

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators are bracing for a reduction of state revenue that could reach into the millions of dollars as state officials project a budget deficit upwards of \$800 million

Patricia Brand, PCCS assistant superintendent for business services, spent Thursday and Friday in Lansing attending the Michigan School Business Officials Financial Strategies Conference, where the news to school districts wasn't good

"It's safe to say we could be facing \$2-\$4 million in cuts," Brand said

Plymouth-Canton Schools this year received a state foundation grant increase of \$210 per student, raising the district's allocation to \$7,410 per pupil However, Brand said the state could take away anywhere from \$224 per student – more than the increase given to PCCS – to a smaller amount to help the state balance its budget In either case, Brand said, the results could be financially disastrous for Plymouth Canton Schools

Our year is 75-80 percent concluded, and to think we could make changes of that magnitude is unrealistic,' she

pupil However, Brand said the
state could take away any-
where from \$224 per student -
more than the increase given
to PCCS - to a smaller amountsaid "Staff reductions won t
garner a great reduction this
late in the game Besides, what
we'd pay in unemployment
would make it a wash"

That sentiment is echoed by Superintendent Jim Ryan, who is expecting to hear the final numbers from the state sometime in February

We can look at spending the rest of the year, such as any hires we have yet to make and health care costs, but the reality is there's not much we can do for the remainder of this school year because it's comes so late, Ryan said

However, if the state foundation cut is a stiff one, Ryan said next year's budget will see some harsh realities

'The next cuts will directly impact the classroom,' said Ryan, who declined to give specifics on what that could entail "Everything is on the table, from instructional needs to support '

Ryan points to \$7 million in budget cuts the school board enacted the past four years

"We instituted pay-to-participate for athletics, split classrooms to reduce the number of teachers hired, as well as eliminating most district-sponsored field trips," Ryan said "We're constantly trying to come up with cost savings, like our new

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Canton man charged with having sex with 15-year-old

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

A Canton man is facing a slew of criminal charges that allege inappropriate sexual behavior with minors

Fred Shannon Damron, 33, was arrested in



November for soliciting a minor over the Internet and a subsequent search of his computer revealed he had previously had sex with a 15-year-



Foundation to award \$35k in scholarships

> BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

College students hoping to nab a chunk of \$35,300 in scholarship money have until the beginning of March to submit an application to the Canton Community Foundation

The foundations annual scholarship program features 35 awards for high school seniors, current college students and nontraditional students

Foundation President Joan Noricks said the awards, which range from \$300 to \$2,000, ease the financial obligations

connected to higher education-"With the high school students, I really

Damronold girl, according

to investigators with the Michigan Attorney General's Office

The girl has since been identified and interviewed

Damron, who was arrested in Van Buren Township by U S Secret Service agents assigned to state's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, has been charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct, punishable by up to life in prison, using the Internet to arrange for child sexually abusive activity, accosting and soliciting a minor for immoral purposes and using a computer to commit a felony

On Wednesday, Damron was arraigned on the latest charges in Plymouth's 35th District Court Judge John E MacDonald set bond at \$50,000 or 10 percent Damron's preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb 2

Rusty Hills, a spokesman for Attorney General Mike Cox, said Internet predators have become more and more of a problem" in today's world

"I don't want to unduly alarm parents because the Internet is a wonderful tool, but it can be used for good or ill,' he said

Hills recommends placing computers in common areas of the home and advised parents to stay on top of their child s online activities

'It pays to be nosey,' he said Cox's Child and Public Protection Unit has arrested a total of 117 Internet predators since in 2003

Damron was the 111th person to be charged

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Kristin Riley, who is just over three-feet tall and weighs less than 40 pounds, was born with primordial dwarfism

Small package, big inspiration Canton woman suffering from rare form of dwarfism focuses on helping others

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

As a reluctant grin forms across her delicate face, Kristin Riley says she's not a television star

True, she doesn t have her own sound stage, a frazzled personal assistant or a hefty paycheck from a network studio, but she is gaining recognition from being on national airwaves

Fresh off a slice of coverage on ABC News, 25-year-old Riley has primordial dwarfism and has been profiled on various small-screen programs because of the rare disor der

"I don't see myself as a celebrity," said Riley, belting out a giggle 'But people recognize me and stop me"

Just over three-feet tall and weighing less than 40 pounds, Riley is forthcoming about her life and views her TV appearances as ways to create dialogue

"A lot of people tell me I'm providing inspiration,' she said "Good things have come out of people seeing me and I ll try to keep helping others"

Riley, who lives with her parents,

'I don't see myself as a celebrity. But people recognize me and stop me' Kristin Riley Canton resident

Michael and Cinda Riley, has appeared on the Montel Williams show, the Discovery Channel and in a British documentary,

"People are interested in us," Riley said of her family, adding that it can be surreal when strangers approach asking for hugs

Born in Texas, Riley weighed less than three pounds at birth Although her parents don t suffer from the disorder, Kristins older brother, Kevin, also had primordial dwarfism He died of a brain aneurysm in 2002 at the age of 24

"Kevin and Kristin were considered medical mysteries," Cinda Riley said "They say the chances of having (the syndrome) is like a needle in a haystack, but it happened twice for us"

Broken down into various types, one category of primordial dwarfism is so rare that fewer than 100 people have it in the US and Canada according to www nemours org

Kristin, aside from extensive dental procedures, has good health to match her spirit, said Michael Riley

'She's just refreshing," he said With her back against the plush leather couch in her living room, Kristin's feet barely reach the edge of the seat cushion. Her stature presents some limitations, such as shopping exclusively in the children's department and being unable to ride roller coasters, but Michaei and Ci. di said life goes on

'When we're at home I don t even think about it,' Cinda said, while Michael chimed in, 'Even when we're out, I don't think about it"

A fan of stacked-heel boots and talking on the telephone, Kristin graduated from Canton High School in 2001 — "they didn't treat me any different, I walked back and forth between the buildings" — and is working on an associate's degree

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think parents are more excited than the students because they understand the financial value," she said

The awards call for recipients to live in Canton, Plymouth or Plymouth Township, be accepted to a post-high school educational institution and have ε cumulative grade point-average of 2 5 or above on a 4 0 scale

With some awards targeted at non-traditional students – those that begin college later in life or return to college after an extended absence – Noricks encouraged those that fit into that category to apply

A scholarship can make a huge difference to them," she said

One of the most sought after awards includes the four-year renewable, \$2,000 Yazaki North America Inc Scholarship

"We want to inspire kids that have already done well," said Brandon Dent of Yazaki North America.

Awarded to high schoolers entering a technical or science-based curriculum, Dent said the company is proud to identify and support new talent and views recipients as potential employees

Even if they don t (eventually work for us) we still feel good about contributing to the greater good of our industry," he said

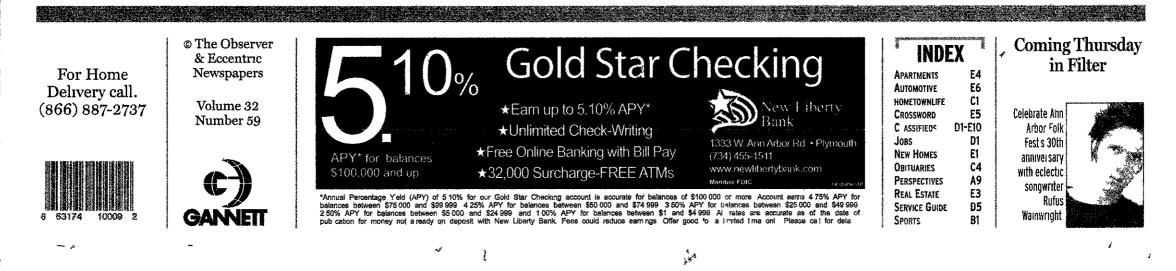
Completed applications, which are due March 2, must include a transcript, standardized test scores, a 500-word essay and letters of reference

To download the application and view a listing of scholarships, log on to www cantonfoundation org

The CCF scholarship program was created in 1990 and awarded \$4,000 to nine students

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Corrections

In an opinion column that appeared in the Jan 7 edition of the Observer, teen journalist David Hopper wrote officers with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department were involved with a drug sweep at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park The department did not take part

A Jan 14 Health story on blood conservation madvertently left out the first name of Dr Jonathan Hoffberger, a physician who specializes in cardiovascular-thoracic surgery at Oakwood Hospital

Township board meeting

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p m, Jan 23 at the Canton Administrative Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road Agenda items include Site plan for Chase Bank, final planned development and site plan for Wellington Willows, notice of intent to issue additional bonds, salt purchase for 2006-07 winter season, and a lease agreement for golf carts

for Pheasant Run Golf Club Family music classes

Harmony and Me will present free Music Together Demonstration classes Feb 8, at 9 30 a m, 10 30 a m, and 11 30 a m Reservations are requested The classes will be held at 7311 N Lilley Road, in Canton (between Allstate and the Medical Center) For more information or to make a reservation, call (248) 489-9330, or visit www.HarmonyandMeKids.co

Music Together classes offer a family-style program with mixed-age children Younger siblings are welcome and encouraged to attend The goal of the program is to encourage families to bring music and harmony home This is a national research-based, developmentally appropriate music class for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers and the adults who love them

Week day, daytime classes begin March 13 and will run for nine weeks

Home Improvement

Canton's sixth annual Home

Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes will be held Saturday, March 3 from 9 a m to 5 p mand Sunday, March 4 from 11 am to 5 pm at Canton's Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway

At the Expo, do-it-yourselfers will find more than 120 exhibitors ready to give tips and information on a wide range of home improvement and repair projects The Expo is free to the public and will focus on home modernization, new products and landscaping ideas The Parade of Homes will also return this year with single-family model homes and condominiums open to the

public during the entire event How-to workshops will also be held throughout the weekend on a variety of topics from landscaping to product lines and a hands on project center be hosted to allow children the opportunity to construct a project made from wood Expo goers will also be able to "Ask the Inspector" how to make their homes safe and code compliant when Canton's Building Inspectors answer questions one-on-one

A special guest appearance will be made by Murray Gula, Host of "Murray Gula's Home Improvement Team" on WXYZ-TV Detroit Refreshments will also be served throughout the day and multiple raffles for free prizes will be held

The event is hosted by Cantons Building and Inspection Services Division, the Chamber of Commerce and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers For more information please call Canton's Building and Inspection Services at (734) 394-5200 or visit www cantonmı org

Bittinger Team scholarships

Lee and Noel Bittinger of **RE/MAX** Classic in Canton are once again sponsoring three scholarships of \$1,000 each These scholarships will be available to any currently enrolled high school senior in the Plymouth-Canton community who is planning on attending a college or university in the fall of 2007

"The Plymouth-Canton community has supported us for over 20 years The Bittinger Team Scholarship is just one of the ways that we can say thank you by giving back to our community We know that education is very important for the values of our properties This is our way of paving the way for a stronger, happier future for the next generation," said Noel Bittinger

Applications may be obtained at RE/MAX Classic 43435 Joy Road, in Canton The submission deadline is March 1, 2007



The Plymouth Rotary is inviting middle-school students in the Plymouth-Canton community to submit a 250to 500-word essay about The Four Way Test and how the test can be used to make good decisions

The Four Way Test 1s a decision-making model used by Rotary International The test of things we think, say or do asks 'Is it the truth?" "Is it fair to all concerned?" "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?" and 'Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

There will be two winning students from each middle level program in Plymouth-Canton, with the winning students receiving a \$100 savings bond Essays must be submitted by Feb 16 to Ellison Franklin, West Middle School, 44401 W Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170

Entry forms can be obtained at middle schools or from the middle-level Language Arts teachers For more information, call West Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin, (734) 416-7599

Euchre tournament

The Exchange Club of Canton will hold it fourth annual Euchre tournament 4-10 p m, Feb 17 at Summit on the Park in Canton Proceeds from the event will benefit local scholarships for Plymouth-Canton youth The event will include trophies and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as well as door prizes, a silent auction, raffles and more

Tickets for the event are \$50, which includes food and an open bar For Ticket information call Richard Piwko at (734) 981-1149 or (734) 231-2688, Jon LaFever at (734) 398-5570, or David Loveland at (734) 207-8943

Art exhibit

Detroit-born artist and Canton resident Byron Reed brings his vibrant and unique painting style to the Plymouth Community Arts Council with his current exhibit, The Way We Were, through Feb 15

Reed has had a long career that began with graphic arts and progressed to working as art director at various advertising agencies and television stations in the Metro-Detroit area Reed devotes all of his time to his first love - art

When I paint jazz scenes, quite often I can actually hear the music as I work on the piece of art,' he said "I see and smell the perspiration of those jazz magicians as they perform under the hot lights I feel greatly privileged to have this talent and to be able to present it to you for as long as I can "

Reed is also helping to shape young artists as a mentor in the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Aspiring Artist Mentorship Program Visitors can view The Way We Were at the PCAC 9 am to 5 pm Monday-Friday The PCAC is located at 774 N Sheldon Road in Plymouth

For more information visit the Web site at www plymoutharts com or call (734) 416-4278



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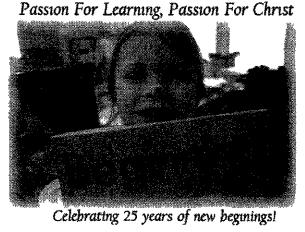
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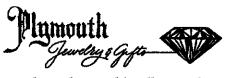
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Honoring sacrifice

Plymouth High teacher organizes luncheon to support military families

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

As a history teacher at Plymouth High School, Beth Savalox knew she wasn't doing her part to help support US troops fighting in Iraq - and felt it important to do something anything

"I teach the Vietnam War, and I realize the loss of the homefront support tends to sınk a mılıtary effort," said Savalox, who lives in Plymouth 'I felt like I wasn t doing anything, and I felt bad about that"

During a recent girls weekend, Savalox, her sister, Renee McKarge of Plymouth Township, and several other women - with political beliefs ranging from ultraconservative to ultralıberal - had some spirited conversations about the conflict in Iraq

"But, what we all agreed on is we are at war and we haven t done anything to help," said McKarge "There's one segment of the population that's sacrificing, and their families are carrying the load for the whole country, while we go on with our daily lives

Savalox met some key volunteers from the Headquarters and Service Company of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines Regiment based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, who suggested they could help sponsor a luncheon for family members of the 24th Marines, where they would receive an update on the status of their sons and daughters serving in Iraq Savalox contacted about two dozen friends and family

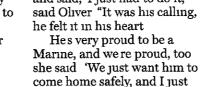


Carole and Larry Oliver of Plymouth Township hold a replica dog tag with the name of their son 23-year-old Steven Oliver The Olivers attended a luncheon with other families to to hear information about their son's regiment and when it may return from Iraq

members by telephone and efamily members 'They get so many Care packages that I m mail, and it didn't take long expecting half the Marines to before they raised about come back a little tight in their \$1,500 for roasted chicken, green beans and salad served uniforms to nearly 100 family members of the 24th Marines at Giulo's you want to look at it as the downhill side, he said They Cucina Italiana restaurant in Livonia on Saturday, Jan 13 still have to be vigilant have to Many of those same people work hard and do the same made cookies, cakes and things they've been doing for the last 3 1/2 months until

brownies for dessert The families - including Larry and Carole Oliver of Plymouth, whose son, Steven, is a cook with Charlie Company of the 24th Marines - listened as Maj Shannon Wiley give an update on the nearly 1,100 Marines from the 24th who arrived in Iraq Sept 22, and hopefully will be home Aprıl 22

They ve been overwhelmed with packages and mail, and it almost takes a fleet of trucks to bring it in,' Wiley updated



Carole Oliver said being a

year-old Steven always wanted

home and had tears in his eyes

and said, I just had to do it,

The day he joined he came

Marine Reserve and serving

his country is something 23

Shannon Wiley SSgt Michael Lustri, Beth Savalox Plymouth

Wiley said the gatherings want there to be purpose to like the one organized by Savalox and McKarge are great why hes there for support and morale of the Larry Oliver said the

friendships

to do

Marines have helped his son grow

I think he will come back more mature, but more than just the time hes been in the Iraq, said Larry Oliver It will be years of maturity

Steven Oliver a graduate of Canton High School was with the Headquarters and Service

chance to bond and build new Company before being trans ferred to Charlie Company to be a cook

Nearly 100 family members of the Headquarters and Service Company of the 1st Battalion 24th Marines Regiment

based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base attended a luncheon in their honor. Among those in attendance included Renee McKarge Plymouth Township (from left) Maria Falcon key volunteer H&S Company SSgt William Rohrman Maj.

> He sees those guys going out to sacrifice every day and he can provide a warm meal for them, said Carole Oliver Thats a lot of motivation for hım

'What I don t like is he helps chauffeur the commander in downtown Fallujah," she said I wasn t too crazy about that But, as time goes on, you get used to it That's their mission, thats their choice"

Oliver said she knew earlyon her son was destined for a military career

This is the same kid who used to watch M*A*S*H* on television every day, and watched the movie Top Gun since he was a kid," she said

McKarge said she was able to get as much satisfaction from the event as the Marine families

I was amazed at the amount

of appreciation the families had for somebody recognizing and supporting them,' McKarge said It felt good to do something and know in your heart you ve contributed something I have never remembered feeling so good about doing something

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Savalox said she felt gratified and happy to contribute to the families of the 24th Battalion

"What struck me the most 1s the fact they kept thanking us, like we did something special, when its they who are giving the ultimate sacrifice,' Savalox said "I felt like it wasn t enough

There's so much more we could be doing, and I realized the next step is when they come home and how to properly welcome them," she said They deserve a heroes welcome

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District may move board elections to cut costs

ning school district elections,

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials will soon consider moving school board elections, which are currently held in May, to November to save money

The biggest plus, according

taking it out of the hands of the school districts When Plymouth-Canton Schools ran its own elections, it cost the district "between \$15,000-\$20,000" according to Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent of business services

Since then, the costs have

had a question on the ballot and split the cost

Its the halfway point, but

"It pays huge dividends if

you take care of families back

here, Wiley said "The Marines

over there know their families

are taken care of and they can

focus on their jobs It's a great

source for the families to find

out what s happening in the

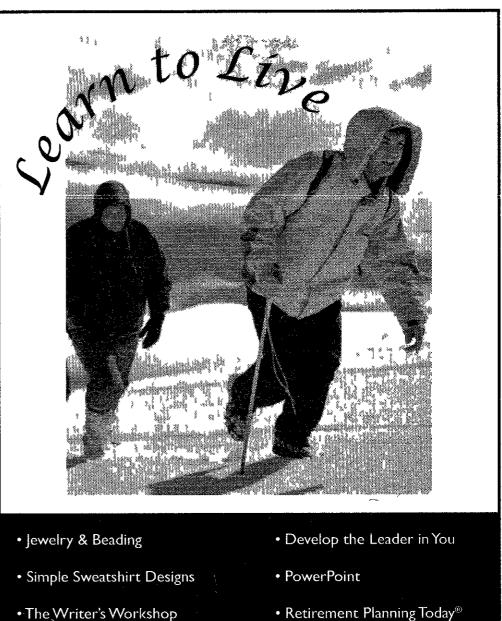
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In May 2006, with a bond proposal and school board election on the ballot, the cost by the six clerks totaled \$98.000

'It's hard for us to even budget for elections anymore, said Brand





to Board of Education President Barry Simescu, is cost

"Sharing the cost of the election with the communities (which encompass the district) that have elections at the same time is a real benefit, especially with our budget situation," Simescu said 'We would be able to share cost with at least one community every November'

A law that went into effect in January 2005 gave municipal clerks the responsibility of run-

skyrocketed as ^{D1}, mouth Canton gets billed by Canton Township, Plymouth Township, Plymouth, Northville Township, Superior Township and Salem Township because the district has residents in all six communities In May 2005, the first election conducted by the clerks, they collectively billed Plymouth-Canton Schools a total of \$38,000 for their services That figure could easily have been doubled, except for the fact Schoolcraft College also

S mescu sa d there are a co ple of negatives for changing school elections to November

'One of the concerns is our ballot questions would be on the back page of a long ballot, especially in presidential years, Simescu said 'Another difficulty would have newly elected board members coming on at the middle of a school year, instead of the beginning hke they currently do

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from Schoolcraft College

A Mary Kay cosmetics side gig is moving slow and steady, obtaining a driver's license is in the works and Kristin says shes ready to move past microwave meals and start making feasts on the stove

Like many part-time employed, twenty somethings still living at home, her parents tease her about getting a job and moving out

'It would be sad," Cinda admitted, but added, When you have children, you want them to become the best individuals they can be We make life as normal as possible - we ve kept her safe but still encouraged her to be independent"

