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Locals react to governor's call for sharing

BY TONY BRUSCATO AND KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITERS

When Gov Jennifer Granholm in her State of the State address Tuesday, said future state funding for municipal governments would be based on how well communities consolidate services Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack wondered if Lansing knows how much communities like Canton have already explored such avenues

There's nothing wrong with consoli dating services It's something we're always looking More on the speech at Maybe that's

the first step educating them how much this already happening Yack said

Yack pointed to recent meetings the township had with six other communi ties to regionalize fire services He said the township already partners with other communities on HAZMAT and the Western Townships Utilities Authority a regional wastewater treatment provider

And while Yack said consolidation of services makes sense on the surface. he said communities need to be very careful For example he said if Canton were to consolidate fire services with nearby Livonia or Westland, they would end up helping pay for their legacy costs" including retirement benefits He said Canton also staffs at a lower level, so it would kind of be like comparing apples and oranges

Unless you can really show your res idents a cost benefit, it doesn't make any sense" Yack said You don't want to get in a situation where you are a donor community

Yack said consolidation might make more sense for communities like Plymouth, Plymouth Township Northville and Northville Township

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said his community and the City of Plymouth have shown a willingness to lead the state when it comes to consolidation of services, so he's not concerned with Granholm's warning of cuts in revenue sharing from communities that don't

'We usually end up getting requests from other communities that want to look at our models on joint dispatch and the community fire department Reaume said 'I think the process in place over 10 years ago was probably an example for leading within the state '

Granholm also indicated she will not cut the state foundation grant for school districts this year, which Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators estimated could have cost the district \$2-\$4 million in state funding

'I m grateful she acknowledged it s the middle of February and it would be difficult, if not impossible, for us to cut at this time, Superintendent Jim Ryan said "At this point I m cautiously opti-

mistic A lot could still happen' The governor also encouraged school districts to consolidate services with county intermediate school districts to save money, and Ryan acknowledged "we're all for that '

"For Plymouth-Canton, we'll have to start thinking about what we can do with Wayne County RESA on such areas as how we handle our substitutes and savings through a purchasing consortium, he said "I think we can gain some budget savings through consoli dation

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Stuck out in the cold

In spite of six degree weather on Tuesday Dave Keller was out in the elements working for Wide Open West stringing cable along Cherry Hill Road west of Canton Center Keller, who is a resident of Southfield, said the secret of staying warm is wearing multiple layers of clothing

Unlocked doors seen as main

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WR TER

The 1Pod at the dentists office, the laptop at the

purse in the driveway

The Canton Police Department recently released last year's crime statistics of larcenies from automobiles Out of 431 reported thefts, 369 didn't

'If everyone locked their cars, we would see a great decrease in crime, said Canton Police Sgt Rick Pomorski So many people are making it convenient for

Pomorski said the combi-

and expensive gadgets leaves residents open to theft

"For whatever reason, whether its a trust issue or routine, people are leaving high end (gadgets) in the open," he said

Other items stolen in 2006 include tools, brief cases, electronic devices and sporting equipment

In a press release accompanying the statistics, Canton Police Sgt Deb Newsome said "I can only assume our past efforts have not reached as broad of audience as we have intend-

ed it to" Newsome, who said the department will update its Web site to include maps of specific crimes, including larceny from automobiles, also wrote, 'We have offered crime prevention tips through our public service

gramming on Canton's community access channel, yet we still have people leaving valuable items in their unlocked vehicles over night

Known as car hopping, Pomorski said some thieves go around checking to see if car doors are unlocked

If a (thief) has got a crime, they continue until they're not successful anymore, he said Lock your car doors'

In the batch of larcenies that involved forced entry, the report states that particular items were probably left ın plaın view

thing in your vehicle, put it ın your trunk,' Pomorskı

Newsome encouraged residents to register for the

Costco kills plans for **Canton store**

BY KURT KUBAN AND TIFFANY L PARKS

Canton officials received some bad news Wednesday morning when they learned that Costco has pulled out of its deal to build a 150,000-square-foot store on Michigan Avenue at Canton Center

'This hurts,' Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said 'From what we understand, their current stores are not meeting sales expectations, and they have put on hold all the stores they were planning to build in Michigan"

Costco spokesperson Therese Wontorek declined to confirm or deny the company's pullout, saying, "We have -

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Adapting to the cold

Reaction gets district to adjust to the weather

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Superintendent Jim Ryan remained in his office until about 9 p m/ Monday, answering telephone messages and emails from parents and students, many of them

angry that Plymouth-Canton Schools remained open, despite wind-chill temperatures well below zero that forced most school districts in the region to cancel classes Monday

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culprit in surge of 'car hopping'

shopping center and the

What do these items have in common? They were all stolen from unlocked vehicles during 2006

involve forced entry

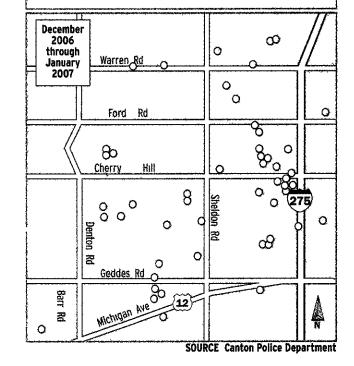
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Marching band needs members

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, named Bands of America Regional Champions for 2006 and a BOA Finalist at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, is hosting a series of informational meetings for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2007 Marching Band program The meeting is designed for incoming 8th graders, but is open to any high school student Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers enjoying pizza, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how 8th graders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2007 summer/fall season

Parents and students are asked to attend one of the following Open House meetings

n Tuesday, Feb 13, at 7 15 p m in room 401 at Plymouth High School

n Wednesday, March 21, at 7 15 p m in the Plymouth High School band room For more information, please call (734) 582-5500



A swingin' Valentines Day

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The Canton-based Swing City, a 19-piece big band, will be performing their Swingin' With Your Valentine show Saturday, Feb 10 at the Village Theater in Canton

Swing City brings back the sounds of swing music from the Big Band Era of the

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased online at www canton-mı org/villagetheater Seating is limited For more information, please call (734) 495-1608 or e-mail swingerty_bigband@yahoo com You can also visit the Web sites www geocities com/swingcity_bigband or www swingcitybigband org

Academy open house

Plans for the fourth year of Cross Bridge Academy, a nonprofit school for children with autism and other severe language impairments, are well underway The school is the product of the combined effort of a group of dedicated parents and caring professionals to develop an academic curriculum for children with moderate to severe autism

The school hosts an open house 7 30 p m Wednesday, Feb 21 at Geneva Presbyterian Church, on Sheldon Road in Canton

The Cross Bridge Academy curriculum has been carefully researched and incorporates the highly successful Association Method, intense Sensory Integration therapy and Speech and Language therapy Social skill development is woven into each day, as children move from individual to group learning sessions

As a result of the children's academic success, the Cross Bridge Academy curriculum has been expanded to include Social Studies and Science

Classroom size is limited to five children per class, with teachers specially trained in the Association Method There are two teaching assistants per class A full-time Occupational Therapist specially trained in Sensory Integration provides two hours per week of individual therapy, plus one day a week of in-class consultation to help transfer newly learned skills to an academic environment Alanguage program specifically designed for Cross Bridge Academy is implemented weekly by a certified speech pathologist

To register, call Lorraine Zaksek at (734) 455 6232 Art exhibit

Award winning poet and photographer Cheryl A Martin of Canton has juried into the Anton Art Center's



Love your library

February is Love Your Library Month With a \$1 contribution to the Canton Public Library's endowment fund, you can add your own personalized book to the Love Your Library wall for display throughout February Here library staffer Kathie Gladden is shown hanging donation books for the display There are actually many ways to show your love for the library, including a tax-deductible gift to support quality library services, materials, programs and technology Other ways to contribute to the library are Honor a friend or relative s birthday with a book for the library, donate a book, remember your library in your estate planning give to the library through your company s matching program for charitable giving, join the Friends of the Canton Public Library, a support group of volunteers who provide fundraising and other assistance, donate used books and materials for sale in Secondhand Prose the Friend's used bookstore. To learn more about ways you can show your love for the library call (734) 397-0999

Michigan Annual XXXIII show which opens Friday and runs through March 2 in Mt Clemens Her piece of art titled 'Westland's Camel 1s a part of the exhibit

Anyone who would like to

contact her regarding this exhibit, or upcoming classes she's offering at the Cherry Hıll Vıllage Theatre, can call (734) 397-1626, or register for them at (734) 394-5460 Her Introduction to Writing Children's Stories, and Writing Your Life Story/Family History classes

are open for enrollment She's also willing to talk to anyone interested in a copy of her commemorative poem, From Farmland To Ikea, which she penned for the Canton Newcomer's 35th Birthday Celebration, held Wednesday

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Arts-crafts ensemble

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters hosts its annual Spring Arts and Craft Ensemble 10 a m to 4 p m Saturday, March 10

All non-jewelers, including artists, photographers, and crafters who hand-craft then own items, are invited to sub mit an application to exhibit at the third annual event to held at Canton High School Canton, Mıch

The juried art event is pro duced each year by the PCM to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton **Education Park**

Artists and crafters who a interested in applying for co sideration to exhibit should visit www pcmb net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos as soon as possible Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted exhibit at this artistic event Jewelry makers need not apply, as the show quota fo jewelers has been met Ov 1,500 attendees are expected at the Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble

