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Board decides to skip proposed bond forum

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton Community Schools Supt. Jim Ryan and all seven elected Board of Education members are conducting scores of meetings with PTOs community

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and civic groups in an effort to convince voters of the need to pass a \$62.1 million bond proposal Feb. 27.

However, those meetings with voters will not include a forum at Plymouth Township Hall next week, organized by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, who wanted Ryan and former school board President Mark Horvath to give the pros and cons of the bond.

"They indicated it would not serve them well," said Paula Bowman, League of Women Voters president. "They saw no reason to give voice to the opposition. Those weren't their words, but that's what they were indicating."

Board of Education President Barry Simescu said the district

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Alexandra Heinrich, Greta Nameti and Abby Schreiner practice for the program the kids will present at the Educational Excellence Foundation fund-raiser Feb. 9. It's the first time elementary students will take part.

Charitable debut

Eriksson singers to be featured at EEF performance

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-six fourth- and fifth-graders will make their Village Theater at Cherry Hill debut Feb. 9, as the Eriksson Singers perform during the third annual An Evening of Excellence, at the theater in Canton, a fund-raiser by Plymouth Canton Schools Educational Excellence Foundation.

"I've been telling them this is a wonderful opportunity for all of us," said Eriksson Singers director Rob Koch. "I've told them to do the things they're taught while they're singing, enjoy themselves and that will

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Rob Koch and his chorus rehearse for the Educational Excellence Foundation fund-raiser at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill Feb. 9.

Local company helps people get organized around the home

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

While some folks pledged to lose weight at the start of the new year, others vowed to get organized. That's where Mike Swales came in.

Swales is the owner of Get ORGANized, an ORG brand furniture dealer that specializes in transforming and organizing living spaces.

"During the first two weeks of January, we had so many people come in and say their new year's resolution was to organize their homes," he said.

Get ORGANized's showroom, located at 7910 Lilley Road in

Canton, is divided into sections that feature ORG products in various settings. One portion simulates a kitchen, another segment resembles a garage and a few emulate walk-in closets.

Swales said ORG products are becoming a popular staple in new homes and remodeling.

Everyone is so pressed for time these days, so (our items) are designed for busy people, he said.

Because the storage items are attractive and come in four colors and five wood finishes, Swales believes they are changing the way some people view closet space. It doesn't have to be

hidden or behind a door or embarrassing, he said.

Prices range from \$400-\$5,000. ORG items are made by the Holland-based Windquest Co.

Orders can be as small as a bookcase or as large as an empty nester revamping an vacant bedroom.

"Sure, you can go to Home Depot, but with them, you'd have to build it yourself," Swales said. "People are busy. If you go through us, we do it all for you."

Before buying the company with his wife, Juliana, in June, Swales sold office furniture for more than 20 years.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mike Swales and Juliana Rudin-Swales explain the appeal of their organizing solutions.

"I thought I was working hard when it was just five days a week," he said jokingly, adding that appointments can be made seven days a week.

The company has been at its Lilley Road location for four years. In addition to the township, Swales said he

pulls in customers from Plymouth, Novi and Northville.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (734) 454-0400 or log on to www.getorganizedmi.com.

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J.C. Penney soothes fears about new store

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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As the line items were stated one by one, all Jenny Leon could do was nod her head and interject an occasional "very good."

Leon, who lives on Westminster Way just north of Ford Road, was one of nearly a dozen residents who met for a second time with J.C. Penney officials to talk about their proposed location on the township's main thoroughfare.

"I'm very pleased with them," Leon said after the short meeting Monday night. "I didn't expect to hear from them as quickly as we did and they answered every one of our issues."

Homeowners in the Carriage Hills subdivision first met with representatives from the national retailer in mid-January. That meeting ran well into the night as concerns about the department store were presented.

The 100,000-square-foot store is slated to sit directly south of the subdivision on Ford Road near Target.

Before the start of Monday's meeting, homeowners received a copy of an e-mail written by Linda Siekert, J.C. Penney's real estate negotiator, that outlined the company's stance on issues raised by residents.

The company has agreed to move a pine tree buffer closer to the store in an effort to maintain a "more undisturbed and natural" area for the homeowners. In order to screen the building from the neighboring properties, J.C. Penney will have a four-foot berm accompany the pine trees.

With the homeowners complaining about the noise level from a generator at the neighboring Lowe's, J.C. Penney has said it will have its generator in an enclosed space with a muffler.

"Your concerns are our concerns," J.C. Penney District Manager D.R. Brown said as he handed out his business cards. "Our intent is that you like us, so if any of you have any problems, you can call me."

Mark Reimoehl of Nudell Architects said the concessions made to accommodate residents, including repositioning a detention pond, are minor in the grand scheme of the development.

"As long as the residents are happy, there's nothing that's too much of a stretch," he said.

The store's site plans are expected to go before the Canton Planning Commission this month.

Hosam Hassamien, a Westminster Way resident who's been critical of development south of the subdivision, said he was pleased by J.C. Penney's response to their concerns.

"They are a classy operation," he said.

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State trooper, woman injured in I-275 crash

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

In an eerie case of déjà vu, Michigan State Trooper Billy Davis has been hospitalized following an early morning crash on I-275.

While responding to a three-car accident Wednesday morning on northbound I-275 near Warren Road, Davis' patrol car was struck in the rear by a truck.

Davis, who has been the only person identified in the crash, was outside his vehicle talking to a woman involved in the initial accident.

When the truck collided with the police cruiser, the woman was thrown about 10 feet over the guardrail and Davis was pinned between two of the vehicles involved in the first accident.

In December 2005, Davis, who's been with the

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Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its February networking luncheon on Feb. 7, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

The luncheon will feature guest speaker Dave Beachnau, executive director of the Detroit Metro Sports Commission. Beachnau was instrumental in the research development of the DMSC, and is responsible for the commission's day-to-day operation including bid development and hosting of the regional, national and international sporting events in metropolitan Detroit. During the summer of 2003, he oversaw the largest multi-sport event held annually for youth in the United States -- the AAU Junior Olympic Games. In 2005 he received the AAU Presidential Award for his efforts and support of the AAU.

"We are thrilled to have someone of Mr. Beachnau's

stature speak at our local chamber," said Dianne Cojei, president of Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Seating for the luncheon, which is being sponsored by Super Bowl of Canton, is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Feb. 2.

Hip and knee seminar

Orthopedic surgeon Angelo Sorce will host a free educational seminar about hip and knee replacement 10 a.m. - noon, Feb. 3 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Dr. Sorce will be discussing the latest technology and surgical procedures in hip and knee replacement. The seminar, which will be held in the Summit's conference center, includes a free continental breakfast for all participants. To register, call (313) 586-5347.

Cass to perform

Singer/songwriter Jen Cass will perform in the Village Theater's Biltmore Studio at 8 p.m., Feb. 2. Tickets are \$10.

Casual setting with bar and snacks available for purchase.

Recently nominated by the Detroit Music Awards as an Outstanding Country Artist/Group and

Outstanding Country Vocalist of the Year, Cass writes songs that have drawn comparisons to songwriting legends Bob Dylan, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Joni Mitchell and Lucinda Williams.

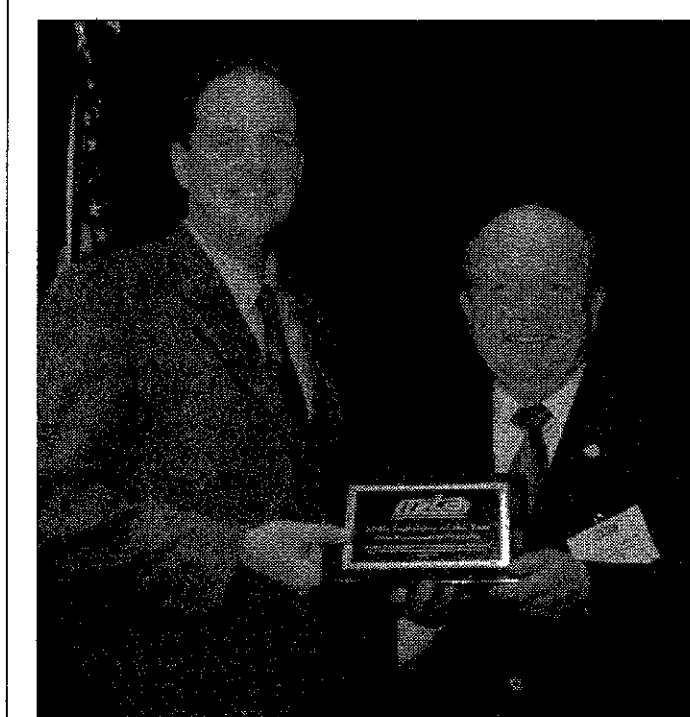
For more information about Cass, visit her Web site at www.jencass.com. For additional information about the show, please contact the Village Theater at (734) 394-5300.

School registration

Registration for the 2007-2008 school year at St. Michael Christian School in Canton begins on Thursday, Feb. 8. The school offers 3-year-old preschool through fifth grade. The academic program is taught by qualified and credentialed teachers. The school also strongly supports the development of the whole child in a small class size setting. The public is invited to an open house 6-8 p.m., Feb. 8. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

Alzheimer's support

An Alzheimer's disease support group meeting for families and friends whose loved ones are afflicted with dementia is held the first Wednesday



Legislator of the year

The Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association has named state Rep. Phil LaJoy R-Canton as its Legislator of the Year for 2006. LaJoy served as chair of the House Transportation Committee, and was recently appointed as the top-ranking Republican to the committee for the 2007-2008 legislative term. MITA, which is a statewide construction trade association with a membership of nearly 800 Michigan construction companies, selected LaJoy for his work to promote and protect the heavy construction industry and his legislation that was beneficial to the industry, including his most recent bill signed to reinstate the truck drivers' hours of service allowance in Michigan. "I am honored to be recognized by MITA," said LaJoy. "Our roads and transportation system have come a long way, but the recent Anderson Economic study has shown that there is still much room for improvement in Michigan's transportation system. Fixing Michigan's transportation concerns is a large part of the puzzle to fixing Michigan's economic distress. Adequate infrastructure is an absolute necessity to allow our state to compete with other states."

of every month at 6 p.m. at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill, 42500 Cherry Hill Road in

Canton. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact Dolanda Crawford at (734) 981-5070, or visit www.waltonwood.com.

Sagear scholarship

With its Sandra Sagear Scholarship, the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District high school senior who has overcome adversity.

The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community.

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

Application deadline is April 7. For more information go on-line to <http://www.stor-rytellerdesign.com/sandra-sagear.html>.

Damaris award

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Damaris Fine Arts Award recognizes a Plymouth-Canton School District senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field.

Applications for the \$600 award will be accepted March 1-21. Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material.

Applications can be downloaded on-line at www.artsculturelink.com/DamarisAward.pdf. For more information, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.



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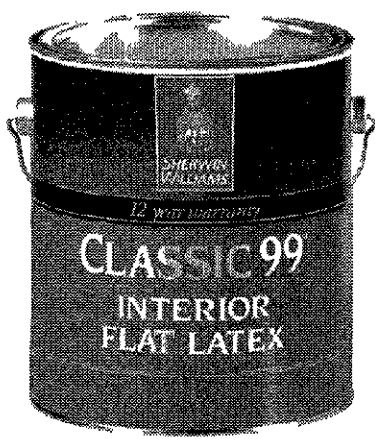
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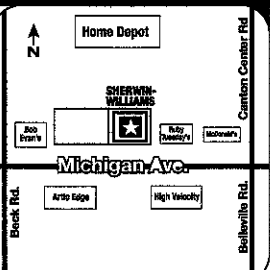
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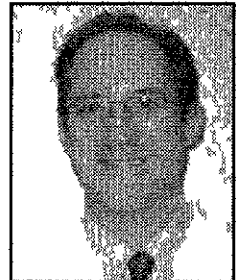
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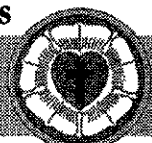
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CRASH

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state police for nearly 30 years, was trapped in his patrol car and suffered a broken rib when a cargo van struck him on southbound I-275 near Ford Road. The trooper had pulled over to investigate two vehicles that had spun off the road.

Trooper David Boike said Wednesday afternoon that Davis is being treated for non-

life threatening injuries at St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. The woman thrown over the guardrail has already been released from the same hospital.

The driver of the truck that hit Davis's car was transported to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. The truck struck Davis's vehicle "square in the rear," Boike said.

Calling the woman involved in the accident "very fortunate," Boike said it's amazing no one suffered critical

injuries

"It could have been absolutely horrendous," he said, adding that Davis was pinned in between the vehicles for at least five minutes. "He was in pain but he was conscious and alert. We were concerned about the cold weather because your body can numb pretty quickly."

Boike said the crash is still being investigated.

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declined because the forum was a "yes" for the bond against someone who was against the proposal.

"We're just giving information about the bond, not really asking voters to vote 'yes,'" Simescu said. "We would not be trying to convince people to say 'yes,' while the other side would be trying to convince people to say 'no.'"

Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of communications, said, "Legally, we can't ask people to vote 'yes.' That would be violating the law."

Bowman said the format for the forum would have given each side a five-minute opening statement, and equal time to answer questions from audience members. Bowman noted there were preliminary discussions, but talks didn't get any further than that.

"I don't know if I was able to express that to (Ruggirello), because it was determined before my call to not accept the invitation," Bowman said.

Horvath opposed the \$120 million two-question bond proposal in May 2006, both of which were turned down by voters. He was selected by the League of Women Voters to

present the opposite side because of that, and his stand against the current bond.

"Once again, it appears as if our elected school officials wish to control the debate on issues that impact the financial health of our community," Horvath wrote in an e-mail to the *Observer*.

While all of the school bond presentations are open to the public, there are none scheduled that aren't at a school or scheduled by a particular group.

"We had a public forum at the (Plymouth) Cultural Center last May and it was very poorly attended," Simescu said.

Pollster Ed Sarpolus of EPIC/MRA, who the school district paid \$27,000 for two surveys leading up to next month's bond issue vote, told the Board of Education it needs to work on getting out the "yes" votes at the polls to win.

Like any election, we want to get our people to the polls," Simescu said.

Ruggirello said the district will schedule a bond presentation for anyone who wants to hear the district's message.

"There was nothing for us to be gained by participating in the League of Women Voters forum," Ruggirello said. We

are happy to speak to any group that will invite us.

Next month's bond issue asks taxpayers to support \$31.2 million for a new middle school in Canton Township to replace an aging Central Middle School, and another \$13.6 million to refurbish Central for alternative education (replacing Starkweather Education Center), community education and a curriculum center.

The bond issue, if passed, also includes \$6 million to construct 10 classrooms at Salem High School, \$3.8 million for additional classrooms at Pioneer Middle School, \$3.3 million for six classrooms and a gym at Field Elementary, \$2.1 million for Canton High School cafeteria expansion, \$1.9 million for West Middle School cafeteria improvements, \$2.3 million to reimburse the general fund for the purchase of the middle school property on Cherry Hill Road, just west of Canton Center Road, in Canton, \$1.1 million to purchase 13 school buses, \$500,000 for new education program equipment to meet new state mandates, and \$125,000 for high school security.

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Plymouth Christian students evacuated during bomb scare

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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The superintendent of Plymouth Christian Academy is hailing the Canton Police Department for their handling of a bomb threat at the school Monday morning.

"We're back to normal," Superintendent Tony Beckett said Tuesday morning.

Police were called to the Academy's Joy Road campus after a student found a handwritten bomb threat near the girls locker room in the secondary education building. "It said something to the

effect of 'There's a bomb and if you don't find it, it will go off,'" said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "When we arrived, the students had already been evacuated."

Beckett said about 500 students were moved, without incident, to Calvary Baptist Church until officers completed a search of the building. The church and the academy are situated on a 44-acre campus.

Pomorski said nothing unusual was found during the search of the secondary building. The incident is still being investigated.

It's impossible to tell at this

point (whether it was a prank)," Pomorski said, adding that the note's author could face charges.

"We take this type of matter very seriously."

Beckett, who is also the senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, e-mailed a statement to parents and congregation members Monday morning. Hard copies were sent home with some students.

Because of the academy's security measures, Beckett doesn't believe the note was planted by someone who wasn't affiliated with the school.

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come across to their audience.

The Erksson Singers are the first elementary students to perform at "An Evening of Excellence," which in its third year is second only to the summer golf outing in raising money to support the programs of the Educational Excellence Foundation.

"Some people look at elementary school kids as not being as capable as older children," Koch said. But, we would like to show them differently.

This premiere event includes performances by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Wind Ensemble, P-CEP Orchestra Strings, Park

Players, Second Stage Players, Discovery's Dulcissima Girls, P-CEP Madrigals and Choir, and P-CEP Winter Guard. Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan will be the Master of Ceremonies.

This is a chance to showcase the amazing talent we have in our schools, said Carole Kody, EEF executive director. "It's fun to see the progress students make by starting in our elementary schools to what they can end up doing at the high school. I'm amazed at how talented the kids are, and the dedication of the directors of the programs."

Tickets for the strolling dinner, performance plus desert and champagne afterward are \$100 each. Tickets for the performance followed by desert are \$50 for adults and \$25 for students. A portion of each

ticket is a tax-deductible donation to the Educational Excellence Foundation.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling (734) 416-3299, or at the E. J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey Street in Plymouth.

The event raised \$18,000 the first year, and \$20,000 last year.

"Each of the groups that perform receive a \$500 donation to their program," Kody said.

EEF funded more than \$35,000 in grants to teachers during 2006, in addition to providing approximately \$33,000 in financial support to the Summer Elementary Academy and Middle School Academy.

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Frank's razed to make way for Borders, Petco

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The final proof that Frank's Nursery ever sat on Ford Road has been reduced to little more than piles of metal and drywall.

The former craft store which sat vacant for about two years was recently razed to make room for a Borders bookstore and a Petco pet supply store.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said construction on the two stores 30,000 square foot building is expected to begin in the near future.

The coming of Ann Arbor based Borders marks the township's first bookstore.

Canton is such a wonderful area that's growing," said

Holley Stein, Borders spokesperson. "To see so many businesses go there and blossom is exciting."

Petco will share the township's pet supply market with two other Ford Road businesses: PetSupplies Plus and PetSmart.

Goulet said the development has been in the works for about a year.

It's a good location in conjunction with the theater (Canton Cinema) and the (nearby) residences," he said. "We think it will be well received."

Although the two companies will share the same space, they are not affiliated with each other.

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PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

The 20 member Plymouth Canton Open Guard dazzles some 1,000 spectators at Plymouth High School Saturday as they perform their competition piece, 'Lyra Angelica,' at the first annual Plymouth Canton Winter Guard Invitational.

48 winter guards dazzle invitational crowd

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Some 1,500 spectators were dazzled by the dynamic dancing and drama and amazing agility of 48 winter guard groups from across Michigan, including three from Canada, at the first Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard Invitational Saturday at Plymouth High School.

In marching band, the color guard is a complementary part of the show," said Dennis Carnevale, chairman

of the invitational. "In winter guard, it is the show."

The competing groups can be comprised of from five to 30 members from middle school through college in a variety of categories. Performances are choreographed to pre-recorded music ranging from classical to contemporary and vary from three and a half to seven and a half minutes in length.

A variety of props, including flags and specially weighted sabers and rifles, are incorporated into the performances.

Lauren Durkin, a junior at Livonia Franklin High School, has participated in winter guard for three years.

The most difficult part of winter guard is learning all the different routines," she said. "The most exciting thing is that you get to meet so many different people from all the different winter guards."

Durkin is one of only three Franklin students on the 18 member Ancora Winter Guard team, comprised mostly of college students. The group puts in about 12 hours of practice each weekend.

This was the first year a Michigan Color Guard Circuit



Violins make the perfect props for the Plymouth Canton Open Guard as they perform their show, 'Lyra Angelica,' to the orchestral music of William Alwyn Saturday in the first Plymouth Canton Winter Guard Invitational.

event was held at Plymouth High School, something Jennifer Leseth, director of the two Plymouth Canton guards and the West Bloomfield High School Winter Guard, has been eager to do for some time.

We started planning in September," said Carnevale. Jennifer (Leseth) has always wanted to do a winter guard show at Plymouth. We have this new high school and it just seemed perfect for doing a show like this.

The 10-hour production was sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters and involved some 150 volunteers from the organization.

This is something we would like to hold here again," said Leseth, who values the positive effects students gain from participating in the winter guard program.

The best thing and the most long-lasting is that it builds their confidence and

self-esteem.

Observer and Eccentric-area participants at Saturday's invitational included in Class AA:

■ Aurora - Livonia Churchill, first, 43.3; West Bloomfield third, 42.4.

■ Ancora A - Livonia Franklin, fourth, 42.3; and Garden City, fifth, 39.8.

■ Scholastic A - Plymouth-Canton A, fifth, 58.9; Lake Orion, ninth, 54.9; Redford Thurston, 12th, 49.5; and Walled Lake, 13th, 48.9.

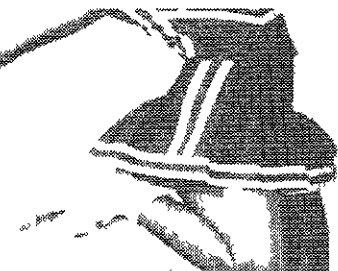
■ Independent Open: Ancora - Livonia Franklin, first, 59.2.

■ Scholastic A: Plymouth-Canton Open, first, 66.8.

Registration is currently underway for a Pee Wee and Middle School Color Guard.

For more information check out the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band website at www.PCMB.net and click on the icon at the top.

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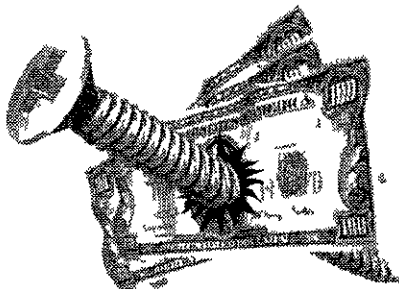


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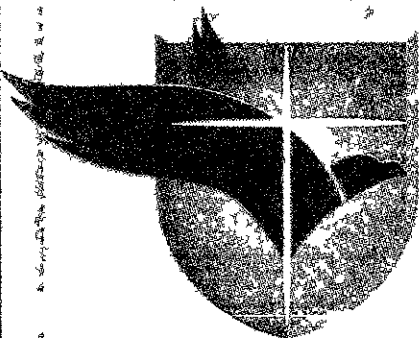
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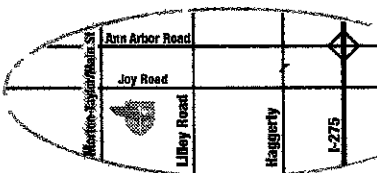
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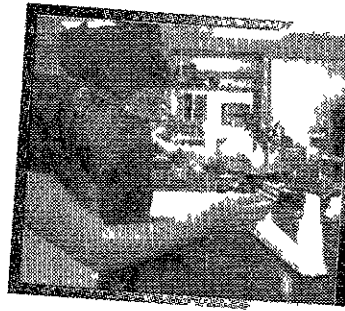
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OUR VIEWS

District should embrace forum

One of the biggest components of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' game plan for selling its \$62.1 million bond proposal later this month was to educate the public.

That's why we find it curious the board declined to participate in an informational forum proposed by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

The League hoped district officials would appear alongside someone espousing the opposing view. It is always the League's desire to present both sides of a given issue, and since there is no organized opposition to the bond proposal, the league settled on a single person to represent the "other" side.

Therein lies the rub for the district. That person — former school board President Mark Horvath — has been a thorn in the district's side. District officials simply didn't want to lend credibility to Horvath's position, and therefore opted out of the forum.

District officials are correct in saying Horvath isn't nearly as involved in school issues as he used to be, but he is still an intelligent person who served on the school board. His opinion, while it differs from the district's, is nevertheless valid.

But even if district officials discount Horvath's opinion, it's still odd they wouldn't face him in an informational forum. What better way to discredit what he's saying? The district spent thousands of dollars on surveys to determine why its two-part bond proposal failed in May, and one of the prevailing opinions was board members hadn't convinced voters they needed the money.

Why, then, would the district pass on an opportunity to educate the public? District officials are making loads of appearances at parents meetings, homeowners associations and the like, but there isn't a single forum scheduled that's intended for the general public. Sure, the presentations Supt. Jim Ryan and board members are making are open to the public, but they haven't been publicized much outside district facilities, so no one really knows about them.

The League of Women Voters forum would have been a way to do two things: Get the district's plan out to some 50-100 people (the number that normally attends similar League forums during school board elections) plus a cable television audience, and combat the opposition message, regardless of who was delivering it. To not do so makes the district look like it's either afraid of the opposition, trying to control the debate or, to some, like it's hiding something.

There is opposition out there, organized or not, to the bond proposal, or it wouldn't have failed the first time. District officials should take advantage of every opportunity to get their message out, and we think they may rue the decision to pass on this one.

Public education needs new model

Local public school officials are holding their breath in anticipation of major cuts to the per-pupil funding formula.

The latest round of school funding roulette is a clear example that the current system of financing our K-12 public schools is broken, and in desperate need of repair. Expecting local districts to absorb a reduction in funding halfway through the school year after expenses have already been fixed borders on the absurd. Yet, with Lansing now doling out the education dollars, it has become an all-too-familiar scenario.

The notion that our public schools are locally controlled is now more myth than reality. Proposal A took care of that a decade ago, when financing public education was transferred from local district residents via property tax, to the state with an enhanced sales tax and statewide property tax.

Our public education model no longer fits the funding formula. Just one glaring example is the fact that school calendars — and therefore budgets — run on a July to June calendar, while the state budget follows a calendar year. That's why mid-year cuts are becoming the norm, when the state began bleeding a sea of red ink with no way to fund the per-pupil promise.