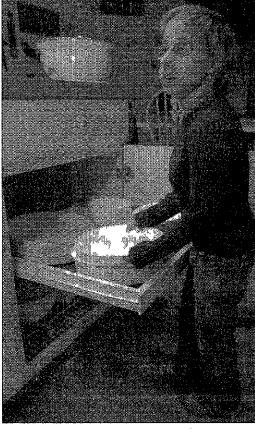
Kristin, whose voice rises when she talks about her favorite movies, hasn't nailed down a career path but thinks about becoming a counselor

I m a people person,' she said That's why if people are curious and want to know more, I want them to talk to me rather than point at тe

Calling Kristin "the spark in my life,' Cinda said her daughter will continue making TV appearances as long as the emphasis is on awareness

We don't want her to be exploited," Cinda said "And she was just saying I wouldn t mind it if Oprah called'

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Storing plates and other kitchen items at a lower level means that Kristin is able to share household chores, like setting the dinner table

Sex offender ticketed for not registering address

A registered sex offender was a day late and a dollar short when he attempted to verify his address with the Canton Police Department Tuesday The man was arrested at the police station for not updating his address before his Monday deadline

After being placed in a holding cell, the man was released, ticketed and is expected to be in court Jan 30

Road rage gone bad

The lengthy road rage incident unfolded Monday night on Canton Center Road near Summit Parkway

Canton Police Sgt Rick Pomorski said the situation started when a Canton man in his early 20s tapped his breaks to ward off a Belleville man that he believed was tailgating him

The Belleville man, who is in his 40s, became enraged and at some point got in front of the Canton man, exited his vehicle and began punching at the Canton man through an open window

Pomorski said the Canton man, afraid for his safety, drove 30-40 feet off the road and the Belleville man followed him and rammed into his vehicle

"It was like cat and mouse," Pomorski said

The Belleville man is expected to face charges

Checking account raided

A Canton woman, 46, reported Tuesday that more than \$1.000 in fraudulent checks had been cashed from her bank account

The woman told police that

six checks with her account information had been used at several Meyer and Target stores The checks had the name of a different woman, "Kawanna N Kendricks,' listed on them

The six purchases racked up \$1,146 in charges

Wallet goes missing

While a Canton man was working up a sweat, a thief was cleaning out his wallet

A 41-year-old man filed a police report Monday saying someone stole \$32 from his wallet at Summit on the Park on Jan 12

The wallet was in a locked locker and a report has also been filed at the recreation center

There are no suspects

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Playing for Ford

Adam Sonnanstine of Canton was one of the 150 members of the University of Michigan Marching Band to be chosen to play at the state funeral ceremony in Grand Rapids for President Gerald R Ford According to Matt Burrows Director of Development and Marketing for the MMB these students awoke at 4 a m Jan 1 marched a sevenplus mile parade played the Rose Bowl game, returned to the hotel for a quick meal/shower/change of clothes and then went to the airport for a red-eye flight direct to Grand Rapids They gave up their free day of whatever activity they could choose in Southern California in order to perform in Grand Rapids ' Sonnanstine is a senior at the University of Michigan majoring in computer science engineering. He graduated from Salem High School in 2003 and was a member of the Plymouth Canton Marching Band for four years He is the son of Kathy and Alan Sonnanstine of Canton

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'Exclusively Women!' coming to Hills church

Women of all ages and walks of life are invited to participate in the acclaimed Reaching Higher Program's first women's only seminar series, "Exclusively Women" this winter at the Farmington Hills Church of God in Farmington

This Christ-centered motivational series, based on the successful teen/adult Reaching Higher program, was first presented by Reaching Higher Cofounder Sue Dahlman and Bible Study Teacher Debbie Innis at the Farmington Hills Church of God fall women's church retreat

The pilot met with such success that it is now being offered

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telephone system and our participation in a consortium for gasoline"

Brand said the financial challenge stems from the state failing to collect enough tax revenue to fund expenditures, partially a result of the state cutting taxes the past few years Brand also noted we're seeing the effect a downward economy has on Proposal A, a funding mechanism which is driven by sales taxes

'We all knew that when we faced a downturn we would have significant challenges maintaining our expectations when it came to funding education, prisons, roads and health care," Brand said 'The state didn't see it coming as drastically as it is

"Even with the foundation grant increases we received in the past, it didn t cover

to the public in a 9-week format, on Thursdays, beginning Jan 25 from 6 30 -9 p m

My experience at our women's retreat was one that elevated my spiritual growth to the level of knowing where I am going," said church member Maria Urbonas, of Waterford 'I feel now that I know better what God wants me to do in my life

'My mission is to bring Christ's love to humanity," said Dahlman, whose 25 years as a teacher, 20 years as a Dale Carnegie instructor and decade of successfully applying Reaching Higher's mind-bodyspirit approach to over 1,000 metro area students and adults, has culminated in the creation of "Exclusively Women¹

"My passion is to share God s word with others and to illustrate how God's truths impact our everyday lives, said Debbie Innis, whose background includes an education degree and over 15 years as a Bible study leader

The program offers tools for participants to deepen their faith, learn how to value one's self, overcome limiting beliefs to realize full potential, create new, healthy choices, apply tools to reduce stress and

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enhance well being Reva Johns, of White Lake,

said the course was a real blessing for her

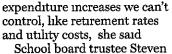
'I went home with a sense of freedom, accomplishment and determination to reach the goals I had set for myself, she said

The cost of the nine-week course is \$300

To enroll in Exclusively Women! or for more information, contact the Reaching Higher Office at (810) 220-8812, or the church office at the Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power Road, Farmington Hills, MI at (248) 477-9144

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Sneideman, one of three members on the districts finance committee, said the school board was warned cuts could come, even when the state gave the \$210 per-pupil increase

what alternatives there are, and something concrete will come with the upcoming budget talks,' Sneideman said 'Then, we ll have to decide how seriously we have to look at different alternatives to save money for the district

of cuts, and its difficult to make more and find more dollars," he said I m very concerned about making wholesale changes before they're necessary, and undo the great things we've done in this district?

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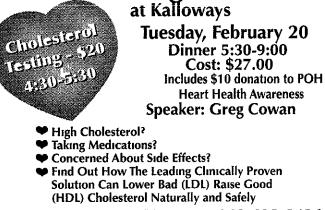
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A test of faith

Family puts son's fate in hands of God

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Not long after Chas and Amv Burley came back from a vacation trip to Florida in the late summer of 2005, Chas began suffering from a lot of pain in his sıde

For awhile, they passed it off as nothing His mom told him to drink some ginger ale or take some Pepto Bismol Soon, the pain became too insistent to ignore, and Chas Burley finally made the trip to the emergency room During the examination, doctors discovered Burley's spleen had swollen to twice its normal size

The eventual diagnosis was devastating Chas Burley suffered from acute lymphocytic leukemia, a fast-growing cancer of the white blood cells

Though frightened by the diagnosis at first, the 31-year-old Burley, who lives in Westland with his wife of 11 years, Amy, decided quickly to put his fate where he deeply believed it belonged with God Burley, who got a one-week reprieve from the hospital this week, talked about his prognosis from the Livonia home of his mother-in-law. Sue Eichstadt, who is a nurse at Providence Hospital

'It was scary at first,' admitted Burley, who is on leave from his job at Home Depot 'I put all my faith in God, and I just let it be in His hands"

That seemed to be a good strategy initially, since the cancer went into remission within some six weeks But the Burleys got more bad news last month when Chas found out it had returned, and with more of a vengeance, getting into his spine and limiting Chas ability to walk and get around

It was freaky to find out it came back,' Chas said This time, it took my legs out and attacked my nervous system

HOPING FOR DONORS

The family of Chas Burley of Westland is hoping a bone marrow drive results in a donor to help him battle leukemia

What Bone marrow drive for Chas Burley

When 1-4 p m Sunday, Jan 28

Where Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Beck in Northville Why To help Chas battle

Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia

How Potential donors will be asked to compete a brief health questionnaire and submit to a swab of cheek cells Details For more infor-

mation call (313) 530-0273 or (734) 751-3465 More information about bone marrow donation can be found on the Web site of the National Marrow Drive Program, www marrow org

Through the power of prayer, my legs have come back. I can stand, pivot and sit.

"I don't quite have walking down yet," he added with a slight chuckle "But I believe that's going to come

The family is relying heavily on its faith as Chas battles the leukemia. His parents, Bill and Jeri Burley of Plymouth, adopted Chas when he was 13 He is their only child, and the news he had leukemia hit them hard

"When he was 13, Chas came into our home and filled our lives," said Jeri Burley, a retired state racing commission employee 'When you hear your child is

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Leukemia patient Chas Burley, his wife Amy, and the rest of their family are hoping for a bone marrow donor



Chas Burley's mom, Jeri Burley of Plymouth relies on her faith when dealing with his illness

diagnosed with leukemia, it's the worst thing you can hear You hear it a second time and the wind just gets knocked out of you "We decided to listen to God," she added "We're not going to lose our son '

During treatment the first time around, Chas was subjected to some eight spinal taps When he relapsed last month, doctors put him in Southfields Providence Hospital They're treating him through intravenous means, as well as treating the spine through an Omaya reservoir, a device inserted just beneath the scalp

While those treatments continue, the family has organized a bone marrow drive in hopes of

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finding an unrelated donor The drive takes place 1-4 p m Sunday, Jan 28, at the Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Beck in Northville, where Jeri Burley now works

Family members say doctors have told them it's the only way to keep the cancer from relaps-

"If he gets the bone marrow transplant, there's a good chance it won't come back," Amy Burley said

Chas' dad, Bill Burley, who works for Nissan North America in Farmington Hills, can't be a donor because he's a diabetic on insulin However, he believes the bone marrow drive will help not only his son, but other people, as well

'As much as I'd like to do that for my son, I can't," Bill Burley said "We're looking for someone else to do that, and we beheve there will be someone It's a test of faith

"There are so many potential donors," he added "We're hoping not just to find a donor for Chas, but for other people who need one Somebody's going to benefit besides Chas"

Chas Burley knows death is a possibility, but he doesn't believe it'll happen

I don't beheve God put me on this earth to die at 31," Burley said "My faith is rooted very deeply I've been saved by the grace of God and whatever happens is in His hands

'This thing beating me I just don't see it happening '



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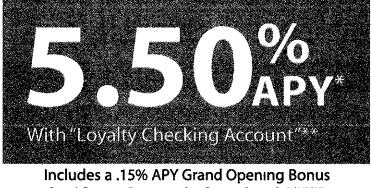
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District amends policy to meet new requirements **Hip-hop**

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

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Graduating from high school has gotten a little tougher for in the Wayne-Westland **Community Schools**

The school board last week voted unanimously to amend the graduation requirements, bringing the district s high school program in line with the new-state-mandated curriculum

The new requirements take effect with incoming eighthgraders this fall

"My concern is not with the Wayne-Westland policy, but the state-mandated policy," said trustee Steve Becher, who voted reluctantly to approve the new policy "I believe it's going to increase our dropout rate by moving us to a position where every student is on a college preparatory track'

Under the new policy, Wayne-Westland seniors will still need 22 credits to graduate, however, 16 are now required credits Those 16 credits include four in mathematics with one class taken

during the final year of high school, four - one per year - in communication arts, three in science and social studies, one in physical education/health and one in visual, performing or applied arts

"This is very, very significant," Deputy Superintendent Char Sherman said of the requirements The credits are laid out and most of the instructional content In the case of math, there must be Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II "

The math changes forces the district to shelve its integrated math program which incorporates the different elements into each course The district now must look at how to begin preparing middle school students for the change, Sherman said

'We'll be bringing new textbook adoptions to the board,' said Sherman 'We don't have texts for 100 percent of the students to take the classes

Becher has been speaking out about the new curriculum since its inception, expressing concern that the requirements take away the options for exploring high school

Unlike Gov Jennifer Granholms belief that the new curriculum will help give Michigan the best educated workforce in the nation and bring new jobs and new investment to our state,' Becher believes students don't need to take Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II

A lot of kids didn't take Algebra I, a lot didn t take Geometry and a lot didn't take Algebra II, but they went on to great jobs and great careers,' he said This is a great mistake the legislature is making, and I believe you ll be seeing them change this in seveneight years

Becher's reluctance was echoed by board Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger and trustee Ed Turner who took an even stronger position, saying his vote was 'forcibly yes'

Algebra II and I don't think I've ever done an algebra problem in my life, he said "Algebra I is OK, but Algebra II is a waste of time



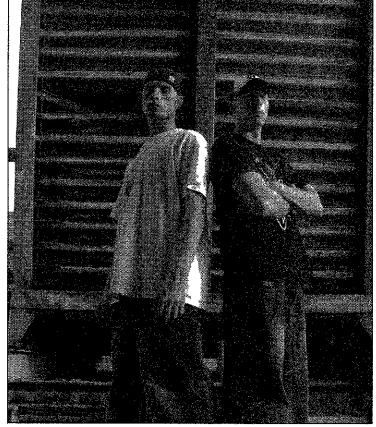
Verb, a local hip-hop group, is receiving air play on 88 1-FM, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, as a result of a prize package the band won as the top group in the station's "Out of the Box The Search for Plymouth-Canton's Best Unsigned Band" contest Verb is made up of Canton

residents Matt Trevarthen and Maruo Villanueva The group has been performing together since they met on a bus ride to Lowell Middle School in the sixth grade

"We always were rapping other people's lyrics, Trevarthen said "We finally decided to do a song in the

it. Villanueva said 'As soon as we decided to do it, I knew I still know we're going to always be doing it It's something I can't stop

the new CD was part of their of the Box



Mario Villanueva and Matthew Trevarthen, both Plymouth-Canton schools graduates who form the group VeRb, are getting air time on 88 1-FM after winning the station's Out of the Box competition

receive a package that includes studio time at Third Monk Records, airplay on 88 1-FM, a video shoot, a gift certificate at Music Go Round in Novi, a press kit and other prizes

"We are always excited to learn about the talented artists in Michigan,' said Bill Keith, station manager 'I look forward to seeing what band will win this year's com-

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Villanueva said "It just wasn t

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to the decline of the local economy But the loss of jobs related to a once-thriving industry is still only part of the problem Another equally serious part of the problem

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you own a home, then you should

Raymond Wojtowicz

know that property taxes need to be paid on that home If you are unable to pay those taxes, or if you believe you will be late, then it is up to you to seek help and/or contact the Wayne County Treasurer's office for assistance with your problem

Believe it or not, the treasurers office is not the Grim Reaper and has no interest in snatching your property Our strong preference is that Wayne County residents keep their homes and not lose them to property tax foreclosure, and our office is doing whatever it can to make this a reality

But to do this, we need your help If you're in trouble, we need to hear from you and we need to hear from you soon You can contact us one of several ways By mail at The Office of the Wayne County Treasurer, Taxpayer Assistance, 400 Monroe, Suite 530m Detroit, MI 48226, by phone at (313) 224-6105, or online at www/waynecounty com/treasurer

How to avoid foreclosure

1) Always pay your taxes on time Property taxes are always due in July and December of each year Current taxes are payable to your local treasurer's office in the city where your property is located You need to contact your local treasurer's office for further information on current property tax billing dates

2) There are different ways to pay your taxes Your property taxes can be paid in one of three ways online, in person or by mail. Payment for delinquent taxes can be paid by personal check (current delinquent tax year only), certified funds, cash in-person, or on-ine by an electronic debit from your checking or savings account. Our office does not accept credit card payments If your mortgage company pays your taxes out of an escrow account, be sure to check to make sure that they are making timely payments Ultimately, you are responsible for timely payments, not your mortgage company

3) When am I late?

Officially, if you did not pay your 2004 property taxes by March 1, 2005, then those property taxes are now recorded as delinquent and a \$15 collection fee was added Oct 1, 2005, to each delinquent parcel that is listed under your name Also, it is now the responsibility of the Wayne County Treasurer's office to collect the delinquent taxes and interest immediately kicks in at 1 percent per

month. There is also a 4 percent administration fee 4) When am I really late?

Unpaid property taxes become delinquent March 1 of each year and are forwarded to the county treasurer for collection State law requires a 4 percent administration fee and 1 percent per month interest. For example Unpaid 2004 property taxes were forwarded to the county treasurer as delinquent March 1, 2005 On March 1, 2006, unpaid 2004 delinquent taxes were forfeited to the county treasurer State law requires the addition of a \$175 fee and \$26 in recording fees Interest is increased from 1 percent per month to 1 5 percent per month retroactive to the date the taxes became delinquent.

5) But seriously, when am I really, really late? If your 2004 property taxes still aren't paid by

March 1, 2007 (this year), then circuit court enters a judgment of foreclosure against your property The only way to retain ownership of your property at this point is to pay all of your delinquent property taxes, including fees and interest, by March 31, 2007 If you don't? You're out of luck This is your absolute last chance to get your property back. Period As of April 1, your property will be foreclosed, and you will lose all rights as owner of what used to be your property Title to your property will be passed to the county treasurer So what happens now?

During the months of September and October 2007, your property will be sold at auction

Former owners are allowed to register to bid on their property, however they must follow the same rules and regulations as every other bidder There will be no special privileges or allowances granted to anyone simply because they are the previous owners of a property about to be auctioned

Options if you are facing foreclosure

1) Hardship extension - except for a verifiable legal challenge proving that you do not owe the amount of delinquent taxes the county says you owe, applying for a hardship extension is just about the only way to hold onto your house while attempting to get caught up on your delinquent property taxes. Important If you believe you will need to apply for an extension, please keep in mind that this is only an extension, not an exemption. Even if you are granted an extension on the time allowed to pay your taxes, you are really only delaying the inevitable, and you will also be required to continue paying interest charges throughout the duration of the extension

2) Contact the treasurer's office

If you are facing foreclosure, trying to hide and act like it will all somehow go away is the worst thing you can do What you need to do is get some help, and quick One thing you can do is contact the Taxpayer Assistance Section at (313) 224-6105 Taxpayer Assistance is an in-house division at the treasurer's office dedicated solely to assisting taxpayers in any way it can Once you have sought assistance, you may find out that its not as bad as you think. But if you decide to ignore the problem, it will most likely turn out much worse than you could have ever imagined

Raymond J. Wojtowicz is the Wayne County treasurer

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n 1989, I was thrilled to be given the opportunity to work as a public servant for Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. Since childhood, I considered public service as a way to give back to the country that had adopted



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me By working for Edward McNamara, I learned that public service is not a career but an obligation of trust With his leadership, the majority of us tried and strived to make life better for the people of Wayne County We tried to serve with integrity and hard work

We worked long hours and were always cognizant of the

public trust in us To the best of our ability, we tried to be good public servants Our dynamic team worked tirelessly at the county until Nov 22, 2002, when the FBI and State Police raided our office accusing us in the media of corruption

Since the raid, our lives have been challenged, our names have been sullied, our careers took a different route and our integrity has been questioned Newspapers and the media proclaimed us guilty of corruption Some politicians tried to put distance between themselves and McNamara and his team for fear of being labeled corrupt Others used the horrible headlines against McNamara to further their career

The term "innocent until proven guilty" did not apply to McNamara and his staff We were all guilty until proven innocent For me, the four years of hell is over We lived a life of uncertainty and fear We went to sleep worrying what the headlines might be the next morning We all wondered if the FBI was going to knock at our doors with a subpoena. We were anxious about our future Although we knew we did not do anything wrong, we started to think of what if we can't prove our innocence

Last week, through a small article in the Detroit News, we learned that the U.S District Attorney dropped the charges against former Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and his staff This week we woke to a new reality, a reality without nightmare This article brought to us a little sense of relief, anger, hope, vindication and a twinge of pain for the now deceased Mr McNamara and his wife Lucille

After four years of living with this hell, we no longer have to worry about criminal lawyers, FBI, bad news headhnes, the stare of people and constant suspicion We now can look toward the future without the fear of investigation hovering over our head Although there are no front page stories



declaring us clear, we now can rest that there will be no more headline stories declaring us corrupt We no longer have to have a criminal attorney on retainer So those of us who were under investigation are thrilled with the outcome Our life of uncertainty and is over We now also hope that no one else go through the same trauma as we did

But with all the jubilation, we cannot help but feel the sadness for our beloved Mr McNamara and his family about the timing of this declaration It would have been wonderful had the news come before he died last February He served this community with honor and distinction yet the cloud of the investigation cast a shadow that followed him until his death We are sad and, yes, angry that a man of honor who brought vision and selfless public service to this community died before his name was cleared by federal officials

For over 50 years, Mr McNamara dedicated his life to public service, building communities and making Livonia and Wayne County a great place to live His fingerprints on the development of our region can be found all over Wayne County After saving Wayne County from bankruptcy, he worked on making it economically viable Through his vision, we now have a great airport, two stadiums in downtown Detroit, a wonderful park system, a state of the art morgue, a juvenile building and a juvenile system that helped children rather than recycle them to the adult correction facilities