Canton High School is located at 8415 Canton Celer Road in Canton

In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be fooda raffle, and entertainment local musicians and artists throughout the day Admission is \$2

Beef & Beer benefit

The 4th annual Beef & leer benefit to support Project Children will be 6 30 p m Feb 10 at St Thomas a'Beket Church, 555 S Lilley Roadin Canton Tickets are \$25 athe

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Re-creating the memories

Principal wants to commemorate 50 years

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Mike Hoben needed someone to become principal at Gallimore Elementary in 1970, he asked

George Dodson to take the position

Dodson, at the time, was happy to be a school counselor and didn't want the job

'I told hım I m a counselor and I do good things with kids to change behav ior one-onone," remembered He In 1975, then principal George Dodson Dodson

just walked away and three weeks later asked

me to lunch He talked me into it, even though I didn't want it. Dodson spent nine years as

students

build a climbing structure for the

principal at Gallimore, part of a Plymouth-Canton career that lasted several decades

Its stones like those that current Principal Kevin Learned and fourth-grade teacher Wendy Gravlin want to re-create as they commemorate the school's 50th anniversary, coming up Thursday, May 3

We're looking for anyone who had a connection with the school so they can participate in the anniversary celebration,

Gravlin said We want to reconnect with former teachers, students and staff"

Gallimore has come a long way from the opening on Feb 11, 1957, when kindergarten through sixth-grade students were transferred from Bird

> Elementary The first graduating class had 30 students, less than a third of what Gallimore now graduates annually

"Fifty years s a long time, and there's a huge number of people that have been connected with this building"

Learned said It would be took a stroll across logs that were used to unfortunate if the event passes and people who

wanted to come weren t notified, or we couldn't connect with them

"We ll have an I Remember When' wall where they ll have an opportunity to write about what they remember when they attended Gallimore, he said 'We ll open the building to give tours, and have foods from the

different decades Were really excited about what this party is going to be The building has seen several changes, including moving the

main office from the front of the

building to what used to be



Principal Kevin Learned looks through newspaper clippings and photos from 50 years of Gallimore Elementary School history

Room 7 In the 1960s, the play ground consisted of a climbing wall for students In 1986, a new wing and media center were added And last year new windows and flooring

Throughout the year we will have a variety of activities to celebrate and incorporate learnme, said Gravlin The fourth grade will study the 70 s, and well do a lot of research of music and technology and what a classroom looked like back

To be able to find out where you came from and being able to say your parents were part of this, gets you connected with your community and the people around you, she said Its good history and its a lot of fun

Learned noted he still gets questions from alumni about the walking trails in the woods behind the school which were started by Dodson

I grew up on a farm and I knew the names of all the trees and other bushes, and I took them out there to share that with them, Dodson said 'We used to cap maple trees and make maple syrup Then we would have pancake breakfasts with pure maple syrup made ourselves and it was good

Anyone interested in contacting Learned or Gravlin about Gallimore's 50th anniversary can contact them at the (734) 416 3158

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It took a while, but shopping plaza finally fills its last vacancy

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

Despite chilly economic times, the Centre Village plaza at Ford and Canton Center roads has reached a milestone - filling to capacity

The 15-tenant development, which is anchored by a Kroger, signed its final lease about six months ago and the eatery, Mariachi Mexican Restaurant, is expected to open this winter

Owned by Stuart Frankel Development Company (SFDC), the plazas first store opened in 1999

The economy is terrible in Michigan because so many retailers have written off Detroit said Darren Frankel of SFDC But we have a great market in Canton Its a (community) that's still growing and has attractive housing and good access

While some developments in the township are fully leased before a single store opens Centre Villages mini mal Ford Road visibility may have kept some retailers

That one took a little bit longer than others said Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet It doesn't have great exposure to Ford Road and Ford is becoming more about the bigger (stores) vs strip centers

Saying that developers expect a bit of vacancy, Frankel said he's satisfied with Centre Village's progress and mix of businesses

Retailers always move in and out but we have attractive tenants that are renewing five-year and seven-year leases, he said

In addition to Kroger and the future Mexican restaurant, the plazas tenants include Sharper Vision, Adray Camera, Dearborn Music, Comerica Bank and Allen May Salon and Day

A health club, Fitness 19, opened in the middle of the plaza in December

While Canton's marketplace is thriving, Goulet said SFDCs other proposed development in the township could hit a stumbling block because of its location

The company wants to bring a big-box retailer to a parcel just north of Centre Village, which has direct frontage on Ford

The larger retailers are (centering) around Lilley and Ford" Goulet said

While admitting the process has been slow, Frankel said a national book store, craft store or department store would be ideal for the location, which is currently occupied by a small vacant church

"There seems to be this fascination with Michigan Avenue right now," he said But we re in the center of everything"

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Police officer injured in traffic accident

TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

A Canton Police officer attempting to enter the town ship at Joy and Morton Taylor roads v as struck by another driver Monday afternoon

The officer, who complained

of soreness after the crash was traveling south on Main Street in Plymouth and the driver of the other vehicle was going east on Joy Road

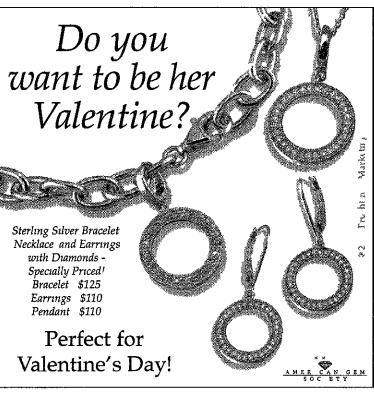
Canton Police Sgt Rick Pomorsk sod tappedre the officer had stopped at the intersection for a red light then attempted to proceed when it turned green

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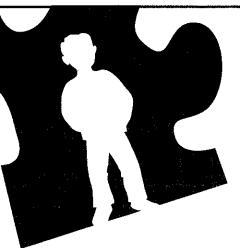
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From his office on Tuesday, a day in which classes were canceled because of the frigid temperatures, Ryan - who makes it a point to personally answer all his correspondence - said of the approximately 100 messages, about half were from those who challenged his decision-making abilities, while the other half didn't have a problem with sending their kids to

school Our mechanics were able to get the fleet going, and we didn t have any reported building problems at the time we were discussing it, about 5 a m (Monday)," said Ryan,

who is in contact with nearby districts early in the morning to help make the call "Those two things, along with the fact I thought we could handle the cold, were the main reasons we opened school Monday

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'My mistake was I thought people would dress to handle the cold," he said 'Some told me there are people who can't afford to, and I have great respect for that In spite of my 17 years as a superintendent, I learn something every day

In a letter sent home to parents, Ryan said they did consider the temperature as they thought about canceling classes

I knew at the time we made the call that the decision could have gone either way, and in hindsight, I probably would have canceled school," wrote Ryan I can assure you the districts in this area that closed, did so because their buses would not start or they had building problems

"As the superintendent of schools, I realize the buck stops here and I take responsibility for the decision," he said "We will certainly consider your comments as we continue to deal with the weather this week"

Ryan said the decision to cancel Monday afternoon kındergarten was made, ın part, after the district received hundreds of calls

"Once we found out how bitterly disappointed and

concerned parents were, this was the first chance to show we were listening," Ryan said "Actually, the main area of (parents') concern was the **Educational Park because** students move between the three high schools'

Jane Čurtis of Plymouth, who takes her kindergartner to Smith Elementary, said she was disappointed classes were canceled Monday

"The building was open and heated, the buses were running and the kids didn't have to line up outside before going in, so I didn't think the cold weather was a big deal, Curtis said "People in Minnesota do this all the time We need to toughen up a little"

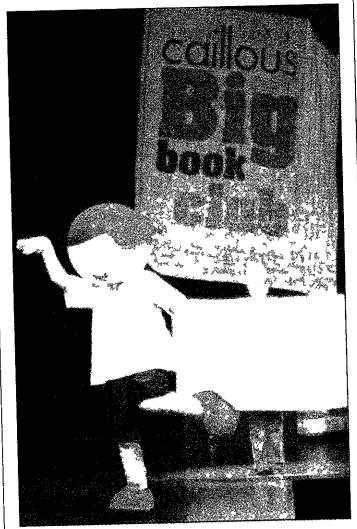
Meanwhile, the district reported five buildings had heating issues and frozen water lines late Monday and early Tuesday They included Dodson, Gallimore, Isbister and Workman elementary schools, as well as the Curriculum Center

"Essentially, some of the typical problems that you normally would associated with bad weather," said Ken Jacobs, assistant superintendent of administrative

services We expect them to be fixed by tomorrow"

Jacobs said all the buildings had repairs completed Tuesday and were ready for classes Wednesday morning

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Reading with Caillou

Caillou, the star of the popular animated PBS series, made two appearances with many of his friends at the Village Theater Saturday About 500 people braved sub-freezing temperatures outside to see the family-friendly shows, which stressed the importance of reading Caillou and his friends took turns singing about their favorite books during the 60-minute production, urging children in the audience to sing and dance along. For more information about upcoming shows at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, please visit the Web site www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater

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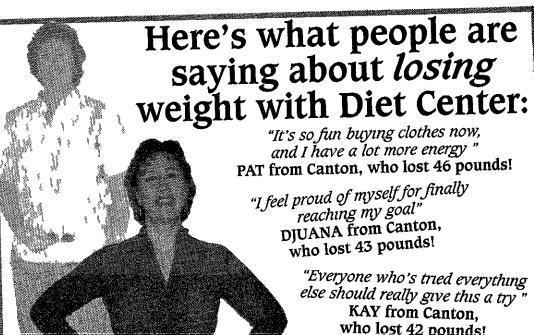
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Both presentations will con sist of a brief PowerPoint pres entation that gives the details of the \$62 1 million bond issue