Bold action is needed in Lansing to save our schools. Smaller districts must be absorbed into larger ones, sharing services and satellite classrooms must become the norm rather than the exception, group purchasing and coordinated transportation needs to be mandatory.

It is unlikely the Legislature will scrap Proposal A and once again allow residents to determine the funding levels for their "own" local district. The time has come to blow up the outdated model, and develop a new one that fits everyone's needs.



LETTERS

Controlling the debate

As some of you may be aware, the League of Women Voters was attempting to hold a forum on the upcoming Plymouth-Canton Community Schools bond proposal. Members of the League contacted me and asked me if I would be willing to participate to present a view of the bond proposals that would be in contrast to what the school district was presenting.

Although I agreed, the league called me on Friday, Jan. 26, to inform me they would not be able to hold the forum, as the school district refused to participate. As it was explained to me by a league member, this decision was made with the full knowledge and consent of the PCCS school board.

Once again, it appears as if our school officials wish to control the debate on issues that impact the financial health of our community. As the time nears for the election and you make your decisions regarding this bond proposal, I am hopeful that you will consider this attempt to suppress open debate and ask yourself, "What are they trying to hide?"

Mark Horvath
Canton

Vote no

Hopefully the voters in the Plymouth-Canton School District understand the real reason for the \$13.2 million requested as part of the \$62.1 million bond proposal for the "re"-purposing of Central Middle School by the school board and Superintendent Jim Ryan.

Asking the taxpayers in the district to dump more than \$13 million into this structurally and functionally deficient and deteriorating building is an unconscionable display of financial irresponsibility.

The "real"-purposing is that spending more than \$13 million to move slightly more than 200 students to this inadequate and old (not historic) building will allow the taxpayers in the district to continue to pay for an excellent, well-equipped and maintained, recreational and park facility to the City of Plymouth at a very low cost to the city.

This is of itself a sufficient and compelling reason for a resounding NO vote on this bond proposal. But wait, there is even more reason. While the board is asking for more money to pay for property purchases, there is in the district's possession 40 acres of property for which there is no purpose. This land, known as Miller Woods, was purchased some years ago as a potential site for a school. Due to home development trends, the State of Michigan has stated it will not approve building of a school on this property.

Why is this property still in the school district's inventory? This 40 acres provides a wonderful property value-enhancing green belt to a few dozen homeowners in Plymouth Township at the school district taxpayer's expense. Another egregious example of mismanagement of school district assets while asking for more money. This fiscal irresponsibility must come to an end. The board must get back to supporting educational needs of the district and get out

of the business of providing parks and green belts at taxpayer's expense. Another NO vote is necessary to send this message.

Thomas P. Gamache
Canton

Be more specific

I've read the articles covering the upcoming Plymouth-Canton school bond and reviewed information on the district Web site.

I feel the only worthy purchases may be the 13 buses and a new middle school (and land reimbursement) serving south Canton to replace Central. I do not believe it is the proper economic climate to make any renovations unless they present an imminent threat to the safety or security of our students and staff.

Many families in our district with young children work for Ford or Pfizer. Has the administration and board considered that a significant number of these families will move and no longer be PCCS residents?

The 2007-2008 or 2008-2009 school year may be the first time student enrollment declines. Because of the foreseeable job losses in our area, I cannot support increasing student capacity through building additions.

The most questionable bond item I found in Newsline was "Educational Program Equipment to Meet New State Mandates" for \$500,000. What equipment? What mandates? If the district wants more money from me, then please be specific and provide details.

The description is just vague enough to create suspicion and make me think these funds are earmarked for pork projects being used to buy votes. Curiously, this item is not included in the official ballot language approved by the state.

My school bond vote is as of yet undecided. I only wish we could cast our votes per line item, so that our true conscience as a community would be reflected.

Sandra Martin
Plymouth

We won't forget

Now that the taxpayer-funded push by the school board to raise our property taxes has begun, I felt the time was right to voice my thoughts on the upcoming tax bond election.

It is really simple. No one can afford to have any taxes increased — period.

In addition to the continuing auto industry woes, our vaunted pharmaceutical industry is crashing too, with Pfizer's devastating announcement of huge shutdowns in Michigan. It is clear the economic freefall is hitting full speed, and we cannot yet see the bottom. Regardless of what might be nice for our schools, we cannot afford, individually or as a community, any increases in property taxes.

But the board, just like our state and local governments, does not care nearly as much about the plight of the taxpayer as they do about continuing their parade of more taxing, spending and constant pay increases regardless of the economy.

The Plymouth-Canton School Board is grasping at straws to recover the \$2.3

million it blew on land for a new school that may not be needed, as more and more people leave Michigan. The board has not cut spending to keep pace with falling revenues. In fact, it has blown most of the reserve funds, part of which has gone for pay raises for Dr. Ryan, under whose stewardship our district has gone downhill financially.

How come Plymouth-Canton administrators did not follow Northville's example and forgo pay raises in these tough budget times? Also, the board wants the residents of Plymouth to raise their own taxes to turn Central Middle School into a giant alternative school right in the heart of downtown. This is not acceptable.

The school board has not learned from the last two elections that we do not want more taxes. The last bond effort in May failed. In November, Prop. 5 (a huge money grab by the MEA and School Districts) was crushed at the ballot box. Did they get the message? Nope. They are spending another \$70,000 on this election, and spent over \$30,000 on studies and polls to figure out what they could get us to swallow in a bond proposal. This is not an example of public servants being good stewards of our money.

In good economic times, not many people pay close attention to how the various levels of government tax and spend. We are NOT in good times. We MUST pay close attention to the way our government (and the school district is a government with taxing authority) is spending scarce dollars. We are facing a large tax increase from the state, and you know the cities and townships will be raising your property assessments in March even though home values are dropping.

But we can stop yet another property tax increase by voting NO on Feb. 27. They are counting on all of us forgetting to vote with an election in the dead of winter. We won't forget.

Jason Vorva
Plymouth

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We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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"We are uncompromising in expecting our people to make certain standards. He was terminated because of unsatisfactory job performance so for him to make these allegations of harassment was unsettling."

— Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, on fired Canton Police Officer Hussein Hojeje, whose lawsuit against the department for ethnic discrimination was tossed out of Wayne County Circuit Court last week.

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Readers offer their suggestions on state financial crisis

We asked our readers what suggestions they would offer to Gov. Jennifer Granholm and state legislators as they work to deal with the state's budget crisis and economic slump. Here are some responses. For other responses, please go online to www.hometownlife.com.

Downsize government

Will Rogers once said, "Be glad you're not getting all the government you're paying for." Well, Michigan is in big trouble and we are not changing fast enough to reflect a global economy and global competition. I will draw from some Big Three auto company parallels:

- 1) We need to downsize government. (Do we need a full-time state government?) We have more government than we can afford!
- 2) We can't afford what we had before — we need to reduce the cost across the board. With electronic tools (Internet), do away with all but a few offices. Secretary of State functions need to be automated and outsourced.
- 3) Use the prison as a training ground for workers. You work in prison or you pay for it. Have prisoners do work for the taxpayer and the businesses in Michigan. Don't put nonviolent criminals in jail, give them the boot and monitor them, have them do public service.
- 4) Go to all the unions and employees with a competitive operating plan. They need to improve work practices and give concessions.
- 5) Education is important, but right now we are educating our kids and they are leaving the state because there are no Michigan jobs. It's a buyers' market and the people go where the work is, so Michigan needs to become the state of choice — and you don't do that by raising taxes.
- 6) Reduce welfare term and support only those that are unable to support themselves. Everyone that can work — for the state or for the nonprofits for the soup kitchen — we work together, but no free ride.
- 7) Freeze salaries and hiring and do away with the excess noncompetitive pension promises.
- 8) Outsource where you can get competitive bids and have no legacy costs.

J.B.
Livonia

Cut 10 percent of budget

It's simple to balance the budget. Cut each and every departmental budget by 10 percent. Spend educational dollars on the teachers and students — not administration and BS! Privatize — anything that can be found in the yellow pages does not need to be done by the state government. Lower taxes to business and property owners to attract business and keep residents in the state. Eliminate bureaucratic waste by eliminating middle and upper management. Don't allow politics and popularity to get in the way when making decisions. Improve morale by giving incentives to state workers for cost-saving ideas that get implemented. Keep it simple, stupid! Run the state budget like responsible families do — don't spend more than you make and save for the future!

Bob Sochacki
Livonia

Meeting the fiscal challenge

I offer the following thoughts on Michigan's fiscal challenges:

- 1) Stop whining about the governor's 12-member committee, including former Govs. Blanchard and Milliken, before it even delivers its recommendations on taxes and spending. There is value in consulting leaders who have faced similar challenges from that unique, CEO perspective. Would you have criticized President Bush for consulting former Presidents Carter and Ford about whether to invade Iraq? If Mr. Bush had consulted them, maybe we wouldn't have stepped into that quagmire.
- 2) Any solution must begin with the premise that there is no clear winner. Raising taxes is bound to be unpopular, but cutting taxes or state government spending hurts vital public services. We depend on these vital public services (e.g., police, education, child protection services) to make Michigan safe, vibrant and attractive. For example, the Michigan Police Chiefs Association reports that there are 1,600 fewer police officers on the job in Michigan than before 9/11. In light of terrorist attacks on our own soil, shouldn't we be hiring more

police officers? Yet, because tax cuts and a declining economy have produced lower public revenues, we can no longer support those public service jobs. We cut the income tax and Single Business Tax starting in 2000, and look what we have done to ourselves. Some argue that cutting taxes will stimulate growth. But historically at the state level, that strategy has not worked. Beginning in 2000, we cut the state income tax from 4.4 percent to its present 3.9 percent and what has it given us? Lower state government revenues and the second highest unemployment rate in the country. Because of the balanced budget requirement in our state constitution, when taxes are cut, spending must decrease to match lower revenues. When state government reduces spending, it contributes to lower aggregate spending, thus retarding economic growth.

My solution: a combination of reduced government spending and modest tax increases. I would:

- 1) increase the income tax to 4.1 percent (still 7 percent less than the 4.4 percent rate in effect during the '80s and '90s) or the sales tax to 7 percent,
- 2) eliminate the personal property tax on business, but fully replace the Single Business Tax revenues with a gross receipts tax applied to all Michigan businesses (at least 60,000 businesses pay no SBT),
- 3) replace the public teachers' defined benefit pension plan with a 401(k) type plan for all new hires,
- 4) to address this year's projected \$800 million deficit, cut general fund, state government spending by 2 percent, and
- 5) consolidate the duplicative Senate and House Fiscal Agencies.

Bill Richards
Beverly Hills

Restructure state taxes

In 1994, Boris Isaacson gave this idea to our former Gov. John Engler, who promptly turned it down. Last year, I wrote a state senator from Novi and she did write me back and said it was an interesting idea and would keep it in mind. I wrote our present governor as well and never even received a reply. I once again feel I have been dropped like a hot potato. Why? Many do not know, but this state has over 1,000 taxes and fees levied against its citizens. In 1994, the total

sales in the state of Michigan was higher than \$6 trillion. (This figure was generated by the federal government, for which I have the formula.) The sales for the state after 12 years from 1994, should be at or around \$100 trillion. If you go to the computer, you will find nothing of these figures on there. I called the assistant treasurer and asked what the state's total sales tax was. He tried to give me the "state's gross product" information, which is not the same figure (much smaller). When I asked again, his reply was he did not know this figure — but he would try to find it and would call me back. I'm still waiting. I can't believe the state's Treasury Office didn't have it.

Don't you find it interesting that no one knows or wants us to know this information?

Could it be that the state government could wipe out all taxes, and I mean all the taxes and fees levied against us, such as property taxes, state income taxes, all sales taxes as we know them now, gas tax, luxury tax, no driver's license fees, no auto plate fees, no hunting fees etc. Do I have your attention? Every tax we pay could be gone.

The state has a budget of \$40 billion and can't make it. If they stopped all taxes and fees and taxed all sales in this state with no exceptions for anybody (what I mean is that everybody has to pay), here it is. If the state places a 1-percent sales tax on everything, including services, it would generate about \$100 billion and we only need \$40 billion. Would you pay 1 percent or even 2 percent on everything in order to get rid of all the other taxes you are paying now? Sure we would.

Let's think about this, and what it means for the average citizen. If you made \$50,000 and after your federal and SS taxes, Medicare taxes, let's say about 30 percent which equals about \$15,000 in taxes and leaves \$35,000 to spend. Under the new tax of 1 percent and if you spent everything you have left, your total state taxes would be \$350 for the year. If you didn't spend all your income, it would be less. Big corporations would want to bring their headquarters and plants here, because of the lower taxes, and this would generate many jobs.

Do you think people coming from other states, transferring, might want to pay a little higher for a home that does not have any property taxes? Gas

would come down by the amount of taxes we are paying now. As I see it, this is a win-win deal for everyone. Our leaders would have \$100 billion and we would have a big break in taxes. So for this, we would ask in the law that it be in writing, the state agrees to never, ever, raise taxes on its citizens again. Think about the millions we would pick in taxes from people who do not file or avoid taxes under our present system. This is a fair tax on everybody.

Maybe there is something I don't see. I would be open to any good explanation why this would not work. There are those who will say it will hurt the poor. I don't see that at all, but should that be the case, the state has an extra \$60 billion they don't need. The sales tax system is already being used by the state. We only need to extend it to everyone selling something, including services.

Now, can you tell me why this governor and lawmakers don't want to even take a serious look at this? Can you tell me why the state Treasurer's Office did not have or did not want to let the information out on this state's total sales?

I think it is time we start thinking about doing the right things for our citizens and this great state.

Tom Williamson
Canton

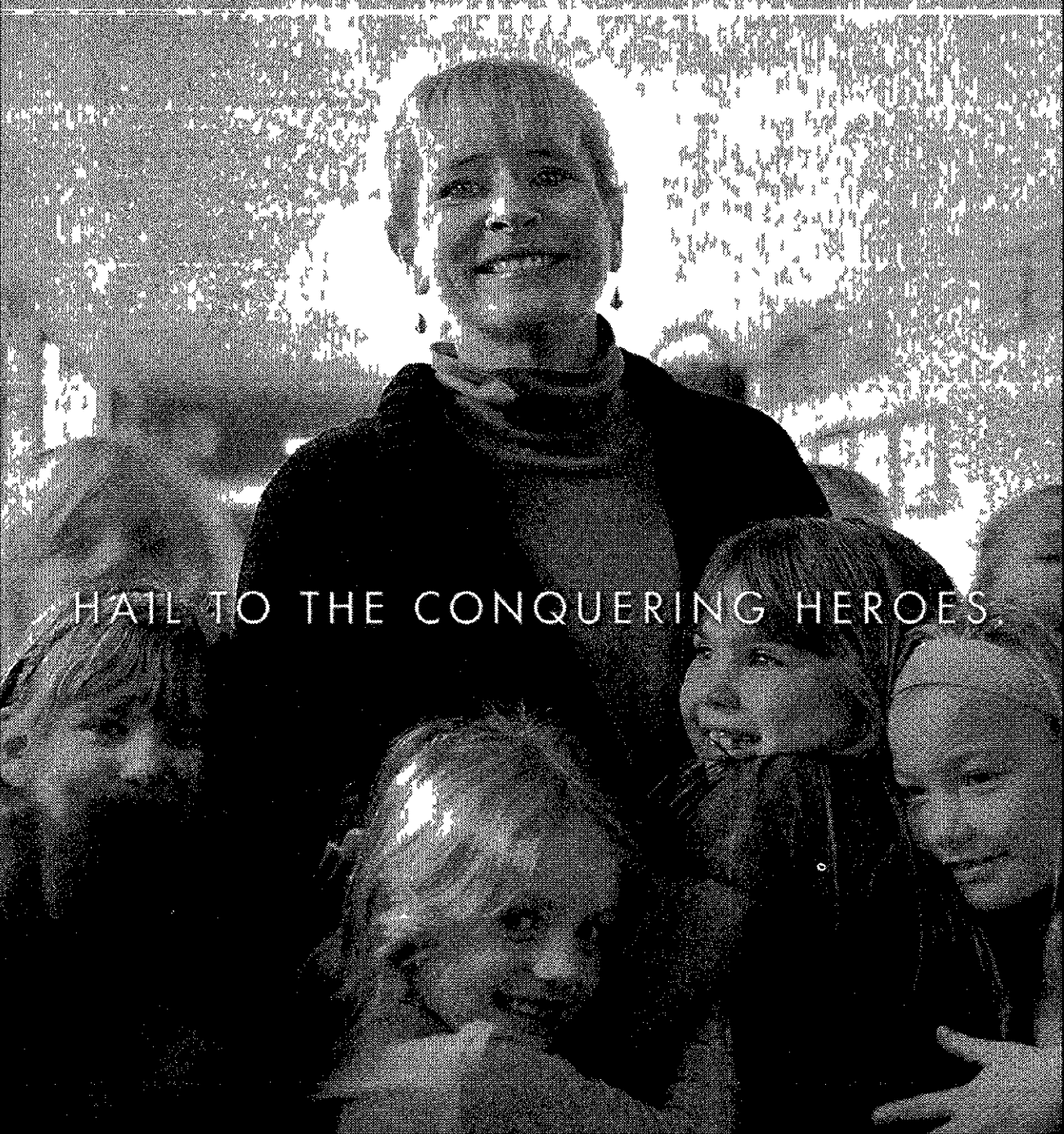
Rein in spending

A tax increase will only be the catalyst for businesses and workers leaving the state. The state needs to balance its checkbook and rein in the spending.

There was an article in *The Detroit News* this weekend about the lack of need for intermediate school districts, which costs the state more than \$800 million. I think the state could take a look at either eliminating or consolidating.

Look at Medicaid and Medicare fraud or misspending. Get rid of Stabenow — maybe she was part of the reason Pfizer left. The salaried auto workers now pay a larger portion of their health care costs, as do salaried retirees. Let's bring the teachers union to the table to renegotiate copays. Get rid of MESSA. Consolidate all health care for state workers.

Richard Doebl
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Humane Society, colleges form partnership

The Michigan Humane Society has come up with the MHS Collegiate Partnership Program, an ongoing program targeted at Michigan universities to assist the Michigan Humane Society in a variety of programs

This partnership will extend MHS' reach into the community, while providing valuable, hands on experiences for college organization members statewide

Participating university organizations will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and hands-on experience through a number of communication and nonprofit marketing functions, including public relations, event planning and coordination, fund-raising and development, promotions and publicity

"Michigan is fortunate to have some of the finest institutes for higher learning in the country, thereby providing our state with a wealth of talented individuals with the skills, commitment and energy to make a difference within our communities," said Michael Robbins, director of marketing and communications

As part of its fund-raising efforts for the organization's annual Telethon, to air on WXYZ TV Channel 7 on Feb 14, MHS has challenged universities throughout the state of Michigan to an "apprentice-style" collegiate campaign

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) at Michigan State University, the American Marketing Association (AMA) at Oakland University, and PR Central, a student run public relations firm at Central Michigan University are taking part in this year's challenge, each with a fund-raising goal of \$15,000 by Feb 14

"Our collegiate partnership program provides a forum to the students of these universities to gain real world experience in event planning, fund raising, promotion, communication and much more, Robbins added

In turn, the outreach and donation benefit MHS receives from these programs enables the organization to help the tens of thousands of additional animals in need

"It's a win-win for all parties involved - Michiganders and Michigan animals alike

For more information on the Collegiate Partnership Program, or to get involved, call Stephanie Baron, public and media relations coordinator, at (248) 799-7400, Ext 108, or by e-mail sbaron@michiganhumane.org

The Michigan Humane Society is a private, nonprofit organization which cares for more than 100,000 animals each year at its three metro Detroit adoption and veterinary centers in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland

For more information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit the MHS Web site at www.michiganhumane.org

MHS: Provide proper shelter for animals

It took a bit longer this year, but the chill of winter is here, and as temperatures drop, calls to the Michigan Humane Society Cruelty Hotline increase with reports of companion animals left outside with no shelter or other provisions

Unfortunately, some calls arrive too late to save an animal left to fend for itself in brutal conditions

That's why the Michigan Humane Society urges all owners to take the necessary precautions this winter when caring for their companion animal

The Michigan Humane Society recommends that companion animals live indoors all year long

However, if the animal must be outside, guardians should put proper provisions in place now before it becomes a life or death situation - and one for which they can be charged with animal

cruelty law violations

Misdemeanor animal cruelty charges can carry a sentence of up to 93 days in jail, up to a \$1,000 fine, community service and loss of pet ownership for a specified amount of time

The temperatures have begun to drop, and there have been several cold and wet days already that could be unbearable or life-threatening for a dog left outside,' said Debby MacDonald, MHS senior cruelty investigator

"We encourage animal guardians to bring their dogs inside all year, especially during extreme weather conditions, but those who remain outside must have adequate protection from the elements

"Now is the time to make sure proper shelter, plenty of nutritious food and unfrozen water are available"

When temperatures plummet, companion animals

should not be left outside for any length of time, according to the MHS

Even large or long-haired breeds cannot withstand severe or inclement weather

Bring small or short-haired dogs in when temperatures reach 15-20 degrees

Larger breeds and thick-coated dogs may remain outside, with adequate shelter, to about 0 degrees

Precipitation and severe wind chills should also be taken into account

Cats should be kept permanently indoors or at least brought into a warm, animal proofed garage during severe weather

Roaming cats often seek the warmth of car engines, so knock on the car hood or honk the horn before starting your car to give them a chance to escape

Increase food and water 10-20 percent for dogs left outside during the winter months

Check drinking water frequently - every few hours - to make sure it hasn't frozen

If an animal is cold to the touch, or his paws and ears have turned bright red, he may be suffering from frostbite

Move the animal to a warmer area and contact a veterinarian immediately

Shelter is required by Michigan state law for dogs who must remain outdoors for any length of time

Adequate shelter means a well-built, insulated, slant-roofed dog house

The interior should be just large enough for the dog to stand and to lie down comfortably

It should be slightly elevated from the ground for air circulation

The door should face away from prevailing winds and have a protective flap to eliminate drafts

Clean, dry straw should always be provided for bedding rather than towels, rugs or blankets that absorb moisture and may

quickly freeze

Several types of inadequate shelter frequently encountered by investigators include an unheated garage or shed, a dog house that is too large or lacks straw, or dogs simply tied out to a porch, fence or deck with no shelter at all

The MHS's four cruelty investigators and one field agent handle approximately 4,000 cases of animal cruelty each year in Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park

Suspected animal cruelty or neglect in these cities should be reported by calling the MHS Cruelty Hotline at (313) 872-3401

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Panel finds solutions to area's segregation problem are few

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

While solutions are few and far between, the causes of racial segregation in southeast Michigan are many and varied according to a roundtable of experts who gathered at Madonna University Jan. 23.

The roundtable at the university's Kresge Hall was the second in a three-part discussion of race in the metro Detroit area, "Bridging the Racial Divide," which has been broadcast on public television station WTVS-Channel 56.

The panel discussions are interspersed with taped interviews of southeast Michigan residents from the region.

The panel was moderated by former WDIV anchorman Emery King and WJR radio host Paul W. Smith. The panel members were United Way's Kurt Metzger, DTE's Paul Hillegonds, *Detroit Free Press* columnist Rochelle Riley, *Detroit News* columnist Nolan Finley, Oakland University Professor Dr. Toni Walters and University of Michigan Professor L. Heureux Lewis.

The show will air 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, on Channel 56 as well as be aired on WDET FM 101.9 and WJR AM 760.

COLOR LINES

King said Livonia had the distinction of being the whitest big city in the nation — 96 percent white. Warren came in ninth whitest, again nationally, at 92 percent.

By comparison, Smith said Detroit is the second blackest city in America (behind Gary, Ind.). He said nine out of 10



Former WDIV Anchorman Emery King, left, and WJR radio personality Paul W. Smith, right, record an episode of *Bridging the Racial Divide* at Madonna University Tuesday night. The episode will air on WTVS Ch. 56 on Monday, Feb. 5.

black residents of southeast Michigan live in Detroit, Southfield, Inkster, Pontiac and Highland Park.

Overall, he said, the numbers make the region the most racially segregated area in the U.S.

Metzger said one of the reasons for this segregation is the ongoing effect of a lack of mass transportation.

"It exacerbates the situation," he said. "People don't have to take mass transportation and therefore don't have to have any contact with people they don't know."

The lack of casual contact creates a distance where other isolations can spring up.

Eventually, isolation becomes a petri dish for the deeper issues of segregation, namely an adversarial posture.

Hillegonds said part of the problem comes from the winner/loser dynamic of race politics. Movement of any kind is presumed to come with a price.

"When you try to bring the region together you get into that win/lose thinking," he said. "People wonder what the cost is? Who pays?"

In this case, the city of Detroit has paid dearly. While middle-class blacks are following middle-class whites example of leaving the city for the suburbs, no one has replaced that population.

and people are not selling their houses, there's no white flight.

Lewis said that's no indication of anything.

"When you talk about the black population doubling in Livonia, you're going from one to two," he said. "I'm not impressed."

BRINGING PEOPLE BACK

Metzger said the idea of middle-class whites coming back to the city might be unrealistic.

"They probably won't come back," he said. "The city is not going to solve this situation by itself. The region has disinvested in the city."

Riley didn't agree completely, she said the city has to work to bring new people to the city, not ones that have already left.

"We have to find other targets to lure to the city," she said. "It can't be people with fond memories of Hudson's, it's not there anymore."

Whether Detroit pushes to get back the population that left or chooses to entice a new core of residents, the condition of its school system is going to be a serious stumbling block in the way of its efforts.

The district has sprawl and there are buildings with no people in them, Walters said. "Some kids are going to have

to travel a long way to get to school, kids in rural districts have done the same thing for years."