He was a leader who broke through barriers and worked with everyone Although he was a strong Democratic leader, he extended his hand to work with his Republican rivals to accomplish his goals of building a healthy county He was the consummate public servant, yet some viewed him as too powerful and went out to destroy him and his reputation They worked with the media and federal officials to ensure that his power was diminished Fortunately for us, McNamara's legacy was never and will never be destroyed His legacy is far reaching and leaves an unsurpassed imprint on Wayne County and the state of Michigan

As we put this misfortune behind us, we can remember one of the most important lessons we learned from Edward McNamara is the capacity to overcome adversity Although those who went out of their way to destroy Mr McNamara and his legacy failed, I dread that one of the long-term effects may be that bright young people will be discouraged from entering public service careers

Terry Ahwal was an assistant county executive under McNamara She lives in Canton

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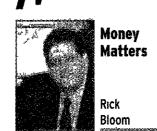
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For many, Roth IRA may be better than a 401(k)

Q. My employer offers a 401(k) plan with no matching contribution. I'm not sure whether it would be better to contribute to my 401(k) plan or a Roth IRA. I cannot afford to do both What would you recommend? Bob

A Dear Bob

I am a huge fan of Roth IRAs and I generally recommend that if possible people take advantage of Roth IRAs When someone does not have an employer match, my general advice is to fully fund the Roth IRA and then if you can save more money for retirement to then use the 401(k) plan A 401(k) grows tax-deferred while a Roth IRA grows taxfree In a 401(k), you do receive a double tax benefit in the fact that your contributions are invested pre-tax and all of the income grows tax-deferred However, always remember that when it grows tax-deferred it means you are eventually subject to taxes In a Roth IRA,



you never pay income tax on withdrawals after age 59 That is why if someone is eligible for a Roth IRA and if they have a long-term horizon, I lean toward fully funding the Roth IRA first and then going into the 401(k) plan

The one exception to the rule is if your company matches your 401(k) contribution If your company offers a match, I would contribute up to the match and then invest into the Roth IRA If I could save more, then I would go back to the 401(k) plan

Q: I was listening to your radio show and you were discussing equity-indexed annuities. I was

thinking about purchasing one and l want to know what I should look for Carla

Dear Carla Α I like equity-indexed annuities, especially for a conservative investor who wants to do better than CDs without taking unnecessary risks However, not all equity indexed annuities are the same Unfortunately, there are many pitfalls that investors have to be concerned with It is sort of like mutual funds - there are good mutual funds and there are bad mutual funds The same thing applies to equity-indexed annumes

To me, some of the issues that you need to concentrate on are fees In any investment I make, I always concentrate on fees High fees always equal low returns The equity-indexed annuities I like are no load which means 100 percent of your money goes to work for you at all times Unfortunately, many insurance companies do

a good job of hiding fees, therefore buyers must use caution

In addition, you need to be concerned with the cap rates The cap rates determine what rate of return you receive In an equity-indexed annuity, there are two elements that determine return The first is the guaranteed return The second portion is if the stock market does well If the stock market does well, you get an additional return The beauty of the equity-indexed annuity is that if the market performs poorly, at a minimum you still receive a guaranteed return The higher the cap rate, the better it is for investors Generally, with equity-indexed annuities, you cannot buy them directly, you must go through an agent A local agent who I have confidence in, and one who only represents no-load investor friendly equityindexed annuities is Hutton Financial, (800) 870-4444

Q. I would like to invest \$10 a week automatically into a gold mining stock as a hedge against inflation. Can you tell me a brokerage firm where I can make this type of investment? Joe

A Dear Joe There are a couple of options that you can consider for your investment First, if you belong to a credit union you should consider contacting the credit union Most credit unions have programs that allow you to buy individual stocks for very low minimums In addition, one of the things I like about credit unions is that credit unions have very low fees As I have always mentioned, low fees equal higher returns Another company that you can

consider is www.sharebuilder.com Sharebuilder com also offers a program where you can invest small amounts into stocks on a regular basis

Another alternative if you would like, is to consider a mutual fund Some mutual fund companies such as T Rowe Price offer programs where you can invest as little as \$50 a month if you sign up for their automatic investment program The beauty of using a mutual fund is the fact that you will get professional management and diversification Furthermore, using a company like T Rowe Price, you will have lower transaction fees One last note and that 1s, the strategy of investing a set amount on a regular basis, known as dollar cost averaging, is the best way to build up a portfolio Good luck!

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Friends of Rouge offer learning opportunities

Friends of the Rouge is offering multiple opportunities to learn about the Rouge River watershed, its inhabitants, and what you can do to improve it

Spring Peeps and Croaks Come spring, Michigan wetlands will echo with the calls of amphibians Learn how to tell them apart by signing up for Friends of the Rouge s watershed-wide Frog and Toad Survey Surveys are done in the evening and simply involve listening at local wetlands Attend one of four training sessions where you will receive everything you need, including a compact disk with the calls Families welcome with a responsible adult Registration required

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Workshop

6 30-9 p m , Tuesday, Jan 23, at University of Michigan-Dearborn EIC

Learn how you can create a habitat at your home or school Presenters Schoolvard Habitat Sharon Oliver-Merchant (Adler Elementary), Sue Erhardt, Greening of Detroit (Neinas Elementary), Rick Plecha (Field Elementary funding and benchmarks)

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Using your site for nature study Dorothy McCleer (University of Michigan-Dearborn, Environmental Interpretive Center)

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wildlife habitat and improve water quality They have been sprouting up all over the metro Detroit area Presenters Matt Best (Hines Park), Bob Belair (Canton), Bob Fox (Bırmıngham), Dan Ballnık (Ford land), tba.

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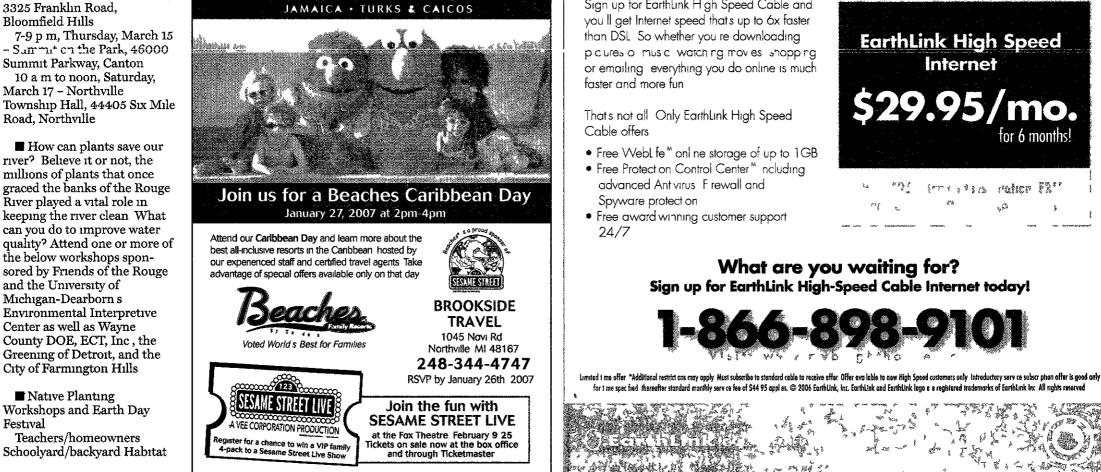
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Rain gardens can be simple or complex and are designed to hold water for 48 hours or less Presenter Lilhan Dean (SOC-CRA), Dr Orm Gelderloos (UM-D), tba



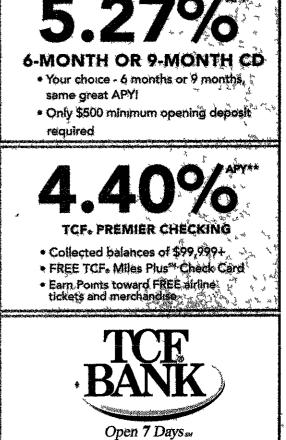
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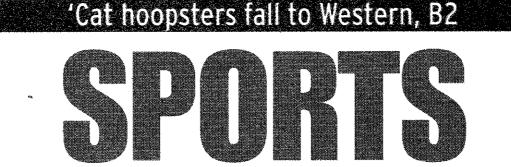




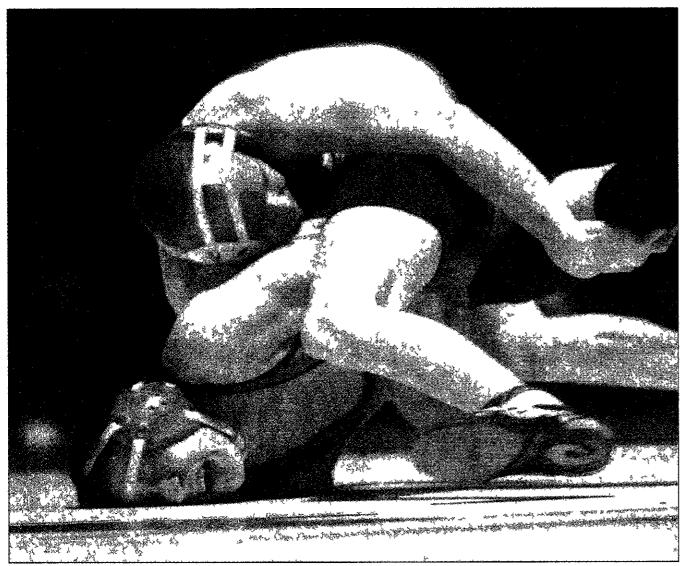
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Canton's Steve Cox (top) made life miserable for Livonia Franklin's Brandon Billiou during Thursday s 125-pound match. Cox won, 10-4 but the Chiefs lost an early commanding lead and fell to the Patriots. 35 26

'Weight'ing game Upper-weight performers lead Pats' rally over Canton

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

Livonia Frankhn's wrestling team spent most of the first half of Thursday night's dual meet against Canton on its collective back, staring up into the spotlight that illuminated the mat in programs in the state and arguably the two deepest line-ups in the Western Lakes Activities Association, Franklin reversed an early 20-6 deficit and escaped with a stirring 35-26 victory before an energetic crowd at Canton

The victory improved the Patriots' dual-meet record to 18-1 overall and 3-0 in the WLAAs Western Division of the first seven matches However, following a 10-minute halftime break, the Patriots regrouped and won six of the final seven contests to put them in the driver's seat for another WLAA Western Division title

'The 10-minute break actually helped us a little because we were able to go back into the locker room and

Chiefs net sweep of Wildcats

STAFF WRITER

Canton's volleyball team isn't quite where first-year head coach Jen Barnes wants it to be yet, but if the Chiefs continue to play like they did Wednesday night against Plymouth, they'll be there soon In the Western Lakes Activities

Association Western Division opener for both teams, the Chiefs prevailed in three sets -25-19, 25-17 and 25-16 - to improve to 4-7-6 overall and 1-0 in the division The Wildcats slipped to 10-7-3 and 0-1, respectively

"I liked the way the girls kept the

PREP VOLLEYBALL

momentum and stayed intense the entire match tonight," said Barnes 'They served aggressively, too, and put the ball where they had to

'We didn't have a match on Monday, so we were able to come over after practice and watch Plymouth play Salem That gave the girls a good idea of what they had to do if they were going to control the match'

Canton received strong performances from veterans as well as some of its younger players Junior Marie Martin, a three-year varsity player, paced the Chiefs with 12 kills Freshman Jordan Kielty registered eight kills and 12 digs while junior Hannah Mills recorded a team-high 22 digs

Marie ran a quick tempo tonight and did a great job for us up front," said Barnes "I couldn t ask for a better player in the middle

"Jordans only a freshman, but she has a great attitude and she's very mature for her age "

The Wildcats were led by outside hitter Rachel Heaton, who led the team in kills Clare Baptist also turned in a stellar effort for Plymouth The Wildcats' chances of winning the match were greatly diminished when their top front-row player,



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> St. Patrick's dinner

The Hockey has Heart Dinner will be St Patrick s Day - 6 p m. Saturday, March 17, at Laurel Manor in Livonia

The attire will be business casual (no denim);²⁹ green tie is optional The event includes special guest Jiri Fisher, Irish music and dancers, live and silent auctions, raffle, dinner, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, sweets table and dancing with the Ultraviolet Band

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the Chiefs' Pl ase III gymnasium But in the second half, it was the Patriots who cast the larger, more ominous shadow

In a match that pitted two of the top

T^Le setback dropped Carton to 14-2 and 1-1, respectively

Led by its young and talented group of lower-weight performers, Canton stormed out of the gate to capture five

recocus ' said Franklin coach Dave Chiola 'We understood that we'd have to come back and almost sweep them

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Brittany Hergesh, was sidelined mid way through the second game with an apparent leg injury

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Martial arts benefit

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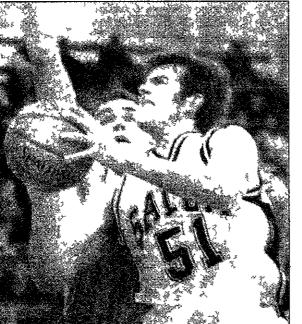
The World Martial Arts College will stage its 37th annual Battle of Detroit and Stars for Charity Z I A D Health Care for the Underserved Inc event on Saturday, March 17, at the World Class Institute of Martial Arts, located at 31839 Eight Mile Road, Livonia Celebrities will be on

hand for autographs, along with vendor onsite tables during the expo and championship tournament in all styles of martial arts

Grand Master Dr Ibraham Ahmed, promoter er and president of the World Martial Arts College, also announced three recipients for the 2007 Martial Arts Leadership Award to be presented at the event

To join the event as a spectator or sponsor, call Dr Ahmed at (313) 815-8767, or e-mail him at

ibrahamahmed@aol com For more information, visit www.starsforcharf tyexpo.com



BUZZER BEATERS

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's J P Truesdell pictured in a game earlier this season against Canton, notched four rebounds and the assist on the game-winning shot in the Rocks' 38-37 victory over Walled Lake Central Friday night

Chiefs win on Sharma's 'J' BY ED WRIGHT and 0-2, respectively

STAFF WRITER

With Friday night's Canton-Wayne Memorial basketball game hanging in the balance, junior forward Neil Sharma tipped the scales in the Chiefs' favor with a dramatic last-second shot

Coming off a doublescreen, Sharma buried a three-point basket as the clock expired to give the Chiefs a thrilling 50-49 victory in Canton's Phase III gymnasium

The win was the Chiefs' fifth straight and improved their overall mark to 5-4 and their Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division ledger to 2-0 The Zebras slipped to 4-5 and 0-2, respectively 'One of my assistants, Dan Colligan, drew up the play and the guys executed it to perfection," said Canton coach Charlie Paye "We set a double screen for Neil, he caught it and shot it just behind the three-point line

'To be honest, I think Wayne outplayed us tonight in every part of the game, but we came up big in the end Our division is so well-balanced this year that I think there are going to be a lot of games like this that come right down to the last shot"

Sharma came off the bench to lead the Chiefs with a career-high 22 points Senior center Ryan Waidmann added eight points and 10

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0:01 buries Vikings

STAFF WRITER

Cassidy's triple at

The first 31 minutes and 59 seconds of Friday night's nip-and-tuck basketball game between Salem and Walled Lake Central begged for a hero

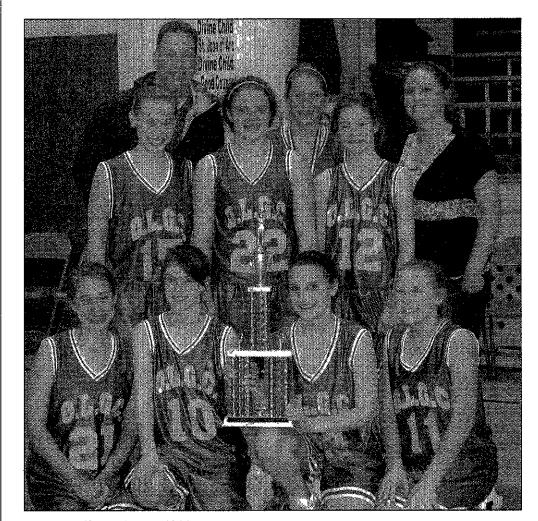
With 0 01 left, the Rocks' Dan Cassidy answered the call

Salem trailed the visiting Vikings 37-35 with one tick left when Cassidy, a senior forward, caught J P Truesdell's in-bounds pass five feet beyond the threepoint arc near the top of the key, pump-faked his defender into the air, dribbled once, then calmly swished a rainbow jumper as the buzzer sounded

The Rocks' 38-37 victory raised their record to 5-4 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Associations Lakes Division The Vikings fell to 3-6 and 0-2, respectively

"We ran a stack (formation) on the in-bounds play, then I set a screen for Grant (Stone)," said Cassidy,

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Crusading to a title

The Our Lady of Good Counsel Crusaders varsity 'B" girls basketball team captured the Dearborn Sacred Heart Christmas tournament Dec 23 30 Pictured (front row from left) are Audrey Cords, Lindsey Winkler, Monica Thibodeail, Chioe Williams (middle row from left) Madison Williams, Haley McNiven, Erin Cronvn (back row from left) assistant coach Tim Cronyn Angela Broggi (tournament MVP) and head coach **Stephanie Childs**

Salem spikers sweep Spartans

In a Western Lakes tivities Association Lakes Division opener Wednesday, host Salem cruised to a 25-12, 25-13, 25-12 triumph over Livonia Stevenson Salem is 18-1-1 overall, while Stevenson falls to 9-4 1 Stevenson has a good, young team, said Salem coach Amanda Suder But our attack was just too much for them We served and attacked

well tonight Jansan Falcusan had one 10-point run that helped us win one game '

Falcusan, a sophomore setter, finished with 33 assists and four service aces Other key contributors were Teresa Coppiellie (12 kills and nine dıgs), Lauren Kurtz (14 kılls and six blocks) and Katrina Cope (eight blocks)

"Salem's got a lot of height and very good athletes,"

Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said 'We're struggling right now There are peaks and valleys We're working hard, but this is probably the worst match we played this year

Setter Jill Flaugher went 6for-6 serving and had 10 ase sts for the Spartans Laura Khalil and Hannah Diebel contributed seven and six kills, respectively



'Cat hoopsters fall to W.L. Western, 50-44

Darryl Warthen and Quinton Cooper combined for 33 points to lead Walled Lake Western to a 50-44 victory over visiting Plymouth in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division showdown in the Warriors' gym

The duo was deadly from outside the arc as six of Warthen's 21 were the result of triples while all 12 of Cooper's points came from four threepoint bombs

Both teams stood at 3-6

overall after the game The loss dropped the Wildcats to 0-2 in the division, Western improved to 2-0

The Warriors exploded to a 16-10 first-quarter lead and went into the break with a 25-18 advantage The Wildcats trailed 38-31 with eight minutes to play before tying the game at 44-all with two minutes left

"We had the ball and a chance to take the lead with two minutes left, but they blocked our shot and scored at the other end," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner "Our slow starts are killing us We dıdn't get out of the gate well and they hit three threes in the first quarter and another to start the second'

Junior guard Myron Puryear led the Wildcats with 18 points Brandon Roberts added 13 points while junior center Jake Hager contributed six points and six rebounds

The Wildcats canned 11-of-16 free throws, Western was 4of-9 from the stripe

Agape cagers rout Crusaders

Canton Agape Christian overwhelmed Novi Franklin Road, 77-39, Friday night in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division game played Garden City United Christian.