The first presentation is scheduled for 10 a m at Central Middle School Tours of the school will be offered at the conclusion of the presentation Central Middle school is located at 650 Church in downtown Plymouth

The second presentation is scheduled for 1 p m at Field Elementary School Field is located at 1000 S Haggerty Road in Canton

Questions should be directed to the district's community relations department at (734)416-2757 if you have any questions

DEATHS

Leslie J Allen

Allen 37 formerly of Livonia died Jan

Ivan S Doctor

Doctor 82 died Feb 5

Elton R (Randy) Eaton Eaton 66 of Plymouth died Jan 28

Joseph D Gitre Gitre 79 of Birm ngham died Jan 26

Stephen James Labuhn

Labuhn 32 formerly of Rochester Hills died Feb 2

Michael H. McNally

McNally 51 formerly of L vonia died Feb 1

Hanna Josephine 'Jo Zack Zack 79 of Beverly Hills died Feb 5

Complete paid obituaries can be found ns de today s newspaper in Passages on page A14

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no comment on specific mar

Selling everything from chocolate to computers, the bulk retailer would ve employed about 200 people Yack said

Its incredibly disappoint ing Canton Township Board Trustee Karl Zarbo said These things take a long time to nur ture, but take only seconds to go away

In late 2005 the township board unanimously voted to rezone 18 76 acres of land for the development Construction on the proposed store and its members-only gas station was expected to begin any day

"From our understanding they pulled the pin, Zarbo said According to a press release

on www costco com the Washington based company has 371 stores in the US and plans to open an additional 16-18 new warehouses prior to the end of its 52-week 2007 fiscal year ending on September 2 2007

Yack said Costco could have impacted the Michigan Avenue corridor the same way IKEA has impacted Ford Road

It was going to be a big deal for Michigan Avenue In the same way IKEA draws people from all over the area, Costco would have brought in people that might not otherwise come to Canton,' Yack said "It would have brought in a lot of people who currently have to drive up to the Costco in Livonia and the businesses in the area might have had some positive

spinoff Although it will take time to digest" Costco's change of plans, Zarbo said other retailers have already expressed interest in the property



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- MS Word II Feb 8 at 9 30 a m Add tables head and footer, insert symbols and more Registration required
- Lunch and a Book Feb 8 at noon The group discusses A Step From Heaven by An Na
- Internet I Feb 9 at 10 a m Learn the basics of navigating Internet Explorer Registration required
- Excel II Feb 10 at 9 30 a m Use data, graphics and charts and customize tool bars Registration required
- Beginners Internet Feb

10 at 2 p m Internet basics and safety for 2nd and 3rd graders Registration required

- Advanced Internet Feb 10, at 3 p m How to search and evaluate sites for 4th and 5th graders Registration required
- Open Mic Feb 10 at 2 p m Open mic time for teens and young adults
- Talk About Books Feb 12, at 5 p m A book discussion group for 1st and 2nd graders Registration required
- PowerPoint II Feb 13 at 9 30 a m
- Beginners Internet Feb
- 13 at 5 p m Internet basics and safety for 2nd and 3rd graders Registration required
- Advanced Internet Feb 13, at 7 p m How to search and evaluate sites for 4th and 5th graders Registration
- required

 MS Word III Feb 15, at 9 30 a m Create text boxes multiple columns, format text and paragraphs to create a newsletter Registration required
- Internet II Feb 16 at 10 a m Further explore the Web the library catalog and online

databases Registration required

- ABC Activity Feb 16, at 10 a m Drop in sensory learn ing and play for babies
- through age 5 with caregiver CSI Canton Feb 17, at 2 p m Conduct a forensic inves tigation right here in the library For teens, registration required

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Examine your tax forms closely when preparing your return

y now, you should have received any W 2 and 1099 forms to prepare your tax return To me, one thing that everyone should do is to review the accuracy of these documents Most people never look at these documents and assume that they are always correct Unfortunately, this is not always the case Mistakes are made and those mistakes can cost you a substantial amount of money Therefore, I believe it pays to spend a few minutes to review the forms to make sure that they are accurate

In reviewing your W-2, the first thing you should do is to make sure that your Social Security number is accurate You are paying substantial amounts of money into Social Security and it is important that you get credit for it In order to assure that there is



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proper credit, your Social Security number must be accurate If there is a problem, it is easier to correct today than it will be down the road

On your 1099 and W-2, you also need to review the accuracy of the numbers On the W-2, one of the best ways to review accuracy is to look at your last payroll stub for 2006 The numbers for wages and federal, state and city withholding should be the same as on your W-2 If there is a discrepancy, you want to contact your employer's payroll department as soon as possible

In reviewing your 1099, it is sometimes a little more difficult If it is a 1099 from a brokerage house or an investment company, then you can review your year-end statement and compare the numbers on your yearend statement to your 1099 However, a 1099 can be issued for other items such as real estate transactions and in those cases you have to review the underlying documentation to make sure that they are accurate The one mistake that people always make is that they assume that banks and financial institutions are always right That is not the case They make mistakes and you and I need to correct them when they occur

If you have not received your W-2 or a 1099 that you should have received, you need to be proactive If it is a W-2 from a

job, you need to contact that company and have them issue the documents ASAP If for some reason the company is no longer in business or you are having difficult dealing with it, then you need to complete IRS form 4582 This form is a substitute for a W-2 and should accompany your 1040

It is important to recognize that whether you receive a 1099 or a W-2, you are still hable to report the income and pay the appropriate taxes If you attempt to use the excuse that you did not receive the appropriate documentation from the employer or the financial institution, not only will the IRS access you with the tax, but it can also hit you with penalties

I know this may sound strange, but it is true A great place to go for tax information is the Internal Revenue Service Web site at www IRS gov This is an excellent user-friendly Web site regarding tax information In addition, if you need forms, you can also get them on the IRS Web site

For many individuals, the IRS Web site can also be used to complete and file your tax return The IRS has a free tax service which allows you to complete your return electronically as long as your adjusted gross income is below \$52,000 For reference, that means that about 70 percent of people, 95 million taxpayers, can take advantage of the free file program through the IRS All you need to do is go to the IRS Web site at www IRS gov and click on "free file"

One question that I am frequently asked is, when is the best time to file your return in order avoid an IRS audit?

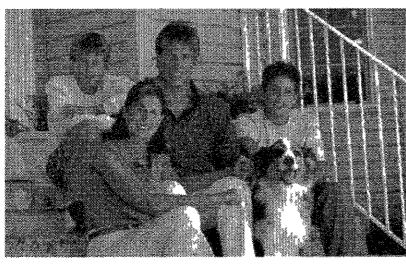
Although you may hear all sorts of talk, in reality it doesn't make any difference when you file your return from an audit standpoint There is no increased risk of audit if you file your return/early nor if you file your return with an extension

What increases your risk of audit is if you file inaccurate or sloppy returns Therefore, my advice always to taxpayers is to never rush, take your time and make sure that when you complete your return, it is complete and accurate

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee only financial adviser Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymat ters@hometownlife.com For more information visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p m Sundays on WDTK AM (1400)

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The board also elected William F Jones Jr, vice president of Chrysler Financial for DaimlerChrysler Financial Services America, as chair and Lizabeth Ardisana, CEO of ASG Renaissance, as vice chair Jones replaces attorney William Brodhead, who had chaired the board for seven The transition in CEO posi-

tions was prompted after Gov Jennifer Granholm appointed Cooley to her cabinet as director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth Duperron's long-standing leadership role at Focus HOPE will make the transition smooth, noted cofounder Eleanor Josaitis He has served as chief operating officer for five of the last eight years and is well respected throughout the organization, she said

"Tım helped Focus HOPE and myself through the difficult period after (co-founder) Father William Cunningham's death," said Josaitis "He has played a pivotal role in our operations ever since'

Duperron came to Focus HOPE in 1998 after a 34-year career at Ford Motor Co He began his career at Ford as a skilled trades apprentice and progressed through the company holding many assignments at Ford plants Just prior to joining Focus HOPE, he managed the Ford Cleveland Casting Plant

Duperron served as COO for four years before recruiting Cooley to replace him,

then became executive adviser to the leadership team He resumed the COO position at the request of Board members and Josaitis during a leadership transition in 2006 when Cooley became CEO A resident of Grosse Ile, Duperron served in the US Navy and holds a bachelor of science degree from Wayne State University and a M B A from Central Michigan University

Jones, a resident of Birmingham, joined the Focus HOPE board in July 1999 At DaımlerChrysler Financial Services Americas, Jones is responsible for directing all of the activities within Chrysler Fynancial and DaimlerChrysler Insurance Co in the United States Since joining the company in 1981 as a corporate analyst, he has served in many capacities Prior to his current position, he served as vice president of corporate financial control for the Chrysler Group Jones hølds a bachelor of arts and an MBA from Columbia University

Ardısana, a resident of West Bloomfield, is the principal owner of ASG Renaissance, a technical and communications services firm She also serves as chair of the Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Ardisana earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and an M B A from the University of Detroit and a masters in mechanical engineering from the University of Mıchıgan



