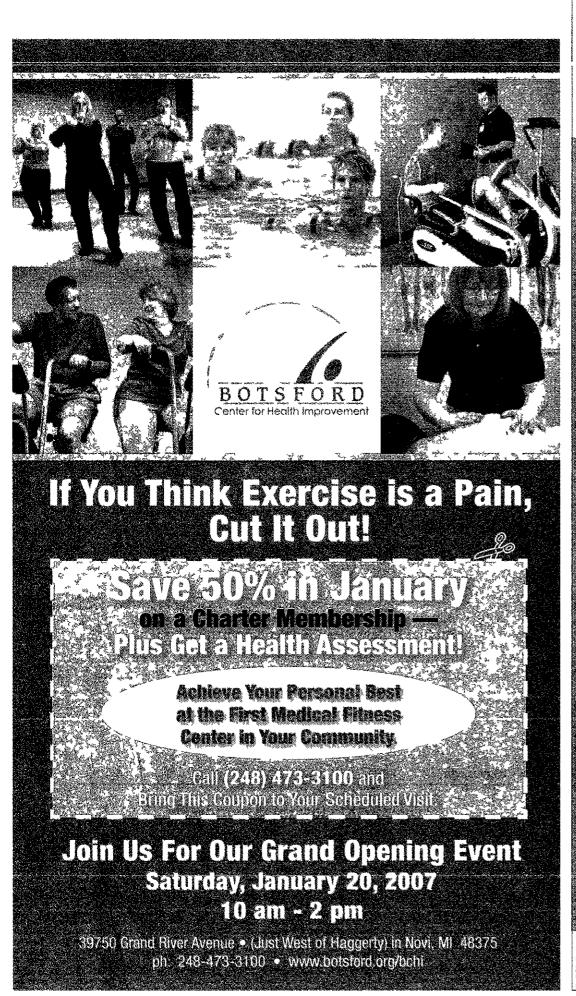
We try to get out and see what's coming out in the world, see the pulse of the auto industry so we can be current, Hough said

Croke said auto manufacturers spend from \$2-\$40 million on their exhibits for the Detroit show

'It's a very large investment because it's an international auto show and in the back yard of the Big Three, Croke said. It's extremely important from a marketing and sales standpoint for our clients.

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# **RACIAL MAKEUP**

Here's how the Plymouth-Canton school district student population looks by ethnic group

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Asian	1 218	1158	2 376
African American	691	666	1 357
Hispanic	161	223	384
White	7,805	7,568	15 373
Native Hawaiian	26	28	54

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minorities Of the 86 administrators employed by the district, there were six minorities

"We have a lot of applications for most positions, but not a lot of minorities are going into teaching at the university levels," Bihun said 'Canton has a diverse community, and we need to reflect our community By having a diversified staff we're complimenting diversity within the district We need to attract minorities to Plymouth-Canton'

That's what Joyce Johnson believes Johnson, an African-American principal at Central Middle School for more than seven years, said the district needs to make more efforts to attract a more diversified instructional and administrative staff

"I agree there aren't a lot of minority people going into the field of education at the teaching level, and I don't know why," Johnson said "But we have to go find them, and promote our district in terms of diversity so we can get them here because it's a great dis-

Johnson said she's in favor of having a diversity plan, but the fact the district is now developing one shows a glaring void

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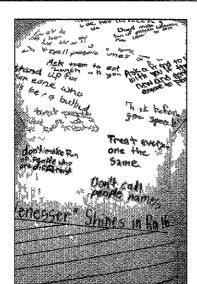
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Students at Tonda Elementary School wrote down ways they can carry on the dream of Dr Martin Luther King Jr on paper lightbulbs to shine some light on the subject

'The mere fact that we've begun working to establish a diversity task force says we're not doing enough," Johnson said

Sara Ghannam is a member of the Diversity Council at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, as well as the Middle Eastern-American Association The 17-year-old Lebanese student from Plymouth Township agrees with the idea of a diversity plan

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King, but we shouldn't do it just once a year," said Ghannam, a Canton High School senior "Here, you meet people from so many ethnicities and cultures, about where they're from and why they do certain things Many schools don't have the diversity we have'

Canton High School senior Ednan Haroon, a senior who is a member of the Muslim Student Association at the high school park, said living with diversity "is a way of life, and you shouldn't just apply it to one day'

Tonda Elementary Principal George Belvitch used his Bully Help Desk television program, which is beamed by satellite to all classrooms within the school building, for a discussion of celebrating diversity and equality for everyone, as was taught by Dr Martin Luther King

"The one thing we all have in common is our differences," Belvitch told students "You've got to be who you are

It was a lesson learned for second-grader Marissa Barman, 8, of Canton

"Everyone is the same, but ın a dıfferent way,' Marıssa said 'Its a good thing because if the world looked the same, then the world wouldn't be the same \*

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# Ford invests nearly a \$1B in local plants

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

Ford Motor Co executives, United Auto Worker representatives, government officials and several hundred Ford Livonia Transmission Plant employees gathered Tuesday morning to cheer an announcement of the investment of nearly \$1 billion ın southeast Mıchıgan Ford facilities

The company will spend \$866 million to renovate and update auto plants in Livonia. Woodhaven, Wayne, Sterling Heights and two in Dearborn The Livonia facility will receive \$88 million for expanded production of sixspeed, rear-wheel transmis-

Ford executive Vice President Mark Fields said it was truly a great day

"Today we make good on our promise to celebrate a substantial investment in six Michigan plants," he said "We're making a bold statement Michigan is our home and we're giving our plants and people the opportunity to be the best and build the best vehicles in the country'

He said the investments also show that the company is interested in focused and strategic investments — not just cost containment — by investing in new product lines

(small cars) while protecting its leadership in trucks

This could not be done without the aid of state and local government officials, who will be providing tax abatements to make the projects happen

"Ford is a major economic force in Michigan Ninety-two percent of our research and development is spent here," Fields said "We purchase \$22 billion from our Michigan partners We are proud our Michigan roots run deep and we are serious about investing in new products and our collective futures'

Gov Jennifer Granholm was expected to attend the event, but canceled due to the death of a family friend James Epolito, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp, said the governor appreciates what the investment means to the state and what it says about Ford's presence here

"When she announced the agreement in August, Gov Granholm said there was no vision of Michigan's economic future that did not include Ford cars and truck design and production," Epolito said

This company's investment of almost \$1 billion is a testament to the company's faith in Michigan"

He added that every job at a Ford plant represented three to four jobs in related busi-

Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson addressed the crowd, repeating the oft said statement of what a great day it was for the company, the state and the UAW

"We're proud that we're hearing this news in this plant that is the economic engine that drives Livonia," he said "One thing that makes this plant great is that it's a model for cooperation between plant and UAW leadership We are pleased and proud to be partners with them"

Gary Johnson is a Livonia resident and 20-year tool and die worker at the plant As a resident as well as an employ ee, he's happy about the investment

"We have good production and good innovation," he said "It's nice to see the corporation feels the same way about us'

He said even with the new investment, the future is going to be different for the industry and Ford is going to have to adapt to survive

"We need to respond to the market and give people what they want to buy, Johnson

said "We've always been optimistic, it's nice to see the com pany is taking concrete meas-

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# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

# Lawyer elected shareholder

Lawrence G Almeda, a Canton resident and attorney at the intellectual property law firm of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, has been elected a shareholder of the firm effective Jan 1 Almeda focuses his practice on patent opinions and prosecution in the medical, chemical, nanotechnology and mechanical arts His practice has an emphasis on medical devices, nanomaterials, micro- and nano-devices. petroleum and chemical processes, polymers, fuel cells, hybrid engines and polycarbonate glazing systems Almeda, who also has signifi-

cant experience in counseling clients on patent infringement and validity evaluations, is president of the Michigan Asian Pacific American Bar Association and chair of the Business Law Section of the Washtenaw County Bar Association He is an active member of the State Bar of Michigan, American Intellectual Property Law Association and the American Bar Association

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# Baracy: 2007 looks good for district

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

As New Year's resolutions go, the hope is usually for a good one, and that's just what Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy foresees in 2007

I m looking forward to a very good and prosperous 2007, he said I hope it will be good and healthy for our children and that our student achievement keeps improvıng'

Even a threatened cut in state school aid can't cast a pall on the start of the New Year in the district On Jan 30, the addition to Alumni Arena at Wayne Memorial High School will be dedicated. and in February ground will be broken for a a sımılar addı tion at John Glenn High School

The additions are being financed through the districts sinking fund, and according to Baracy, it is the students who are reaping the benefits

School officials also are deeply immersed in the restructuring to the high school curriculum to meet the new state requirements The requirements affect this years freshman class, and the district is looking at such things as a trimester system and offering Algebra I with high school credit in the eighth grade

We re really deep into research and evaluation of trimesters, Baracy said

Trimesters would provide more opportunity for students to meet the requirements and still take extracurricular class

Baracy also is pleased to see more parent participation in









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the schools and is hoping to grow' that in 2007

Its not just more parents in the PTA or PTO, its more vol unteers in the classrooms and schools, he said And its not just in the elementaries We're seeing an upswing in the middle school and high school and that's a good sign

Also on the positive list is the expansion of two media centers at two elementaries -Schweitzer and Edison — and the adoption of new mathematics and English language arts text books for the high schools and new social studies books that would cost between \$600,000 and \$800,000

But offsetting the good news in 2007 is the gloom and doom out of Lansing Word has been swirling around for months that the amount the state pays per pupil to districts could be cut because of a shortfall in the School Aid Fund

Rumored cuts have run

from none to as high as \$200 per student If it happens the lost revenue would erase gains made with the district's switch to intraschools of choice and a pılot all-day kındergarten at four schools at the elementary

Wayne-Westland has been able to deal with revenue loss by boosting attendance cutting expenses and tapping its budget surplus, but a possible proration could be the "block of coal in our stocking, Baracy

"Education funding has to stay at the rate of inflation, or its a loss, he said "If we don't get an increase, it's a loss If it's status quo, it's a cut'

The superintendent also hopes the New Year has brought a new round of getting along in the State Legislature

I hope Santa brought a renewed sense of cooperation of all parties, so they can put aside their petty bickering and

focus an the economy and jobs and the education of our vouth" he said

But the news out of Lansing isn't enough to dampen his excitement about the start of >

Despite that, we have a lot of good things going on he said We have a lot of good people working with our chil dren to help them achieve their potential

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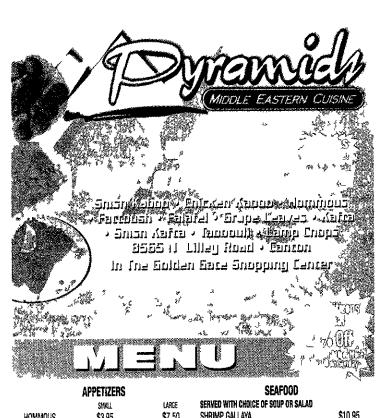
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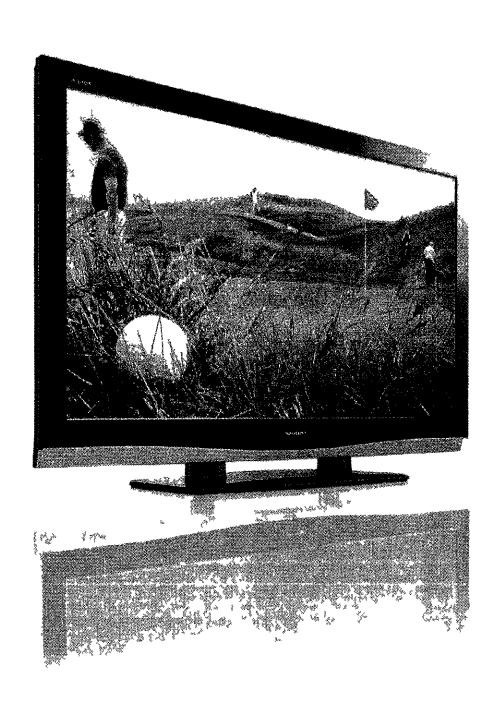
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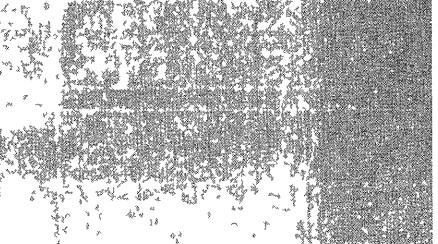


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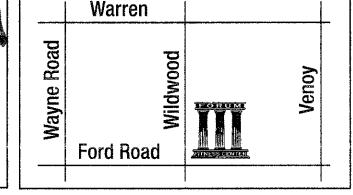
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Cecile, a Realtor, said in addition to the commercial development bringing down property values, the retention pond caused a shift in soil that has exposed buried utilitv lines and concrete footings for a steel fence

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As a response, John Weyer of Canton's Building and Inspection Services wrote that a township representative had been out to the property and hadn t observed any soil settlement He also wrote that the store's light levels were in compliance with the zoning ordinance

The proposed JCPenney is slated to be more than 100,000 square feet The township's Development Review Committee viewed preliminary site plans in late December

Jeff Goulet, Canton's community planner, said the committee had a few concerns about the proposed buffer between the store's parking lot and the backyards of the Westminister Way homes

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pened with Lowe's doesn't happen here, he said, adding that the JCPenney development is still in the preliminary stages

Until the store is built, Cecile said she'll remain skep-

They seemed honest, but saying and doing are two different things,' she said

JCPenney representatives did not return calls for this

Goulet said there's no timetable for a revised site plan to go before the township's planning commission The stores representatives

seemed receptive to the homeowner's concerns, said Dave Camp, Carriage Hills Association president 'We've elicited some guarantees," he said 'Our home-

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Vicki Gamache, manager of the new Office Depot on Michigan Avenue, welcomes guests to the store's ribbon cutting

# Office Depot opening keeps Michigan Avenue 'on fire'

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Canton's first Office Depot offered more than introductions, handshakes and photo opportunities Thursday The national retailer gave away \$1,500 in donations and 75 children's backpacks to three groups the Educational Excellence Foundation, the Huron Valley Boys and Girls Club and the Westland D A R E program

"We're here for the people," said Vicki Gamache, store manager 'Office Depot believes in putting money back into the community'

While shoppers continued to stroll through the Michigan Avenue store oblivious of the ribbon-cutting crowd near the entrance, Gamache presented over-sized \$500 checks to the three organizations

Frank Rigger of the Boys and Girls Club joked that the donation is 'already spent"

"We really appreciate this, he said 'Any money helps right now

The 20,000-square foot store opened in late December and is connected to Kroger in the Premier Center near Canton Center It's the company's 28th store in the state and features a new, open floor design where similar products are grouped together

'We couldn't be happier to be a part of the Canton community," Office Depot Regional Manager Tony Standerfer said, adding that Office Depot always gives donations to non-



Sharon Belobraidich, representing the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation, accepts a \$500 donation from Office Depot's Vicki Gamache and Tony Standerfer

profit organizations when opening a new location "We really feel the community is an intricate part of our success"

As he welcomed Office Depot to Canton, Township Supervisor Tom Yack said Michigan Avenue is "on fire" with new development and joked that the Ford Road traffic can now move

After cutting a large burgundy ribbon trimmed in gold, Gamache said the store is already a success

"We're seeing a lot of traffic," she said



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# Black gold, Texas tea tempt | Grand or grungy, movie our cash-strapped suburbs

Come and listen to a story about a man, named Jed A poor mountaineer barely kept his family fed Then one day he was shooting at some food And up through the ground came a bubblin crude Oil that is black gold Texas tea

> - Paul Hénning Beverly Hillbillies theme song

In the early 1970s, my father bought 10 acres of land near the Pigeon River up north It was a



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nice piece of land, with the promise that the surrounding property would eventually be developed into a recreation

As with many dreams and promises in the inflation-challenged 70s, the area never was developed My father's little bit of heaven remained as pristine (and unusable) as the day he bought it

But just when the vision of relaxing in the great north woods began to fade, news came that oil companies were interested in drilling in the Pigeon River area Now usually when developers sell a parcel of land, they include a little paragraph that reserves to the seller any 'mineral rights" For some reason, the lawyer wasn't on his game the day the contract was drawn with my father, who ended up owning the property and anything underneath it

Perhaps a vision of becoming an oil tycoon danced briefly in my father's mind But nothing came of that vision either

The lure of oil has now gone suburban Livonia is considering whether to let an energy company drill for oil at a site near I-275 and Haggerty Road The city hopes to make \$2 8 million in royalties over the next 20 years Neighboring property owners would make about \$31,000 over the same period

Apparently this is a trend in our ongoing attempts to become energy independent The West Bay Exploration Co out of Traverse City operates 20 oil and gas reservoirs in southeast ern Michigan Livonia will be joining Novi,

Northville and other communities as a mini-OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Expectant Communities?)