The victory improved the Wolverines' record to 5-3 overall and 2-0 in the division The Crusaders slipped to 2-5 and 1-1, respectively

Ågape led 18-16 after one quarter and 39-22 at the half before burying their visitors with a 32point third quarter

CASSIDY

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recalling how his heroic shot unfolded "I rolled off the screen and I guess I was the only one open JP got me the ball, I pump-faked, took a dribble and got a good look I was kind of surprised I was able to get it off ın tıme

"I wasn't shooting very well during warm-ups before the game, but that shot felt good coming out of my hand It's the biggest shot I ve ever made and the first game-winner I've ever had'

Cassidy's heroics were even more impressive considering his playing time was scarce during the second half In fact, his game-winning triple was his only make of the night

"We drew up an in bounds play that had a couple of options,' said Salem coach Bob Brodie "J P spotted a good shooter on the perimeter and he got him the ball Dan wasn t our first option on the play, but he's a very good shooter He didn't play a lot in the second half, so he was fresh That was a clutch shot It was good to see Its a big win for us because you always want to string together as many wins as you can We've been up and down all year, but this was our third win in a row, so, hopefully, we ve found some consistency" The loss was just the latest chapter in a thus far hard-luck season for Central, which suf-

SHARMA

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points

boards, while senior guard

Josh Butler contributed six

Junior guard Mike Lee

Canton led 15-8 after one

quarter and 33-28 at the half

Wayne narrowly grabbed a 40-

paced the Zebras with 20

points and five assists

Jack Anleitner led the Wolves with 18 points, six assists, five steals and six rebounds Also playing well for the winners were Ty Majeski (14 points, six steals, two boards), Terrell Pierce (10 points) and Will Pientowski (10 points)

Josh Mansfield led Franklin Road with 18 points

"The key for us was the second quarter when we really picked it up defensively," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner "In the second quarter, we started getting all the loose balls they were getting in the first quarter We played good man-to-man and zone defense, too

"Franklin Road was hurt by their best player, David Mansfield, getting into foul trouble early Our big guys inside -Jared Miller, Sho Olojo and Terrell Pierce - did a nice job on him when he was in there'

The Wolvermes drained 15-of-19 free throws The Crusaders managed to swish just 2-of-7 shots from the charity stripe.

fered a hard-fought, six-point setback Tuesday night to Westland John Glenn.

"We saw the play they ran on film, so we were prepared for it," said Central coach Dennis Butcher "They line up in a straight line then make cuts out of it. I thought we defended it well, but No 20 (Cassidy) had the presence of mind to ballfake our guy off, take a dribble then bury the shot What can you say? He buried it from 23 feet away or whatever it was, so my hat's off to him

"Nothing's been easy for this team all year We ve had to work hard to get the wins we have and even in defeat we've had to work hard in some difficult situations We can't afford to dig ourselves into holes during the course of games like we've been doing

Salem junior forward Grant Stone provided some heroics himself with 54 seconds left when he connected on a long triple that knotted the game at 35-all Central grabbed its final lead of the night at the 37-sec ond mark on Brandon Joseff's driving layup With 20 9 seconds left, the Vikings seemed on the verge of sewing up a huge road win when they regained possession by forcing a jump ball Salem then fouled the Vikings' best player, Cody Rzeznik with 176 seconds left, but he misfired on the front end of a 1-and-1 and the Rocks' Ross Davis snared the rebound

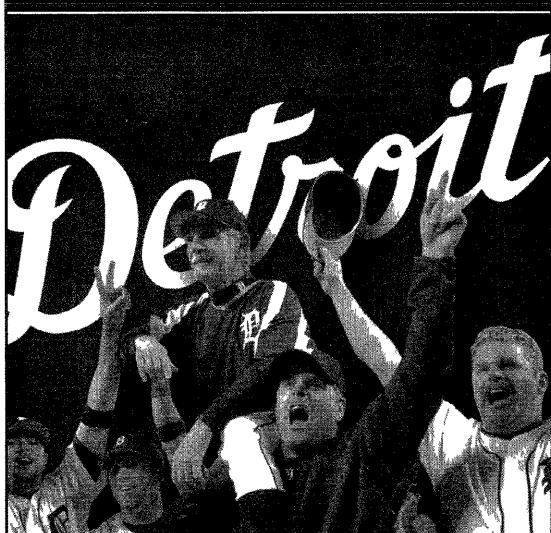
inside five seconds, the Rocks put the ball in Stone's capable hands, but the Vikings - who had a foul to give — hacked Stone with 0 01 left, forcing the in-bounds play underneath the Salem basket

Following a timeout, Cassidy brought the Salem fans to their feet with his last-second shot

Stone paced the Rocks with 15 points and six rebounds Salem sophomore point guard Anthony Mullins had a stellar first half, during which he scored all eight his points Davis added six points and four rebounds to the winners' cause

Rzeznick was solid in defeat, netting 14 points, six rebounds and four steals Joseff finished with eight points and Nick Green added six for the Vikings

Salem managed just 13 shots in the entire second half after uncorking that many in both the first and second quarters alone The main reason for the lack of shots was the Vikings' zone defense, which forced the Rocks into a more deliberate style of



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play The Rocks hit 16-of-39 field

goals (41 percent) and 4-of-5 free throws (80 percent) Central canned just 15-of-55 field goals (272 percent) and 4of-9 free throws (44 4)

Salem led 22-21 at the half and 32-28 with eight minutes to play The Rocks' biggest lead -30-21 - came with 4 20 left in the third quarter on a dazzling, double-pump layup by Stone.

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After milking the clock down

39 lead with eight minutes to play and held a 49-47 advantage before Sharma's heroic buzzer-beater

"We're not a real explosive team offensively this year, so we're going to have to hold teams in the 40s to win,' added Paye "In the first half, we played a zone, but we lost Lee quite a bit and he had 15 at halftime We did a better job on him in the second half "I give Wayne a lot of credit

They're a very quick team" Canton connected on just 2of-8 free throws The Zebras were 0-for-2 from the charity

stripe The 2-0 Chiefs are now tied for the division lead with Northville and Walled Lake Western, which visits the Phase III gymnasium on Tuesday night for a key WLAA contest

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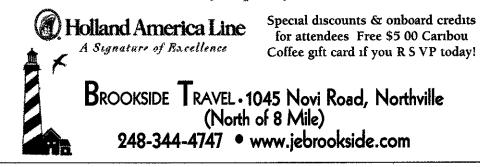
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in the upper weights, but that is what we were prepared to do anyway

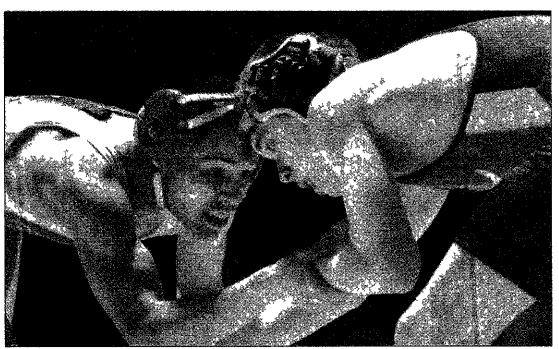
"I told the team before the match that if we started at 103, we'd be behind at the break Nobody was surprised on our side (by the early deficit)' The Chiefs rolled to their

early advantage behind strong efforts from 103-pound Donnie Watkins, a 16-0 winner over Jared Pieknik, 112pound Carl Lucke, an 8-4 victor over Grant Phillips, 125pound Steve Cox, who recorded a 10-4 triumph over Brandon Billiau, 135-pound Brent Winekoff, who edged Josh Billiau, 7-5, in overtime, and Corey Phillips, who pinned Brandon Smith at 140

Following the intermission, which included a performance by the Canton cheerleaders and three youth exhibition matches, the Patriots seized the momentum when triumphs from Justin Zanger (145), Justin Jaroh (152) and Dan Woodall (160) brought them to within 20-19

The Patriots grabbed their first lead of the night, 23-20, when Nate Turco outpointed Kiel Price, 11-3, at 171 Pins from Pat Roumayah at 189 and Vince Benavides at 215 gave the Pats a 35-20 cushion, thus making the heavyweight finale inconsequential

Chiola said his team's pivotal performances came from Jaroh and Roumayah, who is



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Canton's Carl Lucke (left) sizes up Franklin's Grant Phillips during the early stages of Thursday night's 112-pound match Lucke's 8-4 victory gave the Chiefs an 8 O lead Franklin rebounded to win, 35-26

finding success following three years on the junior varsity

"Pats been coming up big for us this year in his first year of varsity wrestling," Chiola said 'That win was very big for us It could have gone either way We only had him getting a decision When he got the pin, that was huge

Canton has a very good team In the five years Casey (Randolph)'s been the coach, we ve beaten them all seven times we've faced them, but every single match was a down-to-the-wire nail-biter We've never blown them out It always seems to come down to the final match or two We'll probably see them again in the Regional team tournament if

everything falls into place Chiola said his lower-weight class line-up is still a work in progress

We have six or seven kids battling for three spots between 135 and 145,' he explained "We break them up and switch them depending upon who is hot and who I think can handle each particular match-up It keeps the kids sharp because they don't have a spot, so they have to work for it every day at practice" **LIVONIA FRANKLIN 35 CANTON 26 Thursday at Canton** 103 pounds. Donnie Watkins (C) won by major decision over Jared Pieknik 15 0 112 Carl Lucke (C) decisioned Grant Phillips 8 4 119 James Benitez (LF) dec Phil Rollinger 8 5 125 Steve Cox (C) dec Brandon Billiau 10 4 130 Jon Cauchi (LF) dec Josh Hurst 9 5 135 Brent Winekoff dec Josh Billiau 7 5 in overtime 140 Corey Phillips (C) pinned Brandon Smith in 5 20 145 Jason Zanger (LF) won by major decision over Rodger Kropp 18 5 152 Justin Jaroh (LF) pinned Joe Sanders in 56 seconds 160 Dan Woodail (LF) dec Brian Brubaker 11 4 171. Nate Turco (LF) Kiel Price 11 3 189 Pat Roumayah (LF) pinned Adam Powers in 3 18 215 Vince Benavides (LF) pinned Dan Wanshon in 3 28 HVY. Donnie Laramie won by void

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, Jan. 23 Salem at WL Northern 7 p m Northville at Plymouth 7 p m W L Western at Canton 7 p m Southfield Christian at PCA 7 p m Agape at Huron Valley 7 p m Thursday Jan 25 **Calvary Christian at Agape** at G C United Christian 7 p m Friday, Jan 26 Salem at John Glenn 7 p m Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 7 n m Livonia Franklin at Canton 7 pm Inter City Baptist at PCA 730 p m PREP VOLLEYBALL Monday, Jan 22 W1 Central at Salem 7 n m Plymouth at WL Western 7 pm Canton at Wayne Memorial 7 p m Tuesday, Jan 23 PCA at Southfield Christian 7 30 p m Agape at Calvary Christian 6 30 p m Wednesday, Jan 24 Salem at WL Northern 7 pm Northville at Plymouth 7 p m WL Western at Canton 7 p m Thursday, Jan 25 Canton Agape at PCA 6 30 p m **PREP HOCKEY** Wednesday, Jan 24 Salem at W L. Western at Lakeland Arena 7 20 p m **Pivmouth at Northville** at Novi Ice Arena 6 p m Friday, Jan 26 Salem at WL. Central at Lakeland Arena 8 20 p m Utica Stevenson at Canton at Arctic Edge 8 p m PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Jan 25 Westland John Glenn at Salem 6 30 p m WL Western at Plymouth 6 p m Canton at Wayne Memorial 6 30 p m Saturday, Jan 27 Observerland Invitational at Livonia Churchill 9 a m BOYS SWIMMING

BOYS BASKETBALL

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SWIM RESULTS

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(S) 2 30 51 3 Kevin Chappelle (JG) 2 32 40 50 freestyle 1 Stan Chen (S) 24 64 2 John Babb (S) 24 72 3 Casey Olson (S) 26 97 1-meter diving 1 John Whitt (JG) 243 05 2 Andrew Thorne (JG) 134 90

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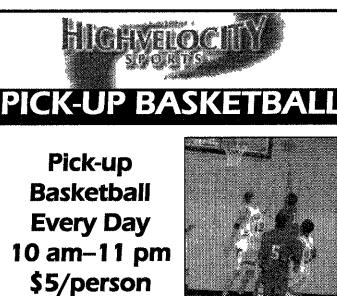
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ALL-AROUND 1 Alyssa Kelley (C)



Canton's Jessie Murray placed first on the balance beam with a 9 55 during Tuesday's tri-meet against Trenton and Northville



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The Plymouth-Canton Pride 14U Stars took first place honors Jan 6-7 at the NSA Cabin Fever Beater tournament at the "The Dome" in Fort Wayne, Ind The Stars went 4-1 and outscored the competition 26 12 The victory earned the Stars a berth in the NSA National World Series set for the week of July 22 in Indiana Pictured (front row from left) are Mariah Tesarz, Kelli Janiczek Marissa Blassic, Lauren Roberts, Briana Lee, Mary Johnson, (back row from left) coach Kevin Dunleavy, Amanda Burnard, Carolann Sexauer coach Mike Burnard, Lyndsey Look, Amy Dunleavy, Alyssa Gieti and coach Katie Gieti

Plymouth icers blank Patriots

Plymouth's hockey team bounced back from a jarring loss to Canton by upending Livonia Franklin, 5-0, Wednesday night at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia

The victory improved the Wildcats to 10-5 2 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division The Cats' lone divisional loss came Saturday when the cross-campus rival Chiefs handed them a 4-3 setback

"The win over Franklin was a good bounce-back game for us," said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois "The kids looked forward instead of worrying about the loss

"This was one of the few games we ve had this year that we didn't have a multiple-goal scorer It was nice to see the even distribution on the offensive end And Justin Desilets played well in net, too, with 24 saves "

Five different players scored goals for the winners, including Connor Dresser, who talhed a power-play goal and one assist in the win Kyle Rockov, Charlie Webb, Rick Cigile (short-handed) and Bran

ey,' Franklın coach Terry Jobbitt said "We re not playing as a team Too much individual play and running around We also took too many penalties (seven) We re playing almost playing a period short-handed

SALEM 3, WL NORTHERN 3. On Tuesday, the Rocks received goals from Kurt Driscoll, Mike Haburne and Aaron Markwell and a strong game in goal from Ralph Aspenwall, who registered 22 saves

The Knights jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first period thanks to goals from Al Harvey and Michael Roberts The Rocks cut the deficit in half on Driscoll's goal from Tony Garbarino with 3 01 left in the first period

Salem secured a temporary 3 2 advantage with secondperiod goals from Haburne and Markwell Haburne was assisted by Joel Cheesman and Markwell

Northern tied the game with just three seconds left on Harvey's second goal of the game

Northern goalie Ed Hojnacki stopped 27 shots PCS 4 G P NORTH 3. The

improved to 8-0-1 while North slipped to 7-3

"It was a pretty big win for us against a very good team, said PCS coach Eric Mink They just got their leading scorer back from an injury, so we knew it wasn t going to be easy They re good enough to go all the way this year, so to

beat a team like that is nice' Katie Zimmerman sparked the Penguins offense with a hat trick Defensively, the winners were led by goalie Kristie Kowalski, who stopped 22 shots

Adrienne Cercone staked the Penguins to a 1-0 lead 15 seconds into the game after securing a pass from Nikki Songer North's Sarah Hughes knotted the game at 1-all with 2 54 left in the second period

Zimmerman then netted three straight lamp lighters, the first coming with 1 10 remaining in the middle period off an assist by Edra Burris and Kara Bongiovanni Zimmerman's second goal was the result of a perfectly executed give and-go with Cercone with 13 53 left in the game Stephanie Matusiak and Kelsev Nıkkıla registere helpers on Zimmerman's final goal at the 10 33 mark "We were outshot tonight, but the girls hung in there, said Mink whose team returns to the ice Saturday against Livonia Ladywood, which also holds an 8-0-1 record

Important issues discussed at Bowling Congress meeting

whe second annual meeting of the Metro Detroit US Bowling Congress was staged last Sunday at the Shriners Auditorium in Southfield This is the largest local association of the USBC in the nation and carries

the most clout at the national conventions (scheduled for this year in Knoxville, Tenn.) Currently there are 72,059 adult and 5,608 **Ten Pin** youth members

in the Detroit area In all, approx-

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unately 59,000 Harrison awards for bowling

the past year Libbi Fletcher serves as president of the Metro Detroit chapter

inaugural year of operation under the umbrella of the USBC

were taken by voting ballots during the meeting with Gerald DeRuiter selected as First Vice-President. He is currently serving as Vice-President of the Metro Detroit USBC Board of Directors

Michael De Rousie of Livonia and Douglas Moye of Farmington Hills were also among those elected to the board

On Jan 10, Dave Riger of Farmington Hills rolled his first certified 300 game in the Jewish

Greyhounds drop Whalers, 5-2

The Plymouth Whalers dropped a 5-2 decision to the Soo Greyhounds Friday night in a Ontario Hockey League game played in Sault Ste Marie

The game was knotted at 2all after the first period, however, the Greyhounds took control with a pair of secondWar Veterans League at Drakeshire Lanes He had previously bowled four 300s, but only in practice

It just proves that practice makes perfect

Riger collected a pair of 299s previously in official league play Dave also had to fill out the USBC award forms and send it into himself because he is also the secretary of the league

His mother, Frayda Riger, enjoyed watching her son bowl Dave asked her before the 12th shot "Which pin will I leave standing?" he asked

She replied, "none," and she was quite right

Dave is the same guy whose voice listeners hear when you tune on WDFN Sports Talk Radio

I'll take one Cadillac, two Lincolns and an Aston-Martin please The Michigan State Lottery has a form available (IRS No SS-4) for starting up a lottery club

My own Sunday Goodtumers League at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills started one last week The State Lottery office has the right forms available, complete with instructions for getting started

Twenty-three of the 40 bowlers in this league are participating over the next 15 weeks until the end of the 2006-07 season

With 23 club members paying \$2 each week, we are able to purchase one of each Big Money ball, thus reducing the odds

This has nothing at all to do with the bowling It's simply because we are a large enough group and a non-profit organiza-

period lamp-lighters followed by one in the third

Plymouth led 1 0 on James Neal's goal that was assisted by Evan Brophey and Wes Cunningham With the game tied at 1-all, the Whalers' Dan Collins scored off helpers from Chris Terry and Zack Shepley with 3 19 left in the first perition, it looks like we can all get rich quick.

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If we do happen to win the big one, I will buy everyone a beer (or ginger ale) I will also let you readers know how it worked out three months from now So far we have won \$6 after the first two weeks

The honor scores keep piling up at the Mayflower Senior Classic. Last Wednesday, Jesse Macciocco, 74, of Canton, has joined the 300 shooters list with a 782 series

It was the fifth perfect game in his career

Jack Dahlstrom had the dubious honor of receiving the Jack Dahlstrom Award himself, presented to him by league secretary Ted Kress

This award, which Dahlstrom created last season, is awarded to a bowler who scores at least 100 pins less than his previous game

The three senior leagues will be competing for prize money in the annual Senior Leagues Tournament beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday Feb 3 at Mayflower Lanes

The tourney is a spin-off from the Senior/Youth Challenge, which was dropped last year because there not enough bowlers in the Saturday youth leagues The new management is rebuilding the youth program and it is likely that the Senior/Youth event will resume next season

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od Plymouth net-minder Jeremy Smith stopped eight shots before getting pulled for Mike Neuvirth with 1 02 left in the second Neuvirth stopped four third-period shots

Kyle Gajewski was stellar between the pipes for the winners, stopping 23 shots

achievements were handed out

by the local association during has done a stellar job during its

The nominations for office

Patterson netted the other Plymouth goals

Franklın was outshot, 34 24

Plymouth goalie Justin Desilets made 34 saves, while Franklin's Austin Mesler

turned away 19 "We played very poor hock

Penguins bolted to a 4-1 lead before yielding a pair of third period goals to the visiting Norsemen in a Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League contest played Friday night at the Arctic Edge in Canton

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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information, contact Lou

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LEARN TO SKATE

Beginning Feb 3, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton will offer eight weeks of 'Learn to Skate" sessions that will run 30 minutes with 15 minutes of free skating time Open registration will begin Jan 27 Classes will be grouped by age and ability

Tot Time classes, designed for kids between the ages of 3- $\frac{1}{2}$ and 6, at the Arctic Edge will begin Tuesday, Jan 30, or Thursday, Feb 1 All sessions, which will run for eight weeks, will be 30 minutes in length with 15 minutes of free skating time

Registration forms can be picked up at the Summit at the Park and at the Arctic Edge, which is located at 46615 Michigan Ave, just west of Canton Center

For more information including levels of instruction, private lessons, teams and competitive opportunities call (734) 487-7777

SALEM ROCKS

BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic is set for March 24 and 31 There will be two sessions each day — the first from 9a m to noon, and the second from 1-4 p m

Sessions include training in baseball skills by the Salem varsity coaches and players The \$25 registration fee includes lessons, T-shirts and a snack

For more information or to register, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026, or send an e-mail to pcmyers@hotmail com

PLYMOUTH REC

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is currently offering the following youth sports programs

Lacrosse for boys and girls in grades 3rd through 8th is available for the spring of 2007

The season will run from mid-April through mid-June with all practices and games played mostly on mid-week nights Registration will run through January on a firstcome, first served basis