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Michigan Library names 2007 notable books

The Library of Michigan recently announced the 2007 Michigan Notable Books (www michigan gov/notablebooks), 20 books highlighting Michigan people, places and

This quality selection of Michigan-related books (published in 2006) represents a wide range of Michigan experiences and events Included are historical accounts such as the hopeful story of Covert, a Michigan town that became racially integrated in the 19th century, essays and poetry inspired by Michigan and the Great Lakes, and mysteries and youth fiction that use as their settings some of Michigan s best-known places apple orchards, resort communities and the Mackinac Bridge

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Each year s Michigan Notable Books list features 20 books published the previous calendar year that are about or set in Michigan or the Great Lakes region or are written by a native or resident of Michigan Selections include nonfiction and fiction and typically have a wide appeal to the audience, covering a range of topics and issues close to the hearts of Michigan residents

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Burning Rainbow Farm How a Stoner Utopia Went Up in Smoke, by Dean Kupers (Bloomsbury) - This detailed and readable account describes the 2001 tragedy on Tom Crosslin s and Rollie Rohm's farm ın Vandalıa, a rural Cass County town

Death's Door The Truth Behind Michigan's Largest Mass Murder, by Steve Lehto (Momentum Books) - This book explores the enduring mystery and drama surrounding the 1913 Christmas Eve tragedy at Italian ITali in Calumet

Donutheart, by Sue Stauffacher (Alfred A Knopf) In this young-adult sequel to

Donuthead set in fictional central and west Michigan, Franklin is still obsessive but begins to gain a heart for oth-

Fresh Water Women Writing on the Great Lakes. edited by Alison Swan (Michigan State University Press) - The lilting, poetic language of these essays brings to life the sights, smells and sounds of Michigan's bestknown resource

Guiltu at the Rapture, by Kerth Taylor (Hanging Loose Press) - Heart-touching poetry and prose, filled with clear insight and humor, combine to tell stories of the human condi-

The History of Michigan Law, edited by Paul Finkelman and Martin J Hershock (Ohio University Press) - This collection of essays by members of the legal community and academia traces the evolution of Michigan law, exploring the state's leadership in developing civil rights law, the impact of industrialization, and the his-

tory of labor law House of Fields Memories of a Rural Education, by Anne-Marie Oomen (Wayne State University Press) - Drawing on ordinary moments from her childhood, with settings such as her family s farmhouse and the local schoolyard, the



author employs a gentle touch and poetic details to tell a compelling coming-of-age story in rural Oceana County

Keewaydınoquay Stories from My Youth, by Keewaydınoquay Peschel, edited by Lee Boisvert (University of Michigan Press) - Told in first-person, these stories of a Michigan woman with both Native American and white heritage shed light on the experiences of growing up in an Onbway community in northern Michigan during the early 1900s

Landscaping with Native Plants of Michigan, by Lynn M Steiner (Voyageur Press) -This beautifully illustrated guide to gardening in Michigan describes the state s native plants, explains how to grow them successfully, and gives tips and advice on solving common gardening issues

Mackinac Bridge The Story of the Five-Mile Poem, by Gloria Whelan, illustrated by Gysbert van Frankenhuyzen (Sleeping Bear Press) - Set in the 1950s, while the Mighty Mac was being built Beautifully illustrated and well researched, this timely story coincides with the 50th anniversary (in 2007) of the

official opening of the bridge The Muskegon The Majesty and Tragedy of Michigan's Rarest River, by Jeff Alexander (Michigan State University Press) - Take a journey down the Muskegon River in this well written scholarly study that explores the waterway s environmental history and possible future

Nicotine Kiss An Amos Walker Novel, by Loren D Estleman (Forge) - In this 18th novel of the award-winning series featuring hard-boiled

Detroit PI Amos Walker, Walker's old friend and longtime cigarette smuggler has turned up missing

Saving Daylight, by Jim Harrison (Copper Canyon Press) - Northern Michigan, as well as the mountains and forests of the American West, play a central role in Jim Harrison's 10th book of poetry

So Cold a Sky Upper Michigan Weather Stories, by Karl Bohnak (Cold Sky Publishing) - From the first European explorers to pioneer settlers to modern-day Michiganians, the Upper Peninsula s inhabitants have faced weather's most devastat ing challenges extreme snowstorms, heat waves, floods, fires and more

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cousin who fled Paris to escape

of the Bearwalds, the only Jewish family in this small Lake Michigan resort commu-

An Unquiet Grave, by PJ Parrish (Pinnacle Books) - In this suspenseful thriller, Florida PI Louis Kincaid, a native of Detroit, is called back to Michigan by his foster father, who needs help with a

The Widower A Novel, by Liesel Litzenburger (Shaye Areheart Books) - Memorable characters and a strong sense of place dominate Litzenburger s novel

personal situation

William G Milliken Michigan s Passionate Moderate, by Dave Dempsey (University of Michigan Press) - This political biography explores the life and career of William G Milliken, Michigan s 44th and longestserving governor (1969-1982)

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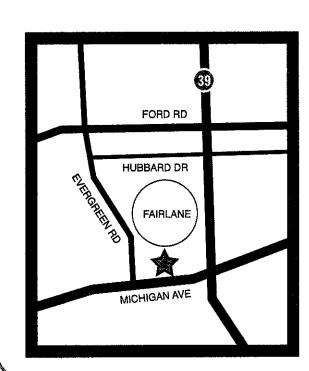
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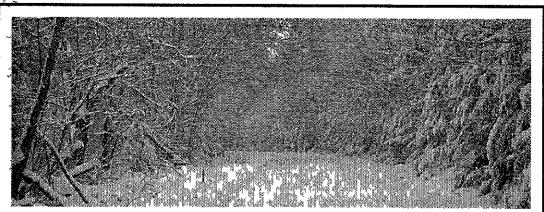
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Symphony names top youth artists

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society handed out some \$1,500 in cash prizes while announcing the 2007 winners of the society's annual Youth Artist Competition

The event is an annual concerto competition for piano and orchestra students in Grades 7-12 Students compete not only for the cash, but for an opportunity to perform with either the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra or Orchestra Canton The winners will be presented their awards at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's upcoming concert, Brahms & Bolcom, set for 8 p m Saturday at Northville High School

Symphony officials said no contestants scored well enough to meet the Board of Directors' criteria for first-place winners in the top two divisions, how-





ever, the lack of first-place honors allowed the board to hand out more honorable mention awards

Viola player Kurt Tseng took home a \$400 second-place prize in the Senior Instrumental division Tiffany Pao won second place and \$400 in the Senior Piano division, and cellist Elise Chagas won a first-place prize of \$250 in the Junior Combined' division

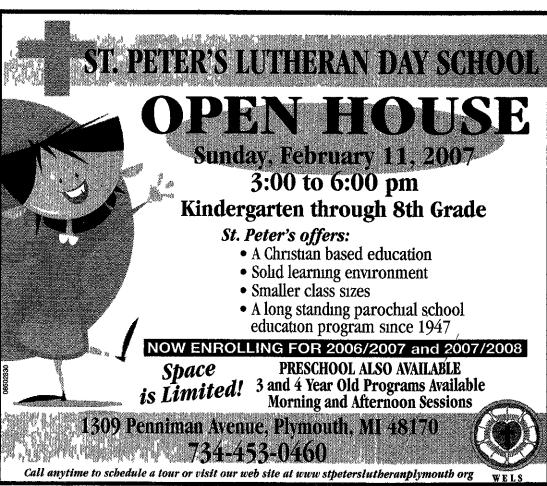
Many students received honorable mentions and \$100 for their hard work and growing

talents In the Senior Division, Derek Thieleman (cello), Corwin Stout (saxophone), Joshua Tavana (euphonium), and Katherine Opperman (harp) all received honorable mentions Kelly Kaiser (violin) received honorable mention in the Junior Division

Symphony officials said the competition is possible "because of the generous support of Evola Music, Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Optimist Club of Plymouth, Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs a partner agency of the National