Environmentalists are expressing some concerns, but the general opinion seems to be that oil can be drilled safely, quietly and efficiently in the middle of a thriving suburban community Anyone who has been to Oklahoma City would know that many people live comfortably with oil derricks everywhere they go An oil derrick sits on the lawn in front of the state Capitol Oil pumps line the road from Oklahoma City to Tulsa It's not the prettiest sight in the world or maybe it is to the folks in Oklahoma (I understand modern drilling procedures are more aesthetically appealing)

Of course, Livonia isn't likely to create Oklahoma, Texas or OPEC-style gushers It won't challenge Iraq's oil fields (if this war ever ends) But given the city's strapped economic situation (one it shares with other Michigan cities), a mini-oil fortune would come in handy in providing for police, fire and public works

Of course, digging in the suburbs is only one of many efforts that this state and the nation need to become energy independent Oil is expensive, finite polluting It has served us well and, as someone who fires up a car every morning to drive 20 miles to work and heats with natural gas, I can't legitimately argue against our need for petroleum In fact, it's naive to think we can wean ourselves from oil anytime soon or that protecting our access to oil isn't a vital national concern

But as fine as this deal is for Livonia, we need to invest more in viable alternatives — from solar panels to biodiesel to electric cars to leg

The operative word is viable" Right now, oil is still where we get most of our energy and, apparently, the suburbs can convert their black gold into a much-needed revenue stream

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# theaters are special places

ichael Hauser, marketing manager with the Michigan Opera Theatre, is working with the newly renovated Detroit Historical Museum to stage an exhibit on area movie houses in February

It should be fascinating We tend to take theaters for granted these

days The trend in movie houses now is massive megaplexes of 15, 20 or even more screens But it wasn't always that way Once upon a time in a movie galaxy far, far away, movie theaters were structural works of art, like the Fox, the Michigan,

Palms and Adams theaters Kowalski These were palaces devot-

ed not only to the art of film making but also to the experience of seeing a movie. It would begin when you walked in the door and were overwhelmed by opulent surroundings The grand theaters truly were movie palaces

But the big downtown theaters were reserved for special occasions. More than likely you would go to the neighborhood show to see a bill of second-run features that would change twice a week

When I was a kid, we used to go the Farnum theater It was a grand place, aside from the fact that it would flood after a heavy rain so that the front half dozen rows or so resembled a swamp And the air inside never lost that musty odor we grew to

There were mounds of chewing gum stuck to the bottom of the seats

The screen was repaired with tape, and every so often the film broke - but, so what For 35 cents we got to see two movies, cartoons, coming attractions and even a news reel of some event we didn't care

Occasionally, the film would be accompanied by a live performance of some sort This could include monsters who would emerge from behind the screen when a horror film — and the Farnum showed lots and lots and lots of horror films — was shown Talking aloud to each other, to the screen and to oneself was perfectly acceptable Some people brought in baskets of food but we generally were satisfied with buying pop-

Those were the days when there was one screen to a theater, before the seats were divided into shoe box spaces with screens hardly bigger than TV sets

If you think about it, you probably have more good memories of movie theaters than just about any other single place For two hours you can escape reality into a different world often filled with things you re not likely to see outside I have wonderful memories of seeing movies with so many friends I recently lost a longtime friend who loved to go to the movies Every so often one of these movies will turn up on TV and I invariably think of her and how we saw that movie together in a theater when it first

And I still have the torn ticket stubs I ve been to the Birmingham and

Palladium theaters and I think they are terrific I like them not just because they are excellent places to see movies but also because they are about as close to being a neighborhood theater as you will find anymore They are light years ahead of what the Farnum was, but they are right in town, not surrounded by acres of parking lot spaces

They are cozy, comfortable venues, which is what a theater should be

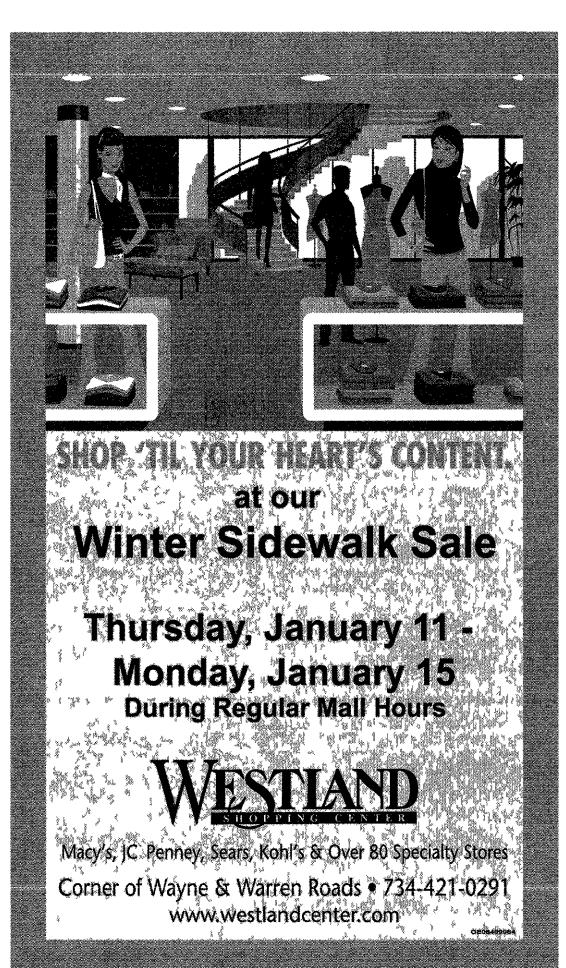
The days of the great movie palaces is pretty much over, except for a few, like the Fox, which have been preserved There are two movie theaters left in Detroit, and the last area drive-in movie, in Dearborn, is up for sale At one time there were hundreds of theaters and dozens of drive-ins

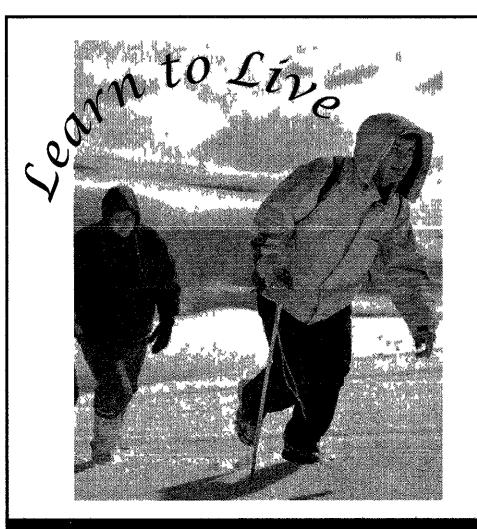
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# Finding a good adviser key to successful investing

Q. How can I find a good financial adviser?

A I gave a talk at the Southfield Public Library regarding investing last week and received this question in an e-mail from an individual who had accepted a buyout from one of the automotive companies

Finding a good financial adviser is no different than finding a good doctor or a good lawyer One of the keys, whenever you deal with a professional, is whether you can communicate with that individual You want to make sure they deal with you as an individual and that you are not intimidated by them That being said, in the financial world, not all financial advisers are professional and it is important to distinguish between the different types of advisers

Unlike doctors and lawyers, who are required to meet a minimum amount of standards in order to get licensed and who have to obey certain ethical rules, financial advisers are not bound by those same rules Unfortunately, there are very few regulations with regards to finan cial advisers and virtually anyone and everyone can call themselves a financial adviser It is important when you do decide to hire a financial adviser you hire a professional, not a mere a salesper-

When you consider hiring a financial adviser, you will notice that many advisers have Matters

Rick Bloom

numerous initials after their name, but you must be careful ın order to understand these credentials Unlike other professional credentials, in the financial world, some of the designations are issued by private organizations that have no educational or ethical standards These organizations issue designations to confuse investors In many cases, too many of the so-called financial advisers are nothing but financial salespeople and the designations after their names merely serve as a marketing gimmick rather than having a meaningful impact on your chances of financial success

When it comes to your money, if you are seeking professional assistance, the key is to get someone who puts your best interest as their No 1 objective and does not put their own interest ahead of vours

It is important to understand any conflicts of interest ın a professional relationship In the financial world, one way to determine potential conflicts of interest is to look at how a financial adviser is com pensated Basically, there are

two ways to distinguish between advisers those who are paid through commissions vs those who are compensated by fees

The majority of financial advisers are paid by commissions or a combination of commissions and fees What this means is that they receive compensation for selling you products Obviously, whenever you deal with a commissioned salesperson, there is a conflict of interest After all, they only get paid if they sell you a prod

Another potential conflict of interest with commissioned salespeople is with regards to ongoing fees Many financial products such as variable annuities pay advis ers fees on an ongoing basis Therefore you may have purchased a product such as a variable annuity where there are heavy ongoing fees and you find that you're also paying the salesperson year-byyear even though that salesperson is not providing you any ongoing service

The other way financial advisers can be compensated, and the way I believe is best, is through a fee-only arrangement A fee-only adviser charges you for their service and is not compensated by the buying or selling of products For these types of advisers, since their sole compensation comes directly from their clients and not from the prod-

uct, the traditional conflicts that exist with commissioned salespeople do not enter into

I believe strongly in the importance of independent advice, free of conflicts of ommend you steer clear of commissioned salespeople

east Michigan, buyouts offered by the auto industry to better ones financial future If you intend on dealing with a commissioned salesperson, which I recommend against, you must do vour future and the nest egg you've accumulated over many years of hard work ed, ask questions and always costs of an investment, holding

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee only financial adviser For more information visit his Web site at www bloomassetman agement com You can hear him live from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK AM (1400) If you have a ques tion you would like answered in Sunday's O&E e mail Rick Bloom at

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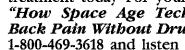
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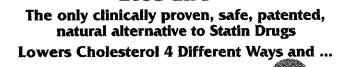




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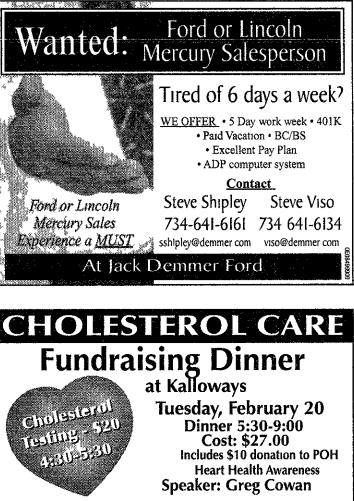
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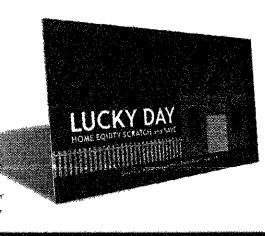
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# Plymouth football coach Blaylock resigns

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Jay Blaylock, who guided the Plymouth High School football program from the ground floor all the way to the Division 1 state playoffs during his five years at the helm, resigned Monday afternoon

"I've always felt that if the situation didn't feel right, it would be time for me to move on," said Blaylock, discussing his resignation "There's not

one thing I can put my finger on that led to my decision I've coached football for 17 years now, which means I ve put it above just about everything else for 17 years I never want to be in a position where I linger around a year or two longer than I should As far as possibly coaching again, I'm going to take one year off, then see how I feel after that

"Coaching at the high school level is a year-round commitment now Being a head coach is a 24/7 year-round commitment I thoroughly enjoyed the

experience here, but it's time to take

some time off from it'

The former Salem gridiron and track standout was hired by Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk in May of 2002, approximately three months before the new school opened In three varsity seasons (2004-06), the Wildcats compiled a 13-16 record under Blaylock, including a 7-3 mark in the teams playoff season of 2005

PLEASE SEE BLAYLOCK, B2



Plymouth football coach Jay Blaylock resigned Monday after guiding the Wildcats to a 13-16 record in three varsity seasons. The apex of Blaylock's fiveyear tenure came in 2005 when Plymouth qualified for the Division 1 state playoffs in its first season with seniors

# Salem hands Northville a

STAFF WRITER

Salem's basketball team sent shockwaves — or, better yet, Rockwaves — through the Western Lakes Activities Association Friday night when it handed defending champion Northville a 66-57 setback in the Rocks' gym-

The loss was the Mustangs' first regular-season setback since the 2004-05 season. Northville's only loss last year came in the opening round of the Class A District tournament when it was upended by Novi Catholic Central.

Salem improved to 3-4 overall and, more importantly,

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against Livonia Stevenson

'The key tonight was our defensive intensity,' said wire tonight. To do that against a team like Northville you

Its been a roller coaster ride for us this season, but tonight everybody played well. Anthony Mullins did a great defensive job on (Northville's leading scorer) Alvin Storrs He got his points, but Anthony made him work

The Rocks' potent junior forward combination of Ross Davis and Grant Stone paced the win, as they scored 22 and 16 points, respectively Davis also yanked down a season high 12 rebounds. Mullins contributed at the offer

netted 14 Salem led 12-8 after one quarter and 35-22 at the half The Rocks carried a 44-31 lead into the final eight minutes and didn't let the Mustangs get closer than eight points down the stretch

was stopped," Brodie said, describing the high-scoring fourth quarter during which the teams combined for 48 points "We just had to put our finger in the dike and hold

# rare setback

seized some much-needed confidence and momentum headıng ınto Tuesday's Lakes Division opener at home

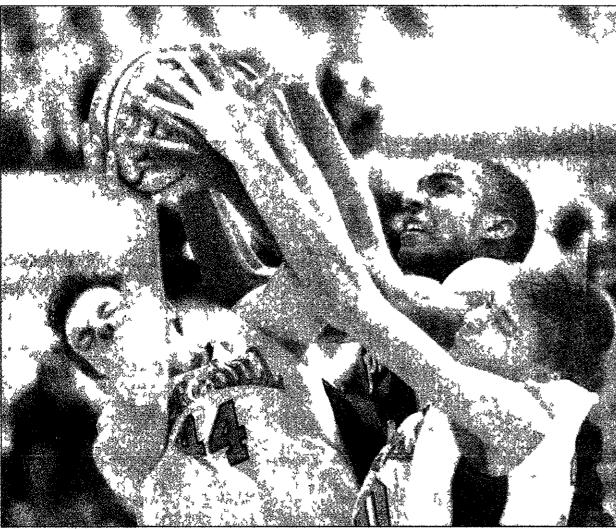
Salem coach Bob Brodie "We led pretty much wire-tohave to play good defense

sive end, too, pouring in 10 Storrs led the 6-1 Mustangs with 22 Dan Kirkpatrick

"There was a lot of fouling and scoring while the clock

Salem hit 19-of-29 free throws Northville buried 16of-22 attempts from the charity stripe

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Plymouth's Austin Barnett battles for a rebound with Churchill's Ryan Rosenick (left) and Nicholas Seger during Friday night's WLAA cross-over game at Churchill Rosenick netted 24 points and 16 rebounds in the Chargers 48 46 victory

# t to the Tinish

Churchill holds off Wildcats with late surge

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

After a thorny start, Livonia Churchill's basketball team came out smelling like a "Rose"nick Friday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game against visiting Plymouth

Led by the blue-collar effort of junior forward Ryan Rosenick, the Chargers outlasted the Wildcats, 48-46, in a tensionpacked contest that wasn't decid-

ed until the final minute Rosenick, who finished with 24 points and 16 rebounds, notched a double-double - 14 points and

10 boards - in the first half alone

Churchill senior Brad Evans came up big at crunchtime for the winners, converting a driving layup with 1 30 to play to break a 44-all tie The 6-foot-3 senior

PLEASE SEE HOOPS, B3

# Sestito is big reason for Whalers' success

Sagmaw, Sestito, who was

Whalers subdue Spirit Page B2

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Whalers forward Tom Sestito has the body of a basketball player, the toughness of a Marine and the right hook of a Golden Gloves boxer

Most importantly, the 6-foot-5 native of Rome, NY possesses the hockey skills that have lit up the Ontario Hockey League this season and promise to do the same in the National Hockey League in the not-too-distant future

Heading into Friday night's game at



drafted by Columbus in the third round of the 2006 NHL Draft, had compiled a team-leading 23 goals to go along with 13 assists While the numbers are impressive, they don t

scratch the surface of what he's provided to the West Division-leading Whalers

"Tom broke into the league as a tough guy who didn't mind fighting, but now because of the hard work he's put in during the summers, he's still a tough guy, but hes our leading goal scorer too," said Whalers President,

General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci "He not only scores, but he's our top penalty killer, he blocks shots, he does it all His physical presence creates room for him and for his teammates"

# 2 GAMES, 6 GOALS

The unquestionable highlight of Sestito's third season in Plymouth unfolded on Dec 7 and 8 when he registered a feat that even the Gretzkys and Lemieuxs of the world would be envious of - back-to-back hat tricks in victories over London and



Plymouth forward Tom Sestito has been an integral reason why the Whalers have surged into first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division The 6-foot-5 Columbus Bluejackets' draftee entered the PLEASE SEE SESTITO, B2 weekend with a team-high 23 goals

# **Prep figure** skating

Several area teams will compete in the Michigan High School Figure Skating Competition from 4-8 pm Monday at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena

Among the teams scheduled to compete include Livonia Ladywood, Farmington Hills Mercy, Plymouth-Canton, Northville, Milford, Lakeland Walled Lake, Ann Arbor Huronand Novi

# Samarco saluted

Bowling Green State University senior guard Martin Samarco (Belleville/Schoolcraft College) was named Mid-American Conference East Player of the Week after scoring a careerhigh 43 points in the Falcons' 74-73 homecourt win Sunday over , the University of Buffalo

The 6-foot-2 Samarco who hit the game-winning three-pointer with \$ two seconds remaining, connected on 16-of-24 shots from the floor, including 7-of-12 from three-point range He is averaging 22 4

points and 41 rebounds per game for the Falcons  $(10 \ 4, 1 \ 0)$ 

# Free-throw contest

Boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 are invited to participate in . the local level of competition for the 2007 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

The local competition will be held Sunday, Jan. 21, at 1 30 p m , at St Thomas a'Becket Church, which is located at 555 S Lilley Road in Canton

The championship is 🤳 sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions Last year nearly 179,000 youngsters participated in more than 3,000 local

competitions Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent

For entry forms or additional information, contact Lou Brotchner, at (734) 453-7684

Pre-registration will be available at St Thomas a'Becket after all weekend masses up until Jan 21



# Newcomers contribute in Whalers' win

The Plymouth Whalers received two goals each from Jared Boll and Andrew Fournier and single goals from veteran Evan Brophey and newcomers Sean O Connor and Daniel Ryder in a 7-2 vic tory over the Sagmaw Spirit in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 4,105 at the Dow Event

The Whalers remained in first place in the OHL West Division with a 27-11-1-2 record (57 points) Plymouth was tied with Sarnia (26-11 2-3), which defeated Guelph, 2-1, in overtime on Friday

Sagmaw dropped to 25-14-0-2, five points behind the Whalers and Sting

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Although Boll and Fournier were the game's first and second stars, respectively, Plymouth received instant dividends from its OHL trade deadline deals earlier in the week. O Connor — a native of Brownstown Township scored in the first period to extend the Whalers lead to 2-O He later added an assist and a fight to complete the "Gordie Howe hat trick (goal, assist and fight)

Ryder, who was acquired from Peterborough on

Wednesday, assisted on O'Connor's first-period goal and scored in the second to put Plymouth ahead, 6-1

Newly acquired Steven Whitely — who came over from Belleville on Tuesday added an assist and played a steady game on defense with blue-line partner Ryan McGinnis

Plymouth led 2-1 after one period and 6-1 after two The Whalers will host

Saginaw on Monday at 2 p m at the Compuware Sports Arena. Tickets are available by calling (734) 453-8400 or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com

FROM PAGE B1

"I've seen that a few times before, but that was great coming from Tom," said Vellucci, referring to Sestitos six-goal weekend The best thing about it was that he had short-handed goals, power-play goals and even-strength goals Hes proven that he can excel in all kinds of situations, which is why I think hes going to be a solid NHL player some day

Once he gets stronger, with his size and as smart as he is, Tom has the skills to play at the next level for a long time He may start out as a fourth-line player, but by the second or third year in the league, I think he ll be a top-line guy

Sestitos advanced skills were honed on the rinks of Upstate New York, where he followed the path of his older brother, Tim, a former Whaler who now plays professionally on the East Coast

We got to play together my first year with the Whalers, so that was nice,' said Tom Sestito 'He's three years older than me, so we had never played on the same team before He gave me a lot of advice and told me what I needed to do to be successful at this level

Sestato's hockey stock rose dramatically six years ago along with his height

During one year of Pee-Wees -I think I was 13 or 14 - I grew four inches,' said Sestito 'I went from being a short, speedy guy to a tough

Sestito said the tough-guy image he developed during his early days with the Whalers combined with his lanky frame give him a definite

advantage on the ice "The first couple of years I was in the league, other players would test me and they'd want to fight me,' he said "But now they don't bother me any more A lot of them steer clear of me now, which allows me to get

some space on the ice I don't get a lot of satisfaction out of getting in fights, but I know it's something I have to do"

What does Sestito enjoy more scoring a big goal or applying a bone-jarring check?