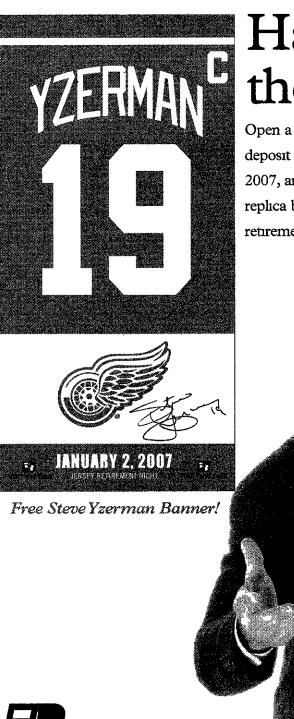
Spring youth soccer registration will run throughout January at the recreation office, which is located at 525 Farmer in downtown Plymouth The office is open weekdays from 9 30 a m to 4 p m All first-time registrants need to supply a birth certificate For more information, call (734) 455-6620 or visit www.ci plymouth mi us

2007 SPRING SOCCER

Spring 2007 registration is under way through Sunday, Feb 18, for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League for both its recreational and premier teams (ages 5 through high school)

Late fees start Sunday, Jan 21 Forms are available at either the Westland Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, or the Wayne Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road

Locations for new fields have been created through Wayne Recreation until the Central City Park complex has been deemed safe Call (734) 467-5260 or visit www.wwslsoccer.com



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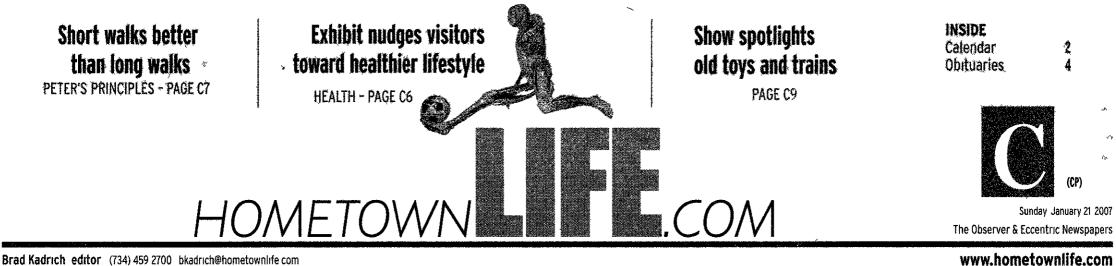
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Mindful eating, late snacking

and plateaus

any people find comfort in food Comfort eaters tend to skip meals or overeat, or focus on other tasks while eating Comfort eaters turn to food to address negative emotional issues Often, such eaters aren't fully aware of their behavior Emotions or situations may trigger some people to eat even when they are not hungry

Losing weight successfully requires having the proper



Linda Aubuchon

mindset In order to avoid comfort eating, it's important to be aware of your eating behavior at all times Do you think about how hungry you are when you eat? Is it time for lunch or dinner? If

not, you may just need a snack Or you may

just be feeling a craving that will pass Try drinking some water and then see if you're still hungry

Also, consider your feelings Maybe you re thinking about food because you're bored, upset, angry or stressed Try addressing any emotional issues first For example, participate in a lessure activity, such as a relaxing bath or listening to music Then decide if you're feeling physically hungry

When you do eat in response to hunger, take time to focus on your meal and avoid distractions Pay attention to your food selections and portions, and enjoy your meal Be aware of your body's signals telling you when you're full, so eat to satisfaction rather than discomfort

Lots of mindless eating happens after dark Do you, like many people, look forward to that moment in the evening when you get to kick up your feet and relax? If so, you might find nighttime munchies a part of your daily routine

Do you feel as though you cannot sit down and relax without a snack? There are some measures you can take to break the habit of late-night snacking on high-fat/high-calorie foods. Try eating more frequently throughout the day Aim for five to six small meals/snacks per day to help curb your appetite Also, if you don't have junk food around the house, there won t be any for you to eat late at night When you go grocery shopping, choose healthy snacks and bypass the junk Keep lowfat snacks such as fresh fruits and vegetables, pretzels and reduced-fat string cheese sticks on hand Remember, it only takes an extra 100 calories a day to put on 10 pounds in a year Take up a hobby or become involved in some other activity while relaxing in front of the television Work on arts and crafts, play with a pet or have a significant other or friend give you a massage Breaking the habit of late-night snacking by developing new healthy habits is a measure that will certainly help you take off those extra pounds If you're exercising to help you lose weight, congratulations However, even though you have a great exercise routine and you re sticking to it, you may eventually hit a plateau Its natural for our bodies to adjust to any routine over time, whether it's eating the same foods or doing the same exercises all the time So it may be necessary to change your routine in order to boost your body back into weight loss In general, you should probably change your routine about every six weeks, and you can change it in a variety of ways One way is by changing the duration of your program For example, try adding an extra five or 10 minutes to your session Or try adding or changing the days you exercise Changing the intensity of your exercise might also help For example, try increasing or decreasing weights for strength training Or try walking instead of jogging Of course, trying a whole new activity is also an option Maybe you would like to try aerobics, join a martial arts class, or try yoga Don't be discouraged if your weight loss progress has slowed down even though you're eating right and staying active Your body may just need a little change to keep things going



'Arc of Justice' opens discussion of area's race history

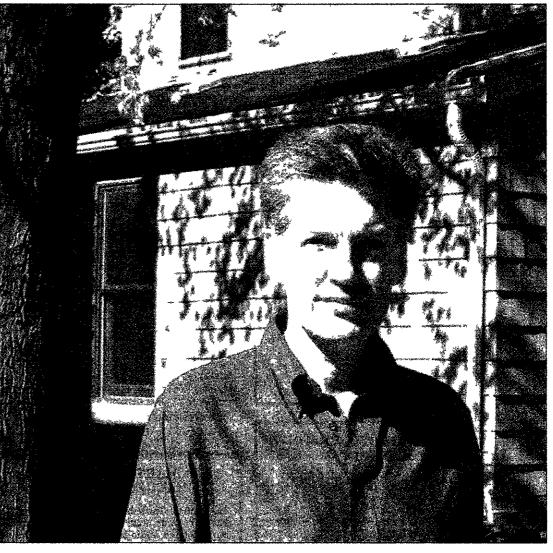
BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Kevin Boyle says he's always been drawn to stories about working people, the labor movement and immigrants

"I like being in the street, he said

In 2004, Boyle's dramatic history of a pivotal event in civil rights history vividly took readers to the violent streets of 1920s Detroit Boyles Arc of Justice A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age is now the centerpiece for the Detroit area's sixth annual Everyone's Reading program Libraries throughout the area are focusing on Boyle's book and the still relevant issues it raises about race relations in Detroit and the nation

The National Book Award winner for non-fiction in 2004 tells the story of Ossian Sweet, a black doctor who moved his fam-



PLEASE SEE READING. C5 Kevin Boyle grew up in the Detroit area. His book Arc of Justice won the National Book Award

How an idea went from column to community

Linda Aubuchon is the owner of Diet Center of Canton a provider of personalized weight loss solutions She can be reached via e mail at Linda@DietCenterofCanton com or by phone at (734) 414 9200

'Arc of Justice'

the themes of

Events explore

Twenty public libraries from the tri-county are participating in this years Everyone's Reading including — for the first time - the Detroit Public Library Numerous events are planned concerning the issues raised by Kevin Boyles Arc of Justice, a history of the Ossian Sweet

murder case of 1925

Boyle, an Ohio State University professor, with a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Detroit and a doctorate from the University of Michigan, will visit local libraries in February and April

His appearances in Observer & Eccentric communities are

■ 1 30 p m Sunday, Feb 2, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

7 p m Monday, April 16, at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W Merrill St, Birmingham

2 p m Tuesday, April 17, Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield

7 p m Wednesday, April 18, Canton Public Library, 1200 S Canton Center Road, Canton

Events will include book discussion groups, movie

PLEASE SEE EVENTS, C5

Sarah Ormond adult services librarian at the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, knew that choosing a book for Everyones Reading in 2007 would be a big task.

The 2006 selection, a non-fiction book about diving, had drawn more participants than expected into the annual adult reading program offered by many libraries in the tri-county area.

"Who'd think you'd get a bunch of women to read about scuba diving and World War ll wrecks? Ormond said, adding that last years book. Shadow Divers, was unexpectedly 'very popular"

"We thought we'd have large shoes to fill here."

Luckily, Ormond had read a column by Observer managing editor Hugh Gallagher in December 2005 and immediately e-mailed the other Everyone's Reading committee members The group, made up of librarians from participating libraries in the tri-county area, annually chooses one book for the program

In his column about communitywide reading programs, Gallagher proposed Arc of Justice, by Kevin Boyle, as a "high school read for the metro Detroit area."

The nonfiction work tells the story

of a black doctor who moved his family to a working class white section of Detroit in 1925 Gallagher pointed out that Boyle "describes the elements that have helped create our sadly divided and antagonistic metro area."

'It is a book that every high school student should read, discuss, understand, to appreciate why the place they call home is what it is," Gallagher wrote "It's a good read and an important one as well

That's all Ormond and her committee needed to know

They contacted Boyle, told him about Gallagher's column and the author agreed to participate in Everyone's Reading 2007

"I really think that Hugh Gallaghers common was so important

it convinces a group of librarians and it conv ea the author,' Ormond said. She said the committee members

all knew of Boyle's book, but hadn't necessarily read it when they contacted the author

I recommended it without having read it,' Ormond said

They're glad they began planning the 2007 program more than a year ahead of time, given the popularity of last year's book.

- Sharon Dargay

Dance the night away while helping domestic violence victims

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Brian Duggan is a hero to the women and children of First Step Last year, his charity dance raised \$42,000 to help provide shelter and services for domestic violence victims Frequently, they leave home abruptly to escape the battering

"What would we say to families at police stations in the middle of the night if First Steps shelter beds went away,' asks Theresa Bizoe, the nonprofit organization's associate director It's important we're here even if the family just needs us for a couple of nights

Bizoe is uncertain about the reason for the 25-percent increase in women seeking shelter last year, but says tough economic times

generally lead to more violence The 17th annual Charity Dance and Casino Night is 7 30 p m to 1 30 a m Friday, Feb 9, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster, Livonia The evening begins with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres followed by dessert and pizza There's always plenty of dancing to the music of Steve King & The Dittilies For those who like to gamble, the casino portion of the dance runs from 7 30 p m to midnight

Tickets are \$40 and sold only in advance For more information, call (734) 422-4333

URGENT NEED

In all of Wayne County, only 80



PLEASE SEE FIRST STEP, C9 First Step supporters danced the night away at last year's benefit



RACE CIVIL RICHTS

Kevin Boyle's Arc of Justice won the 2004 National Book Award

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Princess ball

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department hosts the Princess Ball 3 5 pm or 6 8 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

Open house/science fair

St Sebastian Catholic School in Dearborn Heights hosts an open house and science fair 11 30 a m to 2 pm Sunday Jan 28 The school is also accepting applications for the 2007 08 school year for students in preschool through eighth grade The school is located at 20700 Colgate For more information call (313) 563 6640

Vegas Night

Notre Dame Prep/Marist Academy Pontiac campus is holding a Vegas Night featuring Texas Hold em poker craps blacklack and more to raise money for the school 6 30 p m Saturday Feb 3 Admission \$25 at the

door 1300 Giddings Road Pontiac Bariatric seminars

The Michigan Bariatric Institute at St Mary s Hospital in Livonia hosts a free educational seminar about gas tric bypass adjustable gastric band ing and sleeve gastrectomy 6 30 p m Wednesday Jan 28 or Wednesday Feb 24 in the St Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium St Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile (at Levan) in Livonia For more informa tion call (734) 655 2693

Winter garage sale

Sts Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church Ladies Auxiliary hosts its sev enth annual Winter Garage Sale 9 am to 4 pm (with a bag sale 3 4 pm) Saturday Feb 24 at Sts Peter & Paul Banquet Hall 750 N Beech Daly (between Ford Rd & Cherry Hill) in Dearborn Heights. For more informa tion visit www.spproc.org Egg-citing science

Crack Open EGG citing Science at the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum s March Sciencepalooza Saturday March 3 and Sunday March 4 For March's Sciencepalooza visitors can egg splore the many uses of the egg Sciencepalooza is a special themed event held the first weekend of every month at the Ann Arbor

Hands On Museum Sciencepalooza activity hours are 10 a m to 4 p m Saturday and noon 4 p m Sunday The museum is open 10 a m to 5 p m Monday-Saturday and noon 5 p m Sunday Call (734) 995 5439 for more information

Fibromyalgia workshop

The National Wellness Foundation hosts a free fibromyalgia workshop at the Carl Sandburg Library 7 p m Wednesday Jan 31 To register call (248) 426 0201

Waste to Watts

The Ann Arbor Hands on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibit tion through summer of 2007 due to popular demand Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology 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 ulti mately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a m to 5 pm Monday Saturday noon to 5 pm 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 department office 700 W Baseline For more information call the parks and recreation department (248) 349 0203

VNA seeks volunteers

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan1s hospice pro gram needs compassionate volun teers 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 companion ship write a memoir provide respite for family members or provide office

support A free 15 hour comprehen sive 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 appli cations for a 1 Career Development Scholarship" to recognize and sup port 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 post marked by Jan 31 For more informa tion call Amy Allen (734) 522 1603 Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets with a help session at 6 p m and the meeting at 7 p m Thursday Feb 1 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1041 W Grand River in Howell A panel dis cussion will be conducted on Self Publishing Your Family History The public is invited. For more informa tion call Margaret (810) 227 7745 Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290 OES Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon 3 p m the sec ond 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 car ing and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw western Wayne Monroe and Livingston counties Volunteers

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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ing companionship light housekeep www.newhopecenter.net ing errand running grief support and clerical services. For more informa tion contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones (888) 973 1145 Rotary A.M.

provide a variety of services includ

The Community Literacy Council (CLC)

Western Wayne County to help adults

improve their reading writing and

communication skills The CLC will

provide training to interested volun

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council will provide free training and

materials and then match you with

(734) 416 4906 for more information

an adult student in your area. Call

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group of people to present that

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Communicators Club meets every

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Conev Island on Lilley just south of

New Hope Center for Grief Support is

a Christian based bereavement out

reach and resource center located in

Northville Age appropriate groups

for widows and widowers are provid

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ern Michigan including groups for

young widows and widowers and

their children between the ages of 4

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 serv

offered at no cost to the participants

If you are grieving or know someone

who is please call the office at (248)

about services provided by New Hope

348 0115 for further information

ices for adults and children are

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Joy in the Golden Gate Plaza For

additional information contact

Bonnie at (734) 646 2237

Grief support

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Literacy Council tutors

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 welcome Call Mark Hammar president Rotary Club of Plymouth A M at (734) 455 6620

Center for Grief Support or visit

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Plymouth Newcomers

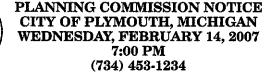
Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0 5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details contact Janet Keller at (734) 451 1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 13 pm on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted 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



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

> PUBLIC HEARING. Zoning Ordinance Amendments Downtown Parking

All interested persons are invited to attend

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

LEGAL NOTICE

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE

FEBRUARY 27, 2007

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

SPECIAL ELECTION

PLEASE NOTE that January 29, 2007 is the last day to register

for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Special Election to be

held on Tuesday, February 27 2007 Registration for Plymouth

IN RE THE PETITION OF RICHARD GARY LUNSFORD TO ADOPT AMANDA LEIGH PRICE AND CHANGE OF NAME TO AMANDA LEIGH LUNSFORD

Case # 07 A 2

OE0850 037

ORDER FILING PETITION FOR ADOPTION AND SETTING HEARING

On the 10th day of January 2007 came the Petitioner Richard Gary Lunsford, by counsel Aaron C Amore with a Petition for adoption of Amanda Leigh Price and change of name to Amanda Leigh Lunsford

The Court finds the requirements of West Virginia Law have been met as the petition is proper in form. It is therefore accordingly ADJUDGED and ORDERED that the petition be filed

It is ordered that this matter shall come on for a hearing on the 1st day of March, 2007 @ the hour of 11 00 o clock a m

It is further ordered that a home study is not necessary since the adoptive parent is the stepfather of Amanda Leigh Price and Amanda's mother Veronica Lunsford has signed an Irrevocable Consent to Adopt

Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk 9955 Haggerty Road, or at any Secretary of State Office The Clerks Office is open from 8 00 a m to 4 30 p m Monday through Friday If a resident is unable to register during regular office hours a call to the Clerk can set up a convenient time for the resident Township Clerk s phone number 18 (734) 354 3224

Marılyn Massengıll, CMC Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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The Clerk shall enter the foregoing order as of this date and shall send attested copies to all counsel of record and pro se parties

Affirmed by

Thomas Steptoe JUDGE

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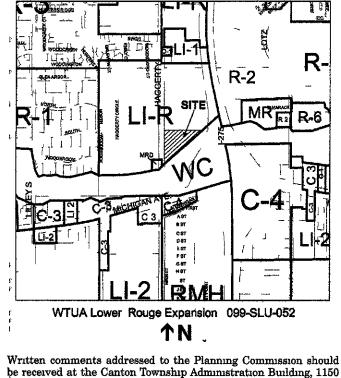
Aaron C Amore ID #6455 Kratovil & Amore PLLC 211 W Washington Street Charles Town WV 25414

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday February 5 2007 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 700 pm. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27 03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance

WTUA LOWER ROUGE EXPANSION SPECIAL LAND USE CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATION & BASIN (ESSENTIAL SERVICES) AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 21A 02B FOR PARCEL NO 099 99 0001 705 Property is located east of Haggerty Road and north of Michigan Avenue



be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, February 2 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 6A 11 6A 17 6A 23 AND 6A 25 RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE LEGIBILITY AND MINIMUM REQUIRED LETTER SIZES FOR GROUND SIGNS REFERENCING THE SIGN BONUS PROVISIONS FOR WALL SIGN AREA AND CLARIFYING CORNER LOT BONUSES

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S, prior to February 2 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday February 1 2007 at 700 PM in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S Main Street Plymouth MI to consider the following item

Non Use Variance Requested Attached Garage Distance to Z 07 01 801 Harding Main House Zoned R 1 Single Family Residential Applicant Peter M Karr Z 07 02 520 S Main Street Non Use Variance Requested Parking Zoned B 2 Central Business Applicant The Shops of Main Street LLC

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION** FEBRUARY 27, 2007 ELECTION FOR THE PLYMOUTH/CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that JANUARY 29, 2007, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Plymouth Canton Community School Election to be held on

Tuesday February 27 2007 Registrations will be accepted at the office of the Canton Township Clerk

1150 South Canton Center Road between the hours of 8 30 a m and 5 00 p m Monday through Friday Registration can also be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerks Office at 734-394-5120 Mail in registration will be accepted postmarked by January 29, 2007

> **Terry G. Bennett** Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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> Thomas Steptoe JUDGE

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Links West Red Hatters give back

Members of the Red Hat Society at Links West Pheasant Run in Canton embody the spirit of the society - ' fun after age fifty ' But while having fun the group has also remembered to give back to the larger global community. The Canton group has adopted a 10 year old Central American child The Red Hatters contribution provides an education for the fifth-grade student in Belize. The Links West Red Hatters are pictured here after a recent luncheon outing The local group which was founded by Shirley Barthold and Connie Slazinski, enjoys monthly day outings to theaters, restaurants, festivals, concerts and picnics Founder of The Red Hat Society is 'Queen Mother Sue Ellen Cooper of Fullerton California 'We believe silliness is the comedy relief of life and since we are all in it together we might as well join red-gloved hands and go for the gusto together," said Cooper "Underneath the frivolity, we share a bond of affection, forged by common life experiences and a genuine enthusiasm for wherever life takes us next.' To find out more about The Red Hat Society go to www redhatsociety com

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the library's list of best-sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at plymouthlibrary org

FICTION

1 "For One More Day," Mitch Albom

- 2 The Hunters, WEB
- Griffin 3 Cross," James Patterson
- 4 'Next, Michael Crichton
- 5 Shadow Dance," Julie
- Garwood

NON-FICTION

1 'The Audacity of Hope,'

Barack Obama

2 "The Innocent Man,' John Grisham

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3 "Marley & Me,' John

Grogan 4 "The God Delusion,"

- Richard Dawkins
- 5 I Feel Bad About My Neck, Nora Ephron

PARENT'S CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1 Snow is My Favorite and My Best," Lauren Child

2 'The Scarves," Daniela Bunge

- 3 'Snow Sounds," David Johnson
- 4 "Sallys Snow Adventure," Stephen Huneck
- 5 Snow," Joan Clark

Please recycle this newspaper

Send a singing valentine to your sweetie

Nothing says you care like a Singing Valentine A barbershop quartet from the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society will serenade your sweetheart at home, at work, or anywhere else you choose in the Wayne, Dearborn, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, or Northville areas