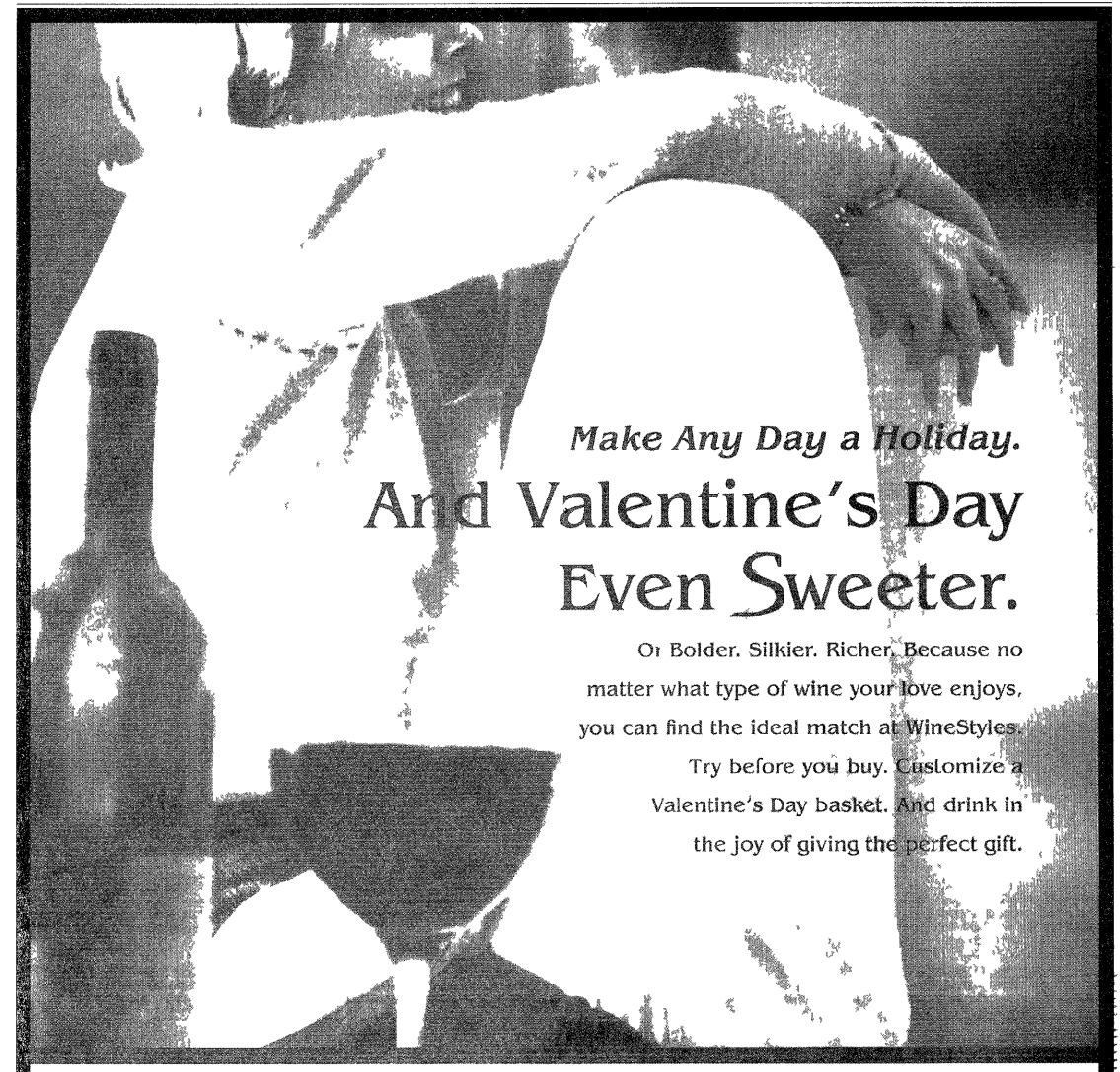
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OUR VIEWS

'Yes' vote urged on school bond

It would be easy, in the face of a struggling auto industry, the loss of 70 Pfizer jobs right here at home and a faltering state economy, to automatically turn a thumbs-down to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' \$62 1 million bond proposal in the Feb 27 election

We think that would be a mistake

The proposal on which voters will cast their ballots later this month is a greatly scaled-back revision of the two-question bond voters turned down in May Gone are niceties such as a new theater and athletic facility improvements, viewed widely as 'wants' and not 'needs" and a reason the first proposals were shot down

The proposal asks taxpayers to support \$312 million for a new middle school in Canton Township to replace an aging Central Middle School, and another \$136 million to refurbish Central for alternative education (replacing Starkweather Education Center), community education and a curriculum

It also includes \$13 1 million for new classrooms and a gym, \$4 million for cafeteria improvements, just over \$1 million for new school buses and \$2.3 million to reimburse the general fund for the purchase of the middle school property on Cherry Hill, just west of Canton Center, in Canton

To the district, the latter is very important, because this is the last chance officials have to recoup that money Naysayers will tell you they bought property for a middle school they don't need Before you agree, consider Central Middle School has outlived its usefulness as a learning environment for nearly 900 students, and some 70 percent of those students are bused in from Canton

Voters who doubt Central has outlived its usefulness as a learning environment for middle schoolers need only visit the school, Supt Jim Ryan has offered to conduct tours The three story building is a security risk and lacks the same educational opportunities as the district's more-modern middle schools

It has been suggested the district wants to put its alternative education program into a refurbished Central Middle School in order to open it up to students from outside the district as a means of increasing revenue

We don't believe the district plans any such move District officials simply believe the facility at Starkweather is ill-suited as a learning environment and, frankly, anyone who has walked the halls at Starkweather knows they're right

We understand this is a tough economic era. The state is struggling, and public school funding could face cuts If that happens, school districts already struggling to cut their budgets will face enormous challenges. Even in bad economic times, we have to decide where our priorities he

We believe the education of our children is one of those priorities, and urge a "yes" vote on the school bond proposal Feb

Granholm 'vision' will be tough sell

Foday we ll get the details, on Tuesday we got the vision Gov Jennifer Granholm has been good at the 'vision thing" during her annual State of the State addresses, often laying out bold initiatives to bring Michigan into the 21st Century Tuesday's speech was also loaded with interesting, creative programs but the governor wasn t her usually buoyant self

After outlining what needed to be done to move the state forward and improve its bleak economic outlook, Granholm prepared the state for the mix of spending cuts, tax increases and fiscal restructuring that will be proposed in her budget released today Based on Granholm's speech, she and state budget director Bob Emerson will be following the recom mendations of her Emergency Financial Advisory Panel, chaired by former governors William Milliken and James Blanchard

The panel warned in its report released last week that the state couldn't cut its way out of its current fiscal crisis, nor could it tax its way out without seriously hurting the already damaged economy And it warned the time to act was runming out as projected deficits could rise to \$3 billion without a replacement for the single business tax

Granholm repeated some common themes - creating programs to attract new businesses especially in the life science and alternative energy fields, promising not to cut the school foundation grant for this year and increases for next school year and more investment in cities

She warned municipalities and school districts that they must move toward consolidation of programs or risk losing state funding She suggested reforms in the criminal justice system to reduce the number of prisoners in the state's overburdened and expensive prison system. She challenged other cițies to promote private/public partnerships to match the Kalamazoo Promise, a program by private contributors to guarantee college tuitions for Kalamazoo students

But the devil is in the details and in the ability to work toward compromises with a Senate steeled against raising taxes The governor has a tough selling season ahead

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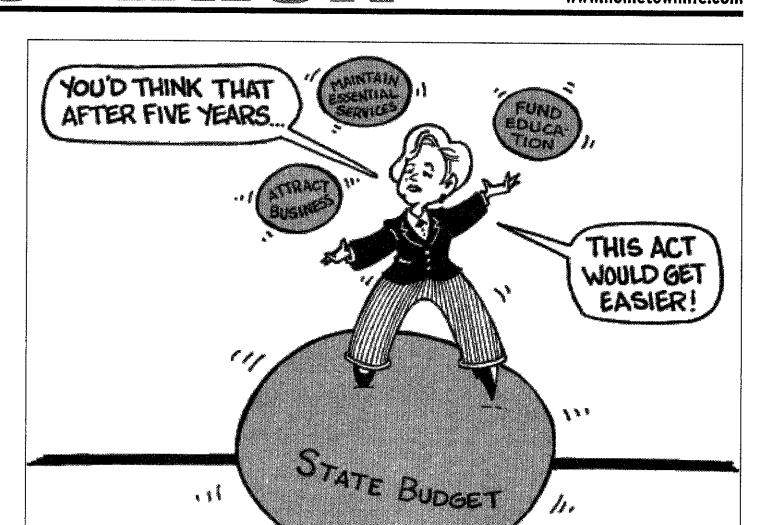
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LETTERS

Trust the school board

GOOF BROOKS

After reading Mark Horvath's letter to the Observer, I am not surprised by his response to the new bond proposal

I have attended every bond workshop regarding discussion topics pertaining to the needs for our growing school district I also took a tour of Central Middle School, which was part of one bond workshop At each and every workshop, there was a chance for public input To the best of my memory, Mr Horvath was not in attendance at any of these very informative workshops

Because of his absence in these workshops, I am appalled that Mr Horvath has the audacity to criticize the process that took place leading up to this bond vote As a parent of a fifth-grader that will be attending Central next year, a new middle school could not be built soon enough My children may not attend the new middle school that is being pro posed, but East, West, Pioneer, and Discovery are better options than Central I would like to share some of my observations when I went on that tour of Central Middle School

I first smelled a musty, moldy smell The source of that smell worn-out car pet Industrial-sized ceiling fans were considered to be the air-conditioning system This is potentially a health hazard especially during the first few months of the year, and the last few months of the year Because heat rises, the higher floors can and have reached temperatures in the 90s and 100 degrees Fahrenheit The ceiling fans also pose a logistics problem for the teachers and staff because when the fans are used, papers are blown all over as well, not to mention the noise pollution

I have had the wonderful opportunity to get to know some of the staff members at Central — they are very dedicated to the work they do, and they deserve better working conditions Would you want to work in these types of conditions and be expected, responsible and accountable for the education of our future? Would you want your child, our future, attending school under these conditions?