'Actually, I like penalty-killing more than anything, he said. 'I take a lot of pride in that and so does everybody else on our team."



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# **BLAYLOCK**

FROM PAGE B1

Plymouth was narrowly defeated by Detroit Cody in the first round of the post-season that year

Jay did an awesome job during his time as head coach, said Sawchuk "He put in hours, upon hours, upon hours in order to build a strong program

This past season, the Wildcats were hampered by injuries to key players, including starting quarterback Matt Barrera who was lost for the remainder of the season in the third game, and disciplinary suspensions that sidelined three defensive starters during the heart of the teams sched-

The hardest part about this was having to tell my players I was leaving, said Blaylock, who teaches math and science at Plymouth "It's a great group of kids and I'm going to miss working with them They really busted their tails to become better football play-

"T had a phenomenal boostr club and a great group of parents who supported me, too, over the past five years I can t thank them enough

Blaylock and his wife Nancy, are expecting their first child in April Nancy Blaylock a former collegiate volleyball player at the University of Dayton is the freshmen girls basketball coach at Plymouth and a teacher in the Plymouth Canton Community School District

That played a small part in my decision,' Blaylock said of his impending fatherhood But it wasn't the main reason My wife is going to continue to coach basketball

Blaylock said he takes great pride in leading the first class of Plymouth football players to the playoffs

What an amazing group of kids that was, Blaylock said, reflecting back on his initial squad of freshmen Overall, there wasn t a lot of speed, there wasn t a lot of size and, as a group, they weren't real athletic, but through hard work and commitment, they made it to the playoffs four years later

'We had kids like Josh Le Duc, who came in as a 147pound freshman and graduated four years later with a Division 1 scholarship to

Prior to taking over the reins at Plymouth, Blaylock served 12 years as a member of Salem's football coaching

'Ideally, I d like to see one of the members of my staff get the job," said Blaylock

# **Patriots subdue Chief icers**

Dave Muller tallied a goal and two assists to lead Livonia Franklin to a 4-1 victory over Canton in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division showdown played Friday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

The triumph propelled the Patriots record to 3-9 overall and 1-1 in the division The Chiefs slipped to 3-9-1

The shots were pretty even, but their goalie (Austin Mesler) played well," said Canton coach Dan Abraham "They scored twice in the first period and he preserved the lead after that

Franklins Jordan Short broke the scoring ice less than five minutes into the first period when he scored a goal off assists from Tyler Barnes and Muller' Muller then took a pass from Barnes and beat Canton goalie Kevan Swanburg late in the first period to extend the visitors' lead to 2-0 Derrick Cripe put the win on

ice early in the third stanza when his shot from Franklin's blue line eluded Swanburg to make it 3-0 A few minutes later Jordan Chisholm tacked on an insurance goal to make it 4-0 Canton's lone net-finder came

with five minutes left when Justin Ward scored off assists from Clark Albers and JP LaFontaine Mesler made 21 saves, while

Swanburg finished with 20 for the Chiefs

Austin played a great game," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said

"The first period was the best hockey we've played all season We had excellent positioning, we back-checked and even scored a power-play goal 'But in the second period we

lost it. We took eight penalties, 12 for the game, which is unaccept-

STEVENSON 7, SALEM 1: Livonia Stevenson continued sailing along Friday with a lopsided Western Lakes Activities Association-Lakes Division boys hockey victory over visiting Salem at Edgar Arena.

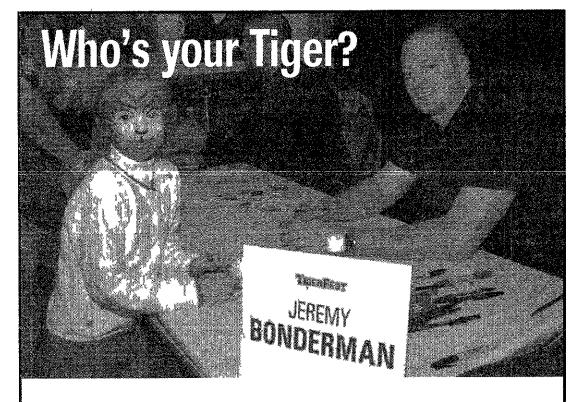
The Spartans, ranked 10th in Division I in the latest statewide coaches poll, improved to 11-1-1 overall and 3-0 in the Lakes Salem falls to 5-5-1 and 0-2

Marcus Voran had a pair of goals and one assist to lead Stevenson, which led 1-0 after one period and 4-1 after two periods Mike Jahn chipped in with two goals as well, while senior TJ Gosseline finished with one goal and two assists Joe Byrne collected his first

career goal with an assist Mike Gibbons also scored for Stevenson, which outshot Salem, 29-18 Other assists went to Dan Darrow and Mark Bekkala, two each, Steve Soave, Sean Lerg and John Vella. Salem's Nick Gennety scored at

6 40 of the second period from Adam Hammell to make it 3-1

Mike Zynda, who made 16 saves, was in goal for the Spartans Ralph Aspenwall made 22 stops for Salem



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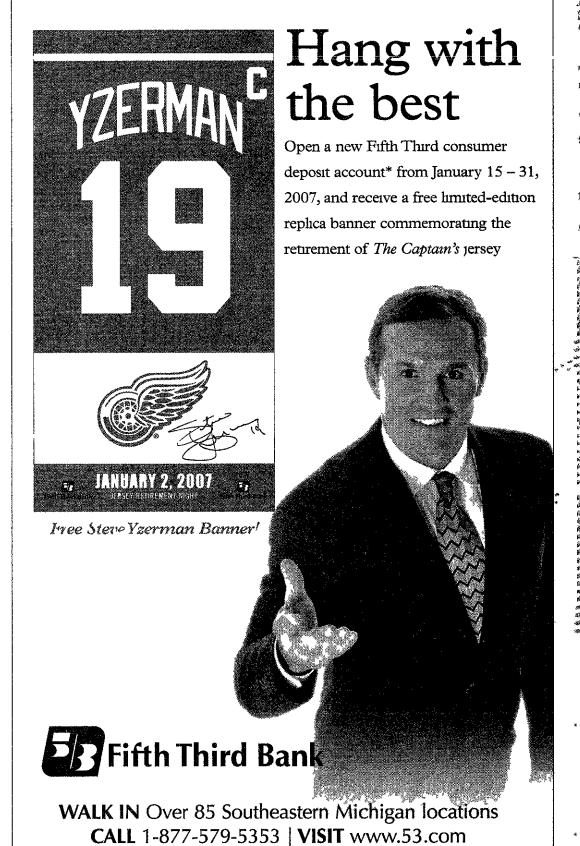
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# Canton cagers tame Spartans

In a Western Lakes crossover Friday night at Livonia Stevenson, visiting Canton pulled away in the final quarter to win its third straight, 51-29

The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 3-4 Stevenson stumbled to 1-6

'Luke Knochel, their best shooter, got in foul trouble early which helped us,' said Canton coach Charlie Paye 'Josh Butler played well defensively and Ryan Waidmann was solid at the offensive end

"It was a pretty balanced game for us and a lot of kids got to play"

Waidmann, a 6-foot-7 senior center, led Canton with 11 points Senior Steve Paye and junior Neil Sharma added 10

Knochel, was held to seven points He fouled out with six minutes to go in the game

The Spartans trailed 23-11 at halftime before cutting it to six PREP HOOPS

in the second half before the Chiefs pulled away with a 20-8 fourth-quarter run

Canton made 20-of-27 free throws on the night compared with Stevenson's 2-of-7

'We got muscled around a little bit," Stevenson first-year coach Brad Miller said "They (Canton) have two very good post players (Waidmann and Paye) and they know what to do inside We struggled guarding people in the post"

CÂNTÔN AGAPE 65, DETROIT URBAN LUTHERAN 46. On Friday in Detroit, the Wolverines turned in what coach Keith Anleitner said was "our best game of the season' as they outplayed the much-taller Vikings, whose front-court measures 6-7, 6-3 and 6-4, according to Anleitner

The victory improved

Agape's record to 3-3 Urban Lutheran dropped to 4.6

Everybody played great tonight — it was a great team win, said Anleitner "Everybody contributed I'm

very proud of the way we competed tonight

Agape led 18-12 after one quarter, 31-27 at the half and 46-36 with eight minutes left Tyler Majeski led all scorers with 23 Other key contributors were Jack Anleitner (14 points and nine assists), Terrell Pierce (nine points) and Mark Mullett (eight points)

Raymond Hudson led the Vikings with 14 Jordan Johnson added 12

The Wolverines connected on 14-of-22 free throws Urban Lutheran struggled from the line, canning just 7-of-18

Four Agape players ripped down four boards a piece Pierce, Showla Olojo, Jared Miller and Anleitner

"This was by far our best game this season," Anleitner said "We're really starting to jell

B'HAM ROEPER 32, PCA 30 On Friday at Plymouth Christian Academy, the Eagles made just 10-of-47 field goals (21 2 percent) in the disappointing loss to Roeper

'We got some good looks, we just couldn't get the ball to fall," said PCA coach Dave Yost Trevor Zinn led the Eagles

with 11 points Ryan Zinser paced the winners with 16 PCA sank 9-of-10 free throws Roeper drained 3-of-6

from the stripe Roeper led 10-4 after one quarter before PCA stormed back to knot the game 12-all at the break Roeper took a 22-20 lead into the final eight min-

'Any time you hold the other team to 32 points, you should win,' Yost lamented

# THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL** Tuesday, Jan 16 Canton at Plymouth 7 p m Livonia Stevenson at Salem 7 p m Macomb Christian at Agape at G C United Christian 7 p m PCA at Oakland Christian 7 p m Friday Jan 19

Plymouth at W.L. Western 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial 7 p m W L Central at Salem 7 p m Franklin Rd at Agape at GC United Christian 7 p m Parkway at PCA at EMU Convocation Center 8 p m PREP VOLLEYBALL

Monday Jan 15 Salem at Plymouth 7 p m Tuesday, Jan 16 Agape at Macomb 730 p m Wednesday, Jan 17 Canton at Plymouth 7 p m Livonia Stevenson at Salem 7 p m

Agape at Baptist Park 6 p m Friday, Jan 19 Roeper at PCA at EMU Convocation Center 6 p m Saturday, Jan 20 Plymouth at Madonna Tourney 8 30 a m Salem at Novi Invitational 9 a m
PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Jan 18

Tuesday, Jan 16 W L Northern at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center 7 30 p m Wednesday, Jan 17 Plymouth at Livonia Franklin at Eddie Edgar Arena 6 p m

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Thursday Jan. 18 Plymouth at Northville 6 p m Livonia Franklın at Canton 630 p m Salem at W L Northern 6 30 p m Saturday Jan 20

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Tuesday, Jan. 16 John Glenn at Plymouth at Canton H S pool 7 p m Northville at Salem 7 p m Thursday, Jan 18 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth at Canton H S pool 7 p m Salem at John Glenn 7 p m Saturday, Jan. 20 Plymouth at Tecumseh TBA GIRLS GYMNASTICS Monday, Jan 15 Plymouth at Dearborn Edsel Ford 7 p m

Brighton Howell at Salem at Plymouth H S 7 p m Tuesday, Jan 16 Northville at Canton at Plymouth HS 7 pm Wednedsay, Jan 17

Livonia Red/Blue at Plymouth 7 p m Saturday, Jan. 20 Canton Salem at Farmington invitational at Maxfield Training Center 9 a m **MEN S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** 

Wednesday, Jan 17 Cornerstone at Madonna 730 p m Oakland CC at Schoolcraft 7 30 p m Saturday, Jan 20 Schoolcraft at St Clair CC 3 p m WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Jan 17

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at Compuware Arena 2 p m Friday, Jan 19 Whalers at Sault Ste Marie 7 30 p m Saturday, Jan 20 Whalers vs Sarnia Sting **MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE** Sunday Jan 14 Ignition at Milwaukee Wave 7 35 p m Friday Jan 19

ignition vs California Cougars at Compuware Arena 735 p m Saturday, Jan 20 Ignition at Philadelphia KiXX 7 05 p m

TBA - time to be announced

# **HOOPS**

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then iced the victory with a pair of free throws with 27 2 seconds left to make it 48-44

Plymouth's Mike Hanchett deposited a layup with 11 4 seconds remaining to cut the Wildcats' deficit to 48-46, however, Plymouth was unable to get off a shot after regaining possession of the ball with 1 8 seconds to go

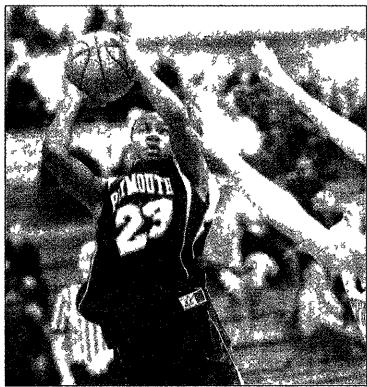
The victory improved the Chargers to 4-3 overall and doubled their win total from a year ago Plymouth slipped to 3-4

"I was disappointed in the way we played in the first quarter - their guards were playing well and we just weren't getting it done," said Churchill coach Jim Solak But we locked them down in the second half and our perimeter defense was much

"The bottom line is we hung around and hung around and took every punch they threw at us When it came to push and shove in the fourth quarter, we got it done, whether it was knocking down big free throws or getting a guard penetration I'm proud of how the guys

finished it out tonight' The Chargers attacked th basket more than the Wildcats, which was reflected in their lopsided victory -24-4 — in the "free throws attempted" category

"Churchill going to the line that much made a big difference tonight,' said Plymouth co-coach Tom Van Wagoner "But give them credit — they took advantage of what was given to them We have to play better positional



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Plymouth's Myron Puryear fires in two of his team-high 20 points during Friday night's 48 46 setback at Livonia Churchill

defense"

They worked harder than us getting to loose balls, which is why they got so many second and third opportunities to score,' added Plymouth co-coach Jason Maschke

Solak couldn't think of enough positive things to say about the play of Rosenick, whose all-out effort seemed to rub off on his teammates

'Ryan is a throwback kid who does all the little things ıt takes to wın,' saıd Solak "Everything he does, he does with a purpose — from rebounding to putting his jersey on before the game He doesn't have any fancy basketball moves, but he does everything hard and with

maximum effort

Evans finished with nine points and five rebounds for the winners, who also received an inspired, 32minute effort from junior guard Ryan Whittum (four points and three steals)

Only five players — all jun scored for Plymouth

which was led by Myron Puryears 20 and Brandon Roberts 16 Hanchett and 6-7 center Jake Hager each netted four points Austin Barnett didn t score for the Cats, but he did chip in with a team-high five rebounds and three blocked shots

Led by the potent backcourt duo of Puryear and Roberts, the Wildcats bolted to a 17-13 lead after one quarter and a 29-25 halftime

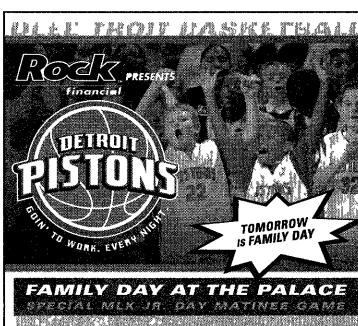
Plymouth upped its lead to 42 36 on an inside bucket from Hager 10 seconds into the fourth quarter However, Churchill responded with an 8-0 run that was capped by Rosenick's back-door layup with 3 35 left

A steal and layup from Roberts at the 2-minute mark knotted the score at 44all, but Evans scored the eventual game-winner when he penetrated through the heart of the Wildcats defense with 90 seconds to play

Both team shot 75 percent from the free-throw line Plymouth was 3-for-4, the Chargers 18-for-24

Churchill made 15-of-39 field goals (38 4 percent) while the Wildcats connected on 20-of-48 (416)

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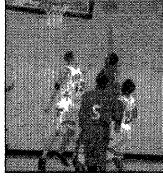
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# Rocks serve up 3-game sweep to Chiefs

STAFF WRITER

Salem's volleyball team served another dose of dominance at Canton Wednesday night and following a trend that's been established over the past decade - the Chiefs had a difficult time returning it

Despite playing most of the match without hard-hitting, allaround star Teresa Coppiellie, the Rocks rolled to a three game sweep in their own gym 25-18, 25-15 and 25 15

The victory improved coach Amanda Suder's Rocks to 7-0-1 overall and 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Canton slipped to 3-7-6 and 0 2, respectively

I thought our serving is what kept us in the game, said Suder 'We only had two service errors, which is phenomenal over three games There weren't a lot of big kills tonight because our serving took Canton out of its game

The Rocks' most impressive server was sophomore Alıcıa Goodes, who overhanded her way to 23 service points, three of which were aces Her string of nine straight service points all but clinched the Rocks game 3 victo-

As far as confidence goes, Canton coach Jen Barnes said her team was behind the eight ball before the first serve was even unleashed Wednesday night thanks in large part to the Rocks decade-long dominance over the

Salem has always had a very good team and a very good pro gram, and the fact that they've always beaten us in the sport of volleyball is in the back of our girls minds the second they step on the court, said Barnes What it comes down to is that we have to forget about whos on the other side of the court and just play our

It seems like every time we see those blue-and-white uniforms on the other side of the court, we lose some of our aggressiveness We finally started playing better in the third game tonight, but we didn't hang onto it Once we made a few errors we came down and couldn't get back up to the level that we were playing at

Coppiellie, the Rocks all conference performer who has been nursing a sore back, sat out all

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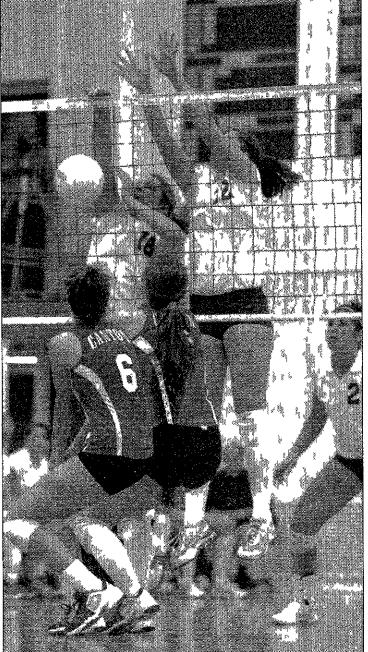
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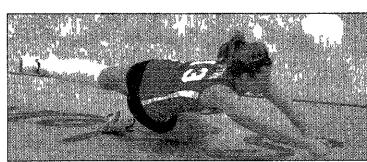
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Canton's Steve Cox, pictured above in a match earlier this season, registered an 11-4 major decision victory over Walled Lake Western's Nick Zilan Thursday night in a 125 pound match



Canton's Rachel Kain goes horizontal for a dig during Wednesday night's cross-campus match against Salem

said Suder "She pounded the ball a couple times when she was out there, so she's ready to go "Without Teresa in there, we were able to mix up our line-up a lot and try some different combinations The girls adjusted well"

game

Salem senior Lauren Kurtz had her usual strong outing as she racked up 14 kills and seven blocks Courtney Seiler, the Rocks' libero, notched 24 digs and two service aces without committing a single serve-receive

but a portion of the opening

"Teresa's ready to go, but I want to work her back in slowly,

Setter Jansan Falcuson did it all for the winners, netting 28 assists, three kills, two aces and five blocks

And Nikki Mersch didn't have a lot of stats, but I thought she played extremely well tonight, Suder noted

Canton was led by Lauren McPartlin (five kills), Jordan Kielty (10 digs) and Kacy Moran (10 digs and 17 assists)

The Chiefs trailed just 18-15two-thirds of the way through the opening game thanks to a Marie Martin block. However, Salem took charge in the latter stages behind the serving of Goodes and solid front row play from Kurtz and Katrına Cope

Game two was close, too, midway through until Mersch strung together five straight service points to turn an 11-8 lead into a 16 8 advantage Falcuson closed out the 25-15 win with a sinking, hne-drive serve that gave the Chiefs fits

The third game was knotted at 13-all until Goodes reeled off nine straight service points to put the victory on ice

PLYMOUTH 3, W.L. CENTRAL O The Wildcats swept the Vikings in both teams WLAA opener, 25-20, 25-23 and 25-21

Chelsey Quinlan (eight kills, eight digs), Rachel Heaton (six kills, 11 digs) and Brittany Hengesh (seven kills, six blocks) led the way

# Deep Canton gymnasts too much for Wildcats

Everybody got into the action during the Canton's gymnastics team's 140 20-115 90 victory over Plymouth Thursday night in a meet held at Plymouth High School

We had 26 different girls compete tonight, which was nice," said Canton coach John Cunningham, whose team improved to 5-1 The other night after we lost to Troy Athens by 25 points, one of the judges suggested that we should change our routines up a little big, so we tried some new tricks and we juggled the line-up around so that more girls could compete in front of the home fans

Senior captain Alyssa Kelley shined for the Chiefs, taking three firsts (vault, uneven bars and floor) and Jessie Murray, who won the beam and took second in the vault.