Lewis said the region is going to have to realize that the needs of the kids in the Detroit district far outstrip the needs of kids in the suburbs.

But need alone isn't going to move a lot of hearts considering other factors at play in the Detroit Schools.

"Fifty percent of all of the district's revenues go to the administration," Finley said. "It's not just how the schools are funded, it's how that money is spent."

Hillegonds said the most depressing case of segregation going on in Detroit is the economic — not racial — segregation in the schools.

The upshot of the segregation, he said, is that the entrenched beliefs or the lack of bus service, is that the entire region suffers whether or not individuals see that as the case.

"When people think about where to move their business, our reputation is hurting us," Hillegonds said. "The regions being redeveloped are the ones with strong core cities that have great assets. This is how the cost of segregation is hitting us."

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Wandering through the January thaw

In all things of nature there is some thing of the marvelous
— Aristotle

The January thaw should be upon us even though we never had December's freeze. No matter. Nature remains full of adventure discovery with some creatures remaining on normal cycle, others behaving a bit like crazed golfers relishing in those warmer winter days. And that's the way it has been ever since the last great glacial retreat.

Skunks should have been stuffed into crevices, hollow trunks and woodchuck burrows, cuddled up together to conserve warmth. They should not be wandering now. Skunks do not hibernate but they are rarely seen out and about in January until the mating urge sends males wandering through yards in search of a quick night of February love.

Not so this winter, perhaps heavy rains flushed a few out of soggy dens. All I know is one was in my barn pawing about under old straw remnants for hidden morsels. I let my well-armed striped visitor wander about the barn and then back into the snow speckled meadow.



On Nature

Jonathan Schechter

Muskrat lodges and push ups (push ups are tapered lodge like feeding structures in marshes) normally stand out above marsh ice. No ice. But no matter for muskrats, a mild winter makes submergent travel easy and on sunny days some emerge from their winter water world to snack on exposed shore side vegetation. But there's a dark side to what we perceive as easy living for this musky water rat. No ice means predators have easy access. That too is nature's way and one such predator is the mink.

Mink are not a rare species in Oakland County but their world is not our world. In a winter of snows, their undulating, leaping, bounding, tunneling tracks and trails can be found along ravines of Paint Creek, marshlands of West Bloomfield, at Independence Oaks County Park, and in the Ortonville and Bald Mountain State Recreation Areas. And of

Following mink tracks in snow is a marvelous if not slightly hazardous adventure of discovery as trails leads along waterways, over thin ice and into cattail marshlands. Muskrats are a rich and meaty reward for the mink, and the pickings are easy this winter.

course, my favorite wandering through winter grounds. Holly State Recreation Area, a nearly 8,000-acre wild wonderland with a heavy glacial footprint of lakes, ponds, marshes and hills.

But this near snowless season I have not found a signal track of the lean and muscular mink, a carnivorous high-energy creature that is the worst nightmare of muskrats, meadow mice and sluggish fish. Following mink tracks in snow is a marvelous if not slightly hazardous adventure of discovery as trails leads along waterways, over thin ice and into cattail marshlands. Muskrats

are a rich and meaty reward for the mink, and the pickings are easy this winter. Mink slip into their lodges, and keep the commandeered home as a home sweet vacation home after having the resident rat as a scaly-tailed dinner.

Follow mink tracks in a snowy winter and you will find evidence of what I can only interpret as play as tunnels and tracks twist and turn on slopes. Some wildlife biologists may disagree with my play proclamation, but why should play be the sole right of humans?

And in cities and towns, villages and suburbs of Oakland County a cornucopia of doves, jays, cardinals, house sparrows and chickadees, and squirrels too, scrounge side by side on bird feeder spillage providing a plethora of feathery and furry treats for the fast flying Coopers Hawk and powerful red-tailed hawk. Talk to woods-wise deputies of the sheriff's department "north patrol" and they tell of nocturnal creatures on the move. All of this is nature's way in winter that is not quite right, but not really wrong either.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. He may be reached at oaknature@aol.com



New trustee

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly (right) was on hand Jan. 24 to swear in new Schoolcraft College Trustee Joan A. Gebhardt. In December the trustees appointed Gebhardt, a Livonia resident, to fill a vacancy on the seven-member governing board. The seat carries a six-year term and is up for election in May 2007.



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Canton creating a wetland bank to stem loss from development

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township moved a step closer Tuesday to creating its own wetland mitigation bank, which would give developers incentive to keep wetlands in the township.

At a study session, the township board gave planning, engineering and recreation officials the green light to pursue the program and begin entering into negotiations with two firms that could partner with the township in the development of wetlands to offset the overall loss of wetlands in Canton because of development.

According to Leisure Services Director Anne Conklin, the two firms the township is looking at are Canton Wetland Development and Land and Water Resources of Michigan.

The way the program would work is that whichever firm the township partners with would develop wetlands on township property. The firm would pay for all design, engineering and construction costs. Credits from that bank of wetlands could then be sold to develop-

ers who must mitigate or replace wetlands they have destroyed, which is required by state law. The township would still own the land, but split the revenue with the firm they choose to build the wetland.

Conklin said the wetland credits would be sold to developers at whatever "the market will bear." Currently, she said mitigated wetlands cost anywhere between \$50,000-\$95,000 per acre.

According to Conklin, one of the main reasons the township began exploring the wetlands bank was due to the fact that most developers that have come to the township and built on wetlands have mitigated outside of the township because the cost of land in Canton is more expensive.

As a result of this trend, Conklin said Canton is losing its wetlands at an alarming rate. She said wetlands are now seen as a community asset, because they help filter storm water, provide wildlife habitat, and provide a buffer for the township's streams and rivers.

"We have come to understand that these wetlands are really a wonderful asset for the

community," Conklin said.

Currently the township is looking at two pieces of property where the wetlands could be built -- the undeveloped Patriot Park at Ford and Ridge roads and Pheasant Run Golf Course. The wetlands would enhance the properties, especially Patriot Park, according to township officials.

"It's an opportunity for some creative funding to develop the park and create a wetland that could be a community asset," said Leigh Thurston, landscape architect for Canton's planning division.

Thurston said there are already developers that have approached the township about mitigations sites, so the bank would be a way to ensure wetlands stay within the township.

The main objective, according to Conklin, is to make sure the wetlands that are built are of the highest quality. She said state environmental officials would have to approve all plans.

Canton Trustee Karl Zarbo said he was definitely in favor of creating the wetland bank.

"I think the concept is incredible," he said.

Getting prepared

Township program aims to make emergency preparedness a bit easier

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

If it's too taxing to get enough water, medication and food to get you through an emergency all at one time, Kathy Rich says she has the perfect program for you.

We think because we're in Michigan that nothing will ever happen," said Rich, emergency management planner for Canton Township. "But look at that recent ice storm we had, it could've been a lot worse. You never know."

Starting last month, the township kicked off its version of the "Do 1 Thing" initiative. The goal of the program is to get residents to do one thing each month in preparation for an emergency.

"If you had to be in your home for three days, we want you to have enough water and food," Rich said.

Planning ahead should be considered essential, she said.

People who need things such as oxygen and insulin don't always think to (stock up)," Rich said. "But this could be life saving."

January's item was water. The program implored residents to store at least a gallon of water per person and per pet. February's thing is sheltering. Rich said residents should create a plan in case they had to evacuate or stay inside their homes.

"We absolutely don't want to scare people but we want them to be a little more com-

DO 1 THING

Last month Canton officials kicked off a program called the Do 1 Thing initiative. The goal of the program is to get residents to do one thing each month this year in preparation for an emergency. Here is the list:

- January - Water (One gallon per person and pet)
- February - Sheltering (Create a plan if you had to evacuate or stay in your home)
- March - Risk Assessment (Examine and take steps against your area's vulnerabilities)
- April - Food (Enough for 3-5 days)
- May - Special Items (Medications, pet supplies, etc.)
- June - Communication (Create a plan to locate relatives)
- July - Connect with Community (Volunteer during regular times and a disaster)
- August - Information (Get batteries for radios, etc.)
- September - Power (Plan for outages)
- October - Emergency Supplies (Enough items for 3-5 days)
- November - First Aid (Get equipped to handle medical emergencies)

fortable if an emergency did happen," Rich said, adding that she's been getting e-mails and phone calls from residents wanting to know more about emergency preparedness.

The monthly suggestions will be posted on the township's community access channels, its FOCUS newsletter and its Web site, www.canton-mi.org/publicsafety.

The township is promoting

the program as an easy, financially affordable way to become better prepared.

Rich echoed those sentiments.

"I think it's better to do it this way so that it's not overwhelming," she said.

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established to ensure the library's long-term financial stability.

For more information, visit www.cantonpl.org/aboutus/funding/endowment.html.

Everyone's Reading 2007, the community-wide reading program, has officially begun.

This year's title is 2004 National Book Award winner *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age* by Kevin Boyle. Pick up a copy of the book at the library.

For more information visit www.everyonesreading.info.

DEATHS

B
Corrine Ann Badenhop
Badenhop 51 of Stockbridge died Jan. 21.

C
Thomas W. Capeling
Capeling 67 of Westland died Jan. 27.
Thomas J. Courles
Courles 93 of Westland died Jan. 29.

Patricia Meadows Craig
Craig 73 of Garden City died Jan. 27.

D
Lawrence A. Damask
Damask 86 formerly of Westland died Jan. 27.

Kathryn Duffy
Duffy 78 formerly of Livonia died Jan. 25.

H
Robert A. Howe
Howe 81 of Grosse Pointe Woods died Jan. 29.

K
Jean Marie Kelly
Kelly 85 of Bloomfield Township died Jan. 25.

M
Robert R. Minock
Minock 77 formerly of Plymouth died Jan. 13.

Peter H. Morse Jr.
Morse 36 formerly of Bloomfield Hills died Jan. 13.

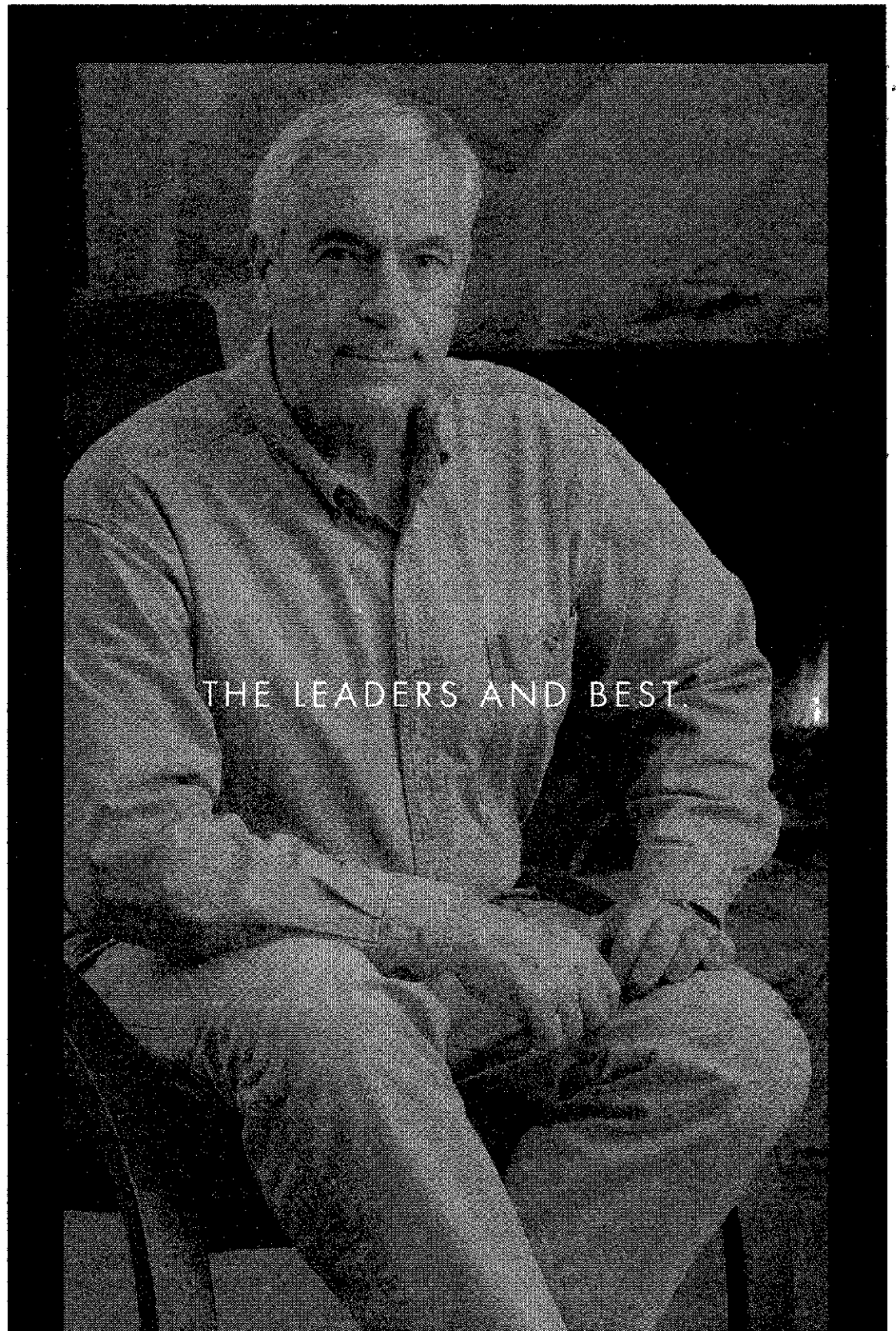
O
Erwin R. Ottensman
Ottensman 100 of Plymouth died Jan. 25.

S
Lois A. Shoemaker (nee Lane)
Shoemaker 85 of Beverly Hills died Jan. 26.

V
Audrey van den Ende
Van den Ende 80 formerly of Bloomfield Hills died Jan. 23.

W
James A. Williams
Williams 64 died Jan. 29.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A14.



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Students find space in new gymnasium

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

As Sara Clevenger, Jordan Berry and Ashley Omeys see it, a second gymnasium at Wayne Memorial High School means someplace other than a hallway to work on their routines. "We have a place to practice," said an excited Berry, who joined her fellow members of the varsity cheer squad in performing during the dedication of the Alumni Arena addition Tuesday afternoon.

Now we have a place to do our cheers, before we had to think about our spacing," added Clevenger.

Sitting on a bench in one of two new locker rooms, the three teens checked out the new digs, admiring the lockers — They're humongous, Omeys said — and the new fitness room.

Students like Clevenger, Berry and Omeys, played a major role in the dedication, from the presentation of the colors by the school's JROTC color guard to the singing of the national anthem by the Vocal Dimensions and the playing of the fight song by the



The Wayne Memorial High School Marching Band entertained guests in the corridor linking the new and old portions of the Alumni Arena in advance of the dedication ceremony

marching band.

There was even a student representative, Olivia LaFortune, who told school officials and guests that attending Wayne Memorial has "given me the opportunity to secure a positive future."

"I have spent eight, nine, 10 hours a day here, this has become my second home, part of my extended family," she said. On behalf of the students, I want to thank the

school board and the community for their vision.

LaFortune also made history with her teammates as the girls volleyball became the first school team to use the court. They presented a brief demonstration as part of the dedication.

"We won't play there because there's not enough bleachers and they come too close to the court," she said later. "But we start practicing in there this week."

The man of the hour, however, was Supt. Greg Baracy, who was lauded for his vision by school board President Frederick Weaver.

This just didn't happen, it took the vision of a man who



Superintendent Greg Baracy sings the Wayne Memorial Zebra fight song as it was played by the high school's marching band to close out the dedication.

has a heart for this community," Weaver said. "Thank you, Dr. Baracy, for your drive and dedication to get us to this place."

Baracy, however, credited the community for its support of the district's sinking fund millage four years ago and for its commitment to education.

This compliments our core rigorous curriculum which enables our students to compete in a global economy," Baracy said. "This is an investment in our students' future. Each and every one of you

should be proud.

To our students, this is second to none, the envy of your peers and the symbol of Wayne Pride.

"It's come a long way from my Wayne High days," said alumnus William Snodgrass, who was at the ceremony with his wife, Mary Ann, a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. "We had a very small facility, it was about half this size."

Sharon Scott, another Wayne Memorial grad and a former school board member,

used the word beautiful in describing her reaction to the addition.

"I really like it a lot," she said.

In addition to a second gymnasium, the facility includes a fitness room that can accommodate 40 students on a variety of stairsteppers, upright and recumbent bicycles, elliptical cross trainers and weight lifting equipment.

"I've already had students ask if they can use the equipment in the evening," said Baracy following the ceremony. "They want to use it, that's the first step."

Clevenger is one who agrees. "When you're trying to lose a few pounds, it's great to have," she said.

The school began officially using the gym Wednesday morning, although a sixth-hour physical education class slipped in after the ceremony, and the cheerleaders were back for a 6 p.m. practice.

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

On June 27, 2006, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, authorized publication of a notice of intent to issue general obligation capital improvement bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$40,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing water and sewer improvements in the Township, which notice was published on July 6, 2006. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton intends to issue additional general obligation capital improvement bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the purpose of defraying additional costs of acquiring and constructing water and sewer improvements in the Township (the "Bonds").

The Bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty in number. The Bonds will bear interest on the unpaid balance thereof from time to time at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

The Bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including water and sewer rates and charges and, if necessary, property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

This notice is given, by order of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, to and for the benefit of the electors of the Township in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the Charter Township of Canton, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned Township Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the Bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the Township qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relative to the issuance of the Bonds, the purpose of the Bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48118.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

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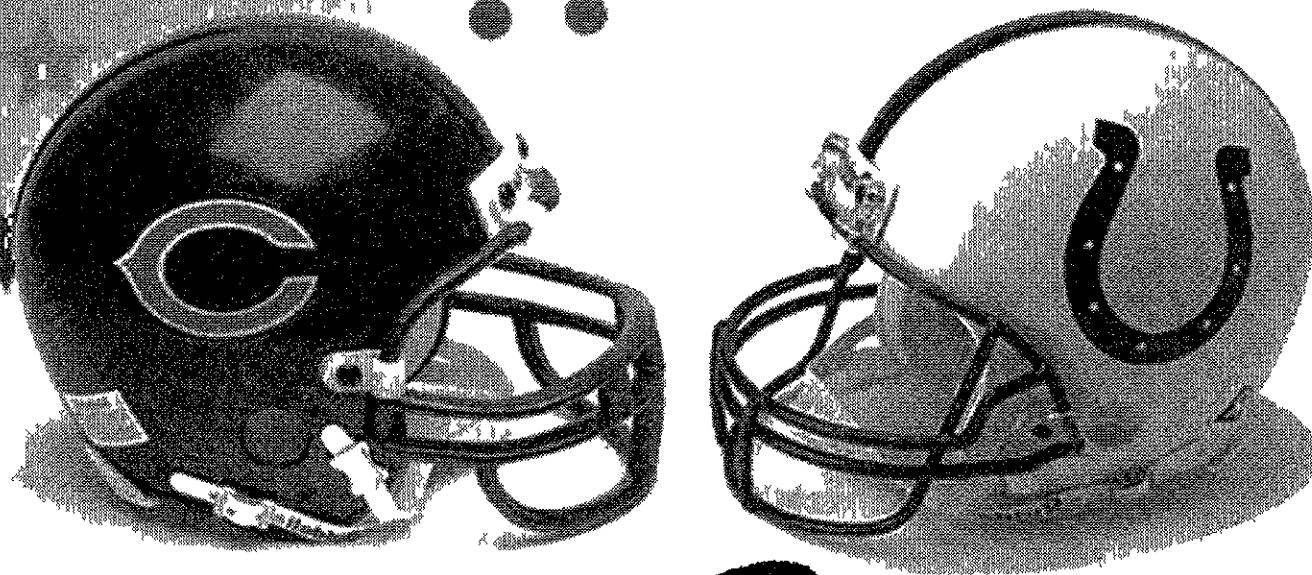
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FEBRUARY

Divorce recovery
Workshop 7 30 p.m. Thursday Feb 1 and continues every Thursday for seven weeks presented by Single Point

Adult Ministries (30 years and older) at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville Registration closes after second week Cost is \$30 pre registration \$35 at door \$15 repeat participants with their manual from previous workshop If you're experiencing the emotional pain of divorce no matter how recent or long ago it happened this workshop will help you heal Free childcare Call (248) 374 5920

Love's Secrets
7 30 p.m. Thursday February 1 815 and 22 at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500

Farmington Road north of Six Mile Livonia The series examines Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical Deus Caritas Est God is Love Discover the Church's philosophical world view of love and explore the relation of Church and state charity and justice as love is expressed in action Call (734) 425-5950 ext. 203 to obtain your copy of the encyclical Read articles 1 8 before our first session

International student day
Presented by Church Women United Suburban Detroit West (MI 063) Fr day Feb 2 at Redford/Aldersgate United

Methodist Church 10000 Beech Daly between Plymouth and W Chicago roads Potluck luncheon at 12 15 p.m. Call (734) 464 7727 by Tuesday Jan 30 only if baby sitting is needed Bring non perishable food for the Salvation Army

Buddy Greene concert
Includes a wide variety of traditional American influences ranging from country and bluegrass to folk gospel and blues 7 p.m. Friday Feb 2 in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville Tickets \$5 free child care Call (248)

374 5920 Presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older)
Gathering of eagles
Conference Feb 2 4 at the Embassy Suites Hotel 28100 Franklin Road Southfield Meetings begin 7 30 p.m. Friday Feb 2 Presented by The Ministry of the Watchman International For a complete schedule call (800) 560 9240 or visit the itinerary page on the Web site www.ministryofthewatchman.com
Superbowl party
Alcohol free Superbowl Party for anyone who wants to enjoy the company of their neighbors 5 p.m. Sunday Feb 4

at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt The football game will be on big screen TV in one room with board games in another room for those who don't watch football For more information call (734) 421 1760

Grief support
For widowed men and women in all stages of grief covers copings with loss of a spouse loneliness and other issues dealing with grief begins 1 3 p.m. Sunday Feb 4 and runs for six weeks at St Columban Parish Center 1775 Melton north of 14 Mile between Woodward and Coolidge Birmingham A \$20 fee for materials is payable at first meeting To register call (248) 540 9848 or (586) 795 0477 by Feb 2 Presented by Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Pipe organs plus
Concert 4 p.m. Sunday Feb 4 at Kirk in the Hills 1340 West Long Lake Road Bloomfield Hills Features the churches new six stop chamber organ and the Moller/Aeolian Skinner 85 rank pipe organ All are welcome to attend Tickets are \$18 \$15 seniors \$12 students and available from the music office call (248) 626 2515 ext. 108/9

Bible study
The Gospels and You Bible Study begins 7 p.m. Monday Feb 5 at The Basilica of St Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level 18100 Merriman Livonia No charge The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St Luke to daily life Sessions will be led by Rev George Shalhoub and Jim King the church's director of youth and outreach ministry For information and to register call (734) 422 0010

Grief workshop
From Grief to New Hope 7 45 p.m. Sunday Feb 5 and continues for eight weeks at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville For those grieving the loss of a loved one it is normal to feel overwhelmed angry and alone Advance registration appreciated For more information call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374 5966

Valentine card party
6 30 10 p.m. Friday Feb 9 at S S Simon and Jude Church 32500 Palmer Westland Door table prizes 50 50 Light meal and snacks Bring your friends and play cards and games of your choice Tickets \$8 at the door Proceeds go to the Building Fund For information call (734) 722 1314

Blood drive
American Red Cross holds a blood drive 8 30 a.m. to 2 30 p.m. Sunday Feb 11 in the Parish Hall at St Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Livonia Walk-ins welcome Call (734) 464 1222

New production
The Wellspring Players present the debut of The Sojourner and the Wanderer in the Land of It 10 a.m. Sunday Feb 11 at Wellspring Church 36350 W Eight Mile Farmington Hills Written by Tony Blauvelt the play weaves the stories of two people The community is welcome For information call (248) 442 0412

Education pilgrimage
The third annual education pilgrimage of faith and hope to El Salvador is being organized by Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth assisted by CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador) The pilgrimage will take place from Feb 11 18 2007 This is an intensive learning experience with special emphasis given to the voice and experience of the poor and marginalized You will visit martyr sites grass roots organizations a rural community and hear speakers on the history politics and economy of El Salvador For details call coordinator Richard Dahlke at (734) 455 6474

Blood drive
2 8 p.m. Monday Feb 12 at St John's Episcopal Church 574 S Sheldon Plymouth Call Carolyn Libeau at (734) 455 5395 to make an appointment or just drop in

Pasties fund-raiser
Pasties are \$3 each and can be ordered by calling Newburg United Methodist Church at (734) 422 0149 There will be someone to take your order 9 a.m. to 12 30 p.m. Tuesday Wednesday Feb 13 14 Call in orders only Do not leave orders on answering machine Orders faxed e mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored Pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday Feb 22 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Feb 23 at the church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia Order early Only 1000 pasties will be made for the church fundraiser

VBS preview
Preview the offerings for this summer's Vacation Bible Schools 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Feb 17 at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville View exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers expand your skills by attending four of 20 workshops on timely topics including how to organize a VBS plan a youth camp week administer backyard Bible club and make and take puppetry Registration fee is \$35 by Jan 17 \$40 by Feb 13 \$45 at door \$20 teen through college students and includes lunch Puppet workshop is \$25 extra This event is non denominational and open to the general public Register now Call (248) 557 5526 or www.iceaonline.org