In addition to the Valentine serenade of two love songs, your special person will receive a red rose and a personalized Valentine's Day card

The vocalists will even deliver your special personal gift if you wish

The cost for a Singing Valentine is \$40 If you wish to present the Singing Valentine in person by singing with the quartet, the cost is only \$20

Call (734) 467-9681 or (734) 422-7468 to schedule the delivery between 8 a m and 9 p m on Wed, Feb 14, or send an e-mail to Valentines@WeSingBarbershop com Orders will be taken up to Feb 12

Author to present lecture on Michigan Shadow Towns

Multimedia presentations, based on the book Michigan Shadow Towns, continue in Livonia 2 p m Sunday, Jan 21, before moving on to other venues in the metro Detroit area and outstate

Presented by the Friends of Livonia Public Library, the show features a lecture by Michigan Shadow Towns author Gene Scott Admission is free

The 45-minute show is based on the book which tells of the decline and survival stories of 128 smaller Michigan communities in 64 counties Michigan Shadow Towns was selected as a Library of Michigan Notable Book of 2006 Livonia is one of nearly 400 libraries in the state which received copies of the book under a Michigan Humanities Council grant The book project was cosponsored by the Livonia and Redford historical societies

For more information on the Jan 21 show, call the Friends of Livonia Library at (248) 474-7213 For information on the book or to obtain a copy, call (734) 523-7844

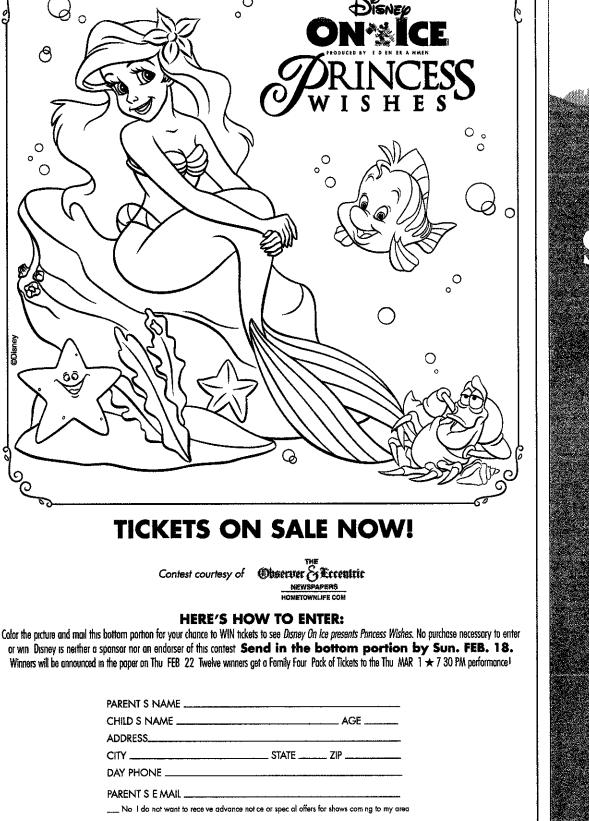
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Comic book show returns

The X-Trava Con Comic Book, Toy, and Non-Sport Card Show returns 10 a m to 4 p m Sunday, Jan 21, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Farmington Hills Admission is \$3

The show features a large selection For more information, call (248) 426-8059 or visit www.motorcityconventions com







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Kucharczyks celebrate

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40th anniversary

Jack and Mary Ann Kucharczyk, of Livonia will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Jan 21 They were married at St

John Čantius Church in Detroit on Jan 21, 1967 They celebrated at their

reception with over 1,000 of their family and friends

They are much loved by their two children, Keith and Kımberlyn (Cıhangır), two grandchildren, Lauren and Seth, and their four legged friends Maggie, Charlie, Riggins, Puck, and Lulu

Jack retired from Chrysler in 2001 after 35 years of service, and Mary Ann continues to be a full-time homemaker They plan to celebrate their anniversary at a dinner hosted by their children

Wyzywany-Swingle

Lisa Wyzywany of Livonia and Blake Swingle of Milan were married Oct 13, 2006, at St John the Baptist Catholic Church with the Rev Edmond L Ertzbischoff officiating

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Karen Wyzywany of Livonia She is a 1998 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in elementary education She is teaching in Plymouth Canton and Romulus schools

The groom is the son of Carol Swingle and Jim Swingle of Ann Arbor He is a 1993 graduate of Milan High School He is currently working as a chef at Thee Irish Pub Restaurant at Metro Airport

The bride was attended by maid of honor Cheryl Wyzywany and bridesmaids, Kim Walker, Barb Faltisco,

Moon-dusters

Baliroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8 30 11 p m at the Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road Livonia Admission guest/\$6 associ ates/\$5 50 members/\$5 Dress Ladies date style clothes gentle men jackets and ties for more information call Joe Castrodale (248) 968 5197 Bethany Suburban West

Volunteer Night

Monday Jan 29 Call Michele for details at (313)996 8644 Metropolitan Single Professionals Join our E mail list at www.mspsc.com.for.special.events Information (248) 544 6445 Office (248) 851 9919 Monday Friday 9 a m

SINGLES

to 12 p m Euchre Anytime 6 30 9 30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes 35000 Grand River Ave just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills

Cash bar and reasonable priced din ner is also available off the menu \$5/members \$6/non members Vollevball

Anytime 6 45 9 45 p m Drop in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School 4200 Quarton Road west of Telegraph Cost is \$6 In the park Farmington Hills any t me 6 30 p m to dusk Heritage Park Farm ngton Road between 10 Mile and 11 M le Cost \$2





Obituaries, Memorials Remembrances

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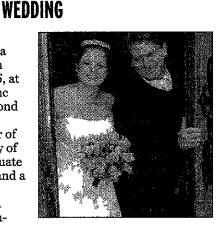


EVELYN A. JONES

of Troy Michigan died on January 16 2007 at Evergreen Health and Living Center She was a graduate of Highland Park High School the Highland Park Junior College and the University of Michigan where she earned a Baccalaureate and a Master s

ANDREW THOMAS SURBER

We will forever celebrate the life of Andrew Thomas Surber He was the loving son of Susan and William and brother of Will and David Andrew died suddenly while teaching English to middle school students in Yiwu in the Zhejiang Province of China After



Kristen Simor and Lindsay Hyland

The groom was attended by best man Ryan Pietruk and groomsmen Scott Swingle, Matt Synder, Michael Wyzywany and Jack Swingle A reception was held at Webers Inn of Ann Arbor The couple honeymooned at the Dreams Resort in Puerto Vallarta,

They are making their home ın Belleville

REUNIONS

As space permits the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print without charge announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48170 Please include the date of the reunion one contact per son and a telephone number

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 current 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 approximately \$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 gradu ates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other class mates contact Pat Gorski Zielinski (989) 366 9288 Detroit Cody

Class of 1957

ENGAGEMENTS

Taube-Murrav James and Mary Ann Taube of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynn Taube, to Kevin John Murray of Ypsilanti The bride-to-be is a graduate

of Eastern Michigan University and works as a social worker

The prospective groom is the son of John and Ann Murray of Ypsilanti He is studying criminology at Eastern Michigan University and is employed at Domino's Farms

A July 28, 2007, wedding is

Seifert-Rea

Kurt and Joanne Seifert of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Karrie Lynn Seifert of Livonia, to Jack Joseph Rea of Ann Arbor, the son of Jack and Pamela Rea of Canton

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Michigan State University in 2000, her teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University in 2002 and a masters degree in teaching from Madonna University in 2006 She is a science teacher at Northville High School

The prospective groom is an Aquinas High School graduate who attended Ferris State He

Ahwal-Sleeper

Adıb and Rosanne Ahwal of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Marie Ahwal, to Michael James Sleeper of Livonia

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Divine Child High School and has a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn She works for Masco in Taylor

The prospective groom is the son of James Sleeper of Redford and Patricia Bono of Garden City He is a 1995 grad-uate of Redford Union High School He is employed by Best Buy in Novi

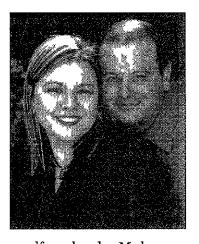
A May 2007 wedding is planned for St Raphael Church Livonia

Hooker-Lampen

Lesley Hooker and Tim



planned for St Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City



is self-employed in Michigan Truck Parts, a family business A June 23, 2007 wedding is planned at St Marys in Wayne, with a reception to fol low at the Dearborn Inn



in Garden City followed by a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia The couple will reside in



and 1s contracted through Tek

Systems at Spectrum Health

Hospital in Grand Rapids

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 at St Regis Catholic Church w/ Father Peter Fennessy and Father Norman Norocki presiding on Wednesday Jan 31st Memorial Service 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 St Regis Catholic Capital campaign

JAMES A.V.F. ALDRIDGE

Of Bloomfield Hills MI, passed

äway at 88 years of age January 15, 2007 Loving husband of 60 years

Father of three sons and grandfather

of four Enlisted combat veteran of

WWII Retired as an Air Force Major He retired from Ford Motor Co as an

engineer at 70 years of age A private

family service will be held at his

DR GEORGE

BRECKENRIDGE BEARD

Howell Michigan since 2005 (formerly of Southfield MI) passed away Jan 15 2007 at the age of 82 Born in Marblehead

Massachusetts on Feb 22 1924 He

graduated from Fairport (N Y) High School in 1941 He served in the US

Army Air Corps during WWII and graduated from Harvard University in

947 He earned his Ph D in Nuclear

Physics from the University of Michigan He married Eveline

Rochling on Jan 29 1955 in Ann

Arbor He was a professor of Physics

at Michigan State University until

1960 He was preceded in death by both his wife and his daughter Louisa

Ann in 1998 He is survived by his

brother Richard PhD (Marilyn), sons

Kevin PhD (Loretta) William (Jean)

Glenn Randall (Kathleen) son in

law Keith McDonald and grandchil

McDonald Jessica Katherine Michael Nicholas and TessaMarie

Services were held Saturday January

20 2007 at Wm Sullivan & Son

Funeral Home Royal Oak A dona

tion may be made in his memory to

any college scholarship fund

Kaıtlın

dren

Daniel

Sarah

Katherine

Emeritus of

Wayne State

resident of

Professor

Physics at

Iniversity

home town in Mississippi

Degree Sne serveo as a wave Officer in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946 at the Naval Air Station at Anacostia Washington D.C. Miss Jones was employed by the Highland Park Board of Education for 41 years as a teacher and administrator She was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority the University Of Michigan Alumni Association and the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak Miss Jones has no immediate family but is survived by many dear friends No services are planned at her request

FLORENCE M. MURRAY

Age 71 January 18 2007 Loving mother of Karen Terrie Gerry Mark David Denise and Gloria Cherished grandmother of 17 great grandmother of one Dear sister of Mary and Gloria Funeral Mass Tuesday 11 AM (In state 10 30 AM) at St Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road Farmington Visitation Monday 3 9 PM Rosary 7 PM at THAYER ROCK FUNERAL HOME 33603 Grand River Avenue downtown Farmington www.thayer-rock.com

JEROME T O'CONNOR

Age 75 of Howell former 25 year res ident of Livonia Mr O Connor passed away on Saturday January 13 2007 at his home in Howell following an extended illness He was born June 3 1931 in Detroit, the son of Daniel and Hanna O Connor On October 13 1951 he was married to Marie Mayotte in Detroit and they moved from Livonia to Brighton in 1995 Mrs O Connor preceded him in death on September 12 1995 Surviving are two children Diane (Mark) Walters of Howell and Danny (Rachel Culp O Connor) O Connor of Howell grandsons Eric Walters of Huntington Beach California Ryan Walters of Minneapolis St Paul Minnesota and Brett Walters Elliott O Connor and Elmo O Connor all of Howell and three sisters Rita Rom Josephine DeMarois and Patsy Hildebrand Cremation has taken place and a memorial service and Irish wake will be held on Sunday June 3 2007 at the home of Diane Walters 3343 Brighton Howell Michigan 48843 Memorial contributions in Jerry's name are requested to Mother Waddles Mission in Detroit and please contact them at 313-393 0045 for donation instructions The family was served by Keehn Funeral Home in Brighton

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grauuating `om Seahoım Hıgh School Andrew continued his educa tion at Northern Arizona University and pursued international studies at Czech Technical University Prague and Robert Schumann University Strasbourg France His unbridled curiosity extraordinary wanderlust and boundless energy impacted all of those who knew him Andrew's fami ly and friends from around the world miss him his unfailing kindness and keen sense of humor He lived his life to the fullest doing the things he loved

skating, snowboarding, rock climb ing gardening and making friends while traveling The service celebrat ing Andrews life was held at New River Gorge, West Virginia overlook ing the cliffs where he spent his youth rock climbing. Remembrances may be made to the Andrew Thomas Surber Memorial Fund at The Wellness Center 3999 Walnut Lake Road West Bloomfield MI 48323 or Common Ground/Sanctuary 1410 South Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills MI 48302

In Memory Of

In Loving Memory of MARGARET (PEGGY) EDMONDS

Who passed away peacefully on January 13 2007 after a long illness Beloved wife of 61 years to Ted (Edwin) Loving mother to Leslyann (Don) Wisch Cheryl Brevik, Michael (Deb) and Gary (Rustine) Caring grandmother to Kim (Doug) Maer, Todd Brevik Craig Brevik Scott Brevik Valerie (Doug) Lohse, Nathan (Jamie) Wisch Darold Edmonds Andrew Edmonds, Brad Edmonds, Ryan Edmonds Tyler Edmonds and the late Eric Wisch Funeral services were held Tuesday at Newburg United Methodist Church with Rev Marcia Wooley officiating Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Cemetery May you rest in peace and have a perfect forever"

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Class of 1967

A 40th reunion will be held 6 30 11 30 pm Saturday Sept 8 at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia Seeking January June and summer graduates from 1967 For information call Ellen (Neihoff) VanderRoest at (248)684 7705 or email chuckandel van@comcast net

Detroit Holy Redeemer Class of 1957

A 50 year reunion Oct 12 2007 at O Kelley KofC Council Dearborn In interested in attending or know the whereabouts or former classmates contact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol com or phone (734)261 3346

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 information 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

A 50 year reunion is being planned for

Alexander Douglas Pollard

Patrick and Beth Ann

(Tofil) Pollard announce

Pollard, on Nov 6, 2006,

ates of Michigan State

University Alexander is

Both parents are gradu-

Grandparents are Dr Charlie and Janet

Pollard of Ludington and Jerry and Barbara

Pollard of Wilmington, NC, Kathryn

Great grandparents are Eileen and Harvey

Richardson of Ludington and Catherine Tofil

the birth of their son,

Alexander Douglas

ın Burnsville, Minn

their first child

Tofil of Canton

of Livonia

Lampen announce their engagement and are planning a March 10 wedding

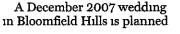
Their parents are Harry and Rebecca Hooker of Livonia, and Jim and Donna Lampen of Zeeland

The bride-elect is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and is the assistant manager at Staples in Grand Haven

The groom-elect is a graduate of Davenport University

Monk-Stankewich

Robert Monk of Spring Hill, Fla and Brenda Monk of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Suzanne Monk, to Shawn Michael Stankewich, son of John and Christine Stankewich of Farmington Hılls



Hulett-Henderson

Patrick and Catherine Hulett of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Hulett of Canton, to Michael Alexander Henderson, son of the late Priscilla Henderson, Robert Henderson, and wife Lee of Bark River, Mich

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of John Glenn High School and is a receptionist for a dentist's office in Novi

The prospective groom is a 1988 graduate of Bark River-Harris High School He served in the US Navy from 1988 1994 and is currently working as a controls engineer for ThyssenKrupp Krause, Inc in Auburn Hills

BIRTHS

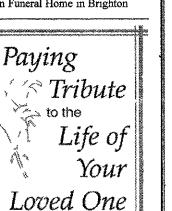
Connor Patrick Hulett Steven and Lisa Hulett of Howell announce the birth of their son, Connor Patrick Hulett, on Nov 4, 2006 Both parents are graduates of Westland John Glenn High School



and Eastern Michigan University Connor was born at Huron Valley Sinai

Hospital in Commerce Twp He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21/2 inches long at birth Connors grandparents are Dennis and Laurie

Brown of Gladwin, previously from Westland, and Patrick and Catherine Hulett of Canton



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READING

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ily from Detroit's Black Bottom to a bungalow in a working-class white section of Detroit in 1925

Sweet realized he would be faced by hostility as had others before him in other white sections of the city He, his wife and friends were armed when a white mob formed outside and began throwing rocks A shot was fired from inside the house and a man was killed Sweet, his wife, Gladys, and nine others were charged with murder

The NAACP took on the case as a cause celebre, as it was already pursuing a case for fair housing to the Supreme Court It hired famous trial lawyer Clarence Darrow to head the defense

Boyle, an Ohio State University history professor had written books on labor history

I had started teaching courses in civil rights history, enjoyed doing it so much I decided I wanted to write something on civil rights history he said 'But I did n't want to write about Alabama in the 50s There were others who had written about that

GREW UP IN DETROIT

Boyle grew up on the east side of Detroit and was aware of the Sweet case and of Detroit s long history of racial tension

I grew up in an all white neigh borhood, he said As I was becoming a teenager, it began to change I saw racial tensions played out at the neighborhood level

Boyle began his research with the NAACP papers, but he soon became drawn to the personal history of Sweet and his attempt to rise to respectability and a middle class lifestyle

I visited Barstow, Fla , where he was from went to Wilberforce University, went to the house on Garland where this took place I was following Dr Sweets path,"

'I had started teaching courses in civil rights history, enjoyed doing it so much l decided I wanted to write something on civil rights history. But I didn't want to write about Alabama in the '50s. There were others who had written about that.'