The public is welcome to attend any presentation that the district is presenting to give facts and inform us about this bond Watch for the dates regarding these bond presentations in your PTO newsletters that come home Another source is to visit the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Web site at www pccs k12 mi us

Mr Horvath, I know that you are a former member of this school board Before vou complain, I invite you to make some time and come to more school board meetings and be informed and gather the facts

According to the survey that was done, the board is only asking voters to approve what scored high on the survey Some people may think this whole bond issue is to try to recoup the money that was used to purchase land, I disagree It would be much easier to sell this land and make a very nice profit. We need a new middle school I trust the judgment of the school board in putting a package together and presenting it to the voters

My last two points are as follows Is there any connection to this opposition

and the 'VOTE NO, THERE IS A BET-TER WAY" campaign last May? By the way, what is the better way? This is the group that should (in my opinion) have been a registered Political Action Committee that would not even put a disclaimer on their signs Lastly, I agree that the current board and administra tion should not stoop so low to debate Mr Horvath when, if the board said the grass was green, Mr Horvath would say ıt was blue

John Nichols

Voting no again

Judging by the snub of making a pres entation before the League of Women Voters, Big Jim and his cronies exhibited their fear of coming before women with brains I am so thankful that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools don't have direct access to more taxpayer monies and are forced to ask our permission I m voting no again

Phyllis Counts Canton

Buy American

In a few weeks, the voters will face a school millage Chances are, it will not pass People are out of work, houses are for sale and we are in a very bad econom-

This area has always thrived because of the American automotive companies I ve always driven an American car because, not only do I enjoy them and their reliability, I believe it supports our country I try to buy American products because it keeps Americans working my friends and neighbors

People choose to drive foreign cars for various reasons and I m sure many will argue that it is their right. And so it is But they have to accept the liability of what it is doing to our economy and our school system

If you drive your child to school in a foreign car and you are upset about the cuts in school programs, the crowded classrooms, please remember that this is part of the cost of driving a foreign car Any time you buy a foreign product, whether it is a car or a can of beans, you put an American out of work and this affects our entire economy

Please think about the ramifications of buying foreign goods Your child's education may well be one of the losses

> Peg Robichaud Canton

Column deceptive

Reading Mr Rosenbaums rather rosy and cleverly deceptive article (in the Feb 4 Observer), which is more suitable as Israelı propaganda, I was left shaking my head in total shock and incredulity!

Unlike Mr Rosenbaum I travel to the Holy Land along with my children every summer to visit family in our ancestral village of Beit Hanina, which is located near Jerusalem In fact, I happen to have been born in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which the vast majority of Palestinian Muslims and Christians are forbidden

from entering

The memories and experiences of our annual pilgrimage to Palestine that my children and I come away with, contrast rather starkly with the "warm and fuzzy" description that is painted by Mr Rosenbaum

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While Mr Rosenbaum was able to freely travel to Jerusalem and drive "straight through' the occupied, not 'disputed West Bank, he fails to mention that he was traveling on Jewish-only highways, which are forbidden to the Palestinians whose lands these apartheid thoroughfares cut through

Also, the realities of the Jewish villages that he refers to are nothing more than illegally built Jewish-only colonies which were built on stolen Palestinian lands, serviced by an extensive highway system that is off limits to the Palestinians This is also the reason that Mr Rosenbaum never encountered any of the more than 700 documented check noints and road blocks that strangle the fabric of Palestinian society, whereby common everyday tasks that we take for granted here in America, such as going to school, seeing a doctor, or visiting loved ones, becomes an impossibly arduous task

Next time Mr Rosenbaum decides to visit the Holy Land, I hope he can break away from his Israeli handlers and see the cruel realities of Israel's nefamous occupation and oppression of the Palestinians A simple visit to the village of my birth, Beit Hanina, which is bisected by a Jewish only highway, a 30-foothigh Israeli-constructed concrete wall imprisoning its inhabitants, and three Jewish-only colonies built on lands which were stolen from my family and the rest of its inhabitants would be a more accurate portrayal, even though there are many Palestinian villages that are in worse shape

I find Mr Rosenbaum's article to be nothing more than yet another attempt to shore up Israel's image by the pro-Israelı supporters designed to counter the damning indictment of Israel and her policies by former president Jimmy Carter in his latest book, Palestine Peace not Apartheid

Mike Odetalla

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QUOTABLE

"We seriously have some priority issues in this state when it comes to funding ... How can they justify spending (that amount) per prisoner versus what we're trying to allocate to our students? "

Richard Ham-Kucharski, Plymouth-Canton school board member, on what Michigan spends on prisoners vs. students

Efforts to build wetlands won't be as good as the real thing

s someone who doesn't mind being called a tree-hugger, I must admit I'm a little bit torn by Canton's efforts to begin its own wetland mitigation bank

That's really a fancy way of saying that Canton will build some wetlands on land it owns, so it can then sell the credits to developers that come to town and destroy or fill natural wetlands for their projects According to state law, developers that build on regulated wetlands must create (or mitigate) some elsewhere



Kurt Kuban

where
By creating a bank of mitigated wetlands, Canton is essentially taking all the work out of the equation for these developers. They won't have to find property, do any of the engineering and design work, or physically build the mitigated wetlands. They simply have to pay Canton for the credits. If they have to mitigate three.

acres, they would pay the township for three acres at the mitigation site Canton would sell these credits until all the credits in the bank are sold off

Unlike Wayne County, which started its own wetland mitigation bank several years back with disastrous results, township officials say Canton's bank will pose little risk to taxpayers 'That's because they will partner with a developer, who will pay for the construction of the wetlands 'The township provides the land, and the developer incurs all the costs After the project is done, the township will maintain ownership of the land

Once the credits are sold, the township will reimburse the company for its costs and then split whatever is left. Township officials say the current rate for mitigated wetlands is between \$50,000-\$95,000 per acre. The township would use this money to help develop Patriot Park, which is currently a 134-acre undeveloped site at Ford and Ridge roads. The park is also the main location that township officials are looking at to build the mitigated wetlands for the bank.

Officials have always wanted a mixture of active and passive recreation at Patriot Park, and a wetland area would definitely be a benefit, both aesthetically and for providing wildlife habitat

Plus, the revenue that the wetland bank brings in could help develop other aspects of the park, including trails, athletic fields and other facilities

So I understand why Canton officials are considering this It is a very creative way to fund the development of the park, something that has been put on the back burner because the township just hasn't had the money

The other reason this wetland bank is appealing to township officials is the fact that it would help keep wetlands in the township According to township officials, some developers have chosen to mitigate wetlands outside of Canton, because the land is cheaper Of course, many of the wetlands that have been lost weren t large enough to be regulat

ed and were simply plowed over and filled
At a study session last week, Canton officials acknowledged there has been an alarming loss of wetlands since the township's building boom began. Although they don't know exactly how much has been lost, they know it has been substantial. So, in effect, creating this bank would insure Canton.

would still have some remaining wetlands
Why save wetlands, you might ask There
was a time in the not-so-distant past when
wetlands were seen as wastelands, places
that were prohibitive to development and
useless for farming But opinions have
changed We now know they are an asset to
protect, because they help filter pollutants
out of storm water, provide wildlife habitat
and often form a buffer for the townships
streams and rivers

We have come to understand that these wetlands are really a wonderful asset for the community, Canton Leisure Services Director Anne Conklin said last week

Unfortunately, Canton officials are admittedly recognizing this pretty late in the game. The townships building boom has slowed down and is entering its final phase. But there are still plenty of wetlands left, which is where my concerns come in about this program. Wetland mitigation banks are a prodevelopment tool. If township officials were really serious about keeping and protecting wetlands, they would enact a wetlands ordinance, which has been done in other communities, including Southfield.

The problem I have with the state's wetland laws is that in most cases they only protect wetlands that are five acres or larger Local ordinances like Southfield's can regulate much smaller wetlands

If you were to add up all the one- to four-acre parcels of wetlands that have been paved over in Canton (and elsewhere in the Rouge River watershed, for that matter), they would make up a huge area. All the water quality benefits they provided were also destroyed It's no accident that the Rouge River has been plagued with pollution for years

The other problem with the bank is that it is assumed the mitigated wetlands are as valuable as the natural wetlands they replaced Rarely is that the case, however Natural wetlands didn't happen by chance They are where they are because of an area's natural hydrology On the other hand, many mitigated wetlands around the state (some in Canton) have been a complete failure, providing none of the benefits of the natural wetlands they replaced

But Conklin said the township will settle for nothing less than high-quality wetlands for their bank. I just have my doubts they will be as beneficial or of the same quality as the wetlands that will be filled by the developers who will take advantage of the bank.

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Stand on the risers before casting your ballot on bond

t Central Middle School, teachers working with autistic children are in their classroom, while right next door, another class is using the auxiliary gymnasium

Even with the doors closed, the noise emanating from the auxiliary gym is too much, making the environment in the autistic classroom a difficult one in which to learn. Teachers make the best of a bad situation, but eventually have to send some of the students to another part of the building.



Brad Kadrich

In the music room, members of the eighth-grade girls choir are going through their paces, standing on risers too small for the job, but too large for the room. The girls on the top risers stand a foot, maybe less, beneath large ceiling fans which provide the room's only circulation.

We got into the building using a key carried by Ken Jacobs, the Plymouth-Canton school districts assistant superintendent for admin-

istrative services. Once we were inside, we could have gone anywhere we wanted, virtually undetected, because of the building's three-story layout that renders it a severe security risk.

Security is a real problem, said Joyce Johnson, the bundle of energy who serves as Central's principal Once you're in the building, we don't know you re here until we actually see your face

Those are some of the problems district officials hope to correct by refurbishing Central as an alternative education center and moving the 885 middle school students it currently houses into new digs if a \$62 1 million bond proposal passes Feb 27

If the proposal passes, some 70 percent of those students, currently bused from Canton, would find a new home in a new middle school built in Canton The rest would likely be spread out to the three other middle schools — East, West and Pioneer — that serve Plymouth

The thought of Central no longer serving as a school evokes some pretty strong emotions around here, and rightly so After all, its been a school for about a million years. It's a historic building in the heart of downtown Plymouth, something you don't see very often anymore

But district officials are trying to operate with one eye on history, and the other on the future. And even a 20 minute tour will tell you, if you look at it unemotionally, Central has outlived its usefulness as a full-time educational facility.