PLEASE SEE CALENDAR, NEXT PAGE



CORRINE ANN BADENHOOP

of Stockbridge MI Age 51 passed away at home on January 21 2007 She was born the daughter of William and Carol (Stark) McGarvey on August 19 1955 in Highland Park MI On August 24 1974 she married Gregory A Badenhoop and he survives Corrine was a loving mother and wife and enjoyed being a home maker and taking trips with friends In addition to her husband she is survived by her children Brian A Badenhoop and Nicole J Badenhoop and grand child Hailey Uderbrook Also surviving are her brothers Mitch and Gregory McGarvey as well as her brother and sister in laws father in law Carl Badenhoop as well as many nieces nephews and friends She was preceded in death by her parents and mother in law Doris J Badenhoop A memorial service will be held Saturday February 3 at 11 00 a.m. at St Matthew Lutheran Church 5885 Venoy Road Westland MI A private burial will take place at a later date Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family Arrangements are by the Caskey Mitchell Funeral Home Stockbridge MI



DWIGHT WILSON LEONARD

January 29 2007 Age 64 Beloved husband of Linda (nee Matthews) Son of Florence Leonard Dear father of Rick (Linda) and Leigh Leonard Boyd (Bob) Brother of Colleen VanGelder (Ted) Grandfather of Emma Alec Jack Henry Samantha and Jonathan Stepfather of Marry Costa Mellinger (Jim) Lindsey Brodsky and Megan Reedy (Brian) Family will receive friends at A J Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward (btwn 13 14 Mile) Friday 12noon until Remembrance Service 2pm Memorial tributes to The Detroit Zoological Society 8450 W Ten Mile Rd Royal Oak MI 48067 View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



ERWIN R. OTTENSMAN

January 28 2007 age 100 of Plymouth Beloved husband of the late Gertrude Dear father of Rita Mae A Notestine Arlan J (Yvonne) Richard E (Nancy) and Luann E (Tom) Garchow Also survived by 8 grandchildren 10 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren Predeceased by 8 siblings Mr Ottensman retired from Burroughs after 30 years of service He loved to bowl at the Super Bowl in Canton and at Woodland Lanes in Livonia He bowled in two leagues until he broke his hip bowling at the age of 97 He also was an avid golfer and made a hole in one at age 95! Visitation was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home Plymouth His body will be in state Thursday 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. funeral service at Risen Christ Lutheran Church 46250 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Interment at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens To leave a message of condolence log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

GEORGE M ADAMS

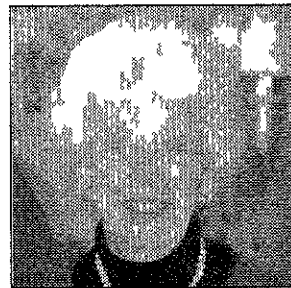
Age 59 January 28 2007 Survived by spouse Mary Ellen Dede Loving father of George C Tripp (Becky) Katharine Kate and Ellen (Scott) Hamel Dear son of Edith Adams brother of Nancy (Russ) Jenkins Funeral Saturday 11 a.m. (in state 10 30 a.m.) at St Gerald Catholic Church 21300 Farmington Road Farmington Visitation Friday 4 9 p.m. at Thayer Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave downtown Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Rd) Memorial tributes may be made to Habitat for Humanity International Attn Gifts From The Heart 121 Habitat Street Americus GA 31709 3498 www.thayerrock.com



LOIS A. SHOEMAKER

(nee Lane) January 26 2007 Age 85 Resident of Beverly Hills MI and Naples FL Beloved wife of the late Robert H Dearest mother of Roger (Janet) of Bloomfield Hills MI and Richard of Chicago IL Also survived by three cherished grandchildren Peter (Amy) Melissa and Timothy brother in law Donald J and niece Lisa M Only daughter of the late Albert O and Gertrude Lane of Youngstown OH Graduate of Boardman HS 1939 and Ohio University 1943 Member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority Kirk in the Hills Plum Hollow Country Club The Village Club and the Detroit Athletic Club In Naples Lois enjoyed golfing at Bear's Paw Country Club and Royal Poinciana Golf Club where she was past president of The Ladies Niners We will remember our mother and grandmother for her gentle humor dignity grace, and the undying romance of 63 years she shared with her husband Bob whom she now joins in eternal peace Memorial service Monday February 5th 11 00 a.m. at Kirk in the Hills 1340 W Long Lake Rd Bloomfield Hills In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial tributes to City Mission 20405 Schoolcraft Rd Detroit MI 48223 A J Desmond & Sons 248 549 0500

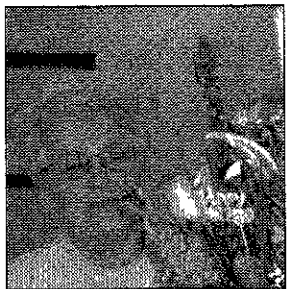
May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends



MARY B. EKBERG

June 30, 1922 – Jan 26, 2007

Mary fondly referred to as Maisie by her late husband Walt passed away in peace on January 26th in Portland Oregon after fulfilling a life full of grit and grace Mary was wife to her college sweetheart best friend and love of her life Walt for 64 wonderful years Mary was a loving mom to her son Jim Ekberg and daughters Jan Brown and Jo Anne Lewis She was grandma to Geoff Doug Jenny Nikki Ian David and Sarah and great grandmother to Zachary Henry Elizabeth Lily Joshua Seth and Allison Mary was raised in Lansing Michigan and attended Michigan State She was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority They lived many years in Birmingham MI where Mary was very active in the Christian Science Church Mary had many talents including being a great cook and she even won a Homemakers of the Year award in 1963 She also fulfilled a life long dream of becoming a writer having many articles published Mary loved to entertain and had a real sense of style when it came to fashion and decorating She always looked put together and her homes were warm and cozy reflecting her love of blue and white and antiques Mary cared about people She had wonderful friends and offered a kind heart companionship and support to those in need She once raised money for charities by selling tins of home made candied walnuts Mary and Walt loved the East Coast and in 1983 moved to Newcastle Maine where they ran a small gift shop called The Maine Sale They fell in love with Maine and stayed there happily for 22 years In April 2005 they moved to Portland Oregon to be near their son Jim who would lovingly care for them Mary possessed great qualities such as loyalty honesty integrity purity and grace She could also make a mean blueberry pie Mary will truly be missed A service is not planned as she and Walt who passed away last year did not want one but this summer as they wished the ashes of Mary and Walt together again will rejoin the sea on a slack tide at the Damariscotta River Bridge in Maine

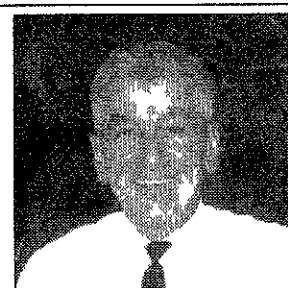


PATRICIA MEADOWS CRAIG

Age 73 of Garden City passed away January 27 2007 Beloved mother of Mark Hammar Scott Hammar Pamela (Sobhi) Safah and Laurie (Mike) Ziolkowski Loving grandmother of Khaled Safah and his fiancée Lamis Belal (Rana) Safah Emily Safah and Lindsay Safah Patricia was born March 23 1933 in Detroit then moved to Garden City in 1956 from Nankin Twp A member of Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City She retired in 2006 as a collection manager for Corrigan Moving Systems Spending time with her children and grandchildren along with the rest of her family was the most important part of her life She also enjoyed gardening and arts & crafts A private memorial service will be held Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Cancer Society 18505 W 12 Mile Rd Southfield MI 48076 Attention Memorial Department Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader Howell Funeral Home Plymouth

PETER H MORSE, JR.

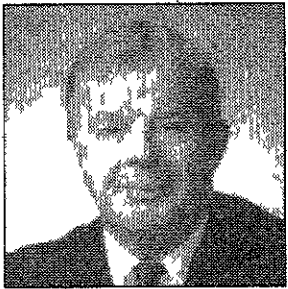
Age 36 of Berkeley CA formerly of Bloomfield Hills died Saturday January 13 2006 A 1988 graduate of Andover High School Pete died of his undergraduate studies at DePaul University and received his doctorate of history from Binghamton University in 2006 Loving partner of Liz Turner for 11 years Beloved son of Pete and Patty Morse of Bloomfield Hills Also survived by his sister Carrie Morse of Washington D.C. and brother and sister in law Dan and Meredith Morse of Berkeley MI Dr Morse devoted his entire adult life to helping others He was fiercely committed to protecting the health and well being of drug users by reducing drug related harm His work in these areas has helped make harm reduction part of public policy and public consciousness Dr Morse currently worked as the Project Coordinator of the Harm Reduction Coalition Syringe Exchange Technical Assistance Program in California He was an avid bibliophile and political activist Dr Morse was also a DJ bringing electronic dance music to people in New York City and San Francisco A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church 1589 Maple Road Birmingham on Saturday February 10 at 2 30 pm with a reception for family and friends following the service Memorial contributions will be appreciated to Tenderloin Health/Homeless Youth Alliance Attention Mary Howe P.O. Box 170427 San Francisco CA 94117



THOMAS J. COURLAS

Age 93 of Westland January 29 2007 Beloved husband of Shirley dear father of James (Lynne) Courlas David (Debbie) Courlas and Thomas Courlas Also leaves six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren Visitation Thurs 4 7 p.m. until funeral services at 7 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N Newburgh Rd Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hills) Donations to the Disabled American Veterans would be appreciated by the family To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One



JAMES A. WILLIAMS

Jim passed away at the age of 64 in the company of his family on Monday morning at Henry Ford Hospital after a heroic battle over nearly six years with cancer Of those to whom much is given much is expected in return these words guided Jim Williams life from start to finish Above all else Jim lived a life of absolute and unwavering dedication to his family Jim and his brothers Mike and Tom Williams grew up together on Hart Street in Huntington Woods He and his wife Michel formerly Michel Duncan Howard first met in the fourth grade They began dating at the age of sixteen and were married in June 1963 Jim and Michel shared the blessing of two wonderful children Jamison and David David and his wife Clara reside in Chicago Illinois with their daughters Margo and Charlie Jamison and her husband Steve live in Bloomfield Village with their son Bennett and daughter Michel Jim's grandchildren were the light of his life and forged the strength and will to fight his long battle with cancer Jim felt blessed to earn a Brown Scholarship to the Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills Michigan As a sophomore he excelled as a football basketball and baseball player serving as baseball captain his senior year and earning nine varsity letters Jim and Michel graduated together from Cranbrook Kingswood in 1960 Following graduation from Wayne State University in 1964 and receipt of his law degree from the Wayne State Law School in 1967 Jim began his career as an Assistant Prosecutor for Oakland County In 1972 Jim founded the law firm known as Williams Williams Rattner & Plunkett P.C. Jim and his partners grew the firm into one of the most respected in Michigan It's ongoing success some thirty five years after it began was a source of great pride to Jim After college Jim's athletic talents were dedicated to learning the games of squash tennis and golf He was a long time member and past president of the Birmingham Athletic Club Jim was also a member of the Orchard Lake Country Club and the Card Sound Golf Club in Key Largo Florida His talents and competitive nature on the courts and the greens were passed on to Jamison and David Jim and Michel's home at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo Florida has hosted family and friends to golf fishing and swimming for many years Jim and his grandchildren enjoyed fishing off the dock at the Key Largo Anglers Club Key Largo Florida Jim also served the Ocean Reef community as a member of its Medical Center and Foundation boards Jim's willingness to contribute to the growth and success of businesses and educational and civic organizations was unending and extended far beyond the practice of law He served as a trustee for the Henry Ford Health System and was a former chairman of Henry Ford West Bloomfield Jim was a member of the Board of Directors of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Jim's gratitude to and support for Cranbrook was unending He served on the Cranbrook Schools Board of Governors and was a member of the Steering Committee for the Cranbrook Schools Natatorium project Given the scholarship he received that enabled him to attend Cranbrook he always had a special place in his heart for the Horizons Upward Bound program at Cranbrook where a scholarship was lovingly established in his name by friends and family in 2005 Jim also served as a member of the Presidents Club of Oakland University Jim always prided himself on being as much a businessman as an attorney He was a long time bank board member and served as chairman of Michigan National Bank during its ownership by the National Australia Bank He remained a member of the board after Michigan National's acquisition by the Standard Federal Bank and later the LaSalle Bank Corporation Jim's real estate acumen was well known to his friends family and many business partners He was active as an investor in the manufactured housing industry in Michigan and was honored to serve as a director of Chateau Communities Inc and Origen Financial Inc Jim's life will be celebrated at a memorial service at 10 30 a.m. on Thursday February 1 2007 at Christ Church Cranbrook 470 Church Road (off of Lone Pine Road) in Bloomfield Hills Michigan Memorial donations in his name may be made to The Hermelin Brain Tumor Center at Henry Ford Hospital 2799 West Grand Boulevard K 11 in Detroit Michigan 48202



ROBERT A. HOWE

Age 81 Died January 29 2007 of cancer at his home in Grosse Pointe Woods He is survived by his wife Gladys daughter Mary Elaine Hart sons Robert A Jr Richard A Thomas P Dennis E Andrew J David B step daughter Sandy Moore and stepson George J Lutfy 30 grandchildren and two sisters He was preceded by his late wife Elaine Robert was the President of Howe Martz Glass Company and retired in 1986 after selling the family business He served in the U.S. Air Force Pacific Theatre World War II He was director and treasurer of Flat Glass Marketing Associate Member of Greater Detroit Architectural Glazing Contractors Associate Trustee of Providence Hospital Foundation Past president of Detroit Executive Association Past president and director of Detroit Builders Exchange Member of Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce Detroit Building and Owners Association and Detroit Building Superintendents Association Member and past director of the Detroit Golf Club Past director of Beach Grove Golf Club and Construction Association of Michigan Member of the Detroit Athletic Club Beavers Bowlers (past general bowling chairman past chairman Thursday 5 30 league) Member of the Detroit Athletic Club House Club Facilities and Bowling Committees Visitation Wednesday January 31 2 9 p.m. at the AH Peters Funeral Home 20705 Mack Ave at Vernier Rd Grosse Pointe Woods Mass on Thursday February 1 12 30 pm at Our Lady Star of Sea Church additional visitation at the church from 11 30 am to 12 30 pm 467 Fairford Grosse Pointe Woods Burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery Detroit Memorials to Henry Ford Hospital 1 Ford Place 5a Detroit MI 48202 or to Karmanos Cancer Institute in Memory of Robert A. Howe 026079 Renal Cancer Research Fund 4108 John R Detroit MI 48201

MARY P. CHIKA

January 31 2007 Age 91 of Bloomfield Hills Wife of the late John J Chika Dear mother of John M (Donna) Mary Miela (the late Richard) Barbara Jensen (Robert) and James P (Janice) Also survived by eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren Sister of Barbara Suhr and Frances Mernsky Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Ave (btwn 13 14 Mile) Friday 3 8pm Scripture service 7pm Funeral Mass Saturday 11am at St Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel 2215 Opdyke Rd Bloomfield Hills Visitation begins at church 10 30am Memorial tributes to St Elizabeth Briarbank 39315 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills MI 48304 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Ministry to the Sick

Join Msgr. John Kasza as he speaks about the church's ministry to the sick highlighting the premise of his new book, *Understanding Sacramental Healing: Anointing and Viaticum*. 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the Fellowship Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Kasza's book will be available for purchase and signing. Those who are involved in any way with ministry to the sick will especially want to come. All are welcome. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

Concert

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church's Music Ministry Department is excited to have the privilege to once again host the Light Metal Band Brass Quintet. 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

Brass concert

Got the winter blues? Do you love the

sound of a brass band? The Light Metal Band Brass Quintet Concert performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the sanctuary at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. This professional brass quintet is one of the most sought-after brass quintets in the Detroit area. Formed in 1989, the quintet consists of two trumpet, horn, trombone, and tuba. They will be performing a variety of music including Classical, 19th Century American, Patriotic, Ragtime, and Jazz. The concert is free and open to the public with a freewill offering being taken. For more information, call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830 or visit the Web site at www.christsaviorsavior.org or www.lightmetalband.com.

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All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Bible study series

St. Theodore Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, and continuing for eight weeks at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 425-7310.

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UPCOMING

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The Path to Sanctity. 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 4571 John R. Troy Cost is \$40 per person, \$20 student. For more information, call (313) 277-8905 or (248) 625-2461 or visit the Web site at www.holytrinityapostolate.com. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Holy Mass at 9 a.m. Featuring direct from Rome Rev. Msgr. Robert Sarno, Official of the Congregation for the Causes of Saint in Vatican City speaking on Holiness: The Way of Life.

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Continuing education classes offer variety

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sandy Baumann isn't clowning around when she says Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning offers a variety of classes. In addition to workshops that teach students how to create a balloon animal and wear a red nose, students can participate in a discussion about Christians, Jews and Muslims living in peace.

"We have everything from car maintenance for women held in a car repair facility to Journey towards Peace based on the three faces on Abraham," said Sandy Baumann, Center for Lifelong Learning program manager and a Farmington Hills resident. "The Bible, Koran and the Torah challenge people to work towards peace. The interfaith discussion is with an imam, minister, rabbi, and representative of the archdiocese, and on March 18 there's a bus tour of a church, synagogue and mosque. These are important topics especially with the trouble in the middle east."

"The interfaith is brand new. We have a department of religious studies here. I think it's exciting operating off of the concept let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. If we break down our misconceptions we can see everyone as family and focus on commonalities rather than our differences."

On a lighter note, Start Clowning Around by taking a workshop 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at a clown studio at 17841 Poplar Avenue in Riverview. Professional clown Carey Ann (Carol Ann Owens) teaches students how to apply makeup, perform magic tricks and clown at parades, hospitals, festivals, and parties. Carey Ann suggests participants wear comfortable clothing, bring any clown items they own. The workshop is open to persons ages 16 to 90. The cost is \$49 with a \$7 materials fee due in class to cover supplies. Registration deadline is Thursday, Feb. 1.

Carey Ann keeps clowning around in an advance course 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sat. Feb. 17, at the clown studio in Riverview. She'll help students select their clown name and perfect their look with makeup and props. Learn to walk like a clown, create more intricate balloon work, and rehearse funny skits. Carey Ann will also reveal local clowning opportunities. Start Clowning Around or previous clowning experience required. Cost is \$49 plus \$7 materials fee due to instructor in class for supplies. Registration deadline is Feb. 15.

"We need more joy in life and this gal helps people appear as clowns," said Baumann, "and the classes are open to ages 16 to 90."

Car Maintenance for Savvy Women takes place in the heated bays of the automotive repair center at 15735 Schaefer, near Six Mile, in Detroit 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

Gayle Clark teaches students how to expand their car's longevity in a hands-on class. Learn how to change oil and tires, evaluate tire pressure and quality, translate repair terminology, and find out about batteries and fuses. The class is limited to eight women (age 18 and up) and ideal for those who drive older vehicles or used cars. The cost is \$33. Registration deadline is Feb. 15.

Tour a Church, Synagogue & Mosque 12:45 - 5:15 p.m. Sunday, March 18. Explore the beauty and architecture of three houses of faith including Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit built in modified Spanish Mission architecture, the Conservative Jewish synagogue of Congregation Shaarey

Zedek in Southfield, and the Islamic Center of America's mosque in Dearborn with its golden domes. Enjoy a Middle Eastern pastry and beverage on the tour. Cost is \$35. The bus departs from the Center for Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. Registration required by Feb. 16.

Take a Journey toward Peace with Christians, Jews & Muslims 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, in the Rosenau Room, Mazzara ASCC Building at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Speakers include Imam

Hassan Al-Qazwini from the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn, Rabbi Jonathan Berkun from Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield, Rev. Mary Biedron from North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills, and Michael Hovey, Assistant Advisor on Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs for the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit. The cost is \$15. Deadline for registration is March 9.

For more information or to register for any of the classes, call (877) 855-5252 or visit the Web site at www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

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New deputies

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans (front row, center) recently swore in 58 new deputies who graduated from the sheriff's training academy including several from the western Wayne County communities of Redford, Westland and Livonia. Pictured with the sheriff are Livonia resident Andrew Stevens (front left), Redford resident Rachael Davis and (back row l-r) Westland residents Thomas Blalock, Ronald Tokarszyk and Eric Kusnir.

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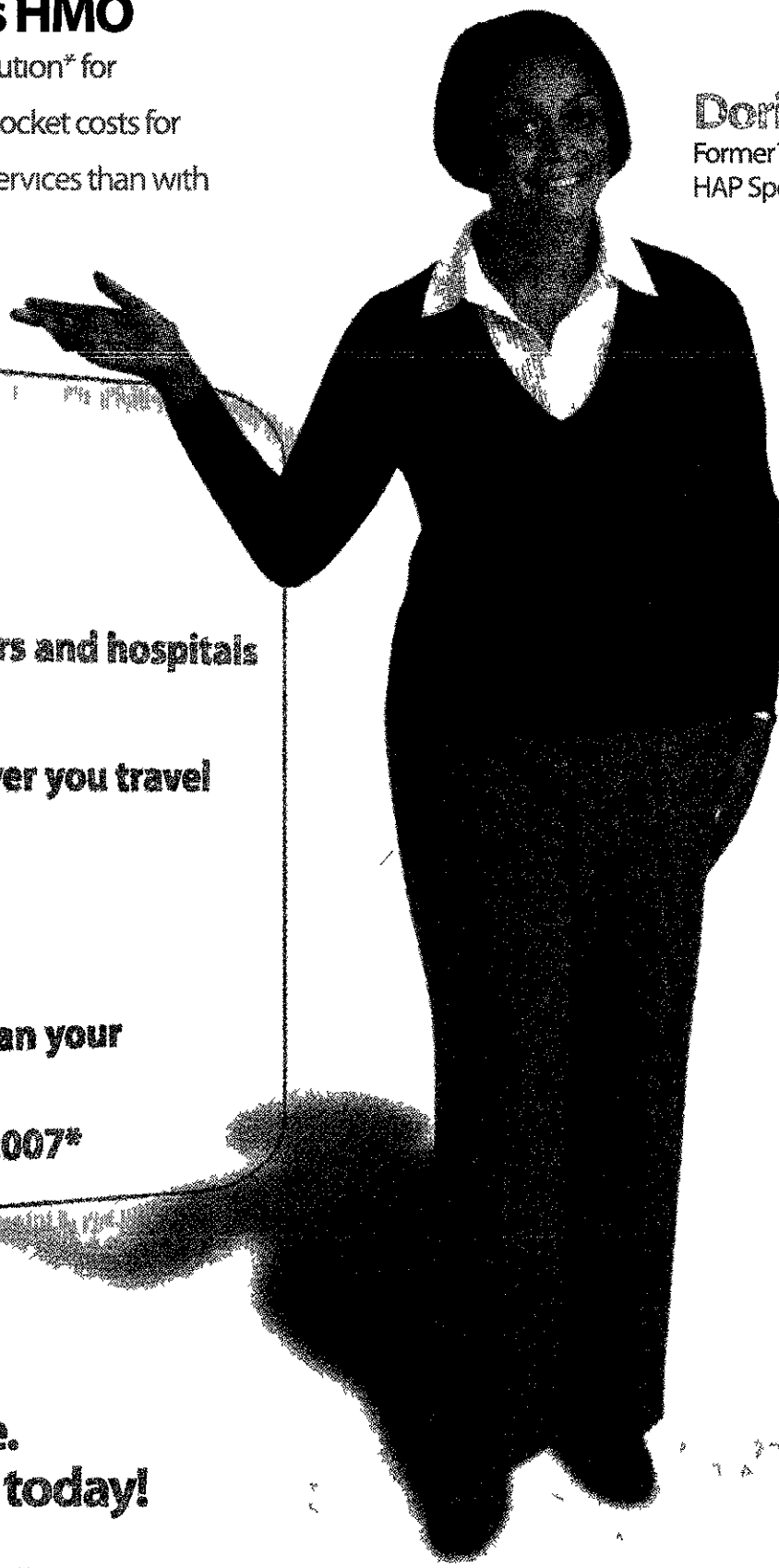
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Chiefs' late comeback falls just short

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday night in Northville, Canton's basketball team all but silenced Alvin Storrs, arguably the best player in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, Storrs teammates made just enough noise to help the Mustangs survive with a 40-39 victory and maintain first place in the WLAAs Western Division.

In an offensively challenged contest that featured hard-to-penetrate zone defenses on both ends of the court, the host

PREP HOOP

Mustangs built a 23-12 half-time lead before fending off a late Canton surge that was one last-minute break from pulling off a startling comeback win.

Northville improved to 11-1 overall and 5-0 in the Western Division. The loss snapped a seven-game Canton winning streak and dropped the Chiefs to 7-5 and 4-1, respectively.

Storrs finished with a game-high 15, but seven of them came from the free-throw line during the final two minutes. Dogged by a feisty Canton defense, the 6-foot-1

guard connected on just one of his first nine shots.

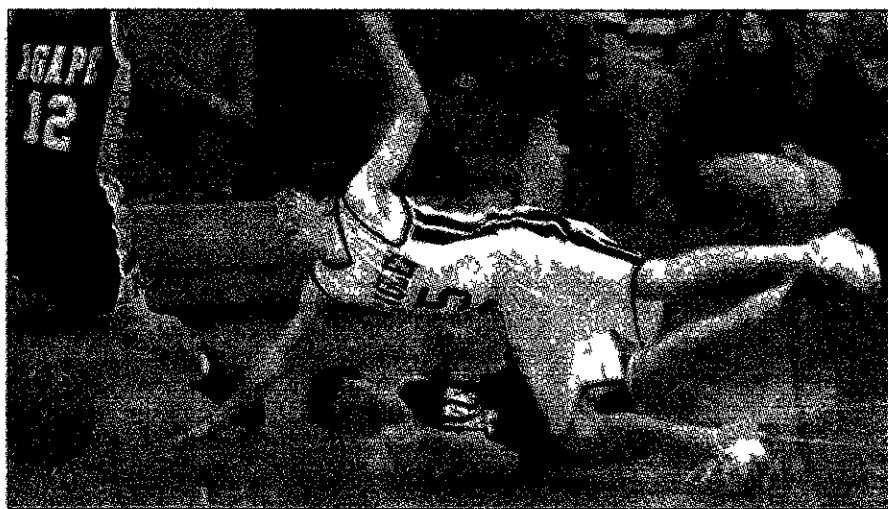
Senior center Ryan Wadmann led Canton with 11 points. Neil Sharma netted 10, eight of which came during crunchtime when the Chiefs whittled a six-point deficit down to one.