Kevin Boyle,

author of Arc of Justice A Saga of Race Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age

Boyle said

Boyle's history reads with the emotional and dramatic detail of a novel He begins with the deadly confrontation of Sept 8, 1925, and then goes back to tell the story of Sweet that mirrors the story of other hardworking, striving African Americans to make their place in America

Sweet was representative of a group of African Americans that NAACP leader W E B DuBois called the Talented Tenth DuBois exhorted this group to take up leadership for others

"Think of the burden it places on you, Boyle said 'He came from a humble black background He pushes himself up The Talented Tenth places an extraordinary burden You re a representative of your race, a leader of your race, It's not something whites feel - Oh, now I'm a doctor so I'm a leader of my race

Sweet was also a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church The AME church put an emphasis on achievement

What that culture is is the classic American dream If you work hard, get an education, you can rise as far as your talents take you,' Boyle said It dovetails with the

Talented Tenth - as you climb, you have the responsibility of having others follow in your footsteps

Boyle said one of the reasons the NAACP took on the case was because the Sweets were respectable, educated people He said the case was important for the NAACP's black leadership, under James Weldon Johnson, to assert ıtself

KU KLUX KLAN

White residents in the city of Detroit were already moving into white-only neighborhoods A major force in the city's politics was the Ku Klux Klan

"In the '20s, the Klan had a greater influence in the North than in the South," Boyle said The city had 35,000 Klan mem-

bers and many more that were sympathetic to the cause It wasn't just anti-black It was

anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic and anti-immigrant It was a way of slashing out at all sorts of people," Boyle said

On the other hand, the city also had a group of progressive white politicians and activists, many from the Catholic and Jewish communities A young jurist, Frank Murphy, was the judge for the Sweet trial Murphy went on to become mayor of Detroit, governor of Michigan and a US Supreme Court justice

But the news media of the day reflected the general prejudices of the white majority Boyle said the News was staunchly conservative and business-oriented, the Free Press was 'arch conservative and race baiting' and the Hearstowned Times was "a scandal sheet

"None of the papers took a progressive line,' he said

This spilled over into news coverage Boyle writes of a Detroit *News* reporter who witnessed the events on Garland Street and returned to the office and filed an accurate account The editors at The News spiked his story in favor of the biased police account being run in the other two papers

A MASTER OF CONTROVERSY

The most famous figure in these events was Darrow, an often contradictory and baffling character who was probably the most famous trial lawyer in American history

'The book takes an upturn when Clarence Darrow enters the stage," Boyle said "He was the greatest criminal lawyer of his time or ever He was a master of controversy"

It was Darrow's fame the led the NAACP to seek him out as a lawyer It is Darrow's eloquence that puts into perspective the events on Garland Street

'Darrow dıdn't know much law, he admits as much himself, Boyle said "He was a propagandist, a manipulator This wasn't about legal technicalities'

Boyle's book presents excellent portraits of Johnson, the president of the NAACP and a poet, who Boyle said "reshaped the NAACP" and Walter White, Johnson's righthand man and successor, who was an African American with white skin and blue eyes, which he used as an entree into white society The saddest figure 1s Sweet,

hımself

'He accomplished extraordinary things," Boyle said "Were he white, he would be a representative of the American dream But he was deeply scarred'

Boyle said his book is a tragedy, not a victory He said the Sweet case didn't end segregation, which continues today

Any author would love to think readers would have a different attitude," he said 'But the best you could hope is that the book would raise questions about segregation '

Those issues will be what everyone is talking about when everyone is reading Arc of Justice

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EVENTS

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screenings, a theatrical production about 1925 Detroit and a traveling 'Sweet Project' exhibit

In February, the University of Detroit-Mercy Theatre Company will present Malice Aforethought The Sweet Trials, a play that dramatizes the Sweet story Several guest speakers will also discuss related topics Among those slated to speak is former Detroit Police Chief Dr Isaiah McKinnon, who will discuss the life and trial of Ossian Sweet Other topics to be presented will ınclude

The History of African Americans in Detroit

How Race is Portrayed in Movies

■ The Role of Race in the Courtroom Courtroom Drama in Film

Race in Detroit, the US and Europe

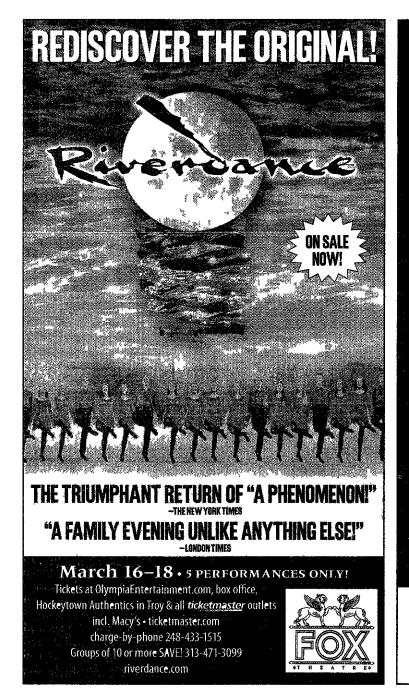
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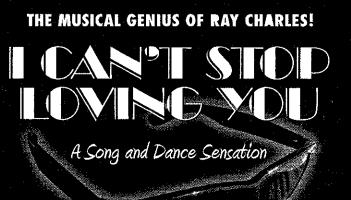
Detroit and the Roaring 20s

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Web site at www everyonesreading info Sponsoring libraries of the 2007 Everyone's Reading program include Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham Bloomfield Township Public Library, Canton Public Library, Chesterfield Public Library, Clinton-Macomb Public Library, Detroit Public Library, Farmington Community Library, Harper Woods Public Library, Lenox Township Library in New Haven, MacDonald Library in New Baltimore, Macomb County Library in Clinton Township, Rochester Hills Public Library, Romeo District Library in Washington, Roseville Public Library, Royal Oak Public Library, Shelby Township Library, Southfield Public Library, St Clair Shores Public Library Sterling Heights Public Library and West Bloomfield Township Public Library

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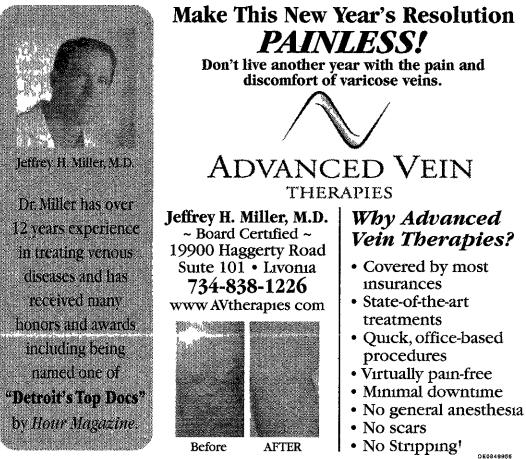


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Our bodies Exhibit nudges visitors toward healthier lifestyle

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

A smoker's lung was a "huge attraction" when the Our Body exhibit opened at the Detroit Science Center on Jan 13, according to Lynn Simmons, a Pi "Society docent

Simmons relied on her science background as a former elementary school teacher not only to answer questions about the blackened organ but the 20 human specimens and 135 anatomical displays of bones and body systems in the exhibit The science center requires Pi Society docents to have a background in a related professional field During her years as a volunteer, Simmons spent many hours explaining the digestive system on an anatomical model permanently displayed on the first floor of the science center

She carries a 25-feet long piece of twine in her pocket to demonstrate for visitors the length of intestines in the human body An audio tour available with the Our Body exhibit supplements the presentations with facts about the intestines processing about 2 5 gallons of food, liquids and bodily waste every day

'I'm so excited this exhibit is here," said Simmons of Clarkston 'I've always been fascinated about how the pieces of the body go together People want to know how parts of their bodies work They don t know how we breathe or how our heart works or the digestive system Seeing it in a book isn't the same as seeing how it all goes together

"The smoker's lung was a point of discussion for families, children telling their parcare of the baby '

Dressed in white lab coats, docents are available to answer questions about the human specimens preserved through a polymer impregnation process that removes all fluids and fats from a cadaver and replaces it with plastic All of the bodies were donated to a Chinese foundation to promote educational and medical research of the human body

After 40 years as a medical examiner, Dr Walter Hoffman thought he understood the complexities of the human body, but found himself taking photographs "It's the way the bodies were dissected,"

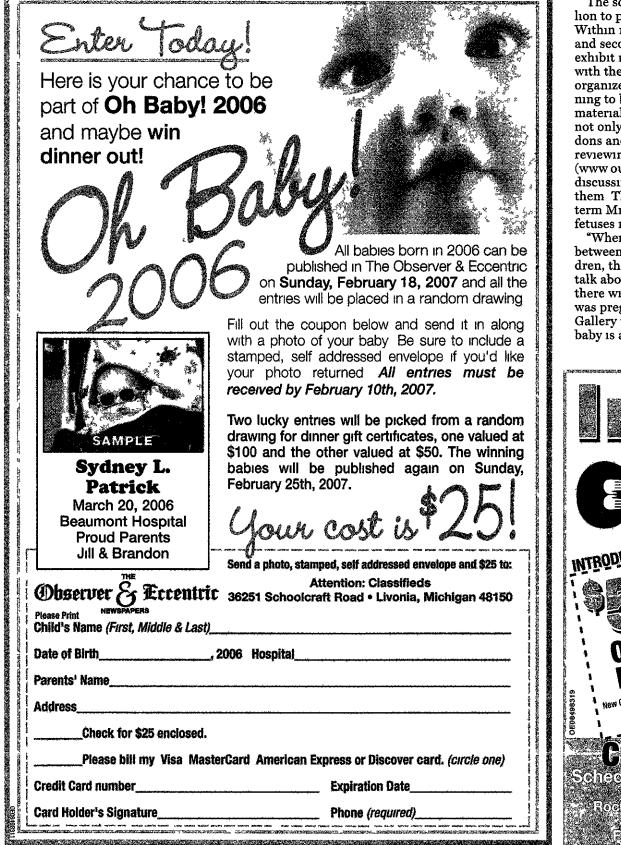
"It's the way the bodies were dissected," said Hoffman "One is sectioned longitudinally You can see the organs like I've never seen before On another where the muscles are flayed out, you see how all the muscles relate to one another, triceps, abs, how when you pull on something and the muscle contracts you see what bone is moving with that"

LIFESTYLE CHANGES

Hoffman hopes the exhibit nudges visitors toward a healthier lifestyle As medical and anatomical consultant for the exhibit, he oversaw the placement of specimens including the examples of liver cancer and an artery with atheroscolosis In several instances, a diseased specimen such as the gray liver is positioned next to a healthy pink organ

"You can see what happens if you smoke, drink, if you really don't take care of yourself Once you do major damage to your body we can help, but can't restore it," said Hoffman, who began his career as a medical examiner in Wayne County "People have to begin to take responsibility for themselves They can't start at age 60 Hopefully the exhibit will educate people to take care of their bodies"

Through the fourth floor exhibit and audio tour, visitors learn about the muscular, skeletal, circulatory, digestive, respiratory, nervous, and reproductive systems before heading for MicroWorld two levels down Pi Society docents such as Rita Sol invite visitors to view dozens of slides of cells in the body and pick up informational material including Web sites that make learning about the body fun 'On Sunday, kids as young as 6 wanted to know how the slides get made," said Sol, a Bloomfield Hills resident who recently completed a master's degree in computer science at Wayne State University Tickets for the Our Body exhibit (produced by the Universe Within Touring Company) are \$24 95 adults, \$22 95 seniors, and \$19.95 children, and include science center admission Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult In conjunction with the exhibit, The Human Body film is being shown for an additional charge (\$3, \$2 children and seniors with purchase of exhibit ticket) in the IMAX Dome Theatre at the Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R For more information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org



ents why they need to quit smoking, parents telling children why not to start smoking"

WAY TO LEARN

The science center spent nearly \$5 8 million to present Our Body The Universe Within in 12,500 square feet on the fourth and second levels Simmons thinks the exhibit is an easy way for parents to talk with their children about the body Exhibit organizers recommend that parents planning to bring their children determine if the material is age appropriate as the specimens not only reveal muscles, blood vessels, tendons and organs, but genitals They suggest reviewing the content on the Web site first (www.ourbodytheuniversewithin.com) then discussing the visit with children to prepare them The Prenatal Gallery underscores the term Miracle of Life as it features human fetuses in different stages of development

"When you're trying to open discussion between parents and children or grandchildren, the body is a very sensitive thing to talk about," said Simmons "A little girl was there with her grandmother and her mother was pregnant After visiting the Prenatal Gallery the little girl now knows how big the baby is and what her mother is doing to take

The exhibit continues to May 28

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JANUARY

Blood drive

8 30 a m to 2 30 p m Sunday Jan 21 at St John Neumann Catho c Church 44800 W Warren Canton Cal (734) 844 8718 or (734) 459 9704 for an appointment Nursing refresher course

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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 n in person or online registration) Payment due at time of registration. Tultion \$800 For information call (734) 432 5449 or send e mail to mharton@madon na edu

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7 p.m. Monday, Jan 22, at Livon a Civic Center Library Presented by Dr William H Karl DC If you suffer from har loss cold hands or feet stubborn weight gain or unwanted pain there may be help Learn reasons for these health problems and the safe natural effective alternat ves to help yourself. No charge. Seating limited To register call (734) 425 8588

Maintain your brain

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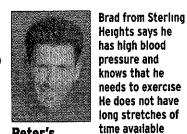
Weight Loss and Anti Aging with Bio Identical Hormone Replacement Therapies presented by Dr Pamela Smith a speaker and author on the subject of wellness anti aging and functional medicine and director of The Center for Health Living and Longevity and the Anti Aging and Functional Medicine Fellowship Smith also will be discussing her new book Demystifying Weight Loss at a free seminar 7 9 pm Tuesday Jan 30 at the Farmington Community Library 32737 W 12 Mile Farmington Hills Space is limited To register call (248) 489 1573 ext 304 Weight loss seminars

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Researchers compared two groups of people with high blood pressure One group took four 10 minute walks a day the other group took one 40-minute walk They found the blood pressure in both groups dropped the same amount, but the benefits of the short walks lasted longer The benefits lasted 11 hours for those who took the short walks compared to just seven hours for one long walk The excuse of I don t have time to exercise, just won t cut it anymore! It is as easy as parking farther away from the supermarket or office, or taking the stairs instead of the elevator Some simple steps to good health1

Sharon from Taylor suffers from migraines and e-mails asking for the latest information on the painful condition

Sharon, science is still trying to * figure out some of the things that can trigger a migraine attack, but there are some interesting clues that they have come up with so far For instance, kids who have parents that are migraine sufferers are 50 percent more likely to get the headaches themselves The various causes behind migraines are known as Triggers They include things like alcohol, lack of sleep, missed meals, food preservatives like MSG, and especially too much stress! Women get migraines more than men and usually during their peak reproductive years Thats why some doctors are focusing on hormones as a key factor but with so many of the triggers I mentioned, pinning down an exact cause can be tricky

A great way to track your triggers is by keeping a diary of the symptoms Note things like when you get the headaches and keep track of what you think may have caused the migraine Knowing what to avoid can be a great way to cut the frequency of the painful headaches

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

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Physicians ke to make a single diagnosis to explain all the pain in arthritis it is possible even likely that understanding the problem requires the doctor to identify that wo d fferent condit ons are present

That point comes up when you have two or even three joints in pain. Your physician keeps n m nd that you may have more than one joint problem in my practice the most frequent combination occurs in a person with rheumato d arthritis who has a flair of that Arthritis in the wrist but has a knee problem secondary to osteoarthritis Making a distinction of which arthritis causes the joint pain is important. If only one

ount, say the wrist, reflects a flare of rheumatoid arthritis, then a joint injection rather than a change in medication is likely the treatment of choice. Treating the osteoarthritis of the knee would take a non stero dal med cat on for pain with drainage of the knees and an injection of cortisone if the knee is fuid filed Another frequent combination is a painful knee and an associated anserine bursitis

These two cond t ons concur because a strain on the bursa can lead to osteoarthr tis of the knee and/or the knee osteoarthritis can cause strain on the leg precip tating the bursitis

Each condition needs to receive its own treatment. Resolving either the arthritis or the bursitis will not make the other problem disappear. In such cases, your doctor must have doub e v s on

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Organ donation campaign urges all to 'show your heart'

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is reminding residents that the states new organ donation campaign has begun and everyone adding their name to the donor registry receives a heart sticker for their drivers license or state identification card

The heart sticker is placed on the front where it's easily visible to law enforce ment emergency responders and hospital personnel of the persons wish to be a donor Michigan law supports residents rights to make their own donation deci sions No further consent is required once enrolled on the registry

Organ donation can be a tough subject

to talk about, but its benefits are literally lifesaving, said Terri Lynn Land That is why we re eliminating any barriers to enrolling and making the process as simple as possible A single donor can save or

The Michigan Organ Donor Registry is by the Department of State Anyone wish ing to add their name may do so online at www.Michigan gov/sos or at any Secretary of State office

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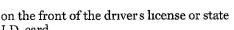
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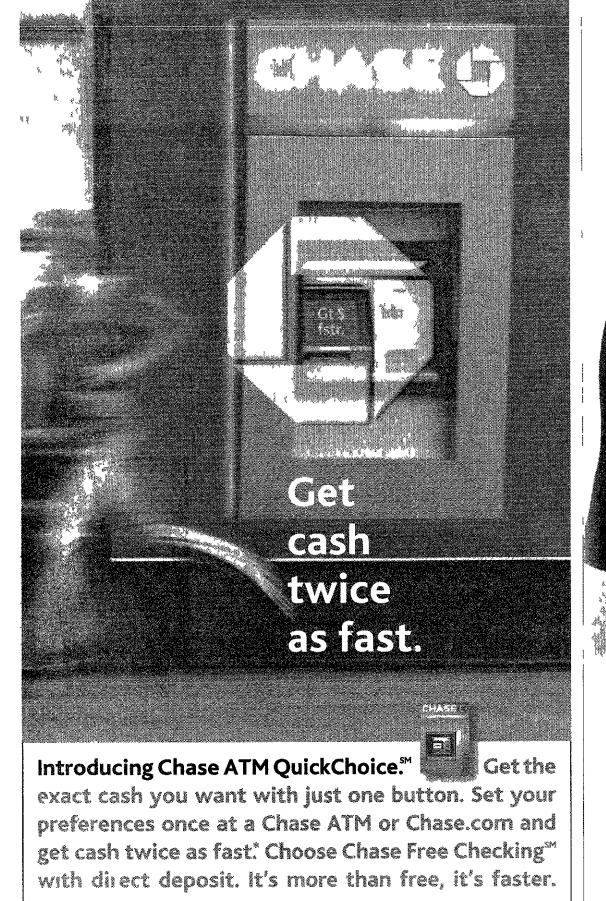
Land explained that it is important for anyone who has added his or her name to the registry in the past to re enroll This will ensure that their donor registration is current and that they receive the heart

Gift of Life Michigan, the state's author ized organ recovery organization, accesses the donor registry to assist hospitals in the recovery and transplantation of organs and tissue For more information about donation visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org

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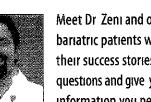
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beds exist for women and children victims of domestic violence, said Bizoe Last summer, First Step residents had to sleep on cots in the living room at times

"We generally house 42 people," said Bizoe 'Women are having a harder time finding a job that would allow them to find an apartment and leave "

First Steps nearly \$2 4 million budget covers services not only for victims of domestic violence, but sexual assault in 36 Wayne County cities through its offices in Plymouth, Redford, Taylor, and Downriver In addition to a community response program with staff following up on every domestic violence police report, First Step provides advocates in district courts in Westland, Dearborn and other areas to assist women and advise about personal protection orders

In 2005, about 12 percent of their funding came from donations, about 8 percent from Plymouth United Way and United Way of Southeast Michigan, more than 7 percent from foundations, 5 1 percent from state and other revenue, 58 percent from federal programs to eliminate homelessness and block grants, and 9 percent from volunteer servic-

Having a shelter and a 24-hour helpline gives families an opportunity to leave their situations and sometimes that saves their lives," said Bizoe "By going to court we're holding batterers accountable legally We work really hard with women to meet children's needs, provide counseling, teach them appropriate anger techniques and how to handle their emotions, and just telling children domestic violence is not right. It is not the norm for families We believe there is a better life

NIGHT OUT

Every time this year, Duggan says he gets nervous about selling tickets to the benefit that supports women and children in search of a life without abuse Still, the Livonia resident is excited about this year's night out Before the event, raffle tickets are being sold to win a two-year lease on a 2007 Ford Freestyle from Bill Brown Ford, a 2007 Pontiac G6 from Sellers Buick, Pontiac, GMC, or \$5,000 cash Tickets are \$20 and as an extra incentive DOC's Sport Retreat and Giulio's Cucina Italiana are offering a buy

one dinner, receive one free (a \$30 value) with some restrictions

"We still have 30-35 tables left," said Duggan "We have fewer tables this year to make it easier for people to get around Last year, we had about 1,800 people and we're hoping for the same this year I'm excited It's fun seeing how people of all ages have fun dancing and those who don't like to dance have fun at the casino This year we have Elvis, not the real Elvis, and Burton Manor is doing their delicious food "

Art Cole admits he mostly watches the dancers His enjoyment comes from seeing people in the community His company, Cole, Newton & Duran, CPAs of Livonia, is one of the sponsors The longtime Livonia resident first attended the dance 13 years ago

"It's a great cause and they helped a family member of mine at one time," said Cole "It gives us the chance to give out a number of tickets to staff and clients because we get six tables (of tickets as a sponsor) The majority of my staffers go and bring their spouse so it's kind of a nice break during tax season to see each other out of the office

Scott LaRiche attended his first charity dance nine years ago after moving back from Ohio where he was president of the board for a domestic violence shelter For several years, he's bought tables of tickets for his staff at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth

"Not only 15 It a good cause, but Brian knows how to throw a party," said LaRiche, dealership executive manager and vice president "He not only makes it fun but makes people aware of First Step's services

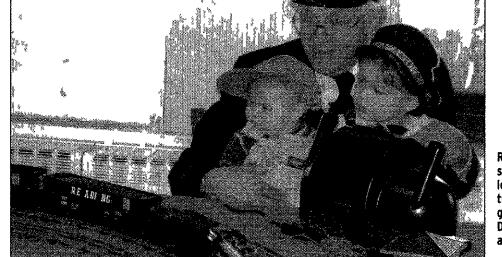
First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis can't say enough about Duggan

'Brian has been instrumental in the foundation of building community support for First Step in western Wayne County," said Ellis 'I hope people realize the amount of work, time and energy it takes for a volunteer to put an event like this together The amount of money it raises is phenomenal especially in these tough economic times People like Brian are worth more than their weight in gold "

If you are a battered woman in need of help, call the First Step hotline at (734) 459-5900 or (888) 453-5900 (toll free)

For information about First Step, visit www firststep-mi org or call (734) 416-1111

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Ray Nikolai shares his love of model trains with grandsons Duke (left) and Butchie

Show spotlights old toys and trains

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Ray Nıkolaı fell ın love with model trains when he came across a layout in a hardware store in 1948 Today, he shares the hobby with kids of all ages As president of Lincoln Park Train Club, Nikolai annually organizes the St Robert Bellarmine Men's Club Old Toy and Train Show which this year takes place 11 30 a m to 3 p m Sunday, Jan 28, at St Robert Bellarmine School, 27101 West Chicago at Inkster road, Redford