Plymouth's top performer was Kasey Zebarı, who tied for third

m the vault with an 8 25 CANTON 140.20 PLYMOUTH 115 90

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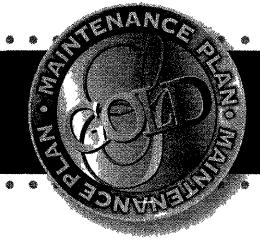
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# **Tending** to business in new year

Brad Kadrich editor (734) 459 2700 bkadrich@hometownlife.com

new year has arrived and presented us with all the hope and promise associated

Well, some of us may have a positive outlook about the new year but many Americans only wonder how they will drudge through one more year

But this year does not have to be a total disappointment on the page of disappointed



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years past There is hope and this year I want to offer up some tips that may provide bosses and business owners with a way to affect their bottom line and even give their employees a bonus when all is said and done

Its been no great secret that our Michigan economy has left many of us a little bewildered with layoffs and cutbacks in almost every

industry from auto to medical Also, many jobs have left our great state, leaving many of us workers scrambling hopelessly

However even in the midst of this bleak picture some businesses are doing more than surviving They are thriving and the people that are working for them are reaping the benefits

I want to take a page from one new business that graced our area with its presence last year IKEA At the top of the page for IKEA is People First Now, taking care of your workers and putting their needs first may sound old-fashioned and trite, but throughout history businesses that made it their business to do right by their workers have enjoyed great success, and IKEA has a

# Things such as unfair practices, office politics, secret keeping and favoritism, just to name a few, can cost business greatly, even though they have been a part of doing business for years.

glowing reputation in that department

However according to the Conference Board, a research group responsible for and best known for the Consumer Confidence Index and the Leading Economic Indicators American workers in many jobs don t feel like they come first or are even cared about

Throughout my work history, I have noticed many business practices that were quick killers of employee morale and which have sent companies on a downward spiral Things such as unfair practices, office politics, secret keeping and favoritism, just to name a few, can cost business greatly, even though they have been a part of doing busi ness for years

This year, however a new leaf is in order I have a challenge for the bosses, business owners and managers out there If your past history has been that of not being totally open with your employees, try turning that around and start sharing needed and necessary information This will cut down on the gossip mill running rampant throughout your business

Bosses, if you find yourself in a situation where you have to make a decision about a promotion, instead of feeling indebted to the guy that never makes it to work on time and you find him sleeping in the rest room but he is your best golf buddy, consider the dependable hard worker instead You ll never know just how much a small change can make a big difference

Managers, the next time you feel compelled to scold one of your employees for talking within a group — especially when you have just spent the last hour chatting it up about last night's Survivor episode consider the fact the gathering you have just busted up may have been discussing the next big idea that could save the company mil-

hons Bottom line, in business there are many factors that affect the bottom line, not just the dollar Understanding and incorporating all the aspects of business takes time, takes work and takes diligence I have come across many business owners who have told me that good advice does no one any good if it's not heeded So in this new year, let's heed some good advice let's accept some new challenges and lets do our best to do right by all and maybe next year tending to business will be just a little easier

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# logs strut their stuff

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Brianne Cook (right) and her mother liene have entered their Golden Retriever. Asoro's Little Orphan Annie in the Mid Winter UKC Classic Dog Show. The Livonia

# Midwinter dog show focuses on diversity, fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

SHOW 2

Visitors to the UKC Midwinter Classic Dog Show are in for a real treat Jan 19-21 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi From 10 am to 5 pm Friday Sunday, more than 800 dogs will be strutting their stuff in the ring competing in agility trials terrier racing and flyball, and dancing with their owners during a benched show presented by the United Kennel Club (UKC)

Unlike the American Kennel Club shows at Cobo Hall which require professionals to handle dogs, UKC encourages owners

to develop a relationship with their furry family member through training then compete in a variety of categories and events Established in 1898, the UKC is the largest all breed performance dog reg istry in the world with dogs registered in 50 states and 25

countries Tickets are \$25 per family, \$10 adults, \$7 seniors over age 64 and children age 11 and under For a discount coupon, visit www.ukcdogs.com.and click on midwinter show For more information, call (269) 343 9020

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Joyce Finney is bringing her eight-month old black and white Shih Tzu to the UKC show The Plymouth woman has been breeding and showing the dogs 32 years

# Handbag auction raises money for St. Mary Mercy

Can a woman ever have too many handbags? The organizers of Purse Power hope not

Purse Power Handbags with Heart" aims to bring together a collection of more than 75 purses

for a creative charity auction event The purses from formal evening bags to handcrafted totes, will be put up for bid 6-10 p m Thursday, Feb 8,

at Laurel Manor in Livonia, to benefit St Mary Mercy Hospital Style icon Stacy London, host of

'What Not To Wear" and a fashion correspondent for Oprah, Access Hollywood and Today, has donated a bag by Noir, with a metal panther detail and a double chain strap

Its VERY 70s, the fashion

expert said Lisa Marie host and creator of MetroChick radio which airs 8 9 a m Wednesdays on 690 AM, has donated a navv alligator Judith Leiber purse with gold accents She said she was excited to be asked to participate in the auction

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"I'm all about supporting nonprofit organizations and raising money for great causes," Lisa Marie said 'Its a very fun, neat concept and I think it's going to be very successful I ve heard about these handbag auctions in other places but never around here

All Purse Power sponsorships tickets sales and auction proceeds will benefit cancer and cardiovas cular services at St Mary Mercy

The Livonia hospital is currently constructing a new Heart and

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A cash bar will feature special martinis created for the Purse Power auction

Presented by St Mary Mercy Hospital, Purse Powers presenting sponsors include the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Street Marketing, Magic 105 1, Laurel Manor and Sara Lee

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For more information on the event, visit

www.hometownlife.com and click on 'Purse Power," and read more about the event online and in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

For information about the hospitals new facilities, or to make a direct donation, contact the St Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation, (734) 655-2980 or visit www.stmarymercy.org

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The Northville Parks and Recreation Department hosts the Princess Ball 3 5 pm or 68 pm Saturday Feb 24 for girls ages 3 and older and their dads The event takes place at the Recreation Center at Hillside 700 W Baseline in Northville Register by going to the parks and recreation office 700 W Baseline Cost is \$10 and each little princess gets a gift bag cookies and crafts For more information call Cheryl Mudd (248) 349 0203 Ext 1411 **Waste to Watts** 

The Ann Arbor Hands on Museum has

extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popu lar demand Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technolo gy can turn our trash into electricity Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom Michigan this one of a kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source ultimate ly reducing our dependency on other fuels Hours are 10 a m to 5 p m Monday Saturday noon to 5 p m Sunday For information visit www aahom org or call (734) 995 5439

Candyland Extravaganza The Northville Parks and Recreation Department hosts the Candyland Extravaganza 14 pm Saturday Jan 27 for children 3 to 8 years old The event takes place at the Northville Senior Community Center 303 W Main in Northville. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the recreation depart ment office 700 W Baseline For more information call the parks and recre

ation department (248) 349 0203

### VNA seeks volunteers

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's hospice program needs compassionate volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life in Wayne Oakland and Macomb counties in as little as two to four hours per week volunteers can provide companionship write a mem oir provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free 15

hour comprehensive training program is provided. The next training session is February 10 17 and 24 from 9 a m to 2 p m All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road Suite 600 For more information or to register call (800) 882 5720 Ext 8361 or visit www.vna.org

Career development scholarship The Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is now accepting applica tions for a Career Development Scholarship to recognize and support women entering or re entering the work force or seeking to advance their careers Candidates seeking application forms should send a stamped self addressed envelope to Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club Career **Development Scholarship Committee** 34030 Fountain Blvd Westland MI 48185 Completed applications are due postmarked by Jan 31 For more infor mation call Amy Allen (734) 522 1603 Genealogical societies

The Northville Genealogical Society hosts Cheryl Strathman author of Detroit Fire Fighters 1865 2005 A Pictoral History of the People at their 230 pm meeting Sunday Jan 14 at



# **Swedish Christmas**

The Jenny Lind Club of Michigan held its annual Christmas smorgasbord at the Swedish Club in Farmington Hills recently. As she has for the past 17 years, Redford resident Ebba Slomeana recited the Swedish Christmas poem, "The Tomten" Slomeana wore the Royal Order of The Polar Star medal, bestowed by Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden, for extensive volunteer work With Slomeana (center) is Jenny Lind publicist Marie Louise Capote of Plymouth and chapter president Ann

the Northville District Library A com puter genealogy class on Family Tree Maker 2006 Trees takes place at 115 pm prior to the regular meeting. The public is invited to both events, there is no charge For more information call Tillie Van Sickle (734) 595 7806 or check the Web site at

www.rootsweb.com/~mings ■ The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets with a help session at 6 pm and the meeting at 7 pm Thursday Feb 1 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1041 W Grand River in Howell A panel discus sion will be conducted on Self Publishing Your Family History The public is invited. For more information. call Margaret (810) 227 7745

■ The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets 6 30 p m Monday Jan 15 at the Livonia Senior Center 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia The 630 session is a video regarding a software program called Gensmarts Business meeting starts at 730 pm with a program to follow featuring guest speaker Bonnie Hilberer whose talk will be titled Remember When For more informa tion visit the society's Web site at www.rootsweb.com/~miwwegs/.or.cail Margie (734) 522 4050

# Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290 OES Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon 3 pm the second Tuesday of each month Admission is \$6 event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W Seven Mile in Livonia For more information call (734) 459 6063

### Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw western Wayne Monroe and Livingston coun ties Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship light housekeeping errand running grief support and clerical services. For more information contact volunteer coordi nator Candice Jones (888) 973 1145

Literacy Council tutors The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers Previous experience or a bachelor s degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials and then match you with an adult student in your area Call (734) 416-4906 for

### more information Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don t know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered yes to any of these questions then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 630 pm at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley just south of Joy in the Golden Gate Plaza Contact Bonnie at (734) 646 2237

### Grief support New Hope Center for Grief Support is a

Christian based bereavement outreach

and resource center located in Northville Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their chil dren between the ages of 4 through the teen years Groups for parents who have lost a child adults who have lost a parent pet loss and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants if you are grieving or know someone who is please call the office at (248) 348 0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit www.newhopecenter.net

# **CLUBS**

# Rotary A M

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A M meets at 7 a m every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer New members are always well come Contact Mark Hammar president Rotary Club of Plymouth A M by calling (734) 455 6620

# **Plymouth Newcomers**

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0 5 meet several times during the week at mem ber homes and occasional special events Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details contact Janet Keller at (734) 451 1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

# Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

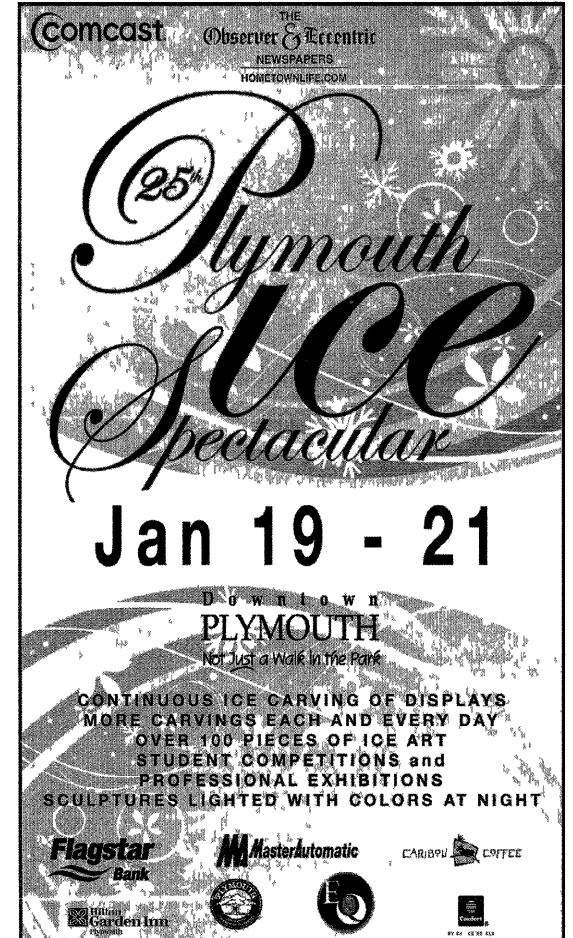
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 13 p m on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford There will be a quest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no member ship fee but a small donation will be accepted For information call Lucy Rowley 734 462 1768

# MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September May for moms and their children newborn kindergarten at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth Call Crystal Johnson (734) 459 1861

# Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues has small-group discussion time crafts and brunch Child care is provided It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church 42021 Ann Arbor Trail on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month September to May Contact Resha at (734) 207 0658 or resha@juno com



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# **DOG SHOW**

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# **LOTS TO SEE**

'UKC registers close to 400 breeds You're going to see breeds you won't see at the AKC – Alaskan Klee Kaı, Irısh red and white setters, Thai Ridgeback, white shepherd, said Michelle Morgan, director of performance events There will be dancing with dogs where the owner and dog perform to music, the Michigan-based Rock-N-Roll K-9's with owners and dogs doing juggling and their high energy relay and obstacle competitions (www.rocknrollk9s.com) – and mixed breed The UKC has always recognized that all dogs should be trained and the more owners can do with their dogs the stronger the bond they'll develop Since 1994, we ve included mixed breed who are neutered or spayed to compete ın agılıty, obedience, weight pull, dog sports, and in some cases terrier racing

This is the first time Lord Parker of Parkman is competıng so Philipa Sahiner is unsure of how he'll perform in the Family Obedience category Generally, Parker is a little nervous about everything but then his Farmington Hills owner found the boxer-mix frozen to the ground under a bush at Parkman Elementary in Detroit where she teaches Parker was only nine weeks old Until finding the puppy, Sahiner had always owned purebred dogs and used to train Dobermans

"The dog has to he down and be still while another dog passes by, then they switch over," said Sahiner He has to be able to walk on a leash, make about turns, go fast, go slow, left turns, and halt

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Hes 4 years old and this is his first foray into competition I think it's wonderful they include mixed breeds Dogs are dogs I think its fabulous that people have shows that they can enter and compete It encourages people to rescue dogs and also get them spayed or neutered"

# TIME TO TEACH

Joyce Finney is trying to teach Jofins Takıt U, her 8month-old black and white Shih Tzu, to walk on a leash for the puppy confirmation event. The Plymouth woman has been showing dogs 32 years

We've been practicing He's also going to the AKC show in March,' said Finney, president of the Southeastern Michigan Shih Tzu Club I m trying to keep his coat as beautiful as possible It takes passion not to put him in a puppy cut, to have long flow ing hair It takes about one and one-half hours to wash, blow dry As he matures, its two to three hours

Finney says an UKC show is a great starting place for those serious about showing

UKC is kind of laid back, said Finney "The whole point system is different, not as formal A lot of times an AKC show can be a little bit political if the handler is aware of the judges With the UKC there's not the favoritism for the people Its just the dog

Politics aside, Brianne Cook says the UKC benched show is a good place to learn about different breeds of dogs if someone is thinking about purchasing a four-footed friend Cook is more than happy to talk about the quali ties of her golden retriever or the bull terrier she co owns with breeder Cleo Parker

Cook, a Livonia resident, and her mother Ilene, have bred and shown golden retrievers for 15 years Asoro's Little Orphan Annie, a golden, will be 2 years old July 24 Nuance Nonchalance, the bull terrier (think Target dog) turns 1 year old on Jan 18 Both will also compete at Cobo Hall in March

### **MANY BREEDS**

If you re thinking about buy ing a puppy and want to talk the breeders, this is a great place to come as well as Cobo Hall, said Cook, a 24-year-old student at Schoolcraft College "We have a lot of breeds that AKC doesn't have, some weird breeds you don't even know exist until you go to this show The UKC show we get to educate the public

Diana Updike doesn t understand why the AKC fails to recognize her white shepherds The Livonia woman has been showing the dogs since 1981 Shes preparing to bring Royal Von Tasz Pı Swırl (Kyla), age 2, and Royal Spasz Von Tasz (Pebbles), a 3-year-old Grand Champion to the midwinter show

I ve always loved the look of shepherd," said Updike They're always so regal-looking and have that glistening white coat and dark eyes They re so stunning and versatile from obedience to agility and sheep

Updike begins training her puppies at about four weeks of

Training is critical for any dog, said Updike It gives a dog a chance to enjoy a bond with you and the focus alleviates some of the energy White German shepherds are highly intelligent with a medium to high drive

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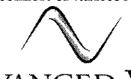


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# **CLASS REUNIONS**

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# REUNIONS

### Dearborn Fordson Class of 1977

A 30 year reunion Friday Aug 3 to Sunday Aug 5 2007 Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox net with your cur rent address and phone number

### Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1967

A 40 year reunion 7 30 p m Saturday Aug 4 2007 at Doubletree Hotel Dearborn Hors doeuvres and cash bar approxi mately \$35 For information call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336 0192 or e mail efhs67@yahoo com