"It was a tale of two halves," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "We outplayed them in the second half, but they outplayed us in the first. Neil was all but non-existent for three quarters, but he came on at the end and hit some huge shots. And Ryan Wadmann really stepped it up in the second half, too. I thought we did a great job defensively

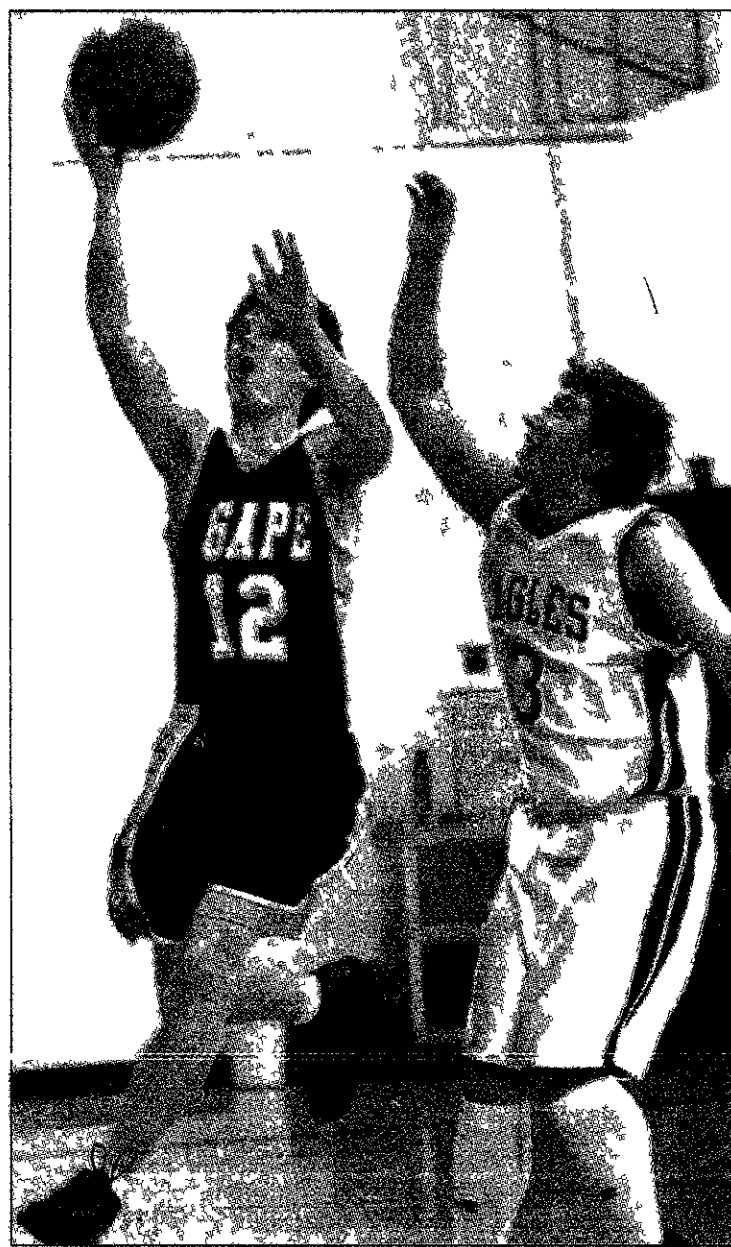
on Storrs. We knew he was a heckuva player. We told the kids, hey, he'll get his 20 or 25 points, but at least make him earn them, which they did. We were a little worried at half-time because Storrs only had three points, but they were still beating us. They had some other kids that stepped it up against us.

Among the Northville role players who excelled were 6-8 junior center Mike Rogers (eight points) and 6-3 senior forward Bret Spencer, who contributed seven. Steve Paye added eight points and five

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B2



Canton Agape's Kevin Reith and Plymouth Christian Academy's Ross Gerulis hit the floor for a loose ball during Tuesday night's 53-50 Agape victory in the PCA gym.



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton Agape's Tyler Majeski drives to the basket past PCA's Dave Koscielny during the first half of Tuesday's MIAC cross over game. The Wolverines held off a furious PCA rally to win 53-50.

Crosstown classic

Agape, PCA entertain large crowd with wild game

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The atmosphere was electric inside the jam-packed Plymouth Christian Academy gymnasium Tuesday night for the Eagles-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference cross over game against neighboring Canton Agape Christian.

But not nearly as electric as the action on the court. The Wolverines built a seemingly insurmountable 19-point first-half lead before hanging on for dear life and registering a 53-50 victory over PCA. The win improved Agape's record to 8-3, PCA slipped to 5-8.

"It's always satisfying beating Plymouth Christian because they're a rival Christian school and we have a lot of respect for their program," said Agape coach Keith Anletner. "We kind of hit a wall in the second half and they started taking the ball to the hole and scoring.

Our free-throw shooting won it for us down the stretch, which is usually the case in close games."

Despite the heart-breaking loss, PCA coach Dave

Yost was proud of his team's performance.

"The second half of tonight's game was the best half of basketball we've played all season," said Yost. "I played a couple of different combinations of kids in the second half and it worked. It was a good, all-around team effort."

Ty Majeski paced the winners with 20 points, 14 of which came in the first half. Terrell Pierce also had a strong game for the winners, pouring in 17.

Agape starting point guard Jack Anletner sat out a large chunk of the nuddle two quarters with foul trouble, but the senior iced the win with a pair of free throws in the waning seconds.

Junior guard Trevor Zinn twined 17 for the Eagles, who also received 15 points from senior forward Matt Saagman. Yost also commended the play of senior forward Devyn Govan, who led PCA in rebounding.

Agape hit 11-of-18 free throws. PCA was 13-of-23 from the stripe. Agape raced to a 12-8 first-quarter lead, which it extended to 33-20 at the half. The Eagles trailed 45-33 with eight minutes to play before putting together a late-game rally that fell just short.

PCS skaters extinguish Blazers in battle for 1st

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Behold the power of the Penguins — and the Penguins' power play.

Both were on display during the third period of Saturday night's crucial Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League showdown between unbeaten Plymouth-Canton-Salem and Livonia Ladywood.

Energized by man-advantage goals from Edra Burriss and Shauna Siebert less than two minutes apart, the Penguins broke a 2-2 deadlock and skated past the Blazers, 5-2, in a fast-paced, entertaining game played at the Arctic Pond in Plymouth.

The victory propelled the Penguins' record to 10-0-1 and gave them sole possession of first place in the MMGSHSL standings. Ladywood slipped to 9-1-1. The two teams played to a 5-5 tie in December.

The scoreboard was lit up like a Christmas tree throughout the third period due to an abundance of penalties, most of which were committed by the Blazers.

"I liked the way we kept our composure in the third period, especially with all the penalties that were being called," said PCS coach Eric Mink. "I told the girls to relax, settle down, keep skating and play some hockey, and that's what they did. Shots were pretty even after the first two periods, but we outshot them 13-6 in the third because we were getting a lot of rebound shots."

Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said his team's penalty fest was out of character.

"I think we had twice as many penalties tonight than we've had in any single game all season," said Peck. "It's very uncharacteristic of this team. The penalties in the third period killed us. You can't play short-handed

as much as we did against a good team and expect to win."

"I thought the girls played hard and with a lot of heart in the first two periods. We did everything we needed to do to keep ourselves in the game. I know the girls were pumped and ready for this game. They've been looking forward to it. Hopefully, we can meet them again in the playoffs."

PCS skated to a 1-0 lead seven minutes into the contest when Nikki Songer tallied a power-play goal off assists from Keely Kowalski and Katie Zimmermann.

The Blazers evened the ledger at 1-1 with 3:51 left in the second period when Prenella Semma netted an unassisted power-play goal.

The Penguins regained the lead, 2-1, 37 seconds into the third stanza when slick-skating sophomore Katie Zimmermann buried a short-handed, unassisted lamp-

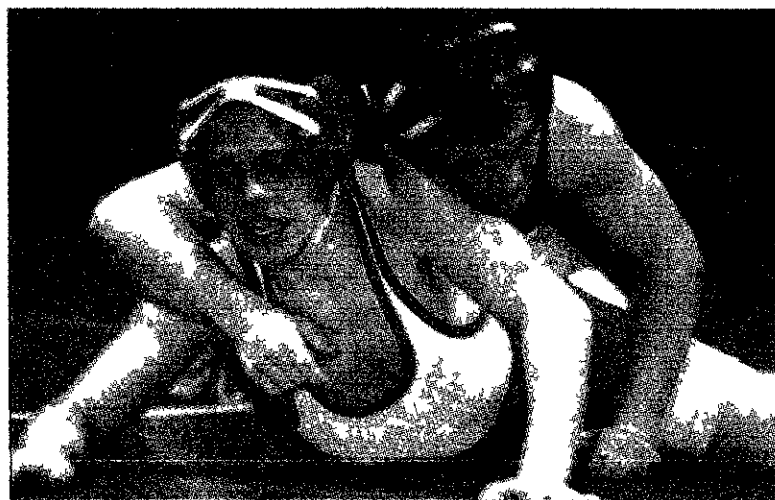
lighter past Ladywood goalie Michelle Wyniemko, who, up until that point, had covered the opening of the net like a post-to-post sheet of Saran Wrap.

But Semma struck again five minutes later to even things up at 2-2.

Burriss game-winning net-finder was a thing of beauty. Stationed five feet in front of the goal crease, she secured the rebound off a shot by Songer, then — from her knees — slapped the puck past Wyniemko to give the Penguins the lead for good with 6:24 left. Siebert and Adrienne Cercone chipped in with insurance goals to seal the deal for the Penguins.

PCS goalie Kristie Kowalski was solid — and at times spectacular — all night, redirecting 22 Blazer shots. Wyniemko also played well, registering 26 saves.

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Canton's Carl Lucke (bottom) waits to make a move on Belleville's Justin Fleeson during Saturday's Observerland Invitational tournament at Livonia Churchill Fleeson won, 7-5, to earn first place in the 112-pound weight class.

Franklin earns 3rd straight Observerland grappling title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin captured its third straight Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament championship Saturday, and no one loomed larger than Franklin heavyweight Kyle Brown.

The Patriots had the team title wrapped up before the individual finals started and wound up with 213 points followed by runner-up Westland John Glenn (186), Belleville (175.5), Canton (169) and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (164). Host Livonia Churchill took sixth with 117.

Brown, an underdog in the night's final match — the 285-pound division — came up big as he pulled off the upset of the tournament, rallying from a 5-1 deficit to pin Canton's Donnie Laramie, the top seed, in the second period.

Brown, the only individual winner on the day for the Patriots, was mobbed by his teammates afterwards. The win, which created a buzz among the remaining crowd and participating wrestlers, also put a huge smile on coach Dave Chiola's face.

"It was nice to end on that note," Chiola said.

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Sidelines

Tennis camp

Pre-season tennis camps for prospective members of the 2007 Salem, Canton and Plymouth boys tennis teams will be held during winter break at the Huron Valley Tennis Club in Ann Arbor.

The dates and times of the camp are: Monday, Feb. 19, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 1:30-3 p.m.; and Thursday, Feb. 22, from 1-3 p.m.

The cost is \$82 for all three sessions or \$29 per day. To register, call (734) 662-5514. The classes are limited to 10 players from each school.

Gymnastics Invite

The Canton gymnastics team will be hosting a 19-team invitational Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Among the teams expected to compete in the talent-rich tournament are No. 2-ranked Holt, No. 4-ranked Livonia Red, No. 5-ranked Forest Hills and the sixth-ranked Chiefs. Salem, Farmington and Livonia Blue will also be on hand.

Coaches: Please call in results

Local prep sports coaches are encouraged to report all of their results to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright. Results can be phoned in to (734) 953-2108, faxed in to (734) 591-7279, or e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife.com.

When Wright is not attending a sporting event, he can be reached by phone Monday through Friday between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and midnight. If the answering machine comes on, please leave a message and Wright will return your call promptly.

The deadline for Thursday's editions is Tuesday at midnight. The deadline for Sunday's paper is Friday at 11 p.m.

Waza fund-raiser

The parents of the under-12 boys Waza FC soccer team will host a Comedy Night Out fund-raiser to raise money for the team to travel to England and Scotland this spring to play soccer, attend Division I pro games and participate in a half-time program.

The Comedy Night Out show will take place 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at The Wise Guys Comedy Club in Novi. Tickets are \$15 each and entitle the holder to half-price appetizers during the show.

The Wise Guys Comedy club is located inside The Manhattan Club at 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty Road in Novi. Please call Mary Winkler at (248) 478-5239.

Baseball School

The Bernie Carbo Pro Premier Baseball Academy will be staging a showcase, marketing and skill sessions with former Phillies minor league All-Star and Eastern-Michigan University standout Mark Rutherford as the featured instructor. Call (734) 421-4928.

Rocks' Stone shatters Churchill, 58-54

Junior forward Grant Stone, limited to one point in the first quarter, exploded for 30 points over the final three periods Tuesday to lead the host Rocks (7-5, 4-1) to a 58-54 victory over Livonia Churchill in a WLAA-Lakes Division showdown.

The victory improved Salem's record to 7-5 overall and 4-1 in the Lakes Division. The Chargers slipped to 5-7 and 1-4, respectively.

Stone, who finished with a game-high 31 points, made 9-of-14 free throws.

Senior Dan Cassidy added 10 for the Rocks, who overcame a 17-6 first-quarter deficit with a 21-12 second-quarter run thanks to 17 points from Stone.

"We started slowly and we were down quite a bit in the first half," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "But we upped our defensive intensity in the second half and were able to dis-

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rupt their offense more."

Along with his career-high scoring night, Stone also grabbed a team-high eight rebounds while nailing several key free throws down the stretch.

Grant was very steady tonight, said Brodie. "He never came off the floor. He played well at both ends of the court. He guarded their best player (Ryan Rosenick) and held him to 14."

Senior forward Dan Cassidy chipped in with 10 points for the Rocks, who also received a boost from senior guard Mike Marek, who added five points in the final, game-deciding moments.

"Brian Baumgart also had a key putback for us in the final minutes," Brodie added.

"We got into foul trouble, we

had three starters on the bench in the second quarter and they (Salem) took advantage of it," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "Nobody stepped up to guard Stone."

Senior guard Kirk Ciarrocchi scored a season-high 23 for the Chargers.

He was 9-of-13 from the field, including two triples. Junior forward Ryan Rosenick contributed 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Churchill made 13 of 19 free throws, while Salem was 15-of-20.

"We've lost three close games in a row, but I still like this bunch," said Solak, whose team was outrebounded 34-18. "We just have to get over it and find a way to win these games."

PLYMOUTH 52, FRANKLIN 40

Juniors Brandon Roberts and Myron Puryear scored 13 points apiece Tuesday to lead the host Wildcats (4-8, 1-4) to

a WLAA Western Division triumph over Livonia Franklin (2-10, 0-5).

Jake Hager and Navraj Sandhu added nine points apiece for Plymouth, which pulled away with a 14-4 third-period run after leading 32-26 at the half.

Tyler Canyock scored a team-high 14 for the Patriots, while Alex Reid added seven points and 10 rebounds.

We made six threes in the first half and we outrebounded them 24-11," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, when asked to put a finger on the keys to the win. "It was a good team win tonight."

"When we had opportunities to play with poise and composure, we'd make mental mistakes," Franklin coach Russ Keberly said.

Franklin was 9-of-18 from the foul line, while Plymouth was 2-of-4.

Plymouth spikers get back on winning track

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth's volleyball team registered a much-needed victory Monday night when it swept Wayne Memorial, 25-11, 25-17 and 25-7 in a match held in the Wildcats gymnasium.

The victory improved coach Kelly McCausland's squad to 13-12-3 overall and 1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Zebras dropped to 0-5 in the division.

Chelsey Quinlan paced the winners with four kills and 11 digs. Other key contributors were Brittany Hengesh (eight kills and six aces), Clare Baptist (five kills and eight digs), Rachel Heaton (10 digs, four kills and 11 assists) and Courtney Buttermore (five service aces and 14 assists).

ROCKS NIP ROCKETS

The Westland John Glenn girls volleyball team put up quite a fight Monday in a loss to WLAA Lakes Division co-leader Salem as the Rocks won in five games 25-19, 25-14, 19-25, 22-25, 15-5.

Jansan Falcusan paced the Rocks with 38 assists, 10 digs and four service aces. Other standouts for the winners were Teresa Coppellie (18 kills and 17 digs), Lauren Kurtz (11 kills, three aces and 12 digs), Courtney Seiler (17 digs) and Kelly McDonald (seven kills and five digs).

We struggled with our hitting tonight," said Salem coach Amanda Suder.

Overall, our hitting percentage has been lower than it should be. John Glenn played very well. They're a scrappy team."

The Rockets (11-1 3, 1 3) were led by middle hitters Virginia Butler and Brittany Holbrook, who combined for 19 kills and five blocks to pace the offense.

Kirstin Kirk led the defense with 29 digs.

PATS DOWN CANTON

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 2
Salem at Livonia Stevenson 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton 7 p.m.
PCA at Birmingham Roeper 8 p.m.
Baptist Park at Agape at Garden City United Christian 7:30 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Feb. 1
Oakland Christian at PCA 7 p.m.
Agape at Franklin Road 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Salem at Schoolcraft Varsity Invitational at Novi H.S. 8 a.m.
Canton at A.A. Pioneer Varsity Invitational 8 a.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Feb. 2
Salem at Plymouth at Compuware Sports Center 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Canton at Arctic Edge 8 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Feb. 1
Salem at Livonia Stevenson 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Canton 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Canton at Goodrich Invitational 9:30 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Feb. 1
Livonia Churchill at Salem 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton 7 p.m.
GIRLS GYMNASICS
Saturday, Feb. 3
Canton Varsity Invitational at Plymouth H.S. 10 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Feb. 3
Henry Ford at Schoolcraft 3 p.m.
Aquinas College at Madonna 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Feb. 3
Henry Ford at Schoolcraft 1 p.m.
Madonna at Aquinas College 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Feb. 1
Whalers at Sarnia Sting 7:35 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2
Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena 7:05 p.m.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Saturday, Feb. 3
Ignition at California Cougars 7:35 p.m.

CHIEFS

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rebounds for Canton and Josh Butler twined six. Senior guard Ryan Langdon only scored four points, but he was one of the Chiefs' primary defensive catalysts. Northville led 12-6 after one quarter, 23-12 at the half and 26-18 with eight minutes left. Sparked by a faster-paced offense, Canton then scored more points in the fourth quarter — 21 — than it did the first three quar-

ters combined, but it wasn't quite enough to overcome the front-running Mustangs.

The Chiefs trailed 35-30 when Sharma converted a one-and-one with 50.9 seconds left to cut the deficit to 35-32. Storrs then drained a pair of free throws to put the Mustangs up 37-32, but Sharma came right back by banking in a driving layup while getting fouled. His ensuing free throw made it 37-35 with 34.1 seconds left.

Two more Storrs free throws extended the Mustangs' lead to

39-35 with 32.4 seconds left, however, Waidmann converted a put back with 21.2 remaining to make it 39-37.

Northville junior guard Steve Anderson hit 1-of-2 free throws with 11.7 to go to give his team a 40-37 advantage, however, he immediately fouled Langdon, who boarded the second miss. Langdon misfired on both shots from the line, but Waidmann grabbed the rebound and scored with 2.1 seconds left to make it 40-39.

The Mustangs iced the win by

hitting Anderson with a long half-court pass.

Canton hit 17-of-43 shots from the field (39.5 percent) and 5-of-7 free throws (71.4). Northville canned 12-of-34 field goals (35.2) and 14-of-24 attempts from the charity stripe (58.3).

The two teams will meet again on Friday, Feb. 16, in Cantons Phase III gymnasium.

"We're looking forward to playing them again at our place," said Paye. "Our kids know that they can play with them now, so it should be another great game."

Canton gymnasts sweep Walled Lake teams

The Canton gymnastics team continue to steamroll through its schedule Tuesday when it racked up 140.50 points to outperform Walled Lake Northern (133.55) and Walled Lake Central (131.10).

The Chiefs are now 10-1 heading into Saturday's 19-team Canton Invitational, which will begin at 10 a.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

PREP GYMNASICS

"We had some stellar performances tonight," said Canton coach John Cunningham, whose team is ranked sixth in the state. "We took the top two places in every event and the top three in two of the four events."

The highlight of the meet for the winners was Jessie Murray's school record 9.7 on

the balance beam. Previous to Tuesday's record-shattering performance, Murray shared the old record of 9.5 with former Chief standout Kate Gillis.

Canton's top performer, Alyssa Kelley, was limited to just one event due to an injury.

"Kate Staley had her best all around of the year," Cunningham praised. "Her and Jessie really stepped it up with Alyssa out."

CANTON 140.50
W.L. NORTHERN 133.55
W.L. CENTRAL 131.10
(following are Canton's placers)
VAULT 1. Jessie Murray 9.15 2. (tie) Kaitlyn Burns and Kate Staley 8.95
UNEVEN BARS 1. Jessie Murray 8.65 2. Kate Staley 8.5 3. Alyssa Kelley 8.45 5. Kaitlyn Burns 8.05
BALANCE BEAM 1. Jessie Murray 9.7 2. Kate Staley 9.2 4. (tie) Kaitlyn Burns and Andrea Houdek 8.8
FLOOR EXERCISE 1. Kate Staley 9.25 2. Kaitlyn Burns 9.0 6. Jessie Murray 8.4
ALL-AROUND 1. (tie) Kate Staley and Jessie Murray 35.9
CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD 10.1

Whalers humble Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, 6-0

For the second straight night, the Plymouth Whalers set the tone early in a game with excellent goaltending, penalty killing and team defense. Then the Whalers' offense took over for another victory, this time, 6-0 over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 2,964 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth is now 32-12-1-2, good for 67 points and first place in the OHL West Division. Sault Ste. Marie is now 24-20-0-4, good for 52 points and fourth place in the

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Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth was the game's first star for the second straight night after stopping 42 Sault Ste. Marie shots for his fourth shutout of the season. Neuvirth lowered his league-leading save percentage to .933 and lowered his goals against average to 2.28.

Neuvirth was particularly effective in the first period when Sault Ste. Marie had three power plays and outshot Plymouth, 16-12. But Plymouth's league-leading penalty kill shutdown the Greyhounds' power play and

eventually went 7-for-7 in the game.

The Whalers went 2-for-8 on their own power play.

Plymouth received two goals and an assist from second star Sean O'Connor (Brownstown), single goals from Jared Boll, Ryan McGinnis, James Neal and Joe McCann and three assists from third star Chris Terry.

After the 'Hounds failed to convert on three straight power plays through the first 10 minutes of the first period, O'Connor scored his 11th goal of the season at 14:25 when he took Terry's pass from the left face off dot in the Soo zone and roofed a shot past Greyhounds' goaltender Kyle Gajewski at 14:24. Plymouth made it 2-0 on their first

power play of the evening when Boll batted home a rebound for his 20th goal of the season at 16:21.

Plymouth pulled away with four goals in the second period. O'Connor tipped Brett Bellemore's shot at 2:26 for his 12th of the season.

Neal scored on a rebound on a Plymouth power play off a Terry shot at 11:34 for his 22nd of the year. Gajewski was pulled for backup goaltender Matt Hache at that point and McCann scored his 7th of the year to give the Whalers a 5-0 lead with a goal from the left face off dot under the bar at 13:06. McGinnis added a shorthanded goal for his 4th of the season at 15:45.

Plymouth outshot Sault Ste. Marie, 44-42.