Admission is \$3 per person, \$6 per family Early bird admission at 9 a m is \$10 This is the 21st year that proceeds from the show will help fund St Robert's school children sports and school programs

"We get all the guys together and everybody's buying and swapping trains,' said Ray Nıkolaı, a Dearborn Heights resident who owns quite a few trains "Every once in a while I

find a nice enough diamond to buy'

More than 150 dealer tables of trains and toys will have items available for purchase or swapping One lucky winner will win a Lionel train set when it's raffled off at the end of the show

As in years past, visitors will be able to have their trains tested by the Lincoln Park Train Club as well as see four trains operating on the same layout The show also spotlights two other operating layouts, the second of which is the Clance Train Travel layout from the Detroit Historical Museum with double main lines, switching operations and all radio controlled The third layout is an American Flyer set amidst the country side and small town scenery It was created by Bob Pardington of the Lincoln Park Train Club

The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society will sell videos of their train trip on a 1225 steam locomotive

Members will be showing videos of trains around the country and presenting their 2007 train trip plans

The Norfolk Southern Police will be on hand to show train safety videos, give away free coloring books to the kids, and explain train safety and what to watch for at railroad crossings

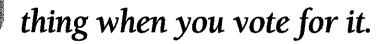
If train enthusiasts miss the show, Nikolai says not to worry The Lincoln Park Train Club take their layouts to schools in the area To set up a visit or for more information about the Jan 28 show, call Nıkolaı at (313) 277-2419

"We set up tracks, show how trains run and how much fun it is, and talk about how to safely cross a track," said Nikolai, "or they can come down any Saturday to watch the trains run when the club is at the John Kennedy Memorial Building, east off Fort Street on London in Lincoln Park near the band shelter"

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The Secretary of Labor Elaine L Chao presented Focus HOPE the Detroit based civil rights organization with an Exemplary Public Interest Contribution (EPIC) Award recently in recognition of its success in opening employment opportunities for minorities and women over the last 25 years

The award 1s presented each year to a select few organizations that support equal employment opportunities and work with federal con tractors Since 1981 when it opened the Machinist Training Institute (MTI) **Focus HOPE** has received more than \$22 million in funding from the US Department of Labor to support training in the areas of manufacturing engineering and information technology

EPIC Award winners such as Focus HOPE can take great pride in their efforts to provide access to equal employment opportunities to women people of color veterans and people with disabilities " Chao said

Focus HOPE has graduated more than 4 500 students into sustainable careers since 1981 and provided skill enhance ment courses to approximately



Focus HOPE was presented the 2007 EPIC award from the U.S. Department of Labor for its effectiveness in opening employment opportunities for minorities Pictured at the awards program are (from left) Deputy Assistant Secretary Charles James Focus HOPE CEO Keith Cooley Focus HOPE co founder Eleanor Josaitis Secretary of Labor Elaine L Chao and Assistant Secretary of Employment Standards Victoria Lipnic

6 000 students After tailoring its machinist training to the needs of area machine shops, it was able to place the first African Americans and women into nearly 300 shops in south east Michigan during the early 1980s

This award recognizes our long history of working with the federal government to open education and training oppor tunities for talented inner city men and women" said Eleanor Josaitis who co founded Focus HOPE with the Rev

William Cunningham in 1968 in the wake of the Detroit riots "We broke the race and gender barriers in the machinist trades and proved that the color of your skin doesn t matter when you have the appropriate skills and work habits We are truly

making a difference in our community

Focus HOPE's first federal program was the US Department of Agriculture's Commodity Supplemental Food Program which started in 1971 and currently provides 43,000 women, children and senior citizens with food each month The education programs evolved out of the desire Focus HOPEs partnerships to help people support their families, and eliminate the need for food assistance pro grams The MTI program which opened 25 years ago was followed in 1993 with an engineering program in the Center for Advanced Technologies (CAT) Through CAT machinist graduates can earn a bachelors degree in manufacturing engineering and obtain hands-on work experience while pursuing their academic studies The engineering program was funded, in part, through the National Science Foundation

In 1999, the Information Technologies Center (ITC) opened with a \$2 3 million three-year grant from the Department of Labors Employment and Training Administration It has since graduated more than 700 stu-

dents into careers in PC technology, network administration, and desktop and server administration ITC will launch a new college degree program in January that addresses the need for more minorities in the high technology, highly skilled, and higher wage technology careers

CEO Keith Cooley noted that with the US Departments of Labor, Commerce, Defense and Education and the National Science Foundation have enabled the organization to help more minority students get into science, technology, engineering and math areas 'These are our growth areas,' said Cooley "We are encouraging more young men and women to get into these fields to help our country maintain competitiveness in the global market We will continue to expand our programs in these areas to continue opening career opportunities for underrepresented minorities in our community"

This is the first time since 1999 that the EPIC award has been presented to a Midwest organization Last year's winners were from Tennessee, Georgia and California



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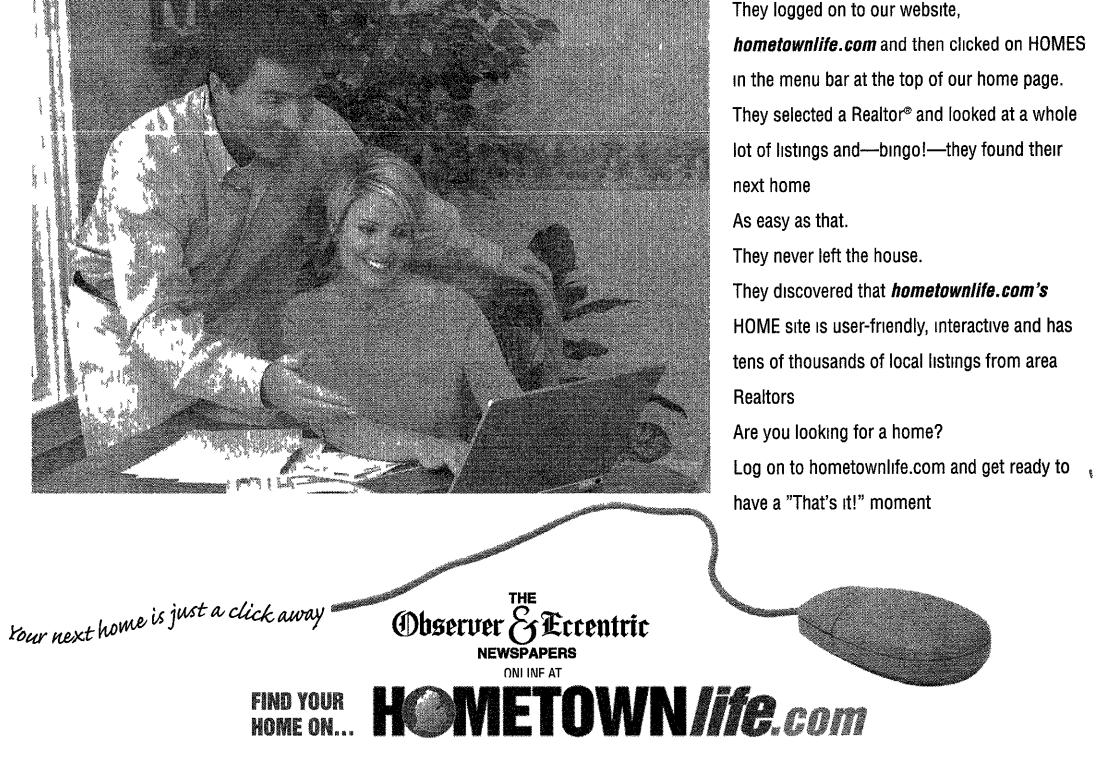


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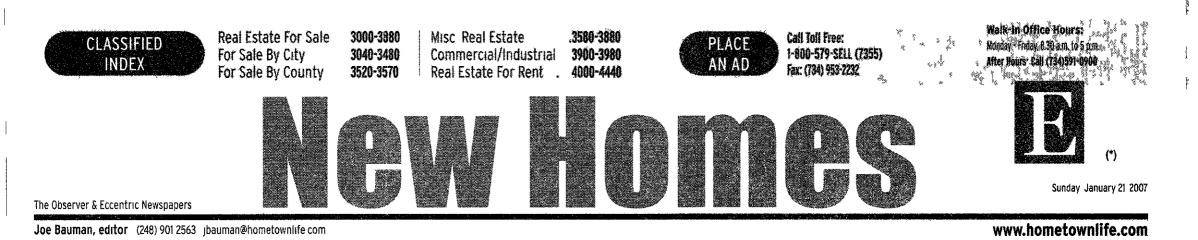
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(NAPSI) — By spending one day in the attic, many homeowners may improve their energy efficiency, lessen their environmental footprint and increase the salability of their home

A new survey reveals Americans still have leverage when it comes to selling their homes According to the survey, 96 percent of homebuyers consider energy efficiency when purchasing a new home and 71 percent are interested in a home that reduces overall impact on the environment Adding insulation in the attic helps the home-seller appeal to both of these criteria

"In an increasingly competitive housing market, differentiation is key for the home-seller, says Kirsten Kemp, host of TLC's *Property Ladder*, a television show dedicated to the art of flipping homes "With the lure of reduced energy costs and environmental footprint, adding insulation to the attic is one of the easiest, most cost-effective ways homeowners can make their home more attractive to potential buyers '

Despite homebuyers' interest in energy-efficient homes, the survey, conducted by a leading building materials manufacturer, Owens Corning, revealed that homeowners are generally unknowledgeable when it comes to the amount of insulation in their attic. For example, 78 percent of homeowners have added no insulation to their attic largely because they believe their home already has enough. However, 80 percent of homes built before 1980 are not insulated to proper government standards

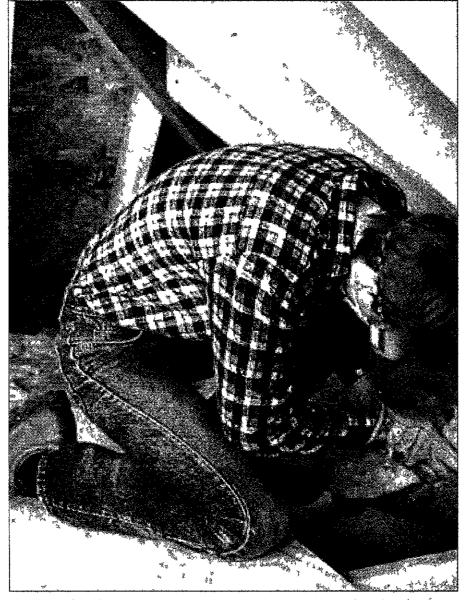
Whether you're selling, buying or just maintaining a home, the following tips from Kemp can help you decrease energy operating costs and improve your homes value

■ Replace old windows for improved sound control and energy efficiency,

Have your heating and cooling systems inspected regularly,

In particularly hot or cold climates, caulk and weather-strip windows and doors for an inexpensive "quick-fix" to drafty entranceways

To help educate homebuyers and homeowners, the building materials company created a Web site that addresses the question of insulation levels and energy efficiency in the home Visit www owenscorning com for information



Adding enough insulation to your attic can help make your home more comfortable now and $__$ more valuable when you're ready to sell it

Canton-based company's illuminated wall gains top architectural accolades

Projecting a programmable rainbow of more than a million colors, a new translucent illuminated wall system by Duo-Gard Industries Inc has been named one of the outstanding architectural products of 2006 in the December issues of two leading professional publications *Architectural Record* magazine and *Buildings* magazine

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"As pioneers in translucent technology, green building and design innovation, we're proud to note these honors reflect excitement about illumaWALL we're seeing from daring, demanding architects and interior designers across the country," said David Miller, Duo-Gard's president 'We help them achieve design/build versatility, dynamic aesthetics and sustainability plus unusual affordability with illumaWALL."

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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 Remodeler series

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group Inc will instruct attendees on ways to manage every phase of customer interaction from the initial contact through construction, the warranty period and beyond

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests For registration information, call (248) 862-1033

■ A lien law seminar — "Find Out What's 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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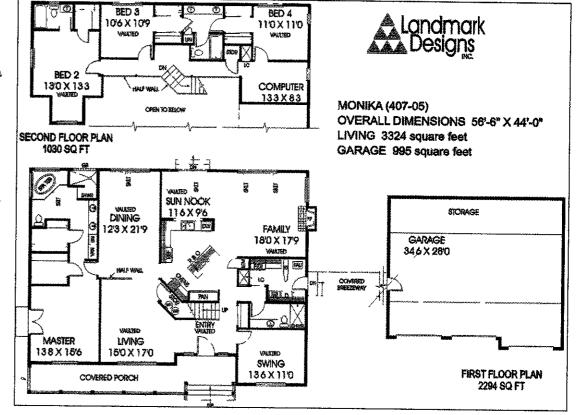
The Monika is a nice fit for large active families

The Monika (407-05) is a large-sized house plan that delivers more for your building dollar This 3,324square-foot beauty is ideal for a large family that needs a more manageable, roomy floor design

The large three-car garage not only has a side door, but direct access to the house through the utility room, using a covered breezeway This is an added advantage for bringing groceries in from the car The utility room houses the washer/dryer, has room for a freezer, and contains a good-sized storage bin along with the laundry chute The location of the utility room allows active people to have access to the home without walking through carpeting with muddy shoes, wet umbrellas, or the dripping pet

There are three bedrooms upstairs in this floor plan Each has a nice view window and adequate closet space along with vaulted ceilings One bedroom has its own bathroom, while the other two share a common bathroom There is a storage area along with the laundry chute off the fourth bedroom For the family with children in school or for the computer buff, there is a small room that can serve as a study room or computer area

The walk-through kitchen adds to the totally open effect emphasized throughout the home The kitchen has all the build-in appliances, plus a



pantry A large family room is off the kitchen giving this area the feel of a great room with all its openness Three skylights located around the family room and the sun nook enhances lighting in this area Sliding doors off the sun nook area gives access to the back yard

Adjoining the kitchen is the vaulted dining room This arrangement allows meals to be served without delay As the room is very deep, there is plenty of area for a formal dining set The vaulted front entry takes you into the generous, vaulted living room for formal or informal entertainment of your guests A wide front window admits a splendid view There is also a vaulted swing room that can be used for a number of purposes such as a den, a library, or a parlor

The isolated master suite completes this floor design Occupying the entire left side of the home, this appealing suite features abundant closet space, separate vanity, linen storage and gives you both a shower and a spa tub

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By Dave Menard Avanti News Features

When you first see the 2007 Subaru 2 5 GT spec B, it might take a minute to figure out just exactly who makes it The big distinction for Subaru has always been more mechanical than with looks, the hook with Subaru is that all of its cars are all-wheel drive The GT spec B doesn t have an obvious profile, like a Mercedes or a Range Rover, but that doesn't mean it's not a good looking car In fact, when you see it, you'll want to take a closer look, and when you do, you'll see a lot to like

Get closer and you'll see 18-inch alloy wheels with performance tires, a generous amount of chrome trim, fog lamps, body color foldable power mirrors, and a hood scoop The lines look nice from the front and sides, but the rear design is rather plain, for a sports sedan A spoiler would be a nice touch

There are some nice touches inside the cabin On the GT spec B version of the Legacy, you get a sporty interior, complete with aluminum-allow pedal covers and footrest The steering wheel and the shift knob are leather-wrapped, and the standard power seats leather with cloth inserts, and they come with seat heaters They are comfortable and provide good support and are easy to adjust The instrument panel is well laid out, and provides a tachometer and coolant temperature gauge I find the little "DRL" light that comes on during the daylight hours to tell you that the Daytime Running Lights are on a bit odd and somewhat distracting You can't turn them off, so why does it need to tell me they're on?

The center console features two cupholders and a storage area, which flows up into the controls for the climate control system, audio system and the standard – yes, standard – touch-screen GPS navigation system The audio and climate controls look sharp, with chrome against black, and they're easy to figure out

The GT spec B comes with automatic climate control, cruise control, power windows, doors and locks, a power trunk release on the key fob, adjustable steering column and a power sunroof

The standard audio system on the GT spec B is an AM/FM/six-disc CD changer, and it's pre-wired for XM satellite radio The system sounds very good, and there





Vehicle class: Sports sedan. Powertrain: 4-cylinder Boxer turbocharged engine, six-speed manual transmission. Mileage: 19 city/33 highway. Where built: Lafayette, Ind. Base price: \$33,995. Price as tested: \$34,620.

are audio controls mounted on the steering wheel The system has an auxiliary input jack, so, with the proper cable, you can add your iPod or other mp3 player into the mix

There s a deceptive amount of room in the GT spec B and I mean that in a positive way From the outside, it doesn t look that big, but there s plenty of room, both front and rear The rear seats are 60/40 fold-down split seats for easy access to the trunk from the inside, and for more cargo area

The GT spec B is powered by a standard four-cylinder horizontally opposed (Boxer) turbocharged/intercooled engine The turbo system allows the engine to put out more power than your average four-cylinder – 243 hp and 241 lb ft of torque One caveat it does require premium fuel, and it's EPA estimated mileage is 19 city and 33 highway miles per gallon

The engine is mated with a six-speed manual transmission, and it's fun to run it through the gears With this powertrain, you get off the line quickly, but like with all manual transmissions, using it in stop-and-go city driving can be taxing You can adjust the performance of the engine and

You can adjust the performance of the engine and transmission via Subaru's SI-DRIVE system With this, you can choose from one of three driving modes – Intelligent, "Sport," and Sport Sharp" With the Intelligent mode selected, the response is

With the Intelligent mode selected, the response is somewhat smoother, although you take a bit of hit in the power and acceleration department, you'll save a few mpg s in the process In the Sport mode, your quicker response time, while the 'Sport Sharp' mode allows for the quickest response and most power of all – plenty for passing on the freeway or getting off the line quickly You can monitor the system's performance on a display in the dash

The spec B handles pretty well, too, with quick steering response and a comfortable ride that s not mushy The Bilstein Sport Suspension system includes specially-tuned shocks and aluminum-allow lower L-arms The rear multi-link system features aluminumalloy rear arms and upper links

Vehicle Dynamic Control for stability is also included My only complaint is the wide turning circle of the spec B - it makes parking lot maneuvering a little more difficult and executing a 'U" turn is an adventure As I mentioned earlier, the spec B, like all Subarus, is an allwheel drive vehicle

The standard anti-lock brakes are very good, and the spec B comes with side curtain airbags, front-seat sideimpact airbags, and a tire pressure monitoring system

The 2007 Subaru Legacy GT 2 5 spec B (you guys at Subaru HAVE to do something about that ridiculously long name, by the way) starts at about \$34,000, and doesn't get much higher With most everything you might want already on it (the only option that I could find was to add the XM Radio), it stays around \$34,000 The spec B is a fun car to drive, with good response, a sporty interior and a lot of nice standard feature Next time you see one, you might want to look at it a little closer

Dave Menard, who also merits a closer look, can be reached at avanti1054@aol com mail to avanti1054@aol com

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Used car prices take hard tumble New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

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Livonia, MI – A Livonia dealer is selling 2006 vehicles for one-half of the original manufacturer's list price And they're offering many other 2006 models far below normal market values The low financing offered by GM, Ford, and Damler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2006 models

How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2006 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$269 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating And when purchasing the used 2006, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

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John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer Currently, they're selling more other dealer in the nation (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale) Last year they sold the most pre owned 2005 Impalas and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off lease GMC Yukons and pick-ups

2006 Pontiac Grand Prixs than any

Today s real bargain can be found at John Rogin in the pre owned 2006 vehicles The low financing on new 2006 s has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked So with far fewer dealers purchasing these units the prices have dropped to record lows

So once again John Rogin has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart They have just made a multi million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors bringing in



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2006 program vehicles

truckload after truckload from across the country In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim John Rogin had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles And they

currently stock the largest inventory of 2006 program cars in Michigan The purpose of 0% financing is

to clear out the remaining new 2006's in another week or two these vehicles will all be gone

along with the incentives in the meantime the 2006 program vehicles are truly today's sleeping bargain. But they il soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to wake up and recognize the <u>real</u> deals John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (734) 525 0900 Monday Friday during normal business hours



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Equipped with a powerful 175horsepower V-6 boasting 20 mpg citv and 29 mpg highway fuel economy the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel There won t be any need for a salesperson to explain how to operate all the buttons, because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend or a comfortable pair of slippers The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting And everything just seems to fit "

The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean flowing exterior design LaCrosse makes a stylish impression

The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls six

position tilt steering wheel cruise control power windows locks and seats remote key fobs operating doors and trunk rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away

Children aren't forgotten with the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks

Four-wheel independent suspension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic carpet

Best of all the new LaCrosse requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden 100 000 miles between spark plug changes 100 000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions Wow



See the 2006 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

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