Classrooms are small They used to be bigger, according to Johnson, but many got sliced in half to make more room The sixth-grade choir class, for instance, had to be divided into two semesters to be able to accommodate the number of kids who wanted to sing

Classroom management is tough, choir teacher Janine Grady said 'It's hard to make sure they're all participating and that they stay safe and secure The students are great, though They've made sacrifices to stay in here A couple of years ago, a loud crashing noise was heard from one of the classrooms. Johnson laughs lightly when she remembers the incident now, because at the time she assumed it was students getting into mischief. What had actually happened was the ceiling had caved in Luckily, the classroom was empty at the time.

No one is suggesting Central Middle School is a deathtrap or a national security risk, but when you compare it to the other schools, you begin to wonder about some of the differences. For instance, Johnson said science students at other schools get to perform experiments, while students at Central can only watch teachers demonstrate the experiments because of a lack of facilities and resources.

Supt Jim Ryan said the need for a new middle school is a matter of equal time

"It's a matter of equity in learning," said Ryan, who is passionate on the subject. "We want all of our students to have the same opportunities to learn"

Its the same problem at Starkweather The class-rooms are small, but the students are big They're older students trying to come back and get their diplomas, and they're trying to do it in what is basically an elementary school Want perspective? Go sit in one of those desks you sat in back when you were an elementary student That's sort of what it's like for these lads

Starkweather's 300 students attend classes that can begin at 8 a.m and go as late as 10 p m There's an art room with no water, a science department with no lab facility Bathrooms don't meet the American With Disabilities Act standards, and the state-licensed day care facility has no playground

There's no public address system, no bell system and no sprinkler system for fire suppression. During fire drills, Principal Irene Ras has to blow an air horn. There's enough storage space for the records of current students, records from past students are kept in a garage. There's no bus service, only two computer labs where computers are used mostly by students, leaving teachers scrambling for computer time, and no real library, although some teachers have established small libraries in their classrooms, paid for out of their own pockets because the district doesn't have the funds.

Still, classes are being taught and the 300 students are making progress toward their goal — graduation.

We manage, Ras said The teachers are very creative in their instruction. They go to workshops and come up with ideas. We make do with what we have,"

No one is suggesting the students at these facilities aren't being educated, they are And it's easy to understand the history behind the buildings, particularly Central Middle School And I'm not suggesting you vote one way or the other for the bond.

Each taxpayer has to decide for themselves what's important to him or her But before you cast the ballot, I would suggest you take advantage of the tours Ryan is offering, and stand on the risers for yourself.

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The old man and the young reporter

Writer recalls her memories of a legendary author, who was also her father-in-law



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Valerie Hemingway met Ernest Hemingway's youngest son, Gregory at the author's funeral and later married him. Their marriage lasted 21 years

BY JAY M GROSSMAN

She was a child, he was a legend

Valerie Danby-Smith was a 19-year-old reporter working for a Belgium news service when she was assigned to interview Ernest Hemingway in May 1959

The interview took place at a hotel in Madrid At the time, she hardly knew of the man and his writings

His books were banned in Ireland where I grew up," she said. So when I met him, he was entirely different than what I expected he was much older.

"I had one question at the time, Mr Hemingway, why is it you have come to Spain for the first time since the Spanish Civil War What made you come back? He just looked at me and said, 'Well, I was back in 1953 and again in 1956 and suddenly it was Oops, where do we go from here? So I had to improvise a little bit

A friendship formed from that meeting Valerie became something of a personal secretary to the Hemingway family, traveling with them over the next several months through Cuba, Spain and France

It wasn't such a big deal in my life meeting Hemingway and I think that amused him," she said, looking back 'He was used to the adulation for me it was just a job

A SIMPLE STORY

Her relationship with the family took a turn after Hemingway's death She met his youngest son, Gregory, at the funeral and later married him Their marriage lasted 21 years

Those experiences led her to write Running with the Bulls, a personal memoir about her life with the father and the

'It was after Greg died that I decided to write the book," she said 'There was a certain amount of publicity, a number of people were trying to get in touch with me, and I just thought it was the time to sit down and write the story

In some ways, she was a daughter to Hemingway, in other ways, a muse to inspire

Almost everything you can say about him, you could almost say the exact opposite

but toward me he was very fatherly, she said. He told me what I ought to read, he taught me how to shoot and how to deep sea fish

'The relationship was calm and peaceful, always learning and exploring And I think this made him think of his youth, when he was my age and a fledgling reporter himself just starting to sell his first stories I just think it brought him back'

Why the lasting popularity?
"It's something that absolutely dumbfounds me," she said Hemingway seemed a fusion of the man and the work When people read

Hemingway, they're excited What appears to be a simple story leaves so much unsaid, so readers tend to put their own experiences in there 'The other part is the mys-

tic — people love
Hemingway's life I can't tell
you how many e-mails I
receive from people who
bought their 'Hemingway
safari outfit, or their
Hemingway deep sea fishing
equipment It's extraordinary
The man I knew was not a big
showoff he didn't want the
world copying what he did

A BETTING MAN

She talks about a writer who was confident in his skills, a journalist with a nose for news, whose tales always spoke of grace under pressure, whether it was about an ambulance driver a safari or a bullfight

"He never underestimated his writing — he knew he was a very good writer, she said And when he was talking to me in terms of writing, he used his early stories to illustrate how you use what is around you to inspire your work

"To be a writer, you don't need catastrophic events you take the little things in your life and go from there You start with one true sentence"

They met in Spain, and parted there The last time Valerie saw Ernest Hemingway was in October 1960 He had returned to Madrid and was editing a piece he had written for Life magazine when she joined

"He was very depressed and a little paranoid," she said of the meeting "At the time he told me that he intended to commit suicide — but he was a betting man, always hedging his bets, and said if he changed his mind he'd get back to me"

On July 2, 1961, Hemingway took his life by way of shotgun He was 61 years old

She was the daughter, he was the legend

"Writing well was the most important thing in his life," Valerie Hemingway said of her father-in-law "He just loved to tell a good story"

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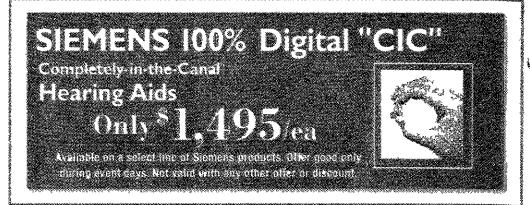
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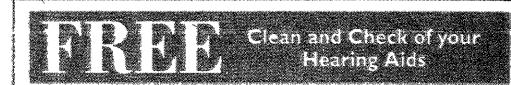
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Governor warns communities, schools consolidate or else

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

In the governors annual address to the legislature, communities and school districts looking for respite from shrinking funding got a glimpse of hope with a condition, show proof you're trying to curb costs and the cash faucet will open again

In her State of the State address, Gov Jennifer Granholm outlined a way for communities to see state shared revenues and per-pupil foundation grants rise while threatening that failure to adopt her plan would surely have consequences

'I propose changes to revenue sharing for cities and townships To see more funding they will have to show they're consolidating to save taxpayers money It's simple, show consolidation and we'll show them the money, Granholm said "We ll also ask school districts to cut costs by consolidating at the county or regional level The budget I will submit a year from now will penalize those districts who do not embrace this com



Gov Jennifer Granholm presents the State of the State address On the left is Speaker of the House Andy Dillon of Redford and on the right is Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop of Rochester Behind the governor, and hidden from view is Lt Gov John Cherry

mon sense way to save money"

The governor said it doesn't make sense for 10 districts to buy the same software individually when they could save money by buying it together Reach for

the carrot or suffer the stick she made it clear that consolidation was the way communities would see their funding rise

At the same time, she made a pledge that schools will not

see a funding cut in the coming year and went further to say that 2008 would see an increase Granholm said the recently released MEAP scores showed the value of setting the

bar higher and she would continue to pressure for better and more schooling in the future

We are going to provide more funding for districts to provide a whole day of preschool," she said For many young students, this is going to mean doubling their early education We are also going to fix an absurd law and require all students to attend school until they are 18 years old'

EDUCATION A MAJOR FOCUS

Education was a major focus of the speech She said the first Michigan Promise Scholarship winners will be attending college this coming fall While they would be turning good test scores into cash for higher education, a short window would also open for unemployed and downsized workers to get retrained as well

For the next three years, there will be a one-time offer for free community college for workers going back to school for retraining and degrees,' Granholm said "This will be paid for with federal dollars

She quoted Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates to illustrate her point about the

importance of education and her greater message about investing in the state Gates said low cost of business lower taxes and lesser regulation — took a back seat to the availability of an educated work force Along the same lines, she said good roads and stable communities were integral to building an attractive business environment

The end of the speech was dominated by the states budget deficit She said the "\$2 billion hole" in the state's financial picture had grown to \$3 billion and no change in state or national economics would fill it With 40 percent less revenue than her predecessors, budget cutting will not correct the problem