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WRESTLING

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“The last match made us walk out of here feeling a little better about ourselves We could go into practice this week with our heads held high”

Laramie nearly had Brown, who was named upper weights MVP, pinned during the first period, but the Franklin heavyweight regrouped and pulled to within one before making his move

“They (Brown and Laramie) could meet three more times this year,” Chiola said “Last year I think they met four times and I think he (Laramie) had three pins and a major (decision) against Kyle But Kyle has gotten a lot better since last year Hopefully this will give him confidence in the future”

Eleven of Franklin's of its 14 wrestlers reached the semifinals, but the Patriots came up empty in two other finals until Brown's win

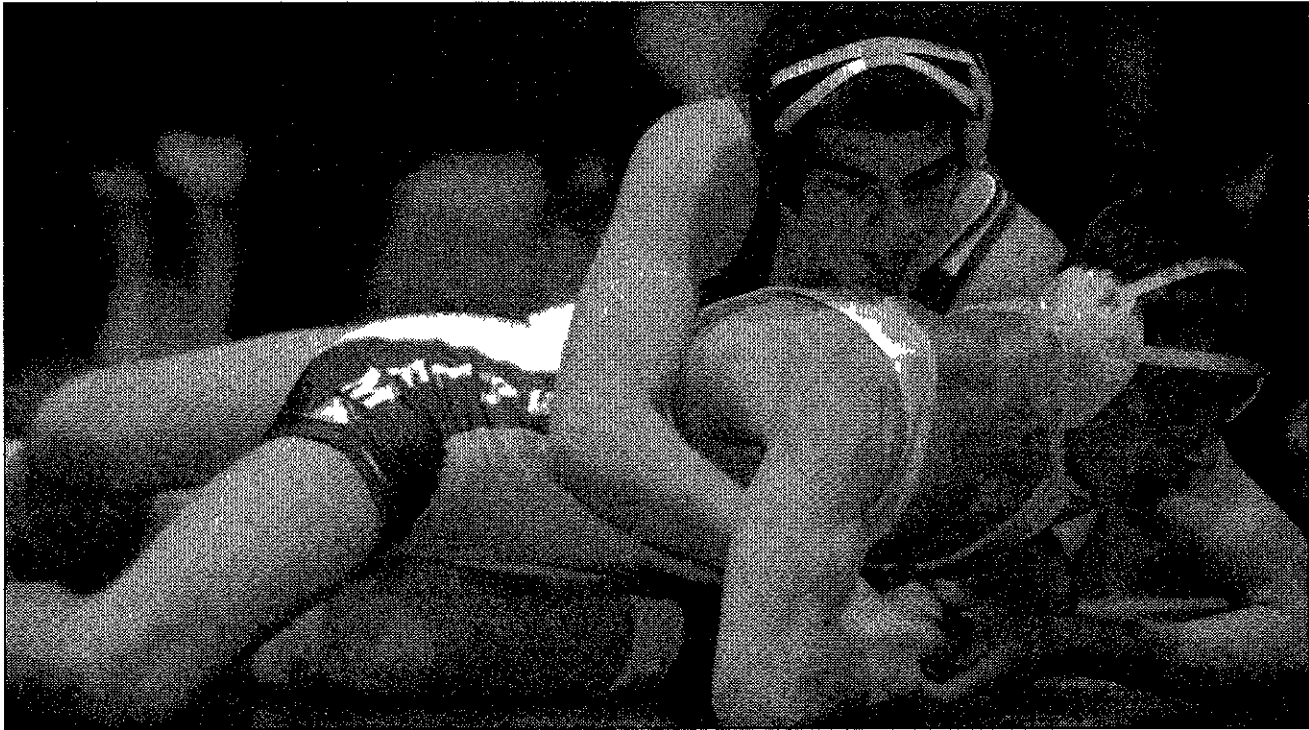
“The last two rounds were unspeakable, horrible,” Chiola said “We were losing one- and two-point matches, losing at the buzzer, losing to kids we had beaten before

“But the beauty of this team is that our points were well-dispersed We had 14 score and 12 placed Last year we had 10 in the semifinals and this year we had 11 That's hard to compete with Somebody across the board always picks us up each week and that keeps them humble”

First-time invitee Belleville had five gain the finals with Justin Fleeson (112) and Dustin Zak (125) earning crowns Zak decisioned Franklin's Brandon Bilhau, 9-2, while Fleeson held off Canton's Carl Lucke, 7-5

Glenn, Canton and Wayne Memorial were next with four final-ists apiece

Glenn's strong showing was fueled



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Westland John Glenn's James Zerebiny gets the upper-hand on Salem s Jeremy Epley in the 152-pound final at Saturday's Observerland Invitational Zerebiny won, 3-2

by first-place finishers James Zerebiny (152), who edged Salem's Jeremy Epley by a point, 3-2, for the second time in three days, and Shamur Garcia (215), who held off Wayne's Robert Coffey, 6-4

The Rockets Scott Brown also was a surprise as he pulled off a couple of impressive wins en route to finals at 160 before losing to Livonia Stevenson's Ziad Kharbush, 4 2 “Scott is a talented young man, Glenn coach Bill Polk said He just has to keep working hard He's starting to get his confidence and starting to build on that

“We've been on a roller coaster the last couple of weeks We had a lot of ups and downs today There were some matches where unfortunately we did not come out on top It was

kind of bittersweet Some stepped up and some stepped back It shows where we're at, but overall I'm not disappointed”

Donnie Watkins (103) and Corey Phillips (140), the meets only repeat champ, captured firsts for Canton Watkins decisioned Wayne's Chad Dunn, 10 5, while Phillips took down Belleville's Steve Coak, 7-1

But Canton coach Casey Randolph wasn't around for the finish after being ejected late in the day during a consolation-round match by referee Eric Hebestreit

Wayne, meanwhile, was led by Jamie Preiss (119) and Jeff Elswick (171), both bringing home crowns Preiss pinned CC's Nieko Ianni with four seconds to go in the final period, while Elswick came up with a two-

pointer late in the third period to edge Glenn's Andrew Hein, 3-1

CC had a pair of winners including lower weights MVP Shea Hasenaur (135), a transfer from Birmingham Brother Rice, who scored an impressive technical fall over Franklin's Jon Roos, 19-4 The Shamrocks' Joe Kinville (189) then pinned Plymouth's Vince Darofli in 1 16

Scoring the fastest pin in the finals was Lutheran High Westland's Matt Edwards (145), who used his signature cradle move against Belleville's Steve Sherman in 0 58

And Churchill's Greg Roberts (130) gave the home fans something to cheer about when he pinned Belleville's Brian Augsberger in 3 22

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CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

103 pounds Donnie Watkins (Canton) decisioned Chad Dunn (WM) 10 5 3rd place Namic Kerimov (NF) dec Tommy Myshock (LS) 10 9 5th place Anthony Pavlich (WJG) dec Grant Phillips (LF) 7 5 112 Justin Fleeson (Bell) dec Carl Lucke (Canton) 7 5; 3rd Ben Kosmalski (Ply) won by major dec over Jared Pieknik (LF) 12 4 5th Greg Hogan (NF) dec Kevin Bennett (Salem) 7 4

119 Jamie Preiss (WM) pinned Nieko Ianni (CC) 5 56 3rd Sean Meixner (RU) dec James Benitez (LF) 2 1 5th Seth Wald (NF) won by major dec over Justin Johnson (GC) 11 2

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145 Matt Edwards (LW) p Steve Sherman (Bell) 0 58 3rd Elvin Ferreira (LF) dec Jon Sanders (Canton) 8 7 5th Dennis Villarreal (Farm) p Allen Frantsen (LC) 1 15 152 James Zerebiny (WJG) dec Jeremy Epley (Salem) 3 2 3rd Stephen Kemp (LW) dec Kiel Price (Canton) 7 5; 5th Ryan Brown (CC) p Brent Cetnar (LS) 3 29 160 Ziad Kharbush (LS) dec Scott Brown (WJG) 4 2

3rd Wassim El Awadi (Bell) p Nate Turco (LF) 3 47 5th Isaac Burris (RU) dec Stefan Gatt (CC) 14 12 171 Jeff Elswick (WM) dec Andrew Hein (WJG) 3 1 3rd Dan Woodall (LF) p J J Vandenbossche (LC) 2 18 5th Mike Nordby (GC) dec Emanuel Onwuemene (LS) 9 8

189 Joe Kinville (CC) p Vince Darofli (Ply) 1 16 3rd. Matt Greeman (LS) dec Marc Kadrich (LF) 6 5 5th Joey Kowtko (WJG) won by injury default over Mike Schatz (LW)

215 Shamur Garcia (WJG) dec Robert Coffey (WM) 6 4 3rd Vince Benavides (LF) dec Paul Rockrohr (LW) 5 2 5th Jim Morasso (CC) p Jim McCarthy (LS) 1 35 285 Kyle Brown (LF) p Donnie Laramie (Canton) 3 18 3rd Mike Martin (CC) p Jacob Sweeney (Bell) 0 30 5th Mark Parrish (LC) dec Frank Toarmina (WJG) 8 3

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S, Canton Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3 00 p m Thursday February 15 2007 for the following

GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL 2007

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department on our website at www.canton.mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at 734/394 5225 All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name company name address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race color, national origin, sex religion age or disability in employment or the provision of services

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TREE REMOVAL SERVICES - PARKS AND PRGC

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD.
CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction February 6 2007 at 10 00 AM The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Rd Westland MI 48185 The vehicles will be sold as is starting bid is for towing and storage

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1999	FORD	TAURUS	4 DR	1FAFP53U6XG199256
1996	FORD	TAURUS	4 DR	1FALP57U9TG177517
1991	MERCURY	CAPRI	2 DR	6MPCT01Z9M8609735
1996	FORD	RANGER	P/U	1FTCR14U2TPA36466
1999	SATURN	SLI	4 DR	1G8ZH5286XZ176860
1994	HONDA	CIVIC	2 DR	1HGEGJ1221RL024845
1990	HONDA	ACCORD	2 DR	1HGCB7256LA065959
1996	CHEVY	VAN	VAN	1GCGG25R2T1042780
1994	BUICK	LESABRE	4 DR	1G4HR52L6RH501305
1996	PONTIAC	GRAM	2 DR	1G2NE12T3TM534048
1983	CHEVY	PICK UP	P/U	1GCCC14H7DF365112
1994	PLYMOUTH	ACCLAIM	4 DR	3P3AA4637RT324394

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (Monday February 19th, 2007) Tate & Co Auctioneers Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction the following storage units The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods The terms of the sale will be cash only Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids The sale will be at the following location Extra Space Storage 6729 CANTON CENTER RD CANTON MI 48187 AT 12 30 PM

Alan Ray Brown #D153 10x20 Racket & Sports Equip 14 plastic tubs Metal Tool Box Space Heater Fire Extinguisher Grinder Bicycle Fishing Rod Gun Safe Quiver with Arrows Shop Vac

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3 00 p m Thursday February 15, 2007 for the following

GOOSE CONTROL SERVICES

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department on our website at www.canton.mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at 734/394 5225 All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name company name address and telephone number and date and time of opening The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race color national origin sex religion age or disability in employment or the provision of services

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Canton Township is soliciting qualifications to provide Engineering Design and Construction Management Services for the design and construction of the Lower Rouge River Recreational Trailhead and Trails Project The qualification package must address the company's ability to provide the following services

- Study the feasibility of current trail and footbridge location
- Perform wetland floodplain and hydraulic studies necessary in order construct proposed improvements
- Track project costs and time Submit quarterly reimbursement requests in a format acceptable to the Wayne County Department of Environment
- Coordinate necessary permit application requirements and apply for the following permits and approvals if necessary
 - MDEQ Wetland and Floodplain Permit
 - Wayne County Permits for parking lot/pond construction/trails
 - Wayne County Permits for Morton Taylor Road Improvements
 - Wayne County Soil Erosion Control Permit
 - Canton Township Tree Removal Permit
- Revise plans as necessary and prepare bid documents and specifications for construction items that will be performed by non township personnel
- Assist township personnel with various tasks that may include
 - Gravel parking lot and driveway construction
 - Clearing and grubbing for associated trails
 - Aggregate placement and compaction of trails
 - Detention facility construction if required
- Miscellaneous project management inspection and staking services as necessary
- Prepare final grant report for project

Requests for Qualification Documents are available to pick up at 2nd Floor Public Works Canton Township Hall 1150 South Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188 or from our website at www.canton.mi.org The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race color national origin sex religion age or disability in employment or the provision of services The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals

If your firm is interested in providing these services please submit your qualification package to the Office of the Clerk 1150 Canton Center S Canton MI by 3 p m Thursday February 15 2007

Terry Bennett Clerk

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Westland Police
Public Auction

Public Auction at Budget Towing
876 Railroad Street
Ypsilanti MI 48197

February 16th 2007 at 10 00 AM

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INVITATION TO BID

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use

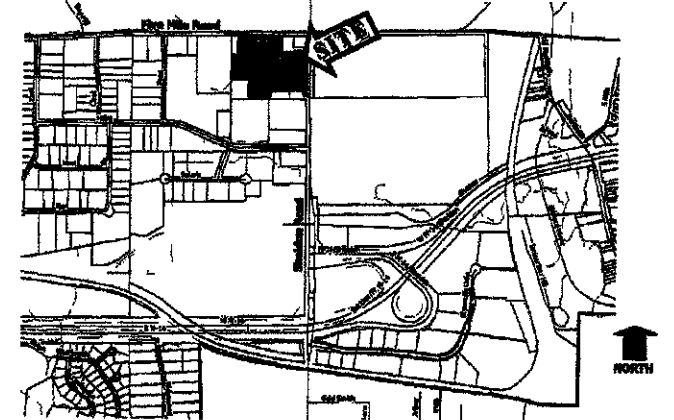
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, February 21 2007

TIME OF HEARING: 7 00 PM

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall
9955 N Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting Special Land Use Approval for outdoor display and/or storage on the sidewalk in front of Busch's grocery store in a General Commercial District (C 2) on Tax ID R 78 014 99 0002 724 (property address is 15185 Sheldon Road) pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No 99 Section 13 2 4

Application 1956 Applicant, Busch's Inc.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION. For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-014-99-0002-724

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8 00 AM to 4 30 PM Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N Haggerty Rd , Plymouth MI 48170 or call 734 354 3270, ext 6 The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N Haggerty Rd Plymouth Township MI 48170

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N Haggerty Rd , Plymouth, MI 48170 Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users 800 849 3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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Smith cops a winning formula in



Coach Fred Miller (left) and his longtime assistant Sonny Micallef have been fixtures in the Falcons Unit varsity football program in Livonia

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith would be envious of Fred Miller

That's because the Livonia Falcons varsity coach knows a thing or two about winning Super Bowls in the Western Lakes Junior Football League

Smith has been coaching junior league football for the past 35 years, starting in 1972 with the Falcons as an assistant coach under Bill Rice before taking over as the varsity head coach in 1973

And Smith has put together quite an impressive resume in 275 games, going 214-50-11, including 30 winning seasons (11 undefeated), and winning two of the first three Super Bowls in the newly formed WLJFL

Yet Smith doesn't look at his worth in terms of

wins or losses

"We just try to play basic football," said Smith, who played high school football at Redford Union. "We'll run the slot-I (formation), but I might change up. I teach fundamentals, try to build a foundation and hope they grow and learn. I like to put game plans together, see how they progress. We don't win all the time, but we win our fair share. My thing is to always play hard and do your best."

The thought of coaching another season never gets old for the 55-year-old Smith, who works inside for the Detroit Police Department's Violent Crimes Task Force Unit.

When August rolls around and conditioning starts, Smith begins to mold a team of varsity players who range in age from 12-14 and weigh anywhere up to 170 pounds.

"I just said that when it stops being fun."

Smith said "That's when I'll step back. It's just really rewarding and humbling. It's just a joy to watch the boys and seeing what I can do. It's been tremendous."

Smith can't stop now anyway.

That's because his son Matthew, 12, who has played two seasons each at the freshman and JV levels, becomes eligible to play for his dad at varsity level.

And Smith embraces the idea of coaching his own son. He has no reservations.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said.

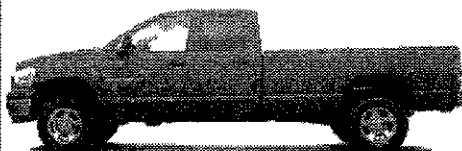
He's even convinced his wife, Beth, once a non-football fan, to take an interest.

"She loves it, she's very supportive," he said. Even though it takes a lot of time away, she understands.

Smith has developed many surrogate father-son relationships over the years.

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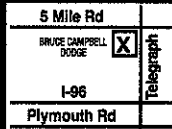
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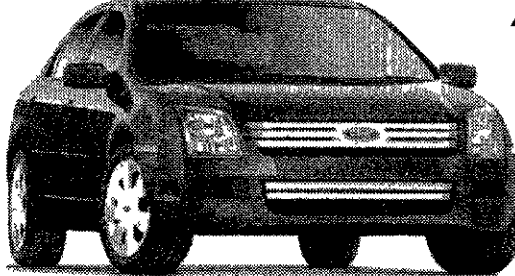
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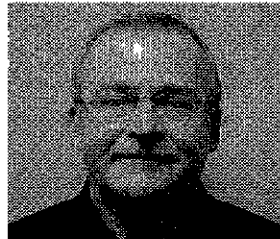
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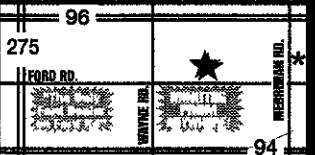
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1st-place ‘Cats drill Warriors, 9-1

Plymouth's boys hockey team strengthened its grip on first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division with a 9-1 thrashing of Walled Lake Western Tuesday night in a game played at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Wildcats, who improved their record to 12-5-2 overall and 6-1 in the division, led 2-0

after one period and 5-1 with 15 minutes to play. Senior net-minder Nathaniel Gibson shined for the Cats, stopping 19 shots. "Nathaniel played an excel-

lent game, said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois. "He kept us in it early until we got a few goals." Jason O'Guinn paced the winners' offensive attack with three goals. Brandon Patterson tallied two goals and an assist. Notching single goals for Plymouth were Brett Kavulich,

Nick Cote, Anthony Fuciarelli and Kyle Rockov. Jeremy Shively accounted for the Warriors' lone goal. On Jan. 24, the Wildcats upended Northville, 5-3. **SALEM 6, W.L. CENTRAL 1:** The Rocks rolled over the Vikings behind Aaron Markwell's two goals. Also scoring for the winners were Nathan Werda, Kris Brant, Brad Nycek and Evan Meibers. Rob Archambault scored the Vikings' lone goal. Notching assists for Salem were Brant (two), Nycek, Steve Heisler and Mike Haburne. Ralph Aspenwall was spectacular between the pipes for the Rocks.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- January 23, 2007

A closed session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday January 23, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Clerk Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. to discuss the purchase of property. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave), Yack. Staff Present: Director Eva Faas. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session. Motion carried by all members present. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter as Chair in the absence of Supervisor Yack. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave), Yack. Staff Present: Director Eva Faas, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of January 9, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Payment of Bills:** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for January 23, 2006		
General Fund	101	\$ 606,392.31
Fire Fund	206	40,071.78
Police Fund	207	53,937.84
Summit Operating	208	44,491.94
Cable TV Fund	230	623.18
Public Improvement	245	4,697.00
Twp Improvement	246	80,391.64
E 911 Utility	261	40,489.05
Auto Forfeiture (w/wa)	267	1,678.67
Federal Grants Fund	274	1,483.66
Auto Theft Grant	289	3,135.67
Cap Proj Road Paving	403	6,900.40
Bldg Auth Construction	469	42,643.00
Golf Fund	584	8,560.74
Water & Sewer Fund	592	108,254.25
Trust & Agency Fund	701	5,430.00
Post Employ Benefits	736	4,413.10
Total - All Funds		1,053,594.23

CONSENT CALENDAR: **Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENTS – TRANSFER OF MANAGER POSITION FROM WATER BILLING DIVISION TO FINANCE & BUDGET DEPARTMENT. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendments in the General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund for the transfer of the Budget & Water Billing Manager position to the Finance & Budget Department. Funding for this position was budgeted at 50% in the Finance & Budget Department and 50% in the Water Billing Division. **GENERAL FUND**

Increase Revenues		
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#101,000,699,000	\$59,778
Increase Appropriations		
Salaries Finance & Budget	#101,223,705,000	\$43,318
Fringe benefits Finance & Budget	101,223,720,000	16,460
Total		\$59,778

This budget amendment increases the Finance & Budget Department budget from \$989,828 to \$1,049,606 and the General Fund budget from \$25,472,136 to \$25,531,914.

WATER & SEWER FUND		
Decrease Revenues		
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#592,000,699,000	\$(59,778)
Decrease Appropriations		
Salaries Water Billing Division	#592,560,705,000	\$(43,318)
Fringe benefits		
Water Billing Division	592,560,720,000	(16,460)
Total		\$(59,778)

This budget amendment decreases the Water Billing Division budget from \$427,837 to \$368,059 and the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$31,007,275 to \$30,947,497. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. BUDGET AMENDMENT – CARRY OVER OF FEDERAL GRANTS FUND 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Federal Grants Fund for the remaining unspent FY 2004, 2005 and 2006 Community Development.

Block Grant program funds carrying over from 2006 to 2007		
Increase Revenues	\$91,183.14	
Increase Appropriations	\$91,183.14	
This budget amendment increases the Federal Grants Fund budget from \$207,023 to \$298,206.14. Motion carried by all members present.		

Item 3. APPOINTMENT TO CDBG ADVISORY COUNCIL. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to Katherine Martin to the CDBG Advisory Council for a two-year term effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2008. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. APPOINTMENT TO THE 35TH DISTRICT COURT BUILDING AUTHORITY. (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to appoint Richard A. Eva Jr. Director of Finance and Budget to the 35th District Court Building Authority. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. APPOINTMENT TO THE PHEASANT RUN ROAD MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to Thomas Casari to be appointed to represent Canton Township to the Pheasant Run Road Maintenance Association Board of Directors per the Reciprocal Agreement. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE RECREATION BUDGET. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for the 2007 Therapeutic Recreation program. **Increase Revenues**

Therapeutic Recreation revenue	#101,000,652,500	\$75,000
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Increase Appropriations		
Part time Salaries and Wages	#101,691,706,000	\$30,000
Program & Activity Supplies	101,691,742,100	20,000
Contracted Services	101,691,818,100	25,000
Total		\$75,000

This budget amendment increases the Recreation Division budget from \$1,979,283 to \$2,054,283, and the General Fund budget from \$26,676,836 to \$26,751,836. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 7. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL LIBERTY FEST PARADE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN MDOT ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the Sixth Annual Liberty Fest Parade for June 16, 2007, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 11:00 a.m. that Michigan Department of Transportation is hereby requested to grant permission to close Ford Road at Canton Center to Lilly Road. The Charter Township of Canton will assume liability for any damage claims which may arise as a result of the road closure, and Supervisor Yack is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the Township. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. APPOINTMENT TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the appointment of Gerard Markey to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a two-year term to expire March 1, 2009. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the reappointment of John Burdziak to the Canton Tax Board of Review for two-year term to expire March 1, 2009. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR, Item 1. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CHASE BANK. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Chase Bank. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Chase Bank.** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor Mr.

Alan Okon has requested site plan approval for Chase Bank to be located on Michigan Avenue at Old Canton Center Road identified as tax EDP # 134.99.0023.000 and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Alan Okon, to approve the site plan for the proposed Chase Bank subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 2. CONSIDER FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN FOR WELLINGTON WILLOWS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for final PDD and site plan for Wellington Willows. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final PDD and Site Plan for Wellington Willows.** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Final Planned Development District and Site Plan approval for Wellington Willows located on the east side of Lotz Road south of Ford Road (Parcel nos. 049.99.0001.712, 049.99.0001.713, 049.99.0001.714 and part of 049.99.0001.711) and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the Final PDD and Site Plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed Final PDD and Site Plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Final Planned Development District and Site Plan for Wellington Willows located on the east side of Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads (Parcel nos. 049.99.0001.712, 049.99.0001.713, 049.99.0001.714 and part of 049.99.0001.711) subject to changing the transformer screening detail to specify that the height of the screening match the height of the transformer and to sign the areas available for on-street parking to accommodate guest parking, and subject to all other regulations of the Township. **Item 3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR MARTIN CONTROL SERVICES TO PERFORM SANITARY SEWER METERING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize a purchase order for Martin Control Services in the amount of \$38,875.00 (592,441,808,000 Professional Services – Water & Sewer Fund) for the installation and maintenance of five (5) temporary flow meters along the Lilley Road corridor. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO BE THE DESIGNATED OFFICER TO SIGN THE ANNUAL PERMIT AND OTHER PERMITS FOR WORK WITHIN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING 2007. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the Township Clerk as the designated officer to execute the 2007 Annual Permit for Underground Utility Operations with the Michigan Department of Transportation right of way. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. TO APPROVE A NOTICE OF ELECTIONS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Notice to Electors of the Charter Township of Canton of intent to issue additional bonds secured by the Taxing Power of the Township and the Right of Referendum Thereon and direct the Clerk to publish the Notice. FURTHER, I move the Township hereby amends the September 26 Resolution by stating that the maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project, including issuance costs, is estimated to be \$50,000,000. The Township hereby declares its official intent to issue its bonds in the additional aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000 to finance additional costs of the Project, and the Township hereby declares that it reasonably expects to reimburse its advances to the Project as anticipated by this resolution and the September 26 Resolution. FURTHER, I move to except as amended herein the September 26 Resolution shall remain in full force and effect. In addition, the resolution authorizing the publication of the notice published on July 6, 2006 and the resolution relating to the bonds adopted on January 9, 2007 shall remain in full force and effect. All other resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded. Motion carried by all members present. At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan (the "Township") held on the 23rd day of January 2007, PRESENT: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. ABSENT: Caccamo (on Military leave). The following resolution was offered by Clerk Bennett and seconded by McLaughlin: WHEREAS, on July 6, 2006, a Notice to Electors of the Charter Township of Canton of Intent to Issue Bonds Secured by the Taxing Power of the Township and the Right of Referendum Thereon in connection with the Township's intent to issue bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$40,000,000 to pay the cost of acquiring and constructing water and sewer improvements in the Township (the "Project") was published in the *Plymouth/Canton Observer* and WHEREAS, on September 26, 2006, the Township Board adopted a Resolution Declaring Intent to Reimburse for Expenditures (the "September 26 Resolution") relating to the issuance of bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$40,000,000 to pay for Project costs and WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined it is necessary to increase the principal amount of the bonds by an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to defray the cost of completing the acquisition and construction of the Project, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, as follows: 1. The Township Clerk is hereby instructed to publish the following notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Charter Township of Canton, which notice shall not be less than one page in size in such newspaper to wit: NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON. On June 27, 2006, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, authorized publication of a notice of intent to issue general obligation capital improvement bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$40,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing water and sewer improvements in the Township, which notice was published on July 6, 2006. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton intends to issue additional general obligation capital improvement bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the purpose of defraying additional costs of acquiring and constructing water and sewer improvements in the Township (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty in number. The Bonds will bear interest on the unpaid balance thereof from time to time at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum. SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS: The Bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including water and sewer rates and charges and if necessary, property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations. RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM: This notice is given by order of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton to and for the benefit of the electors of the Township in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the