### **Detroit Chadsey** Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007 Looking for January June and Summer 57 graduates If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates contact Pat Gorski Zielinski (989) 366 9288

# **Detroit Cody** Class of 1957

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites Livonia Oct 5 2007 Cost is \$95 per person complete with dinner open bar memory book CD and much more We extend this invitation to all 50's

Deadline is June 25 Don t miss out Call 800 859 9502 for details Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1957 Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct 19 2007

Call Eleanor at (734)425 8278 Detroit Western Class of 1962

A 45 year reunion will be held in September 2007 Seeking informa tion on classmates from that year All other classes welcome Contact Judy Hull Rakowski at (734) 459 3832 or Judy Spiro Scranton at

### ilscranton@yahoo.com **Detroit Southwestern** Class of 1957

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### **Epiphany Grade School** Class of 1966

A 40 year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006 Contact Dorothy at (248) 477 9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com

### **Fordson High School** Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007 Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363 5679 or e mail Kaynınılu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu core com

# Garden City High School Class of 1987

Searching for all class of 87 Alumni for a 20 year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name address phone email etc.) GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast net

or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at

### (734) 367 0898 **Grosse Pointe North** Class of 1991

Call (800) 677 7800 visit www.tay forreunions com or e mail info@taylorreunions com

# Livonia Churchill Classes of 1971-2007

Alumni Summer Bash 10 a m to 6 pm Saturday June 16 Nankin Mills Park Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive No fees but accepting dona tions All proceeds over and above costs are being donated to the Western Wayne Skill Center For more information call Chris (Don) Nicholson at (734)658 5296 or Chris@ChurchillAlumni com or Gayle Napolitano Nicholson at (734)728 0393 or Gayle@ChurchillAlumni com

### Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre planning stages for 2007 For more informa tion contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363 5679 or e mail Kaynınılu@aol com **Redford Thurston High School** 

# Classes of 1957, 1958

A 50 year reunion is planned with several events Sept 14 16 at **Embassy Suites Livonia For infor** mation contact Ron Beller at (989)652 9724 or e mail at Admiral741@yahoo com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349 2697 or e mail at Mamia@comcast net Roseville High School

Class of 1956 A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates For information call Shirley at (586) 677 2709 Alice at (586) 792 7757 or e mail at ali june1939@scbglobal net or the hermans2002@comcast net

# Southeastern (Detroit) Class of 1987

A 20 year reunion is being planned for summer 2007 Looking for grad uates of June 1987 If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates contact Terri Banks Faison at (313)220 4769 or tntfai son@aol com

### Southfield High School Class of 1977

A 30th Reunion on Sunday Sept 2 2007 For further information contact MDurz@aol com or IteneSilvermanAbrinSHS1977@com cast net

# St Mary of Redford High School class of 1956 Grade School class of 1952

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### kheenan@glis net **Utica High School** Class of 1981

A 25th reunion is being planned for the fall of 2006 Please send updat ed address information and inquires to Todd Richter (trichter26@com cast net)

# Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1957

A 50 year class reunion 6 pm to midnight Saturday May 19 2007 at American Legion Post 9318 Newburgh Road (near Ann Arbor Trail) Livonia Also a Wayne High Alumni Association All Class Reunion honoring class of 1957 on Friday May 18 Try to attend both! For details contact Richard Smith at (248)442 7543 or Carl Allore at (810) 231 2713 or Larry Schafer at LES87@aol com

# WEDDING



# Liebold-Kwon

Emily Liebold of Livonia and John Kwon of Chatham. Ontario, were married Saturday, Aug 26, 2006 at North Redington Beach, Fla at the Doubletree Resort overlooking the sunset on the Gulf of Mexico Pastor Curtis Swan of Clearwater, Fla., officiated

The bride is the daughter of Ernest and Deborah Liebold of Livonia She is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School, attended Central Michigan University and Eastern Michigan University She received a bachelor of science degree in education at Eastern in 2005 Emily is employed as a sixth grade science teacher in Pinellas Park, Florida

The groom is the son of Mr and Mrs Y Kwon of Chatham, Ontario He graduated from Chatham High School in 1998 and attended St Clair College in Windsor, Ontario He earned a degree in Computer Information Systems in 2002 John is employed as a computer systems technologist and web developer in Clearwater, Florida

The bride's sister Sara Liebold was the maid of honor The groom's brother Rich Kwon was the best man

A celebration of their marriage is planned for July 2007 for their many friends who were not able to join them in Florida

The couple reside in Clearwater, Fla.

# SINGLES MISC. SINGLES

# **Moon-dusters**

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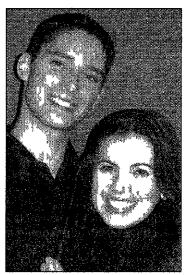
# **ENGAGEMENT**

# Massucci-Baron

Frank and Lynn Massucci of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Massucci, to Michael James Baron of Momence, Ill

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Canton High School and a 2005 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Art with a bachelor of fine arts in interior design She is employed as an interior designer

The prospective groom is the son of Dennis and Kathy Schnell and James Baron of Illinois He is a graduate of Momence High School He will graduate in May from Olivet Nazarene University with a degree in engineering



A Sept 22, 2007, wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Chapel

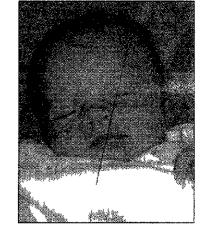
# **BIRTHS**

# Laila Skye Lauer

Julie Wojtowicz and Rob Lauer of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Laila Skye Lauer, a 2 58 p m June 6, 2006, at Providence Hospital in Southfield

She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches at birth

Grandparents are Audeen Wojtowicz of Livonia, Edward Wortowicz of Detroit and Dennis and Jennifer Lauer of Canton



# **Alexander Douglas Pollard**

Patrick and Beth Ann (Tofil) Pollard announce the birth of their son, Alexander Douglas Pollard, on Nov 26, 2006, in Burnsville, Minn

Both parents are graduates of Michigan State University Alexander is their first child

Grandparents are Dr Charlie and Janet Pollard of Ludington and Jerry and Barbara Tofil of Canton

Great grandparents are Eileen and Harvey Pollard of Wilmington, NC, Kathryn Richardson of Ludington and Catherine Tofil of Livonia.



# Noah Patrick Wallis

Thomas Wallis and Elizabeth Clos of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Noah Patrick Wallis, on Dec 19, 2006, at

Noah was born at St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth

His grandparents are Tammy and Bob Clos of Livonia and Chris Murphy of Livonia and Pat Wallis of Hamburg, Mıchıgan



# Kathryn Elizabeth Hix Bryan and Susan Hix of

Gilbert, Ill, announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth Hix, 12 12 p m Dec 12, 2006, at Delnor Community Hospital in Geneva, Illinois

Kathryn has a brother

Brycen Dale Hix, 23 months

Susan Hix is the a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School

Grandparents are Andy and Devinee Neil of Livonia and Bob and Barb Hix of Montello,

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■ Where bride and groom

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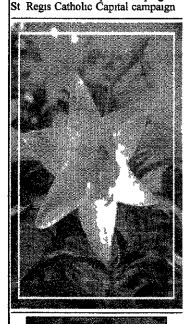
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ROBERT ANDERSON Age 85 Toolmaker, Business Owner, died January 7th 2007 at PontiacOsteopathic Hospital Mr Anderson is survived by two loving sisters Mary Lane Zell and Patricia Rzemien, four children Jeanine Anderson Dennis (Debbie) Anderson Mark (Sharon) Anderson & Kenneth Anderson Seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren A memorial service, mass and lunch will be held Regis Catholic Church w/ Father Peter Fennessy and Father Norman Norocki presiding on Wednesday Jan 31st Memorial ervice will be at 10 00 a m, mass at 11 00 and lunch immediately after St Regis is located on Lasher Rd at Lincoln in Bloomfield MI In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to Angela Hospice, Sobriety House Manresa Capital Campaign or



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Age 93 of North Port Florida passed away January 8, 2007 George was born October 29, 1913 in Vincennes, Indiana He came to North Port in 2000 from Whitmore Lake, Michigan He worked for Ford International Truck for many years He was a member of St Pauls Presbyterian Church in North Port He is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Ruth Tregoning of Whitmore Lake, Michigan, son George Fraumann, II of Ringwood, New Jersey two stepdaughters Pauline Todd of Glendale, Arizona and Susan Hampton Tucker of Bothwell, Washington four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, six step grandchildren and five step great grandchildren A memorial service will be held for Mr Fraumann on Friday, January 12, 2007 at 11 00am at St Pauls Presbyterian Church in North Port In lieu of donations may be made to St Pauls Presbyterian Church 5550 Sumter Blvd South, North Port Florida 34287 or to TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care, 55 Rand Blvd Sarasota, Florida 34238 Friends may visit anytime www farleyfuneralhome com online at to sign guest register book and extend condolences to the family

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85, died Sunday January 7 2007 at First Health Moore Regional Hospital A memo rial service will be on Sunday at 2 00 pm in Community Congregational Church with Dr David Bowling officiating The family will be receiving friends at a reception following the service at the Elks Lodge Born October 18, 1921 in Detroit, MI, he was a son of the late Louis and Laura Stadelman Shueller Mr Shueller was a Bank Manager for Community National Bank in Pontiac MI he also was a Charter member of the Elks Lodge, past president of Rotary International, and a member of the Lions Club in Rochester, MI Mr SHueller also serve in the US Army in World II where he wounded in the Battle of the Bulge He is survived by his daughter, Melinda Houghton and husband Jon of Rochester, MI, his companion of many years Margaret Storey of Southern Pines, two sisters, Connie Reading of Saginaw, MI, and Peg Dionne of Oceanside, CA four grandchildren, Matt, Jeff, Joe, and Laura Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 5216, Glenn Allen, VA 23058-5216 or The American Lung Association of NC, Southeast Area, PO Box 40236 Fayetteville NC 28309-0236 Powell Funeral Home and Crematory is in

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# Restaurant to host Angela Hospice benefit

College Park's newest fine dining establishment, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, is hosting a dinner to benefit Angela Hospice of Livonia on Friday, Jan 26

Flemings will present an evening of tastes to entice the senses with a reception beginning at 6 p m, followed by a seated dinner and wine pairing at 6 30 p m Reservations for the event are available for a minimum donation of \$50 per per son, with 100-percent of the proceeds benefiting Angela Hospice, a local non-profit healthcare organi-

We re thrilled that Flemings  $\,$ Prime Steakhouse has chosen Angela Hospice as one of its first community partners, said Alice Barringer, development manager at Angela Hospice We're very grate ful for their commitment to support local organizations and are happy to welcome them to the area'

The new 200-seat Livonia restaurant, located at 17400 Haggerty,

between Six and Seven mile roads, is the first Fleming's to open in Michigan The nationally acclaimed restaurant offers the best in steakhouse dining including prime meats and chops, fresh fish and poultry, and generous salads and side orders with a sophisticated and unique wine list that features 100 wines served by the glass

Tickets are limited for the benefit Reservations may be made by calling (734) 464 7810, ext 2218 or sending e mail to

abarringer@angelahospice net Established in 1985, Angela Hospice serves terminally ill patients and their families in Southeast Michigan through its home and inpatient hospice programs for children and adults, and bereavement services provided freeof-charge to the community

More information about Angela Hospice is available at www angelahospice org or by calling (734) 953

# Livonia Civic Chorus seeks singers

Bring together an assortment of friendly people who like to sing, toss in a talented choral director and accompanist, blend thoroughly for about two hours every week, and sprinkle generously with fun That's the recipe for the Livonia Civic Chorus

The chorus began rehearsals on Jan 9 to prepare for the group's spring show and is hoping to add a few fresh voices to spice up their sound Men and women singers of all levels are invited to join

Anyone who might be interested in singing with the chorus is encouraged to attend a rehearsal and get a taste of the chorus' harmonic fare Practices are held each Tuesday from 7 30-9 30 p m at Frost Middle School, 14040 Stark, Livonia Membership is not restricted to Livonia residents

The group was founded in 1965 by a group of men and women from a local church choir who started gathering at each other's homes to sing for enjoyment Then someone had the idea to ask for financial support The City of Livonia's Department of Parks and Recreation had been looking to sponsor a mixed community chorus and agreed to provide a small grant for music and other costs The group was formally chartered as the Livonia Civic Chorus and began presenting musical programs to the residents of the community on a regular schedule

The chorus prepares for two main performances a year Every September, they rehearse for a wanter holiday show to be performed in December In mid-January practices begin anew for the annual spring musical show in

Repertoire covers a wide variety of musical selections and styles. blending both new and traditional music

From its very beginning, the members of the Livonia Civic Chorus decided they wanted to do more than just stand on risers and sing so over the years they have built a reputation of delighting audiences with entertaining, fullscale musical productions that often feature choreography, novelty numbers costumes, and skits

For additional information visit www livoniacivicchorus org or call chorus president Kim Alderman at (734) 525-6414

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- 2 "Cross," James Patterson 3 "Next.' Michael Crichton
- 'Dear John," Nicholas Sparks
- 5 "Hannibal Rising," Thomas Harris

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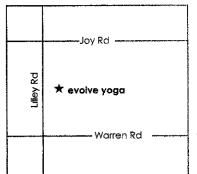
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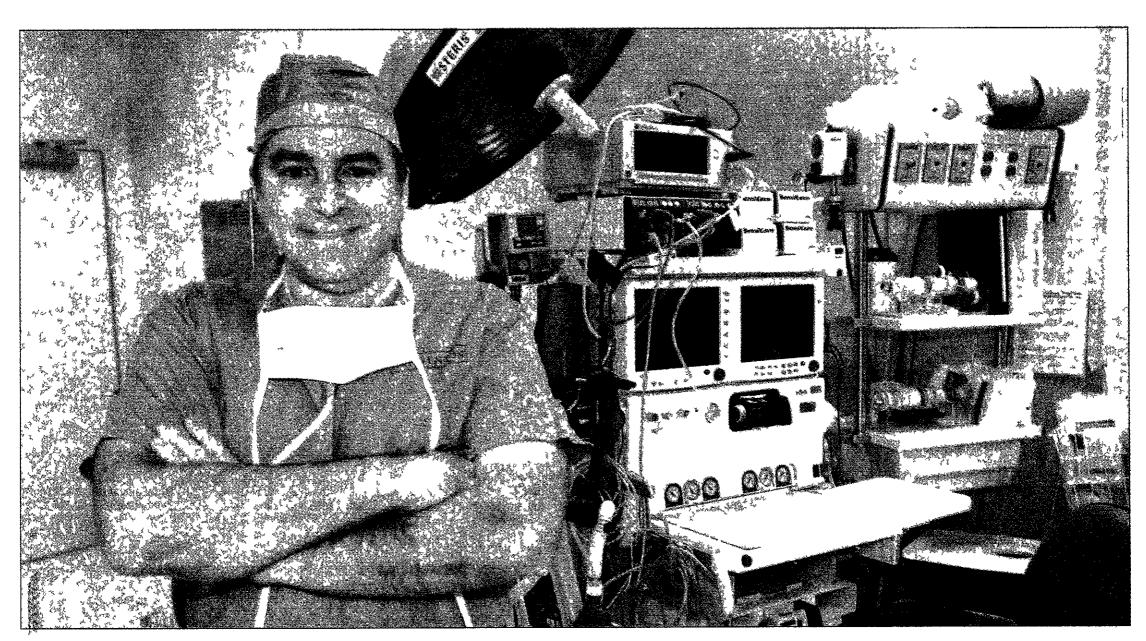


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Df Frank Fazzalari, a U-M heart surgeon, is proud of the Blood Conservation and Bloodless Medicine and Surgery Program at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester. Here, he stands in one of two heart surgical suites at Crittenton

# **Blood conservation**

# Measures help prevent infections caused by transfusion

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Long before the University of Michigan Health System and the University of Rochester (NY) released the latest study to link transfusions and an increased risk for infections, area hospitals instituted conservation me ures to counter blood loss before, during and after open heart surgery

While transfusions do save lives, women especially need to take note of the study which may explain why female bypass patients are more likely to die after surgery than men Published in December's American Heart Journal, the research looked at the entire population of Medicare coronary artery bypass patients (9,218) in Michigan during a period of one year After taking into account factors such as urgency of surgery, patients who received donor blood transfusions were five times more likely to die within 100 days of surgery Of those, 9 percent were women, 6 percent

'Women were more likely to get a transfusion because of (naturally) lower hemoglobin levels," said Mary Rogers, Ph D, research director of the Patient Safety Enhancement Program of the U-M Health System "If you just look at people who used their own blood, they had about the same risk as those who didn't have transfusions'

Research has shown for years that transfusions suppress the immune system The knowledge has led heart sur-

geons to initiate a search for alternatives to donor blood transfusions in particular Pre-donating is just one of the measures a bypass patient can take to avoid donor transfusions. Even though a brief survey of hospitals revealed 70 percent of bypass patients do not require transfusions during surgery, some experts recommend asking questions about th heart surgeon's blood conservation policies beforehand.

Crittenton Hospital Medical Center in Rochester is one of only two Michigan hospitals offering an



Mary Rogers, Ph.D

adult Blood Conservation and Bloodless Medicine and Surgery Program, but many area hospıtals have implemented the same strategies Even though

Crittenton established its program in 2003 to meet the needs of

Jehovah's Witness patients (who refuse all types of transfusions), other patients have benefited as well From the time of registration to post-surgery, blood conservation procedures involve staff throughout the hospital

Cindy Kinker, a registered nurse and coordinator for the program, evaluates patients, reviewing their history including medications, aspirin or herbs which could cause bleeding. She can suggest options like utilizing a Cell Saver to salvage blood shed during surgery Prior to surgery, it is possible to draw smaller

amounts of blood for lab tests and for physicians to prescribe medications that encourage red blood cell production During surgery, chief perfusionist Jeralyn Baker uses the latest technology to decrease blood loss during the period when the heart-lung machine takes over a patient's circulation.