Charter Township of Canton, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned Township Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the Bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the Township qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election. FURTHER INFORMATION: Further information relative to the issuance of the Bonds, the purpose of the Bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk, Charter Township of Canton. 2. The Township hereby amends the September 26 Resolution by stating that the maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project, including issuance costs, is estimated to be \$50,000,000. The Township hereby declares its official intent to issue its bonds in the additional aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000 to finance additional costs of the Project and the Township hereby declares that it reasonably expects to reimburse its advances to the Project as anticipated by this resolution and the September 26 Resolution. 3. Except as amended herein the September 26 Resolution shall remain in full force and effect. In addition, the resolution authorizing the publication of the notice published on July 6, 2006, and the resolution relating to the bonds adopted on January 9, 2007, shall remain in full force and effect. All other resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded. YEAS: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo. NAYS: None. STATE OF MICHIGAN) ss. COUNTY OF WAYNE) I, the undersigned, duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of January 2007 and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 23rd day of January 2007. Clerk, Charter Township of Canton. **Item 6. PURCHASE OF RICOH COPIER FOR LEISURE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OFFICE. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 3035SPF copier in the amount of \$7,443 from account #101,750,977,000 (Leisure Services/Capital Outlay Equipment). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. RENEW LAWN AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR 3RD YEAR OPTION. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to renew the 2007 lawn and cemetery maintenance contract to Phillips Landscaping, 28250 Warren, Westland, MI 48185 in the amount of \$52,301.31. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. SALT PURCHASE 2006-2007 WINTER SEASON. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of bulk salt from Wayne County, Divisions of Roads, 29900 Goddard Road, Detroit, MI 48242 in the amount of \$14,000. Funds to be taken from account #101,270,930,000/Maintenance & Repair. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. FURNITURE PURCHASE FOR PARK MAINTENANCE BUILDING EXPANSION. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the purchase of furniture for the Parks Maintenance Building to Interior Environments, 29566 Northwestern Hwy, Suite #100, Southfield, MI 48034 for \$9,940.28 from account #246,750,970,000. I further move to approve the following budget amendment in the Community Improvement Fund for the unspent balance of funds for Parks Maintenance Building Expansion. **Increase Revenues**

Appropriation from Fund Balance	#246,000,699,000	\$38,700
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Increase Appropriations

Capital Improvements Recreation	#246,750,970,000	\$38,700
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This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from \$3,214,039 to \$3,252,739. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. AUTHORIZE THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR GOLF CARS FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the lease agreement for 20 golf cars for Pheasant Run Golf Club with Club Car Inc., 11878 Brookfield Avenue, Livonia, MI 48150 in the amount of \$62,478.32 per year from 2007 through 2011 to be paid from account #584,756,977,000 (Capital Outlay Equipment). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CONFERENCE ROOM WALL. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the construction of a conference room wall and door to Evangelista Corporation, 40028 Grand River Ste #400, Novi, MI 48375 in the amount of \$8,800. Further, I move to approve the following budget amendment to add this item to Police Capital. **Increase Revenues**

Appropriation from Fund Balance	#101,000,699,000	\$8,800
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Increase Appropriations

Capital Outlay Bldg & Impr	#101,265,975,000	\$8,800
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Facilities Maint. This budget amendment increases the Facilities Maintenance Division budget from \$1,681,779 to \$1,690,579 and the General Fund budget from \$26,751,836 to \$26,760,636. Clerk Bennett made a motion, second by Trustee LaJoy, to amend the amount of \$8,800 to \$9,800 for construction of a conference room wall and door to Evangelista Corporation, 40028 Grand River Ste #400, Novi, MI 48375 in the above motion. Motion approved by all members present. **Item 12. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF OVERHEAD BINS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY RECORDS BUREAU. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase and installation of 3 overhead bins in the Records Bureau from ISCG, 28000 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067, 0962 in the amount of \$2,889.92. Further, I move to approve the following budget amendment to add this item to Police Capital. **Increase Revenues**

Appropriation from Fund Balance	#207,000,699,000	\$2,890
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Increase Appropriations

Capital Outlay	#207,301,977,000	\$2,890
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This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$14,647,365 to \$14,650,255. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION OF BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2007. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize blanket purchase orders for the Department of Public Safety as requested. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR 2007 BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the 2007 Public Works and Fleet Maintenance blanket purchase orders as required under the Township Purchasing Policy. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. APPROVE LEISURE SERVICE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2007. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize blanket purchase order list for Leisure Services Department for 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** Treasurer Kirchgatter stated the next Board Study Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Administration Building Board Room, First Floor, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan. The topics will include Wetland Banking and Environmental Programming. Treasurer Kirchgatter stated assessment notices will be mailed out late February 2007. On this notification, the two (2) sessions scheduled for Board of Review will be announced. This announcement will also be publicized on cable local newspapers and the Focus Appointments and walk-ins welcome. School Board member's election will be held Tuesday, May 8, 2007. Clerk Bennett stated there will be an election on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 for a school bond issue. This bond will be to build a new middle school and renovations within existing buildings in the district. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. – Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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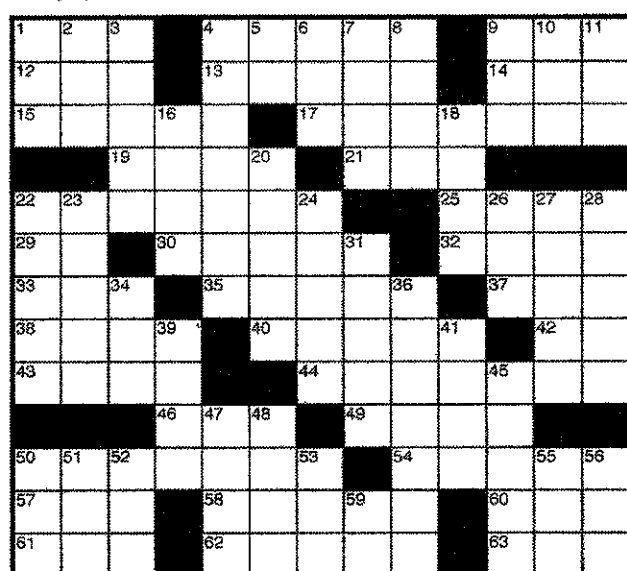
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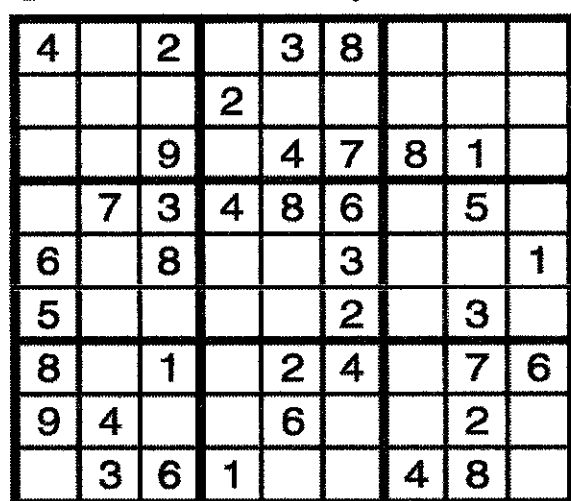
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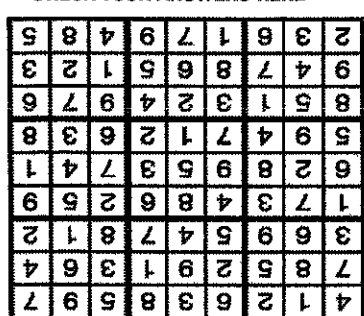
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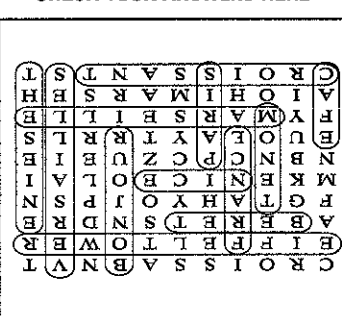
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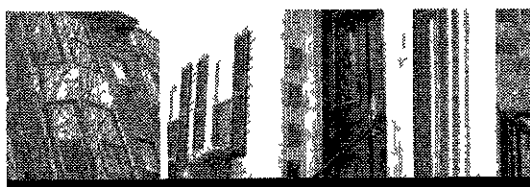
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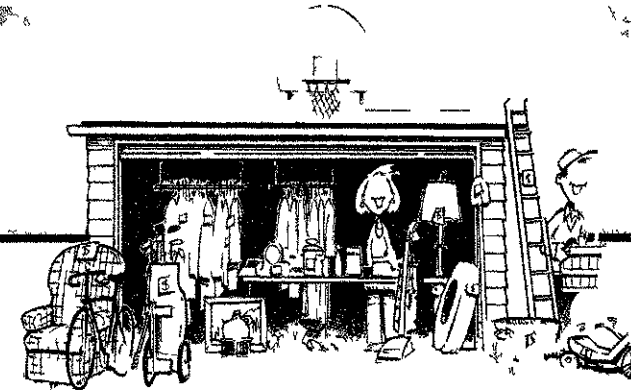
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NAVIGATING THE CHANNELS TO A BOARD POSITION



WORKWISE
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CEOs used to discourage board service among employees because of its demands and distractions. But that's changed, according to Madeleine Condit, senior client partner at the Chicago office of Korn/Ferry International, a \$520.9 million executive search firm. "Annually," she explains, "we ask CEOs to send names of those individuals, gender-blind, ready to sit on corporate boards for companies of all sizes, public and private." They more than cooperate, she indicates, confirming their recommendations first with their own boards of directors.

What has caused this seismic attitudinal shift? Board service is becoming a professional development opportunity for employees. "CEOs ask themselves," Condit explains, "What can this person bring back?" She's spent 21 years in board searches and emphasizes finding women and minority talent.

COMPENSATION

Before making yourself available for a board position, you should know how first-time directors are compensated. Dolmat Connell & Partners Inc., an executive and board compensation firm headquartered in Waltham, Mass., recently surveyed 500 companies with revenue under \$1.5 billion. Managing consultant Eric Bueckler reports, "Board compensation is becoming more complex because of the increased time

requirements, thanks to Sarbanes-Oxley. The trend in board pay is away from providing meeting fees and toward a retainer-only approach, because board members are doing more and more work outside of meetings. He states that the \$1,000 per meeting fee considered standard represents a range of \$500 to \$2,000, depending upon industry and company size. Retainers in smaller companies may reach \$10,000 and, in larger companies, \$75,000 to \$100,000. Dolmat Connell's research finds board retainer values up 25 percent over the last two years to a median of \$25,000.

Bueckler adds, "By industry, approximately 50 percent to 75 percent of the time there is a larger equity grant for first-year directors. The typical premium is 50 percent to 100 percent more than the other directors."

CHARACTER AND STYLE
Does board service still look attractive? If your CEO doesn't hear from search firms, what can you do? Stuart Levine, Chairman and CEO of New York City's Stuart Levine & Associates L.L.C., an international consulting and leadership development company focusing upon succession planning, serves on the boards of the \$1.3 billion Gentiva Health Services Inc. and D'Addario & Co. Inc., a 100-year-old music supply company. He advises that you first look within. "Character and integrity count today, as does your ability to learn and think clearly. Do you have the capacity to bring unique perspective based on practical experience?"

Your next step is to "be a hunter rather than a gatherer," states Los Angeles' Edward Savage. A generalist in executive search, he is managing director of the Southern California

Regional Operating Center of the \$60 million global Stanton Chase International and has been recruiting for boards of large and small companies for 30 years.

Aggressively go out and promote yourself based upon your domain (industry or sector) knowledge or functional knowledge," he advises. Build a strategy from there.

FANNING OUT
So, the raw product is in place. You have the right stuff, both personally and professionally. You may not have to market.

Some invitations evolve naturally. Levine, for example, was active in hospital and community boards before two public companies, the \$5 billion Olsten Corporation and EAB Bank (\$17 billion in assets), invited him onto their boards. Gentiva and D'Addario followed.

Korn/Ferry's Condit comments, "Resources have expanded exponentially. Technologically, we can track people from abroad based on expensive databases. Search, however, hasn't become exclusively digital. Both Condit and Stanton Chase's Savage point to a number of groups that funnel candidates to executive search firms. These offer a potential solution for people lacking visibility."

One of her resources is Women Executive Leadership (WEL) in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a non-profit whose mission is to increase the number of women on corporate boards. Condit says that similar (though less sophisticated), regionally-focused organizations exist around the country. "People interested in corporate boards send their resumes to WEL and it



Based in Chicago, Madeleine Condit of Korn/Ferry International, a leading executive search firm sources board candidates worldwide. She specializes in identifying diverse candidates.

enriches their database. Search firms are saying, 'Let us know who is interested and let's exchange resources.'

Savage points to volunteer boards, which can be helpful to neophytes, who may step from them to a private company, followed by a small middle-market company. Ninety percent of private or family-owned boards identify board members through networking with friends and service providers such as law and CPA firms, insurance service providers and other business affinity groups. "Like Condit, he commends university alumni activities."

Another alternative Savage mentions is to combine industry knowledge and operational or P&L experience with "angel" investing (\$250,000). He's aware of people who've become board directors this way.

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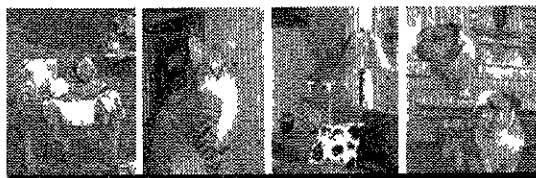
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DWM 58 5'10" handsome and secure seeks honest S/DWF w/sense of humor who enjoys travel candlelight dinners plays dancing concerts boating and movies Friendship possible LTR ☎268646

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DWM 60 5'11 190lbs seeks nice looking lady to help share each others heart and lifes daily adventures ☎146279

LONELY ANN ARBOR MAN

Considerate intelligent SBM 51 tall slim dark complexion Capricorn looking for a sweet loving woman respectful faithful and ambitious to share friend ship good times possible romance and LTR Race open ☎122608

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SM 45 5'2" brown/blue employed looking for a nice understanding caring lady with good personality and easy temperament to share friendship happiness possible LTR ☎159893

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SWM 6 medium built independent N/S seeks SF 22-50 N/S slim average build d/d free must be trust worthy honest and mature for companionship romance and more ☎148763

HI LADIES

Sweet genuine SBM 38 6 320lbs good looking warm smile enjoys writing reading drawing music and much more Seeking real fun open minded lady to share the good times ☎152105

LET'S TALK

Laid back SWM 52 smoker brown/ brown likes riding Harleys the country seeks open honest WF 35 54 for possible LTR ☎124193

TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME

40yr old handsome BM take good care of myself I work and go to school seek ing H/BF 28-36 who is not into playing mind games is it you? ☎159484

YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE

SBM 39 5'11" capricorn average build likes movies bowling and having fun Seeking W/AF 21+ who's sociable upbeat goal oriented and likes to go out is this you? Call me! ☎159816

RIGHT HERE WAITING

SHM 33 N/S hard worker enjoys sports in search of a woman for dinner dates outdoor activities conversation or watching a good movie ☎162596

COULD IT BE YOU?

DWM 37 6 230lbs N/S N/D with old fashioned values hard working with varied interests love the outdoors ISO SF 18 45 commitment minded caring sweet and sociable ☎160056

MAN SEEKS WOMAN

Very Tall SWPM athletic with nice blue eyes my hobbies include playing sports and cooking in search of intelligent, attractive W/HF 18+ N/S who's easy to get along with ☎158480

NEW TO AREA

SWM 36 6'5" athletic build dark blond/blue enjoys sports outdoors music movies cooking and more Seeking cre ative fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun ☎140690

SHARP

Easygoing SBM 39 enjoys movies music, long drives gourmet tea live music much more Seeking spontaneous SWF 37 50 for friendship good times good talks and maybe more ☎152047

GOT TIME?

SBM 48 6'3" average build seeks down to-earth gentle honest SF 35 55 for dinner dates good conversation walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie ☎154257

TALL, MUSCULAR SWM

47 6'2" 205lbs athletic part time person al trainer brown/blue degreed outgoing personality enjoys outdoors working out new activities seeking friendly SF age/location open ☎531308

TAKE A LOOK

DWM 46 5'9" blonde/hazel N/S occasional drinker likes movies music dining out bowling and the simple things Seeking a SWF 35-45 slender with similar interests for phone conversations and more ☎163884

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM 49 5'9 195lbs is nuts about nature enjoys the outdoors fishing etc Seeks compatible SWF to have and hold ☎992943

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SBM 44 5'9" 150lbs father enjoys gour met cooking beach walks sunshine soft rock much more Seeking a loving happy lady to share the special times in life ☎151943

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SWM 48 6 175lbs N/S homeowner hard working easygoing honest secure enjoys motorcycling hunting the outdoors. Seeking honest secure attractive slim/fit woman 25 50 N/S, D/D-free ☎956910

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM 49 5'9" 195lbs is nuts about nature enjoys the outdoors, fishing etc Seeks compatible SWF to have and hold ☎114646

A GOOD CATCH

SWM 30 athletic shaved/blue Seeking SW/ HF 21+ with good personality kind hearted who likes dining out cocktails and more ☎154141

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IS SHE OUT THERE?

SM 41 5'11 175lbs, enjoys all types of music, simple fun good talks good company Seeking outgoing fun loving affectionate lady light hearted and optimistic to share lifes little adventures Possible LTR ☎157219

LET'S TAKE A RIDE

Very tall SBM medium build independent likes riding motorcycles shopping and being outdoors Seeking SF 18+ easy going respectful and is not afraid to take a ride ☎157364

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LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

Very hard working BM 29 likes relaxing at home In search of SF 24+ for sharing of conversations dates fun and more ☎159072

NICE GUYS DO EXIST

SWM 19 5'9" brown/blue with cute dimples funny fun loving In search of an out doorsy type of woman for friendship maybe more ☎158940

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SWM 50ish healthy positive attitude loves tai-chi and alternative movies seeks attractive classy sexy woman who enjoys outdoor activities concerts traveling and art fairs Seeking companionship romance possible ltr ☎162430

LET ME LOVE YOU

W/WM 54 5'11 240lbs retired home owner smoker very easygoing likes sculpturing bike riding outdoors travel ing holding hands Seeking SWF 40 60 average build employed honest affectionate for dating friendship maybe more ☎161249

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE

Call me if you desire a nice shape SWM blue eyed blonde 50 year old 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance ☎672855

KING LOOKING FOR QUEEN

SBM 30 5'7" long dread locks well groomed masculine build Seeking a SF 21+ mature for dinner dates outdoor activities conversation or watching a good movie ☎158454

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE

SM 51 5'11 185lbs enjoys the outdoors boating dining out music, long walks etc Seeking honest caring SF who enjoys same activities for companionship friend ship and romance ☎146012

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SvV 74 active educated francan secure seeking a nice woman Join me for dining dancing and classical music I'm a good listener and would love to hear from you! ☎139382

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By Dale Buss

If you've got anything to do with Ford Motor Co today, it's easy to feel drowned by bad news. The company's record financial loss last year, its steadily slipping market share, its being eclipsed by Toyota as the No. 2 player in the U.S. market, the necessity to buy out half of its employees, the revolving door to the top-executive suites, and endless variations of The Way Forward program will do that to you.

But if you focus on what Ford executives and workers really need to focus on these days - the product itself - there's a lot more to be upbeat about: After several years of turning out lackadaisical "answers" to its problem of hum-drum products (including the 500 sedan and Freestyle minivan), Ford designers and engineers finally got it all right when they introduced the Ford Fusion mid-size sedan for the 2006 model year.

And with another year to refine what already was a promising new model, they've put the 2007 Fusion well down the path toward making more of those conquest sales that Ford so dearly needs to ever recover any of its once-solid No. 2 share of the U.S. market. Fusion (and its Mercury cousin, Milan, and Lincoln derivative, MKZ) give Ford a realistic shot at stealing back many buyers of foreign-designed bestsellers such as the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord - American consumers who never did want to abandon Ford but who couldn't buy the Taurus after Ford eliminated it and had nowhere else to turn.

Start with Fusion's styling. It really is the best-looking Ford sedan in years, easily vanquishing the safe and bland design of the 500, which came out a couple of years ago looking like a half-baked VW Passat. Fusion has a rakish, high beltline with simple, clean sides and edges that, while pronounced, are softer than the signature lines on a Cadillac. The headlights' outer corners turn up into the hood, given Fusion an aerodynamic flare. This European-style, chiseled design gives Fusion a



J.D. Power & Associates named Fusion the most appealing mid-size car in its 2006 Automobile Performance, Execution and Layout (APEAL) study.

high-performance, no-nonsense look.

Fortunately, the car's design is backed up by what's under the hood and inside. Fusion is based on the underpinnings of the Mazda 6, the lively sedan made by Ford's Japan affiliate. The 6 has a reputation as a driver's car, and Fusion takes advantage of what is available by providing quick, nicely balanced steering, a supple ride, and adequate performance on turns.

Fusion's reliance on a Mazda-designed powerplant was a good decision by Ford engineers as well. The Mazda-sourced, 2.3-liter, four-cylinder engine delivers 160 horsepower and an estimated 23 miles a gallon in city driving as well as a remarkable 31 mpg on the highway, with a five-speed manual transmission, and 24 and 32 mpg with a five-speed automatic transmission. The Fusion I drove sported Ford's 3.0-liter Duratec V6 engine, boosting horsepower substantially but trimming fuel economy to 21 and 29 mpg.

Before moving inside the Fusion, consider its shell. Some reviewers have criticized the car as lacking the kind of precise fit and finish that would impress would-be import buyers, but the Fusion I drove delivered in the crispness department. Moreover, Fusion also has earned lots of objective plaudits from consumer surveys in certain areas.

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study, which surveys owners on product features. It came in second in the Midsize Car category in the 2006 Ideal Vehicle Awards survey conducted by AutoPacific - beaten out only by the Milan, the survey measures how close vehicles come to meeting the desires of the vehicle's target audience. And Fusion won in the Medium Car segment of the Strategic Vision Total Quality Study, beating out Accord and Volkswagen Jetta among others.

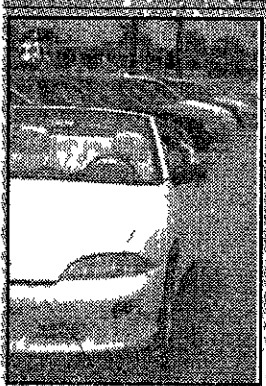
Inside, Fusion offers every amenity that its target market would want on either a standard or optional basis, including a telescoping steering wheel, heated front seats, leather interior, an upscale sound system and power driver's seats. And both the rear seat and trunk are plenty roomy.

Not content with the plaudits and sales that Fusion gained for Ford last year, the company made some substantial improvements to the 2007 version. They include a new all-wheel-drive system on the top-line Fusion SEL V6. Other new features include standard side air bags, which accompany front-seat side airbags, available navigation system, fold-down front passenger seat and audio-system upgrades.

It's good that Ford isn't sitting still with Fusion. Now what the company has to do is come out with still more vehicles that make this kind of splash and begin to turn around the motoring public's overall impression of the brand.

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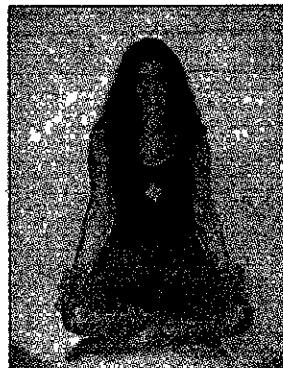
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OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN
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Guys gab about three main topics

Last week I went on in amazement on the amazing conversational abilities women possess. In the interest of equal time, this week I offer similar observations on what passes for conversations among men. On this I can provide first-hand knowledge because I am, well, one of them.

As noted previously, women can engage in a spirited conversation about anything — kids, relationships, school, family, shoes — the list is endless. Men, on the other hand, have a much more limited palette from which to choose. It comes down to, basically, three topics: women, sports and



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directions (not necessarily in that order).

Let's take topic A, women. Here is an example of the kind of conversation men won't have about women:

Bob: *Jim, I'm having real problems relating to Sally. She seems so distant and preoccupied.*

Jim: *Oh, Bob, sit down. I'll make some tea.*

A more likely exchange would go something like this:

Bob: *Jim, how about that Sally in accounting?*

Jim: *Woo hoo! Yeah baby.*

On the surface non-men may see this as a shallow, meaningless exchange. Non-women would respond simply, "And your point is?"

Topic B, sports, takes up more hard drive space in a man's head than just about anything else — except, of course, for sex, but this is a family newspaper and we are going our damndest to avoid that topic. (Wow, can I ever say "damndest" in a family newspaper?)

Men love to talk about sports, even though most men haven't a clue about how the games are really played.

Most of us watch a football game and see the outcome of a play but have no idea how or why that was successful.

That doesn't prevent us from going on — at great length and in great detail — on how much the coach stinks for calling that play on third and seven. Any moron knows you don't blab blab blab.

I think you get my point. Get a group of guys around a TV sports broadcast and they are in heaven.

It doesn't matter what the sport is — football, basketball, curling, archery — they will not only watch but they will opine endlessly on the strategy and performance of the athletes.

Our final topic of discussion, C, is directions. This one probably befuddles non-men the most.

Here's the scene: You've driven to some event — a wedding reception, a soccer game, an Amway seminar.

As you mill about waiting for the event to begin, the men launch into a spirited discussion about how they got there. Stop me if you've heard this one before:

Bob: *Wow, I took 696 to Evergreen and made a right on 12 Mile. Traffic was a breeze.*

Jim: *You took 696? Why would you do that? M-10 is a much better route.*

Bob: *Really? You mean the lights don't slow you down?*

Jim: *Oh, no, if you time it just blab blab blab.*

This conversation will not only go on indefinitely, it will attract the other men in the room like moths to an open flame.