"Every patient needs to blood conservation patient," said Sharon Matkosky, a critical care nurse practitioner for cardiovascular patients at Crittenton "Blood donations are at a mınımum and there's always an increased chance for complications"

Dr Frank Fazzaları says blood conservation is just good practice in most cases He stresses, however, that "some patients wouldn't survive without blood transfusion In fact, sometimes blood transfusions help patients recover quick-

As chief of cardio-thoracic surgery, Crittenton Hospital, and assistant professor of surgery at the University of Mıchıgan Medical School, Fazzaları regularly attends Michigan Society of Thoracic Surgeons meetings to share knowledge about patient outcomes Fazzaları has never had a patient acquire an infection from a blood transfusion

The program at Crittenton is a U-M heart surgery program

"In heart surgery, we try to not waste blood," Fazzaları said. "The thinking on blood conservation has changed. We're doing a lot more things to decrease the need for transfusion Equipment has changed to improve blood conservation

efforts It's a whole new era, the last 10 years in heart surgery"

Dr Wei Lau isn't worried about receiving a blood transfusion if he ever

We have point of care machines to help us make decisions for transfusion," said Lau, an anesthesiologist and director of adult cardiac anesthesia for the U-M Health System "In cardiac surgery, there are lots of ways of recycling or recirculating blood"

Dr Joseph Bassett has observed many advances in technology and surgical techniques over the last 30 years Chairman of cardiovascular surgery at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Bassett has taken steps such as using the Cell Saver on every case and stopping anti-coagulants that may cause bleeding such as Plavix, aspirin or heparin

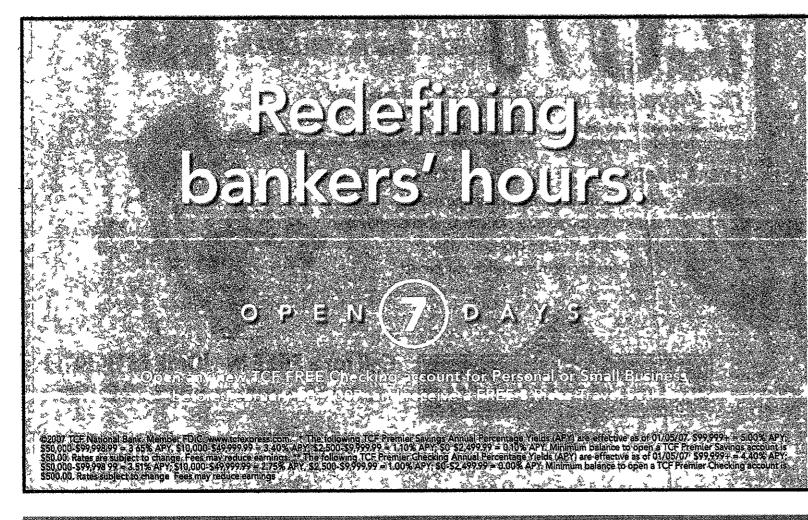
"We have miniaturized pumps that minimize blood loss On the heart lung machines, tubing is a lot smaller and doesn't break down blood elements," Bassett said "It's one of the biggest improvements we made We're doing a study right now that may be published by the end of year"

Dr Marwan Abouljoud performs liver transplants at Henry Ford Hospital, but has taken an interest in the latest study involving heart bypass patients A blood conservation protocol is presently being put together for the hospital's surgeons to follow, according to Abouljoud, director of the Henry Ford Transplant Institute ın Detroit

"If we think a patient is healthy enough to donate blood, we have them donate blood before surgery," Aboulyoud said "Before surgery, we put them on iron pills and during surgery use the Cell

At Oakwood Hospital, a Transfusion Committee used guidelines from the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists and Society of Thoracic Surgeons to establish a program to decrease transfusions and conserve blood

"To prevent blood counts from dropping during surgery, we try to prevent hemodilution or giving too much saline or non-blood products that dilute blood and we use a smaller circuit on the bypass machine to decrease hemodilution," said Hoffberger, a DO who specializes in cardiovascular-thoracic surgery at Oakwood Hospital "There are medications to prevent blood loss after surgery The last step is collecting data I'm very happy studies keep coming out Blood conservation is very important People should know when they go to hospitals their doctors and surgeons are on par with the latest studies They should inquire about blood transfusion and why they're getting them Blood conservation is not just for Jehovah's Witnesses anymore You don't have to be a Jehovah's Witness to benefit from what we've learned from not transfusing You just can't treat by numbers Everybody is different



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a new study shows just how powerful the drink could be! Researchers found people who drank five or more cups of green tea daily cut their risk of death from cardiovascular disease by 26 percent! They also found the tea could cut your risk of dying from any disease by up to 16 percent Experts believe it's the natural antioxidants in the tea that give 't such a powerful punch Antioxidants help your body fight disease and can keep you healthy

Tracy from Ferndale e-mails saying she is trying to get pregnant. She knows not to drink alcohol when she is pregnant, but she wants to know about while you are trying to get pregnant.

Great question Tracy! You should avoid alcohol when you are trying to get pregnant The potential father should also be avoiding alcohol during this period of time as well A new study found that women were three times more likely to have a miscarriage if they drank 10 or more alcoholic drinks during the week of conception When men drank that much alcohol their partners risk of miscarriage increased by five times† Experts believe the alcohol makes its way into the semen and may affect conception It can also cause chromosomal abnormalities in sperm cells Why take the risk! If you are

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# **Know Stroke**

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Stroke is a medical emergency Every minute counts when someone is hav ing a stroke Learn how to recognize symptoms of stroke and what you can do to improve the chances for a suc cessful recovery

No charge but registration required Call (248) 349 4140

New support group New Hope Center for Grief Support is starting a support group for adults who are facing the impending death of a loved one. Whether a caregiver or dealing with your loved one's ill ness from a distance the group helps you deal with the emotional spiritual and medical issues. It meets 7.8.30. o m on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Sunrise Assisted Living Center 16100 Haggerty between Five and Six Mile roads Livonia The professionally led group provides educational information and allows participants to ask questions and discuss issues. For information call (248) 348 0115 No registration required

Hospice volunteers needed

Heartland Hospice Services is looking for caring compassionate and dedi cated individuals who would like to be trained as a hospice volunteer to pro vide companionship support and friendly visits for patients and their caregivers Office support volunteers also needed. For volunteer training schédule or more information call (800) 770 9859 Based in Southfield Heartland Hospice offers services and training throughout the tri county

Caregivers support St Mary Mercy Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association have collabo rated to offer an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 3 4 30 p m on the first Thursday of each month in Classroom 1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital 36475 Five Mile at Levan Livonia Alzheimer's is the most com mon form of dementia which causes memory loss and a decline in mental function over time. The support group offers information discussion and support to family members friends and caregivers who care for someone with Aizheimer's or other forms of dementia No fee No registration required For information contact Audra Frye at (248) 426 7055

Cancer support group

The Charach Cancer Treatment Center at Huron Vailey Sinai Hospital hosts a support group for an one deal no with the cancer experience including those with cancer or those who are related to or know someone living with cancer group meets the first and third Monday of the month from 7 8 30 pm in the cancer treatment cen

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ter off of the hospital's South Garden entrance 1 William Carls Drive Commerce For more information call (248) 937 5163

# New support group

For persons trying to quit smoking support group offers education on various methods of quitting including but not limited to nicotine replace ment and medications began 7 pm Wednesday Jan 10 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital 1 Williams Carls Drive Commerce No charge and no pre reg istration For details call (248) 937

# Tai Chi for seniors

The next session began noon to 1 p m Friday Jan 12 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital 1 William Carls Drive Commerce Tai Chi is an ancient mar tial art form that has proven to give one a higher enhancement of physical and mental well being Participants will learn the simple form using five elements of study No equipment needed All ability levels welcome \$40 fee for six week session. To register cail (248) 937 3314

New support group The Infant and Parent Support Group Smoothing the Transition begins 6308 pm Wednesday Jan 17 in the Community Room at Botsford Hospital's Zieger Building 28050 Grand River Farmington Hills For more information call (248) 442 2565. The group allows parents to share concerns about adjusting to the introduction of a newborn to their family dynamics and deals with issues relat ing to infants from 0.1 year of age Possible topics include comforting a crying infant feeding issues sleep deprivation coping with the new role as parents, and sibling rivalry The group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month

Arthritis classes

Representatives of the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter have announced Winter/Spring class sched ules for their specially designed exer cise programs including a warm water exercise program land based exercise program formerly known as PACE (People with Arthritis CAN Exercise) Tai Chi a graceful flowing sequence of movements from Sun style tai chi and a 6 week series that provides par tic nants with the keys to successful arthritis self management. The new classes begin in January in Canton Detroit Garden City Livonia Wayne Westland and locations throughout Michigan For information call (800) 968 3030 or visit www arthritis org

Stress clinic Presented by Dr Arthur Weaver 730 9 pm Thursday Jan 18 Tuesday Jan 23 and Thursday Jan 25 at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium 32777 File Mile east of Farmington Road No charge but donations accepted For more infor mation call (734) 466 2540

# Blood drive

8 30 a m to 2 30 p m Sunday Jan 21 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church

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# **Group members sought**

Panic Relief Inc a nonprofit educa tional corporation located in New Jersey is seeking people to start a free local support group for those suffering from panic attacks and anxi ety The group needs a minimum of four people and will have a positive focus To participate call (732) 940 9658 For information on the program visit www panicreliefing com

# Nursing refresher course

Madonna University s 12 day RN Refresher Course runs Jan 22-Feb 8 (Monday through Thursday only) 8 30 a m to 3 30 p m on main Livonia cam pus Designed for RNs who have main tained their license, but have been out of clinical practice for more than two years this course assists them in re entering the job market. In addition to patient assessment this three week course covers accepted practice guidelines management of urgent care roles of the staff nurse in an acute care setting and legal and ethi cal aspects of patient care Students also receive an update on the most common adult medical/surgical conditions encountered in hospital home care and long term care settings Nurses can register online at www.madonna.edu (click on Quick Links then Continuing Education & Professional Studies click on Registration and fill out the online non student registration form (choose from mail in in person or online registration ) Payment due at time of registration Tuition \$800 For information call (734) 432 5449 or send e mail to

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# Maintain your brain

79 pm Tuesday Jan 23 at St Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium 36475 Five Mile at Levan Livonia Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Registration required call (734) 655

Find out what you can do to keep your brain healthy and help reduce the risks for Alzheimer's disease Learn to live a brain healthy lifestyle

# Workshop helps set weight loss goals

If you started January with a bang, but now find your New Year's Resolutions waning, or nowhere in sight, The Community House in Birmingham has a class for you Lorraine Stefano, a social worker and college instructor, presents, Think Trim - Be Trim -Stay Trım, 7-9 p m Wednesday, Jan 17

"Most of us get off on the wrong foot We step on the scale, look at our weight and resolve to go to the gym every day and eat nothing but broccoli and chicken breasts It isn't real,' Stefano says "Studies show Americans spend \$30 billion a year on exercise equipment but the population isn't getting slimmer'

Stefano suggests we set goals based on our current behavior and lifestyle A new diet, a new piece of exercise equipment, a personal coach - they all work for a little while but not in the long run Stefano had to look at her current lifestyle, change her thinking and start gradually She lost 50 pounds and has kept it off for 25 years. Here are some of her tips

Focus on your behavior It is the only thing you can measure Setting a goal of losing five pounds a week is laudable, but close to impossible for most people Set an activity goal, such as walking for 30 minutes, three times a week or plan to

cook a low calorie dinner twice a week

■ Moderation is the key Studies show people who undertake liquid diets or cabbage diets gain their weight back when they eat regular food Healthy eating plans can include your favorite foods in smaller portions

■ Make exercise a priority If you wait for a magic time to exercise, a magic space to appear on the calendar it won't happen Instead start gradually with 15 minute walks around the block or exercising with a DVD before work Check with vour doctor before starting Remember any activity is better than no activity

Set short term goals Make a goal for a week, not a month or a year Then set the same goal next week or revise it You are much more likely to work toward a goal when you can see a target

Resolve to live a healthy lifestyle Add more fruits, vegetables and whole grains to your diet Sign up for a new exercise class or create a home gym with a mini trampoline, yoga mat and free weights

To find out more about healthy New Year's solutions, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or register online at www thecommunityhouse com The workshop fee is

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Dabetes can bring on a thickening of the tissues of the hands. The tendons that cross the palm to reach the fingers becomes surrounded by this dense tissue and you are the pain to leach the lingers becomes surrounded by this dense itssue and you are unable to pull and flex the fingers freely Physicians call that condition trigger finger D abetes increases your risk for gout The kidney controls the body s pool of uric acid the chemical causing gout Diabetes impairs this renal regulation allowing the pool of uric acid increase beyond the body s capacity to absorb it an attack of gout results

Diabetes can lead to the condition aseptic necrosis Small blood vessels bring nourishment to the joints particularly the knee and hip. Diabetes in association with cholesterol blocks these vessels, cutting off blood supply to the bone. If closure is complete the cone may die

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# Church raises enough money to buy ark

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Pastor Janet Noble
Richardson probably would
have liked the fact that her
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the Livonia church's Vacation
Bible School before she was
killed in an automobile accident on July 11

The Herfer Project was one of her favorite charities because the organization helps poor families around the world care for themselves. The money collected by the non-profit is used to purchase live animals such as a hive of honey-producing bees or a

goat to milk and feed their children Before her death Richardson had started collecting money to buy an ark – no easy feat since the two cows, camels, oxen, water buffalo, sheep, llamas, goats, donkeys, guinea pigs, pigs, two hives of bees, two trios each of ducks and rabbits, and two flocks each of chicks and geese cost \$5,000

"We raised the money through Sunday School, let it be known through the congregation we were doing this to honor the memory of Pastor Janet, said Linda Houghtby, chairperson of the church's Christian Education Committee for the last six years "People started donating On the donkey we hung a sign that read, give me your loose change so I can get on the ark We had a soup/salad

fund-raiser luncheon in early December that was very highly successful too"

"It was a combined effort by kids and adults, added Elizabeth Kordt of Plymouth "The kids helped set tables on the day of the luncheon to raise money'

The fund raising was so successful, the 240-member congregation is half way to purchasing a second ark The donkeys nose may first have to be repainted Houghtby said the sniffer is almost white from the children petting him And it's not like he's going to get a rest any time soon In addition to lighting up the eyes of children at Vacation Bible School in 2006, the donkey visited four other local churches during their summer programs In December, the creature was part of the

Christmas pageant at St Timothy and will participate in Palm Sunday services in April as well as this years Vacation Bible School – Avalanche Ranch, the third week in June

The pastor of 17 years definitely made an impact on the church, but not just because of her creative talent. Houghtby said Richardson especially related to the smaller members of the church And they loved her

One little girl said she had \$7 and was going to give to Heifer instead of buying something for herself,' said Houghtby

For more information about the Heifer Project, call (800) 422-0474, or visit www.heifer.org

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# Charity dance to benefit First Step

Brian Duggan presents the 17th annual charity dance and casino night to benefit First Step 7 30 p m to 1 30 a m Friday, Feb 9, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster road, Livonia The nonprofit organization provides services for victims of domestic violence including a shelter that offers a safe haven to women and their children

The evening begins with hot and cold hor doeuvres followed by dessert then pizza later in the evening

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# Our Italian Story DVD released

John and Lina Del Signore of Livonia are featured in a new CD on Italian immigrants. It is an expanded version of the Our Italian Story documentary that aired on WXYZ-TV Channel 7 in December. The additional footage includes more in-depth interviews with the Italian. Americans whose contributions have made a significant impact on the Southeast. Michigan area.

The documentary is the first.

in the Our Story Of series produced by Keith Famie of Visionalist Entertainment Productions Our Italian Story recognizes and celebrates more than two dozen interesting and influential Italian Americans

The Del Signores owned Fonte D Amore in Livonia for 38 years and still own Laurel Manor Banquet Center in the city In October, Famie and cinematographer Kevin Hewitt of Livonia followed the couple to the town of Fonte D Amore in Italy where they were married 49 years ago

Internationally-known sculptor Sergio De Guisti of Redford is among the other local immigrants who were spotlighted along with Tony Filippis of Rochester Hills, founder of Wright & Filippis, a leader in rehabilitative health care since 1944

All came as immigrants to this country and went on to become successful

The Our Italian Story DVD costs \$19 50 and is available at the Italian American Club of Livonia, Nino Salvaggio Market places, Andiamo's restaurants, Bommarito's Bakery of St Clair Shores, and by visiting the Web site at www Ourstoryof com









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# Open Letter to all DFCU Financial Member-Owners

# Restore Member Trust - It's time for a change in Leadership!

Dear Member-Owners,

DFCU Owners United is pleased to endorse three highly competent DFCU Financial members who are running for the credit union's volunteer board of directors. After fulfilling all the requirements mandated by the credit union's bylaws, **Jesse D.L. Brunais**, **Linda M. Malec and Salvatore Mazzola** have been notified by the DFCU Financial Board of Directors Nominating Committee that their names will be included on the ballot for the 2007 Board of Directors election.

Bruce D. Gearns, Ryan M. Hershberger and Ronald K. Seiler, endorsed by DFCU Owners United, also qualified to run for the board election. However, they have since notified DFCU Financial that they wish to have their names withdrawn from the ballot, and will lend their support to BRUNAIS, MALEC and MAZZOLA for the three announced open board positions.

Brunais, Malec & Mazzola pledge that <u>putting members first</u> is their #1 commitment. Each of these candidates has a passion for DFCU Financial Federal Credit Union, and they have expressed their displeasure at the recent attempt to change their credit union to a bank.

"It is no secret that DFCU's recent initiative to become a bank provoked very strong opposition from member-owners of the credit union. Early in 2006, I took the time to learn more about this ill-fated proposal by talking with others, attending informational meetings sponsored by DFCU Owners United, and reading industry related periodicals. The more I learned, the more my personal opposition grew. I now ask the members of DFCU for their vote as a candidate for DFCU's Board of Directors in order to help guide this great institution in an open and transparent manner as governed by the credit union's bylaws and policies."

—— Jesse D.L. Brunais, automotive product design engineer in Powertrain Operations at Ford Motor Company. A member of DFCU Financial since 1981, Brunais is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Master's degree in electronics and computer science from Wayne State University.

"I became re-involved in DFCU during the attempt to convert it into a for-profit bank. During that time, I also listened to members unhappy with other changes that seemed to be trending toward 'just another bank.' I was stunned because, as a cooperative, DFCU operates for the benefit of member-owners and should strive to be 'better than the competition' by returning earnings back to members with better rates on savings, lower rates on loans, and providing exemplary services so that over time, all members benefit. With your vote, I pledge to 'put members first' and to support continuing the great traditions of DFCU, its employees and members." ---- Linda M. Malec, human resources associate on the corporate staff at Ford Motor Company's World Headquarters. A member of DFCU Financial for 36 years, Malec served on DFCU's board of directors from 1980 to 2000, including chairperson from 1988 to 1998. Malec holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

"In the nine years I have been a member of DFCU, I have come to value the credit union for what it is—an efficient organization of exceptionally competent professionals, committed to serving all its members as owners and not as customers. I first became involved with DFCU Owners United when my confidence in the present Board of Directors was shaken by last year's proposed bank conversion, which was strongly opposed by the membership. In seeking the members' vote for the Board of Directors, I ask DFCU member-owners to support continuing the credit union's traditions of professional service and growth driven by members' needs." ---- Salvatore Mazzola, funding analyst in the Treasurer's Office of Ford Motor Company. Mazzola earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan Technological University and a Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois, as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State University.

Ballots are expected to be mailed to members in January 2007, in advance of DFCU Financial's Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for February 15, 2007.