What is truly ironic about this is that these are the very same men who, if they were confused about the directions, would refuse to stop and ask for clarification.

It really is madness.

Dick Purtan converses on your radio from 5 to 10 a.m. daily on the Motor City's 104.3 WOLM. Join him at the Super Bowl in Canton for a live broadcast tomorrow morning.



Mixed bell pepper strips, navy beans, fresh basil and parsley are among the ingredients of this Rustic Italian Tomato Soup. The recipe is in *Love Your Heart*, a limited edition cookbook.



Love Your Heart includes American Heart Association diet and lifestyle recommendations to help readers develop and enjoy a balanced healthy eating pattern. Among the featured recipes is one for this dish, Chicken Breasts with Tomato-Kalamata Sauce. The chicken is topped with feta cheese.



A berry coulis surrounds a vanilla flan, one of the featured recipes in *Love Your Heart*.

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'Love Your Heart' serves healthy recipes

See more recipes inside

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Feeling overwhelmed as you're looking for a way to eat healthier? Take heart — and *Love Your Heart*.

Love Your Heart is a limited edition cookbook from the American Heart Association.

The publication contains 45 heart-healthy recipes. It will be available at supermarket checkout stands starting Tuesday, Feb. 6, while supplies last.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, and one in three women has some form of cardiovascular disease, according to the association.

More women die of heart disease than from breast cancer," said Susanne Gumsorek, registered dietitian with St. John Health.

Love Your Heart also features the American Heart Association's recommendations for choosing nutritious food, plus tips to help prevent heart disease, among other information.

Cost of the 100-page, digest-size magazine is \$3.99. It was produced by Publications International Ltd.

So much emphasis with dieting is on being slim, but there should be more to it,



The American Heart Association's *Love Your Heart* cookbook offers a wide array of delicious recipes and helps women take better care of their hearts.

PLEASE SEE HEART, D2

RUSTIC ITALIAN TOMATO SOUP

Serves four (1 cup per serving)

1 16 ounce package frozen mixed bell pepper strips (may be labeled stir fry mix)

1 14.5 ounce can no salt added diced tomatoes, undrained

1 14 or 14.5 ounce can fat free, low sodium chicken broth

1 15.5 ounce can no salt added navy beans, rinsed and drained

3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves

2 tablespoons snipped fresh parsley

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano, crumbled

1 medium garlic clove, minced

1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1 tablespoon olive oil (extra virgin preferred)

1/4 teaspoon salt

In a food processor or blender, process the bell peppers, undrained tomatoes, broth, beans, basil, parsley, vinegar, oregano, garlic and red pepper flakes until slightly chunky or smooth. Pour into a large saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes, or until the flavors are blended. Remove from the heat. Stir in the oil and salt. Ladle into soup bowls.

Nutrients per serving: calories 136, total fat 3.5 g, saturated 0.5 g, polyunsaturated 0.5 g, monounsaturated 2.5 g, cholesterol 0 mg, sodium 215 mg, carbohydrates 22 g, sugars 12 g, fiber 5 g, protein 5 g. Dietary exchanges: 1/2 starch, 3 vegetable, 1/4 fat.

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Why buy software when you can get these goodies for free?

I'm starting to think I'll never have to buy another piece of software again.

As regular readers know, I have a penchant for free things, and you won't believe some of the freebies I've rounded up this week.

Admittedly, most of these programs and services come with little or no support, but that's the price you pay when you don't pay a price.



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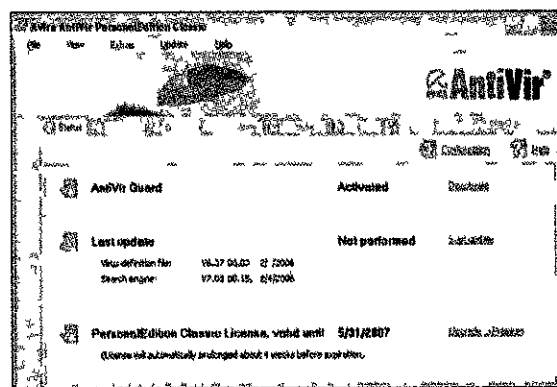
Rick
Broida

Mac users, take heart. I've even got something for you. But the first few titles are for the Windows crowd.

Let's start with an anti-virus utility, something every Windows user absolutely positively needs.

Although I give high marks to the new Norton AntiVirus 2007, I'm not wild about the \$40 list price and \$40 annual renewal charge.

Instead, I've switched over to AntiVir PersonalEdition Classic (free-av.com). Save for the occasional annoying pop-up petitioning for you to upgrade to its commercial cousin, this user-friendly program seems to offer solid virus protection.



AntiVir offers solid anti-virus protection for Windows PCs, free of charge.

As an added bonus, it works with older versions of Windows (like 98 and Me), not just XP.

While we're on the subject of security, let me recommend Comodo Personal Firewall (personalfirewall.comodo.com), which provides more protection than you get from Windows XP's built-in firewall.

Specifically, it also stops "leaks" — malware that tries to trick a firewall by masquerading as a legitimate program. Thus, Comodo should prevent your

PC from becoming a 'zombie' PC in the event some malware slips in.

Of course, some computer problems are inevitable. The next time you call your resident tech guru (brother-in-law, neighbor's kid, etc.) for help, have CrossLoop (crossloop.com) at the ready.

This incredibly simple program lets a remote user access your PC to investigate and troubleshoot problems — but only with your permission.

When you run the program, you get a numeric code that you give your support person, who enters it on his or her PC to gain access to yours.

Excellent tool, super-easy to use, and free. Gotta love it.

Same goes for Recuva (recuva.com), a new utility that helps you recover accidentally deleted files.

The program is currently in the beta-testing stage, but I found that it works just fine. It's definitely worth having on hand for those times when disaster strikes.

Speaking of files, if you have ever received a compressed one (such as a RAR or ZIP file) and didn't know how to extract the contents, you need ALZip (altools.net).

It not only decompresses a wide variety of file

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types, but also lets you compress your own files for easier storage and/or e-mailing

The program incorporates a cute, user-friendly interface, and it's easier to use than some other freebie file managers I've tried

If you're really serious about free software, check out Software for Starving Students (softwarefor.org). It's a collection of several dozen freeware gems that you burn to a CD and give to your favorite student (or anybody else).

There are two collections, actually — one for Windows, the other for Mac. Both employ user-friendly interfaces to simplify the installation of the various programs. Great stuff!

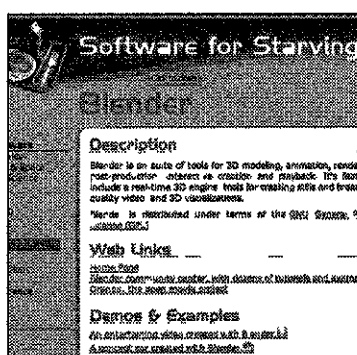
FOR CELL PHONES

Finally, a couple of freebies for cell phones

The first is Shout Postcard (shoutpostcard.com), which enables Palm Treo users to create and send multimedia greetings.

Snap a photo with your phone, record a voice note to go with it, type a message and select your recipients. Tap send and you're done. Sure beats a boring old still photo or e-mail.

The second is Zyb (zyb.com), the answer to many a cell user's prayers. This free service backs up the contacts and calendar entries from your phone to a



Available for Windows and Mac systems, Software for Starving Students serves up loads of great free software — and you don't even have to be a student to use it.

Web server, then lets you access the data online.

Even better, if you lose your phone or switch to a different model, you can download the info right to it, without having to manually re-enter everything.

Zyb doesn't work with all models, but it supports close to 200 of them, so check to see if yours is on the list.

What's your favorite free software or service? Drop me a line so I can tell the world (or at least Southeast Michigan) all about it.

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Replacing felt seal is a cheap, easy dryer repair

Alan writes: "I called the Appliance Doctor show last week because I was trying to help some friends fix their electric clothes dryer."

"After I described the problem, you suggested that it was a mechanical failure and you gave instructions for disassembling the dryer and inspecting the parts. I was quite sure that it was an electrical problem, but I heeded your advice and opened the dryer by removing the two small screws under the lint trap."



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

"With the top open, it was easy to see the problem. The felt glide around the front of the tub had broken and was jammed in the raceway. We detached the front panel, removed the glide, and found

a replacement at a local appliance parts store. Total cost: \$28.67. Total time including at trip to the parts store — two hours. I am feeling like I had successfully completed brain surgery and that is priceless. Thank you for your advice and the work that you do in our community."

Thank you, Alan, and if you are a surgeon, I truly can understand the feelings you would get from a successful operation. I feel much the same when I receive any sort of correspondence such as yours. I like to think that some of the service tips I've given to homeowners may also have saved a life or two.

Your inquiry into fixing a dryer for some friends may have done just that. I've told consumers for years that if a clothes dryer is making any sort of abnormal noise, 'stop using it.' In your case, the felt seal would have allowed a small article of clothing to go through the opening and land in the heating element. It was

not a question of if it would happen, but when it would happen. I have seen it happen in many dryers and the resulting house fires.

The clothes dryer in the American home should be considered a potentially serious fire hazard. A fire extinguisher should be positioned close by, as I estimate there may be as many as 20,000 fires started by a clothes dryer which are extinguished by the homeowner.

These are the folks who are wise enough or lucky to be in the house when the fire started. We do know from government statistics that over 15,000 fires start at the clothes dryer where a fire truck is called to fight that fire. Homes are burnt to the ground and there is also a loss of life in some instances.

Please let me repeat something for all readers: The vent line from your dryer to the outside must be free of all obstructions such as lint which will accumulate and

stop the flow of air to the outside. Clothing in your dryer then can overheat and the lint that backs up into the dryer ignites rather easily.

It is up to you to make sure the vent line is clean and clear all the way from the dryer to the outside flapper. The vent line should be solid metal and no longer than 16 feet from the dryer to the outside. The use of any other material violates Michigan construction codes.

Please do your family a big favor, check it and clean it today. Don't wait another day longer. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

TILAPIA WITH SMOKY-PEPPER SAUCE

Serves four (3 ounces fish and 1/2 cup sauce per serving)
4 tilapia or other mild thin fish filets (about 4 ounces each)
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon canola or olive oil
1/4 cup finely chopped roasted red bell peppers
1/2 cup mild picante sauce (lowest sodium available)
1/2 to 1 chipotle pepper canned in adobo sauce, finely chopped and mashed with a fork
2 teaspoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic

Rinse the fish and pat dry with paper towels. Sprinkle the paprika and pepper on both sides of the fish. In a large non-stick skillet, heat the oil over medium heat, swirling to coat the bottom. Cook the fish for 3 minutes on each side, or until it flakes easily when tested with a fork. Transfer the fish to plates.

Meanwhile, in a small microwaveable bowl, stir together the remaining ingredients. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap. Microwave on 100 percent power (high) for 2 minutes, or until thoroughly heated. Spoon over the cooked fish.

Nutrients per serving: calories 151, total fat 5.5 g, saturated 1.0 g, polyunsaturated 1.0 g, monounsaturated 3.0 g, cholesterol 57 mg, sodium 329 mg, carbohydrates 3 g, sugars 0 g, fiber 0 g, protein 23 g. Dietary exchanges: 3 lean meat.

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Recipes in *Love Your Heart* include one for this dish, Tilapia with Smoky-Pepper Sauce.

VANILLA FLANS WITH BERRY COULIS

Serves four (1 flan and 3 tablespoons coulis per serving)
Vegetable oil spray
2 cups water
1 cup fat-free evaporated milk
1/2 cup egg substitute
1 large egg
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
8 ounces frozen unsweetened mixed berries, thawed and juice reserved
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup frozen unsweetened mixed berries (optional)

Put the oven rack in the center of the oven. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly spray four 6-ounce ramekins or custard cups with vegetable oil spray.

Pour the water into a small saucepan. Bring to a rolling boil over high heat. Turn off the heat, cover the pan, and leave it on the burner.

In a food processor or blender, process the evaporated milk, egg substitute, egg, 1/2 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla until smooth. Pour equal amounts (about 1/2 cup) of the mixture into each ramekin.

Place a 13- by 9- by 2-inch glass baking dish in the oven. Pour the boiling water into the dish, then carefully place the ramekins in the dish. Bake for 40 minutes, or until a knife inserted in the center of a flan comes out clean. Carefully remove the baking dish from the oven and place it, with the ramekins still in the water, on a cooling rack. Let cool slightly, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, gently stir together 8 ounces mixed berries, 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Pour into a fine sieve over a medium bowl. Using the back of a spoon, press the berries firmly until all the liquid is strained into the bowl and only a thin coating of berry skins remains in the sieve. Set the coulis aside.

About 30 minutes before serving the flans, set the remaining frozen berries out to thaw slightly.

When the flans are slightly cooled, remove the ramekins from the baking dish. Run a knife around the edge of each ramekin to release the flans. Place a dessert plate over each ramekin and invert. Serve warm or refrigerate and serve chilled, covering with plastic wrap once the flans have cooled.

To serve, spoon the coulis around each flan. Top with the 1/2 cup mixed berries.

Nutrients per serving: calories 186, total fat 1.5 g, saturated 0.5 g, polyunsaturated 0.0 g, monounsaturated 0.5 g, cholesterol 55 mg, sodium 156 mg, carbohydrates 32 g, sugars 29 g, fiber 2 g, protein 10 g. Dietary exchanges: 1/2 fruit, 1/2 skim milk, 1 other carbohydrate, 1 very lean meat.

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CHICKEN BREASTS WITH TOMATO-KALAMATA SAUCE

Serves four (3 ounces chicken and 2 tablespoons sauce per serving)
1 teaspoon dried oregano, crumbled
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 4 ounces each), all visible fat discarded
1 teaspoon olive or canola oil
1/2 cup water
1 medium tomato, seeded if desired and chopped
12 kalamata olives, coarsely chopped
1 medium garlic clove, minced
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 ounces reduced fat feta cheese, crumbled

In a small bowl, stir together the oregano, paprika and chili powder. Sprinkle over the chicken. Using your fingertips, press the mixture firmly onto the chicken so the mixture adheres.

In a large nonstick skillet, heat the oil over medium heat, swirling to coat the bottom.

Cook the chicken with the smooth side down for 5 minutes. Turn and cook for 4 minutes, or until the chicken is no longer pink in the center. Transfer to a serving plate.

Put the remaining ingredients except the feta in the skillet. Stir. Increase the heat to medium-high and bring to a boil, scraping the bottom and side of the skillet to dislodge any browned bits.

Boil for 2 1/2 to 3 minutes, or until the sauce is reduced to 1/2 cup, stirring frequently. Spoon over the chicken. Sprinkle with the feta.

Nutrients per serving: calories 196, total fat 7.0 g, saturated 1.5 g, polyunsaturated 1.0 g, monounsaturated 3.5 g, cholesterol 70 mg, sodium 476 mg, carbohydrates 4 g, sugars 1 g, fiber 1 g, protein 29 g. Dietary exchanges: 1 vegetable, 3 1/2 lean meat.

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Gunsorek said

"You need to eat healthy," she said. A lot of current popular diets are high in saturated fat, Gunsorek said. But a healthy diet should be low in saturated fat and high in fiber, and include lots of fruits and vegetables, she said.

"Eat mostly chicken and fish, and not more than four egg yolks a week," Gunsorek said. Among the contents of *Love Your Heart* are recipes for entrees (breakfast, meat, poultry, seafood, soup and vegetarian), salads and desserts. Other recipes are for appetizers, beverages, breads, side dishes, snacks and vegetables.

Color photos are included.

Examples of featured dishes are a savory tomato soup, tempting tilapia, succulent chicken with a tomato-kalamata olive sauce and refreshing flan.

Love Your Heart complements the association's Go Red For Women movement, which educates women about heart disease.

The movement includes the online Go Red Heart CheckUp at www.GoRedForWomen.org. Other American Heart Association cookbooks are available in bookstores.

■ For information about American Heart Association cookbooks, visit AmericanHeart.org/cookbooks.
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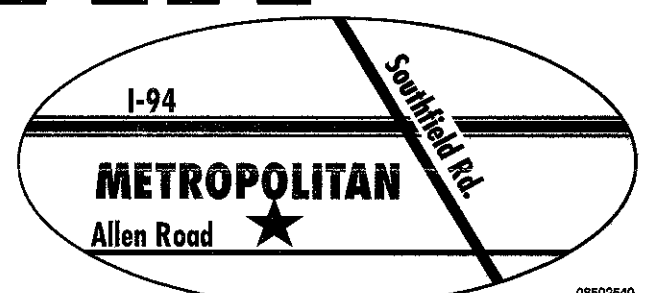
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Yoga Style

Get centered at new boutique

By Wendy Von Buskirk

A new store in Franklin is making Sun Salutations a lot more stylish. Blue Lotus sells all things yoga, from can't-find-anywhere-else clothing to meditation pillows and more.

Owner Laurie Brooks opened the shop after selling yoga wear out of her home for two years. Business started small, but Brooks accumulated inventory until it was natural for her to find a location. When a charming yellow Victorian house opened in downtown Franklin, she took a deep inhalation and opened shop.

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Now a bubbling fountain welcomes customers inside her new home away from home, where rooms are filled with yoga treasures and inspiration.

Shoppers will find clothing for women, men and children from lines like Ener-chi, Buddhaful, Om Girl and KOS, with Marika and Prana soon to come.

PINK loves wide leg pants by Absolute Freedom, and the Israeli-made Margarine line, replete with lace-up tanks and pants with big graphic flower appliques.

Blue Lotus also carries Be Present, a Colorado-based company owned by

Birmingham natives Amy Lopatin Dobrin and her brother, Ian Lopatin. Be Present is known for drawstring bottoms in a variety of colors and cuts, and decorated tanks and tees.

According to Brooks, tops at Blue Lotus start at \$38, and pants cost up to \$120, but merchandise is already on the sale racks, including pink heart tie-dye pants perfect for Valentine's Day.

In addition to clothing, Blue Lotus carries yoga mats for adults and children, terry cloth non-slip mat covers, mat bags, and decorative meditation pillows and eye pillows.

Other finds include candles, home diffusers, natural soaps, Buddha Board water drawing tablets and yoga statuettes.

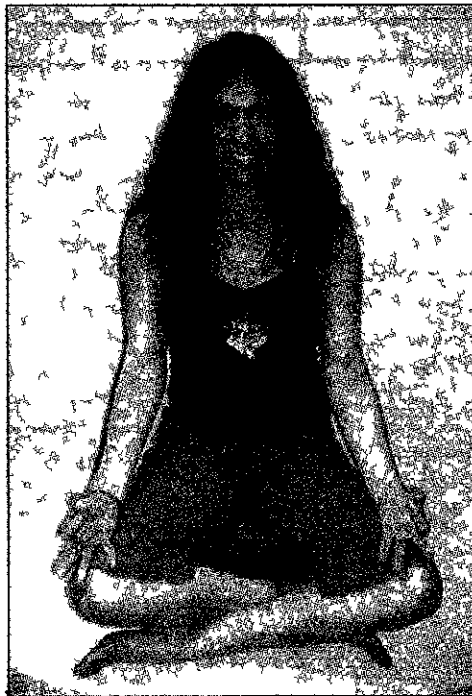
Brooks said she discovered yoga after 15 years of intense aerobics. When high-impact workouts caused crippling pain in her Achilles tendon, Brooks sought a gentler form of exercise. These days, she takes class six days a week at the Yoga Shelter in West Bloomfield.

"I became in love with it. I just practiced it more and more. I don't do aerobics anymore," Brooks said.

As Brooks' practice grew, so did her stock of yoga apparel.

With a degree in clothing and textiles from Michigan State University, Brooks loves tracking down unique yoga fashions. What started as a hobby eventually blossomed into a business.

"It just felt right," she said. "Yoga is so



Blue Lotus owner Laurie Brooks sits on a meditation pillow in Easy Pose (Sukhasana), wearing drawstring pants and Ganesh tank by Be Present.

hot right now. So many people are into yoga and there's really nowhere else in the area that carries yoga wear and essentials."

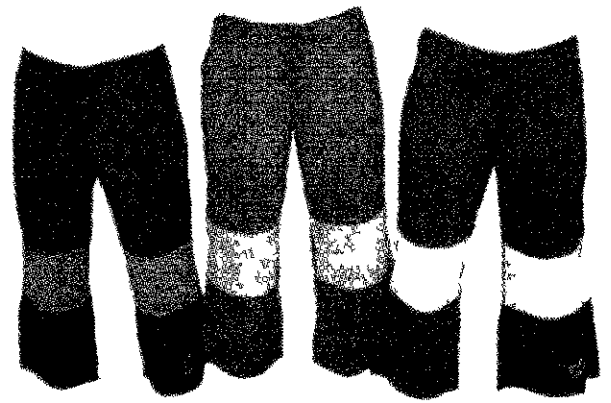
The most devoted yogis and yoginis will find what they need at Blue Lotus, but other customers can get inspired as well.

"We have people come in who practice yoga regularly, and people who want to start," Brooks said. "And we have people who just like the comfort of the clothing."

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RESPECT: A Musical Journey
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WELLNESS

Stressed Out?

A series of workshops at the Livonia Public Library will help women de-stress, re-energize and balance their lives. "Happy Mind, Happy Body, Happy Life!" hosted by Karin Madden and Kathy Bindu Henning will use yoga guided meditation, discussion and fun writing exercises to uplift the spirit.

and relax the mind. Sessions will be held 10 a.m. 3 p.m. Saturdays Feb. 24, March 31, April 28 and June 2. Sign up for one session at \$65 or all four for \$220. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat, notebook and bag lunch. Call (734) 578-5040 to register.

Weigh No More

The University of Michigan Women's Health Program will sponsor a free seminar on weight management 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Feb. 12 at the Washtenaw County Library Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw Ave.

The lecture "Ways to Weigh No More" will be given by Registered Dietitian Holly Scherer, who will discuss ways to easily implement weight management strategies used by more than 3,000 people who have successfully lost weight and kept it off. Refreshments will be served. Call (734) 936-8886 to register.

Climb Detroit

Lace up your sneakers and get ready to ascend Michigan's tallest building. The American Lung Association of Michigan will hold its first annual Climb Detroit competitive stair climb at the Marriott at the Detroit Renaissance Center on Feb. 25. Novice and expert athletes alike can challenge their climbing abilities while raising funds for lung health research, education and advocacy in Michigan. Choose from the Full Climb (70 floors) or the Half Climb (40 floors). Call Rande Loberman at (248) 784-2026 or visit www.climbdetroit.org.

Call to Wholeness

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills will present "A Call to Wholeness," its 15th annual conference for women 8:30 a.m. 4 p.m. Saturday, March 17. Workshops will focus on self-esteem, making change in your life, transitions, stress, financial issues, organizing

your home and more. The keynote presenter is Licensed Professional Counselor Pam Micallef, who will offer an interactive presentation titled "Reality Check," which encompasses the need to slow down and look at where you've been, who you have been and are today and where that leads you next. The conference includes two workshop sessions, a continental breakfast, lunch and a prize drawing. Registration is \$45. Call (248) 522-3642.

Troy Curves Re-Opens
Curves International is pleased to announce the re-grand opening of the Curves location at 1631 Livernois in Troy. Curves offers a 30-minute workout that combines strength and cardiovascular training through hydraulic resistance. Members talk and inspire one another during the workouts. Curves also offers a weight management program called the 6 Week Solution, along with one-on-one training. Call (248) 244-9030.

FASHION

Macy's Goes Red for Women

Inspired by the American Heart Association and Go Red for Women, Macy's Elizabeth Brown will demonstrate heart-healthy and tasty recipes at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 at Macy's Somerset. Wear red to any

Macy's location on National Wear Red Day, Friday, Feb. 2, and receive a 15 percent off savings pass for all purchases made that day. Or make a \$2 donation and receive the savings pass along with a red dress pin. Also, Le Mystere will donate \$1 from the sale of lingerie sold at Macy's Jan. 1-March 31 to the American Heart Association. Find the perfect fit at Le Mystere Fit Clinics Feb. 8 at Oakland Mall, Feb. 10 at Twelve Oaks and Feb. 16 at Somerset. Visit www.macys.com/events for more information.

Matters of the Heart

Acorn Stores, including the location at The Boardwalk in West Bloomfield, will launch its "Matters of the Heart" campaign Feb. 2 in conjunction with the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day. Pick up an exclusively designed Heart Tee (\$40) during the month of February, and Acorn will donate 50 percent of proceeds to the

American Heart Association. Or stop by for a free Go Red dress pin and educational brochures. Visit www.acornstores.com.

Fotball Widows Unite!

Haberman Fabrics will host its 10th annual Fotball Widows Sewing Retreat noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4. Activities are geared toward sewers of all ages and experience levels. Demonstrations include: Just for Kicks, Slippers, Tie One On Belts and Carry On Designer Purses. Or bring your own sewing project! Admission: \$20 donation or more in advance, \$30 at the door. Benefits HAVEN, along with 10 percent of sales that day. Refreshments included. Call (248) 541-0010 or visit www.habermanfabrics.com to register in advance.

Donate Dresses

The Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah is having a Dressy Rummage Sale. Bring your clean and very gently worn wedding gowns, bridesmaid dresses, bat mitzvah dresses, cocktail dresses, prom dresses, dressy coats, furs and accessories to the Hadassah office at 5030 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, between Feb. 1 and March 9 during office hours. The sale is March 18-19. Call (248) 683-5030 or visit greaterdetroit@hadassah.org.

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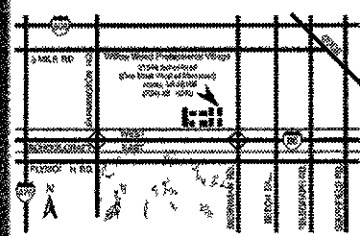
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