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BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Jım Ryan still remembers his first day teaching high school in Taylor The assistant principal came to the classroom of Ryan, now superintendent for the Plymouth-Canton schools

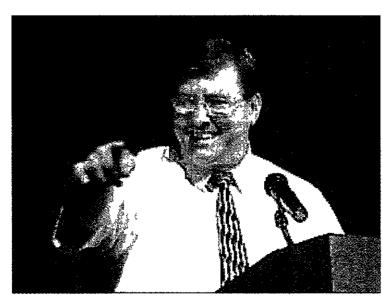
He recalled being nervous about what he'd done wrong Instead, the assistant principal told him in her Southern accent that his extensive duties meant hed have to be paid 20 percent more

"I was making \$8,640 my first year,' Ryan said, and at that point upon getting the 20 percent news was doing the math in his head. His career advice is straight-forward

"The best career advice I ever got was find something you love and do it," said Ryan, now in his 36th year in education He's worked for four school districts and there have been challenges, but he's never doubted his career choice

The Canton residents glad to be in his field and loving every minute of it I really love what I

Other area residents put their thoughts together on the best career advice they've received



Plymouth-Canton School Supt Jim Ryan is glad he chose education as his life's work

Northville Township resident Jeff Juenemann, owner of Juenemann Insurance Agency ın Westland, has good ideas

'Treat people the way you want to be treated, Juenemann said Be honest in every transaction and return every phone call promptly

Its the Golden Rule, he added Treat people the way you want to be treated

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Like Ryan, Juenemann has been pleased with his 25 years in the business I ve been very happy Its been a good steady consistent business

Margaret Harlow of Wayne is co owner with her husband of Harlow Tire of Westland another longtime business Her son tells her her career advice was the best he received

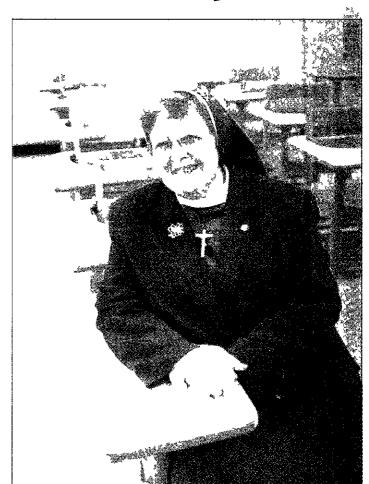
"When he went to college, I advised him to get a business degree, she said That was because business training is good for all organizations

Harlow recalled when she was in high school and Michigan Bell came to recruit staff "My dad was never a very competi tive person" He thought the company would be dog-eat-dog and discouraged her She likes her work, but joked about being retired now with a comfortable pension if shed gone with Bell

Don Douglass of Canton was pre-med while at Albion College and was urged to attend med ical school But I did not want to go to medical school said Douglass, who didn t want 12 to 15 hour workdays I taught biology and chemistry

Douglass retired as an assistant principal at Westland John Glenn High School and enjoyed his years in education

Sister Rose Marie Kujawa president of Madonna University in Livonia has career advice that has stood the test of time A good education is the best preparation for a good career, she said Careers may change many times but a solid education will support any



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Sister Rose Marie Kujawa president of Madonna University in Livonia, advocates getting a good education as the basis for a lifelong career





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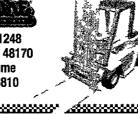
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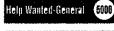


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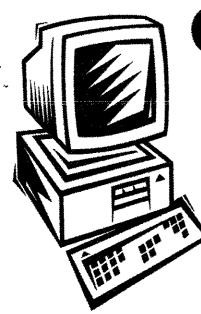
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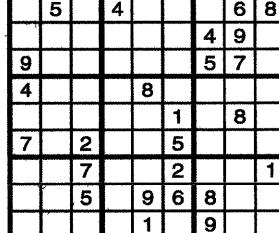
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What does it mean to build green?

(NAPSI) — While most of us know that green building is good for the environment creates healthier living and work spaces and lowers operating costs, not everyone knows exactly what it means to build green

According to the Green

According to the Green Building Initiative (GBI), a nonprofit organization formed to help educate builders and consumers there s no one size fits all approach But a green structure will adhere to certain fundamental principles whether its a home, school industrial park or office tower For example

Green buildings are energy efficient. In addition to saving money this helps to minimize pollution (including carbon dioxide emissions which are a major cause of global warming)

They re water efficient which is becoming increasingly important as the population — and demand — grows Last year a group of US may grs-conducted a survey and found that 40 percent of their cities won thave an adequate supply of water in 20 years

They re resource efficient Among other things, this means using fewer materials, choosing recycled content materials, using wood that's certified as having come from a sustainably managed forest and reducing waste

The financial benefits



This green home is being constructed using energy efficient and environmentally friendly building techniques

of building green include utility companies offer ing cash incentives to encourage energy and water efficiency, while different levels of gov ernment offer tax deduc tions and other incentives such as fast tracking the building approval process

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

For information on what to look for in a

green-built home, the National Association of Home Builders Model Green Home Building Guidelines (www nahb org) are an excellent resource For commercial structures,

commercial structures, the Green Globes system is a user-friendly online tool for designing green buildings and assessing their performance over time In fact a recent University of Minnesota green building study concluded Green Globes "better integrates lifestyle thinking into its rating system" — meaning that it measures the impact of a building throughout its existence Modules for New Construction and the Continual Improvement of Existing Buildings are available on the GBI Web site at www.thegbi.com

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# Royal Oak's MarketSquare Iofts completed

Developers at SkyLofts MarketSquare in Royal Oak have finished the remaining residences in the building and are offering builders close-out pricing for lofts that can be occupied immediately at closing

'We have a timing advantage in what has become a very competitive lofts market in Royal Oak," Development Manager Nico Schultz said Buyers can see just what they're going to get and negotiate accordingly"

Schultz used data from existing buyers to select the most popular features and colors chosen by owners who had customized an empty space Most of the completed lofts therefore have bamboo floors, furniture-grade hardwood cabinets, gramte countertops and a fireplace — and there's a television niche above the fireplace for flat-screen TVs Schultz said 80 percent of the building's residents have a plasma or LCD TV

He then worked with a designer to vary the central theme. Some losts mix hardwood and carpeting, others have a whirlpool bathtub or special edging on the countertops. Material colors are based on the residence's orientation to the sun

The fact that all the lofts are completed means that buyers can obtain a mortgage that covers the complete cost of the loft Those who are customizing an unfinished space often must pay in advance for premium features, as developers protect themselves from the cost of retrofitting following a cancellation

"These are one-of-kind lofts, so people have to act quickly Schultz said

Schultz said the pricing also invites fast action. The developer Morningside Group of Chicago, is using a no reasonable offer refused" theme in its advertising. When a Royal Oak newspaper printed a picture of the Morningside billboard bearing that message, a prospective buyer used the photo to call the MarketSquare sales office.

We re in a strong niche in an otherwise soft real estate market, Schultz said. There are customers who can buy now and who want new construction and a lofts lifestyle. It may have been the holidays, but we had strong traffic last month, and no reasonable offer is a big reason."



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# Do homework when shopping for mortgage

BY MARK SAVITSKIE

Most of us, at one time or other, have purchased an elec tronic appliance such as a tele vision Chances are, we went to several stores and, after comparing the specifications, performance and quality of several models, we made our final selection based on price

Interestingly a lot of people approach acquiring a mortgage in the same manner They hear companies advertising, 'We will beat anyones interest rate! or Our closing costs are the lowest around!" So, often, the first question they'll ask is, 'What's this mortgage going to cost me?

But mortgages aren't TVs and the answer to that question isn't as simple as quoting rates and fees which give you a limited and not very mean ingful picture If two TVs are similarly designed and priced, but one gets only five channels while the other gets an unlimited number, you would immediately choose the one with unlimited channels So why wouldn't you approach obtaining a mortgage the same way?

Mortgages are fairly complex financial instruments designed to finance real estate They

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vary greatly around three components - interest rate, costs and terms These three components, when balanced properly and in consideration of the borrowers total financial situation, will produce the best mortgage for the consumers

It's critically important that consumers understand the three components of a mortgage, but most of us don t have the time, knowledge or inclination to thoroughly investigate these basics, and this is where it gets difficult Whether you are working with a local mortgage broker or lender, or with an Internet mortgage lender you'd be well-served to know the person you're dealing with Even if your loan officer is a faceless name at the other end of a toll free phone line, the integrity of that mortgage professional, not his or her sales technique should be your number one concern

The sad truth is that for centuries, the profession of money lending has been associated with some pretty shady business practices, labeled usury at its worst Money

lenders were often secretive, dissembling types who were widely reviled for "less than full disclosure" and for getting rich off the desperation of peo ple who never would be rich

I d like to be able to say that, in the ensuing millennia, all that's changed but, too often I see that it hasn't

The federal and state governments have enacted any number of laws and regulations designed to protect borrowers from predatory lending, but there's a fine line between predatory lending and loan officers maximizing their commissions at the expense of

Not long ago, I met with a couple in the process of pur chasing a home who had received a Good Faith Estimate (GFE) of the loan costs from their mortgage broker but felt that the GFE had not been explained well to them They wanted a second opinion (not a bad idea, by the

The GFE showed a fair interest rate based on what the more competitive banks were charging, however, listed in the costs was a loan origina tion fee totaling \$4,350, or 2 percent of the loan amount The loan officer indicated that

this was a typical fee in the mortgage business, needed in order to grant the low interest rate' The reality was that this couple could have received the same interest rate with no loan origination fee at any number of mortgage banks or broker ages, saving themselves over \$4,000!

In another case, I was refinancing a loan that was based on the \$120,000 property value determined by the appraiser I had hired The borrowers believed that the house was worth \$160,000, which would significantly increase the amount that they could borrow They found a lender who, in turn, found an apprais er who would value the house at \$160,000 I lost the client but, even worse, they now owe more on the house than it is worth I know this because I know my appraiser and know the quality and integrity of his work

In both of these examples, there probably wasn't any fraud perpetuated by the loan officer, but in each instance, there is a question of integrity, of ethics Sure borrowers are responsible for the decisions they make And in a market driven world, the loan officer has a right to earn whatever he can get The question is, is it right?

The mortgage industry and the government are grappling with just such issues as these At present, there is no professional certification such as CPA or MD in the mortgage business and, lacking a structure of accountability, lenders and brokers, though licensed, have great latitude in conducting their business according to their own version of the "honor system

So how are borrowers to protect themselves from unethical lenders?

Here are some suggestions Do some homework on mortgages in order to understand the basics Read magazine or newspaper articles, especially in trade publications, or go online

■ Meet with a loan officer or two and have them walk you through all the steps of the mortgage process Do not let them gloss over your questions with quick answers If a faceto-face meeting isn't possible, then at least establish a line of communication via telephone or e-mail as a means to getting clear answers to your ques-

■ Always ask for a Good Faith Estimate The GFE will

cover two of the components interest rate and costs - as well as some of the terms Be wary if the lender is reluctant to provide you with a GFE, this is a huge red flag

Review all of the loan documents before you close Most of them are standardized forms with language that cannot be changed, but these documents are where you will find the terms of the loan outlined Signing your name 25 times to legal documents at a closing can be overwhelming and intimidating, this is not the time to be asking basic ques-

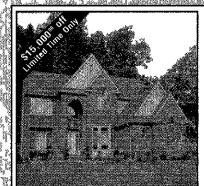
Loan officers should attend the closing with you If they have done their job well, then their participation is usually limited to congratulating you on closing But, if something does go wrong they ll be there to help

So, the next time you find yourself in the market for a mortgage, remember Educate yourself Ask questions Then trust your gut and relax You ll have done everything you can to tell the good lenders from the bad

Mark Savitskie CPA is a mortgage broker and president of Allegro Home Loans in Plymouth

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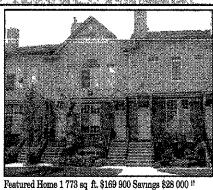
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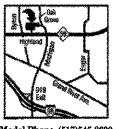






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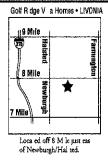
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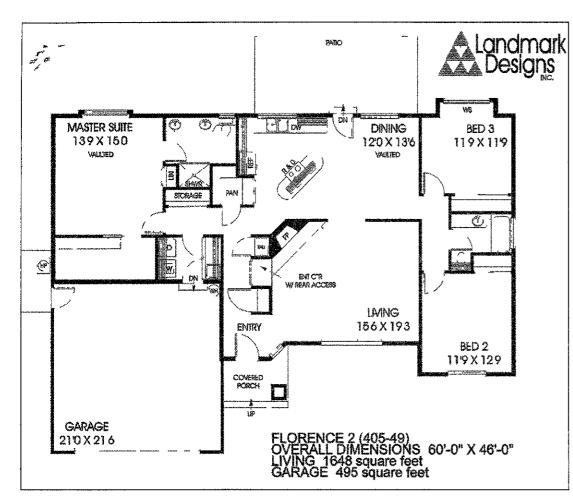
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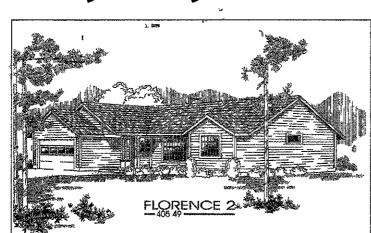


# Florence 2 ideal for empty-nesters or families with growing children

The medium sized Florence 2 (405-49) utilizes its space well The lap siding and wood shake roof gives the exterior a look anyone would be proud to show off to friends Ideally suited to a family with growing children or empty nesters that need room for the visiting grandchildren and out of town guests

This practical floor plan has two diminutive bedrooms positioned at one end of the house This arrangement allows teenagers or guests to retain a great deal of privacy while still maintaining an overall feeling of togetherness A full bathroom and hallway are placed in between the two for added pri-

The focal point of this home however, is the living room, dining room area. With vaulted ceilings, this great room concept permits traffic to flow smoothly throughout the central portion of the home A large open fireplace with an adjoining entertainment center gives the family a cozy location to talk over the days events, watch a favorite television program or just sit and revel in each other's company while a warm fire takes away the win-



The efficient, walk through kitchen lets the cook participate in the goings on while preparing meals A walk-in pantry has lots of space for canned goods, while an adjacent storage closet is available for those odds and ends you cannot do without Step down to the back patio and a barbecue for the whole gang is no trouble at all weather per mitting

The sizable master suite, with vaulted ceiling, features a huge walk in closet where clothes can be hung and accessed without worry The private bath has an oversized shower and twin basins that eliminate competition for mirror space on those hectic

mornings Across the hail, a utility room has an entrance to the garage, making it easy to bring in bags of groceries or other supplies while staying

For a study plan of the FLO-RENCE 2 (405-49), send \$15, to Landmark Designs, 33127 Sagınaw Road E, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call 1-800 562-1151 Be sure to specify plan name and number Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for you dream home (\$5 00 shipping and handling will apply) Or you may order or search online at www ldıplans com

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# Michelle Walder join Paragon Michelle Walder has joined Paragon Property

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Walder had been controller at Etkin Equities ın Southfield A Walled Lake resident, Walder earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Walsh College, and has more than 12 years of experience in commercial and residential property management

Paragon Corporate Realty Services (www paragoners com), founded in 1998, is a Farmington Hills based commercial real estate firm that specializes in property leasing, management and development of office and industrial properties

# Free workshop

A workshop for first-time homebuyers will be held 6-7 30 p m Monday, Jan 22 at 28544 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (just north of 12 Mile on the east side of the road) It is sponsored by Century 21 Today Inc

This free workshop will cover topics such as how to effectively use the Internet for home searches, why to get preapproved, what paperwork will be required to buy a home benefits of using a Realtor, and more

On hand will be licensed Realtors and a mort gage broker to answer your questions

RSVP by calling (248) 855-2000, ext 219, or e-mailing Mpopp@Century21Today.com

# Career seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a career seminar at 6 30 p m Wednesday, Jan 31, at the Plymouth Office, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road Suite 100, in Plymouth

The seminar will explore a career in real estate Find out all you need to know about costs, compensation, training and prelicense requirements RSVP by calling (734) 459-4700

# Mortgage credit coaching seminar

Approved Mortgages is hosting a seminar on how to improve your credit score from 10 a m to noon Saturday, Feb 3, at the Public Library of Westland located at 6123 Central City Parkway Westland Call Diane Adamick at (734) 516 8043 to register

# **Builders Institute**

The Oakland Builders Institute will offer ■ A 16-hour seminar to help students pass the Mıchıgan state builder's license exam. It will be from 8 a m to 5 p m Saturday and Sunday, Jan 20-21, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive The course is for those who want to subcontract con struction of their own homes as well as real estate investors, developers and building trades people Cost is \$205 including manual, sample questions and text application A \$25 deposit is needed by Jan 18 to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48306 To register, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 or online at www buildersinstitute com

A seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license exam will be offered by the institute in cooperation with Lake Orion Community Education It will be 6 10 p m Monday/Wednesday, Jan 22, 24 29 and 31, at the Community Education Resource Center, 455 E Scripps Road, Lake Orion The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes as well as real estate investors, developers and building trades people Cost is \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions Preregistration with payment is needed by Jan 18 to Lake Orion Community Education Call (248) 693-5436 to register

A seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builders license exam will be offered by the institute in cooperation with Walled Lake Community Education It will be 6-10 p m Monday/Wednesday, Jan 22, 24, 29 and 31, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W Pontiac

Trail, Walled Lake The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes as well as real estate investors, developers and building trades people Cost is \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions Preregistration with payment is needed by Jan 18 to Walled Lake Community Education Call (248) 956-5000 to register

# **Building association courses**

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor the following

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Presented by NCI Associates, Madison Heights, the course is designed to prepare stu dents for the Michigan Residential Builders License Examination Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies

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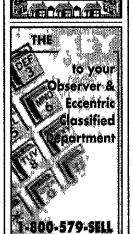
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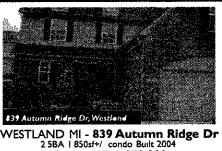
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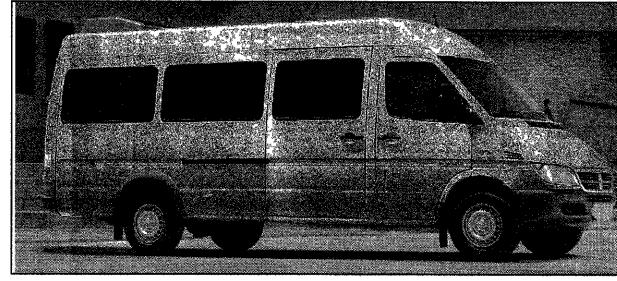
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It was created to replace Europe's Mercedes-Benz T1 van, then later the Dodge Ram Van, and targeted mostly for businesses rather than private users You have probably most often seen them in use as ambulances, but their demand in van conversions and mini-motor homes is growing

Second, the Sprinter is available in three body styles Chassis Cab (read Tonka-truck-under-the-tree mode), Cargo Van and Passenger Van

The Chassis Cab has a flat frame (girls, this means the back of the truck) and a perfectly serviceable cab, with reclining bucket seats and attached headrests The sum of that equals easy up-fitting, or the painless addition of things like a tool box Four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes and a premium 2 7-liter CDI (read worldpremier) turbo-diesel engine join standard 16-inch wheels and tires, although there are two available

Sprinter's Cargo Van offers three wheelbases and two roof heights (maxing out at 73 inches), with up to 473 cubic feet and 4,824 pounds capacity of load area Doors swing to 270 degrees in the rear, the widest open doors in its class, and remain open with exterior panel magnets



The 2007 Dodge Sprinter van offers 18 colors and two heights for maximum choice.

Translation You can wear your big hair, mama It's the Passenger Van you're going to want, though, with its let s-haul the-fam-to-the-mall space. It seats 10 passengers in 112 cubic feet of cargo room, and comes with standard air-conditioning, automatic temperature control, cassette stereo and 12 cupholders You will definitely be the hit with your kids, but may want to put a change collector on the dash Hey - gas is expensive these days!

This van also sports a premium 2 7-liter 5-cylinder CDI turbo-diesel engine and 4-wheel disc anti-lock

brakes The average miles per gallon is 25 overall The turbo-charged engine directs powerful acceleration near 4,000 revolutions per minute, providing on-demand movement along with impressive fuel savings At 154 horsepower, the truck conveys 243 foot pounds of torque

The prices of the three are \$30,000 for each the Chassis Cab and Cargo Van, and \$32,000 for the Passenger Van

Remember that CDI engine? It stands for common rail direct injection. In human-speak, that means it's really efficient in saving money Oil changes aren't needed for less than 10,000 miles — within normal driving conditions

A valuable option is Sprinter's ASSYST maintenance system, a finely tuned addition that stretches that 10,000-miles oil change to double that

The CDI also bundles longer life, lower maintenance and improved fuel efficiency with performance that banks on smoothness along with a quiet and clean execution not usually associated with diesels This is achieved through ignition sequence precision, ongoing injection pressure, and fuel meter

Another facet of the powertrain is the ability to turn in tight areas — a particular delight in business or industry, or when trying to park in too-small lots Even though it is the largest full-size van, the Sprinter gives up the best wall-to-wall turning diameter in its

The power-assisted front rack-and-pinion steering delivers easy handling, including a 36 7-foot turning radius on the short (118-inch) wheelbase version

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# What does it mean to build green?

(NAPSI) - While most of us know that green building is good for the environment creates healthier living and work spaces and lowers operating costs, not everyone knows exactly what it means to build green

According to the Green Building Initiative (GBI) a nonprofit organization formea to help educate builders and consumers, there's no one size fits all approach But a green structure will adhere to certain fundamental principles whether its a home school industrial park or office tower For example

■ Green buildings are energy-efficient In addition to saving money, this helps to minimize pollution (including carbon dioxide emissions which are a major cause of global warming)

They ie water-effi cient, which is becoming increasingly important as the population — and demand - grows Last year a group of US may ors conducted a survey and found that 40 per cent of their cities won t have an adequate supply of water in 20 years

They ie resourceefficient Among other things this means using fewer materials choos ing recycled content materials, using wood that's certified as having come from a sustainably managed forest and reducing waste

The financial benefits



This green home is being constructed using energy efficient and environmentally friendly building techniques

of building green include utility companies offer ing cash incentives to encourage energy and water efficiency, while different levels of gov ernment offer tax deductions and other incentives such as fast-tracking the building approval process

#### WHAT TO LOOK FOR

For information on what to look for in a

green-built home, the National Association of Home Builders' Model Green Home Building Guidelines

(www nahb org) are an excellent resource For commercial structures, the Green Globes system is a user-friendly online tool for designing green buildings and assessing their performance over time In fact, a recent University of Minnesota

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## Royal Oak's MarketSquare lofts completed

Developers at SkyLofts MarketSquare in Royal Oak have finished the remaining residences in the building and are offering builders close-out pricing for lofts that can be occupied immediately at closing

"We have a timing advantage in what has become a very competitive lofts market in Royal Oak," Development Manager Nico Schultz said "Buyers can see just what they're going to get and negotiate accordingly'

Schultz used data from existing buyers to select the most popular features and colors chosen by owners who had customized an empty space Most of the completed lofts therefore have bamboo floors, furniture-grade hardwood cabinets, granite countertops and a fireplace - and there's a television niche above the fireplace for flat-screen TVs Schultz said 80 percent of the building's residents have a plasma or LCD TV

He then worked with a designer to vary the central theme Some lofts mix hardwood and car peting, others have a whirlpool bathtub or special edging on the countertops Material colors are based on the residences orientation to the sun

The fact that all the lofts are completed means that buyers can obtain a mortgage that covers the complete cost of the loft Those who are customizing an unfinished space often must pay in advance for premium features, as developers protect themselves from the cost of retrofitting following a cancellation

"These are one-of-kind lofts, so people have to act quickly, Schultz said

Schultz said the pricing also invites fast action The developer, Morningside Group of Chicago, is using a no reasonable offer refused" theme in its advertising When a Royal Oak newspaper print ed a picture of the Morningside billboard bearing that message, a prospective buyer used the photo to call the MarketSquare sales office

We re in a strong niche in an otherwise soft real estate market, Schultz said 'There are customers who can buy now and who want new construction and a lofts lifestyle. It may have been the holidays, but we had strong traffic last month, and no reasonable offer is a big reason'

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# Do homework when shopping for mortgage

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Most of us, at one time or other, have purchased an elec tronic appliance such as a television Chances are we went to several stores and, after comparing the specifications performance and quality of several models we made our final selection based on price

Interestingly, a lot of people approach acquiring a mortgage in the same manner They hear companies advertising, "We will beat anyones interest rate! or Our closing costs are the lowest around! So, often, the first question they ll ask is, What's this mortgage going to

But mortgages arent TVs, and the answer to that question isn't as simple as quoting rates and fees which give you a limited and not very meaningful picture If two TVs are similarly designed and priced but one gets only five channels while the other gets an unlimited number, you would immediately choose the one with unlimited channels So why wouldn't you approach obtaining a mortgage the same way?

Mortgages are fairly complex financial instruments designed to finance real estate They

**GUEST COLUMN** 

vary greatly around three components - interest rate, costs and terms These three components, when balanced properly and in consideration of the borrower's total financial situation, will produce the best mortgage for the consumer's It's critically important that

consumers understand the

three components of a mort-

gage, but most of us don't have the time, knowledge or inclination to thoroughly investigate these basics, and this is where it gets difficult Whether you are working with a local mortgage broker or lender, or with an Internet mortgage lender, you d be well-served to know the person you're dealing with Even if your loan officer is a faceless name at the other end of a toll free phone line, the integrity of that mortgage professional not his or her sales technique should be your

The sad truth is that for centuries, the profession of money lending has been associated with some pretty shady business practices, labeled usury at its worst Money

number one concern

lenders were often secretive, dissembling types who were widely reviled for 'less than full disclosure and for getting rich off the desperation of people who never would be rich

Id like to be able to say that, in the ensuing millennia, all that's changed but too often I see that it hasn t

The federal and state governments have enacted any number of laws and regulations designed to protect borrowers from predatory lending, but there's a fine line between predatory lending and loan officers maximizing their commissions at the expense of borrowers

Not long ago, I met with a couple in the process of purchasing a home who had received a Good Faith Estimate (GFE) of the loan costs from their mortgage broker but felt that the GFE had not been explained well to them They wanted a second opinion (not a bad idea, by the

The GFE showed a fair interest rate based on what the more competitive banks were charging, however, listed in the costs was a "loan origina tion fee totaling \$4,350, or 2 percent of the loan amount The loan officer indicated that

this was a 'typical fee in the mortgage business, needed in order to grant the low interest rate The reality was that this couple could have received the same interest rate with no loan origination fee at any number of mortgage banks or brokerages, saving themselves over \$4,0001

In another case, I was refinancing a loan that was based on the \$120,000 property value determined by the appraiser I had hired The borrowers believed that the house was worth \$160,000, which would significantly increase the amount that they could borrow They found a lender who, in turn, found an appraiser who would value the house at \$160,000 I lost the client but, even worse, they now owe more on the house than it is worth I know this because I know my appraiser and know the quality and integrity of his

In both of these examples, there probably wasn t any fraud perpetuated by the loan officer, but in each instance, there is a question of integrity, of ethics Sure, borrowers are responsible for the decisions they make And in a marketdriven world, the loan officer has a right to earn whatever he can get The question is, is it right?

The mortgage industry and the government are grappling with just such issues as these At present, there is no professional certification such as CPA or MD in the mortgage business and, lacking a structure of accountability, lenders and brokers, though licensed, have great latitude in conducting their business according to their own version of the honor system

So how are borrowers to protect themselves from unethical lenders?

Here are some suggestions Do some homework on

mortgages in order to understand the basics Read magazine or newspaper articles, especially in trade publications, or go online

■ Meet with a loan officer or two and have them walk you through all the steps of the mortgage process Do not let them gloss over your questions with quick answers If a face to-face meeting isn't possible, then at least establish a line of communication via telephone or e-mail as a means to getting clear answers to your ques-

■ Always ask for a Good Faith Estimate The GFE will

cover two of the components interest rate and costs - as well as some of the terms Be wary if the lender is reluctant to provide you with a GFE this is a huge red flag

Review all of the loan documents before you close Most of them are standardized forms with language that cannot be changed, but these documents are where you will find the terms of the loan outlined Signing your name 25 times to legal documents at a closing can be overwhelming and intimidating, this is not the time to be asking basic ques-

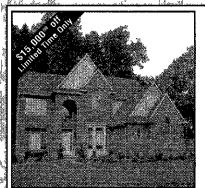
■ Loan officers should attend the closing with you If they have done their job well, then their participation is usually limited to congratulating you on closing But if something does go wrong, they ll be there to help

So, the next time you find yourself in the market for a mortgage, remember Educate yourself Ask questions Then trust your gut and relax You ll have done everything you can to tell the good lenders from the bad

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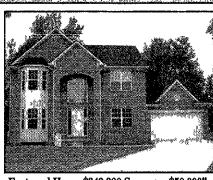
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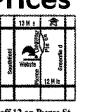
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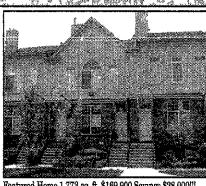
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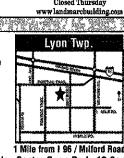


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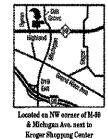
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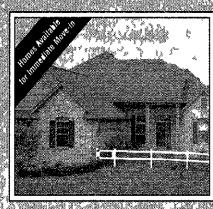


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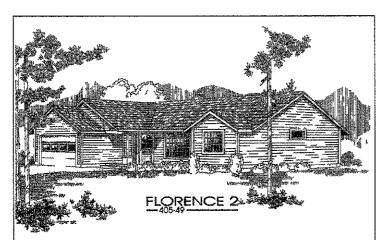
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The medium sized Florence 2 (405-49) utilizes its space well The lap siding and wood shake roof gives the exterior a look anyone would be proud to show off to friends Ideally suited to a family with growing children or empty nesters that need room for the visiting grandchildren and out of town

This practical floor plan has two diminutive bedrooms positioned at one end of the house This arrangement allows teenagers or guests to retain a great deal of privacy while still maintaining an overall feeling of togetherness A full bathroom and hallway are placed in between the two for added pri-

The focal point of this home however, is the living room, dining room area With vaulted ceilings, this great room concept permits traffic to flow smoothly throughout the central portion of the home A large open fireplace with an adjoining entertainment center gives the family a cozy location to talk over the days events, watch a favorite television pr gram or just sit and revei in each other's company while a warm fire takes away the winter chill



The efficient, walk through kitchen lets the cook participate in the goings on while preparing meals A walk-in pantry has lots of space for canned goods while an adjacent storage closet is available for those odds and ends vou cannot do without Step down to the back patro and a barbecue for the whole gang is no trouble at all weather permitting

The sizable master suite with vaulted ceiling features a huge walk in closet where clothes can be hung and accessed without worry Th private bath has an oversized shower and twin basins that eliminate competition for mirror space on those hectic

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Michelle Walder has joined Paragon Property Management Services as director of operations, a new position for the growing commercial real estate firm

Walder had been controller at Etkin Equities in Southfield A Walled Lake resident, Walder earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Walsh College, and has more than 12 years of experience in commercial and residential property management

Paragon Corporate Realty Services (www paragoners com), founded in 1998, is a Farmington Hills-based commercial real estate firm that specializes in property leasing, management and development of office and industrial properties

#### Free workshop

A workshop for first-time homebuyers will be held 6 7 30 p m Monday, Jan 22, at 28544 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (just north of 12 Mile on the east side of the road) It is sponsored by Century 21 Today Inc

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Keller Wıllıams Realty wıll be hostıng a career seminar at 6 30 p m Wednesday Jan 31, at the Plymouth Office, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road Suite 100, in Plymouth

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#### **Builders Institute** The Oakland Builders Institute will offer

A 16-hour seminar to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license exam It will be from 8 a m to 5 p m Saturday and Sunday Jan 20 21, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes as well as real estate investors, developers and building trades people Cost is \$205 including manual, sample questions and text application A \$25 deposit is needed by Jan 18 to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48306 To register, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 or online at www buildersinstitute com

■ A seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license exam will be offered by the institute in cooperation with Lake Orion Community Education It will be 6-10 p m Monday/Wednesday, Jan 22, 24, 29 and 31, at the Community Education Resource Center, 455 E Scripps Road, Lake Orion The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes as well as real estate investors, developers and building trades people Cost is \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions Preregistration with payment is needed by Jan 18 to Lake Orion Community Education Call (248) 693-5436 to register

■ A seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builders license exam will be offered by the institute in cooperation with Walled Lake Community Education It will be 6-10 p m Monday/Wednesday Jan 22, 24, 29 and 31, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W Pontiac

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■ A "customer service seminar, from 8 a m to 4 p m Tuesday, Jan 23, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor series

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■ An Advanced Residential Construction Superintendent (ARCS) course - Reaching Common Ground Managing Differences Through Effective Conflict Resolution (Building Leaders Track)" - from 8 a m to noon Thursday, Jan 25, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills

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■ A lien law seminar — Find Out Whats New in the Michigan Construction Lien Law Act & The Lien Procedures — from 8 a m to 12 30 p m Tuesday, Jan 30, at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills

Marty Burnstein of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein will instruct the course

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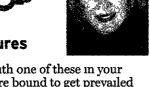
## Dodge's Sprinter van is bland, yet colorful

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Warning Show up with one of these in your neighborhood and you are bound to get prevailed upon to cart the shoppers, school kids and relatives E-V-E-R-Y-where

The 2007 Dodge Sprinter sounds like a fun, surfbunny sedan, but one glance will tell you this is clearly a vehicle that means serious transportation. It is a truck, van and mini-bus. No, it's not a Transformer toy, but it is shaped like something you d find under the Christmas tree for the kid shrieking of testosterone.

But, you may really want one — any day now Especially when you find out it comes in 18 possible colors Yes EIGHTEEN!

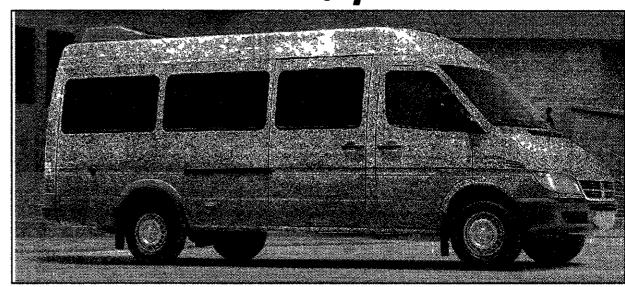
OK, the first thing you need to know is that DaimlerChrysler builds Sprinter, and it is sold under the brands of Dodge, Freightliner and Mercedes-Benz Yes, you read that correctly Mercedes, as in blingbling

It was created to replace Europe's Mercedes-Benz TI van, then later the Dodge Ram Van, and targeted mostly for businesses rather than private users. You have probably most often seen them in use as ambulances, but their demand in van conversions and mini-motor homes is growing.

Second, the Sprinter is available in three body styles Chassis Cab (read Tonka-truck-under-the-tree mode), Cargo Van and Passenger Van

The Chassis Cab has a flat frame (girls, this means the back of the truck) and a perfectly serviceable cab, with reclining bucket seats and attached headrests. The sum of that equals easy up-fitting, or the painless addition of things like a tool box. Four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes and a premium 2.7-liter CDI (read. world-premier) turbo-diesel engine join standard 16-inch wheels and tires, although there are two available wheelbases.

Sprinter's Cargo Van offers three wheelbases and two roof heights (maxing out at 73 inches), with up to 473 cubic feet and 4,824 pounds capacity of load area Doors swing to 270 degrees in the rear, the widest open doors in its class, and remain open with exterior panel magnets



The 2007 Dodge Sprinter van offers 18 colors and two heights for maximum choice.

Translation You can wear your big hair, mama. It's the Passenger Van you're going to want, though, with its let's-haul-the-fam-to-the-mall space. It seats 10 passengers in 112 cubic feet of cargo room, and comes with standard air-conditioning, automatic temperature control, cassette stereo and 12 cupholders. You will definitely be the hit with your kids, but may want to put a change collector on the dash. Hey—gas is expensive these days!

This van also sports a premium 2 7-liter 5-cylinder CDI turbo-diesel engine and 4-wheel disc anti-lock brakes The average miles per gallon is 25 overall

The turbo-charged engine directs powerful acceleration near 4,000 revolutions per minute, providing on-demand movement along with impressive fuel savings. At 154thorsepower, the truck conveys 243 foot pounds of torque

The prices of the three are \$30,000 for each the Chassis Cab and Cargo Van, and \$32,000 for the Passenger Van

Remember that CDI engine? It stands for common rail direct injection. In human-speak, that means it's really efficient in saving money. Oil changes aren't needed for less than 10,000 miles — within normal driving conditions.

A valuable option is Sprinter's ASSYST maintenance system, a finely tuned addition that stretches that 10,000-miles oil change to double that

The CDI also bundles longer life, lower maintenance and improved fuel efficiency with performance that banks on smoothness along with a quiet and clean execution not usually associated with diesels. This is achieved through ignition sequence precision, ongoing injection pressure, and fuel meter

control

Another facet of the powertram is the ability to turn in tight areas — a particular delight in business or industry, or when trying to park in too-small lots Even though it is the largest full-size van, the Sprinter gives up the best wall-to-wall turning diameter in its class

The power-assisted front rack-and-pinion steering delivers easy handling, including a 36 7-foot turning radius on the short (118-inch) wheelbase version

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A sliding door for the driver's side can be ordered, as can an especially tall walk-through and low load height for ease in loading and unloading

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