'Cuts are a piece of the solution, reorganization is another piece,' Granholm said On Thursday I will present a budget that will have cuts, reorganization and revenues that will be simple, fair and progressive Some businesses & will pay their fair share, those * paying too much will pay less "«

The states financial woes, she vowed, was something she would not pass on to the next 3 governor

Legislators will wait and see on governor's budget proposal

Legislators from both parties were taking a wait and see attitude Wednesday following Gov Jennifer Granholm's State of the State address

Democrats were generally upbeat about Granholms vision for the state but wanted to see the details in her state budget, scheduled for release today Republicans said they wanted to work with the governor but don't support tax increases

The differences suggest the difficulties ahead as the governor and state Legislature work to deal with the states \$800 million deficit and find a replacement for the states single business tax, scheduled to sunshine by the end of the

In her speech, Granholm said that cuts in government spending alone won't be enough to correct the states fiscal problems Following the recommendations of her emergency Financial Advisory Panel, Granholms budget is expected to include spending cuts, tax increases and government restructuring

New House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, released a statement praising Granholm for unveiling a bold plan to make Michigan a magnet of 21st century jobs

'Democrats in the House and the governor are committed to tackling Michigans challenges head on, Dillon said Tonight, the governor shared some bold ideas for how we can act today for a stronger

tomorrow" He praised the governor for making tough cuts' in government spending but he did not address possible tax increase proposals

But Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, while pledging to work with the governor, said he was disappointed in her speech

I still am shocked by the speech," he said I really expected the governor to come before the state to give a candid assessment To me it wasn t realistic at all

I appreciate the fact that shes identified some concerns But I just think the speech showed to me a gigantic disconnect between the average Michigan family and the average business owner that I ve never seen in state government

Freshman state Rep Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, praised Granholm's speech

It is clear that Michigan is facing serious challenges right now, and I applaud Gov Granholm for bringing bold ideas to the table to tackle there challenges head on, Corriveau said in a statement "We cannot relay on the solutions of yesterday to solve the states problems

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Corriveau said he was inspired by Granholm's vision but was taking a wait and see approach on taxes until he sees the budget pro

posal being released today Corriveau said he has been attending "budget boot camp' trying to learn about areas where sperding can be out

"I found out so much cutting

had already taken place and there was so little cutting left

to do," he said But state Rep John Pastor, R Livonia, a member of the Tax Policy Committee, is skeptical of increasing taxes to solve the states problems

"Taxing our way out of the current budget crisis is not a permanent fix," he said 'We need to focus on reforming bureaucracy to create a small er, more efficient government Despite an ever-decreasing population, we have an increasingly large government We need to live within our means and protect funding for our priorities We can properly prioritize and fund programs without further burdening Michigans taxpayers

State Rep Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, top ranking

Republican on the House Transportation Committee, said he agreed with the governor on investing in Michigan

'As we examine ways to solve the \$800 million budget deficit, all sides must come together and work to create a thriving Michigan,' LaJoy said "This is a critical time in terms of fixing and developing the new state budget

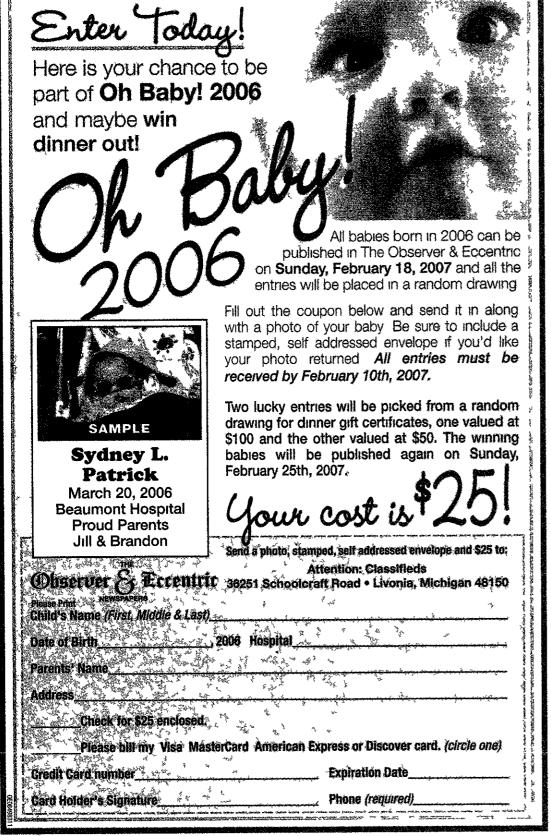
In language similar to Pastors, LaJoy advocated more cuts in government spending without increasing taxes

Sen Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) praised the style of Granholm's speech but questioned why she signed, by her admission, 94 business tax cuts over the past four years and then complains about lack of funding He said he is opposed to raising taxes

I think it is important to work together, but as we move 🐾 🔭 forward, I m going to vote my "4" district, and it is clear my constituents don't want to raise taxes, Patterson said

Sen Glenn Anderson, D Westland, supported Granholm's job proposals

"The governor put forth an aggressive plan to manage our states budget crisis while continuing to invest in the people that make Michigan great, Anderson said in a statement "The big stories tonight – promise zones, worker retraining - those are issues that I fought for in my campaign and my tenure in the House I look forward to working with the governor and my colleagues to make these programs that will strengthen our workforce and create jobs a reality'







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FEBRUARY

Love's Secrets

79 pm Thursday February 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 arti cles 1 8 before our first session Valentine card party

63010 pm Friday Feb 9 at SS 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 Sojouner 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 informa tion 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 For details call coordinator Richard Dahlke at (734) 455 6474

Blood drive 28pm Monday Feb 12 at St Johns Episcopal Church 574 S Sheldon Plymouth Call Carolyn Libeau at (734) 455 5395 to make an appointment or iust 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 n.m. Tuesday Wednesday Feb 13 14 Call in orders only Do not leave orders on answer ing 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 fund raiser

Religious talk

Persecution in the Land of our Savior by Rev Canon Naim Ateek director of The Sabeel Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem 630 p m Thursday Feb 15 at First Presbyterian Church 1669 W Maple Birmingham Sponsored by Friends of Sabeel North American Detroit Group

VBS preview Preview the offerings for this sum mer s Vacation Bible Schools 8 a m to 4 pm 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 organ ize 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 **MAMA's Coffeehouse**

Featuring Joel Mabus Saturday Feb 17 open mic at 715 pm show at 8 pm at in Birmingham Unitarian Church 38651 N Woodward near the northwest corner of Lone Pine Road Bloomfield Hills Ruth and Max Bloomquist open Tickets are \$12 \$10 seniors and age 16 and under Refreshments available Call (248) 569 0965 for more information. To reserve a slot for open mic call (248) 626 4650

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 pm 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 pm Sunday Feb 18 at the church 14175 Farmington Road north

of 196 Livonia Brass concert

Got the winter blues? Do you love the sound of a brass band? The Light Metal Band Brass Quintet Concert per forms at 3 pm Sunday Feb 18 in the sanctuary at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road north of I 96 Livonia This pro fessional brass quintet is one of the most sought after prass quintets in the Detroit area Formed in 1989 the auintet consists of two trumpets horn trombone and tuba They will be performing a variety of music including Classical 19th Century American Patriotic Ragtime and

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.christoursavior.org_or www lightmetalband com Ash Wednesday

Pancake dinner at 5 30 p m service at 7 pm Wednesday Feb 21 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Feb 28 Lenten Service Project will be fun jobs around the church (734) 464 0211

Young people's ministry

Burning Questions on the last Wednesday of each month Feb 28 6 p m potluck or just come we have food 7 p m. The Gathering with music sharing celebration at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt Call (734) 421 1760

Divorce recovery

Workshop 7 9 30 pm began 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 registra tion \$35 at door \$15 repeat partici pants with their manual from previ ous workshop If you're experiencing the emotional pain of divorce no matter how recent or long ago it hap pened this workshop will help you heal Free childcare Call (248) 374 5920

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 began 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

Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 pm 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 min istry For information and to register call (734) 422 0010

Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope began 7 8 45 pm Sunday Feb 5 and continues for eight weeks at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville For those griev ing the loss of a loved one it is nor mai to feel overwhelmed angry and alone Advance registration appreciat ed For more information call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374 5966

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a m. Sunday in the sanc tuary 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 9 p m Thursday Jan 11 and continuing for eight weeks at the church 8200 N Wayne Road Westland For more infor mation call (734) 425 7310

Scripture study

Board the Starship Evangelize seek out and explore new worlds of scrip ture study The Book of Numbers 10 a m Tuesdays through May at St Priscilla Church 19120 Purlingbrook Livonia For information call Mary Rice at (734) 522 1095

UPCOMING

Book fair

Scholastic Book Fair returns the evening of Friday March 9 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211 Church members as well as the gener al public are invited to the book fair being held in conjunction with a pasta supper and magic show

Lenten symposium

The Path to Sanctity 9 a m to 3 30 pm 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 holytrinitya postolate com Registration begins at 730 am Holy Mass at 9 am 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

Cathedral Cultural Series

Presents a concert by the award win ning ensemble amarcord 4 p m Sunday March 11 at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament 9844 Woodward at Trowbridge Detroit Tickets \$10 in advance \$15 at the door and available online at http://CathedralConcerts.tix.com/by calling 1 800 595 4TIX (4849) by mail ing a self addressed stamped enve lope and check or money order payable to Cathedral Cultural Series to 9844 Woodward Avenue Detroit MI

48202 Allow one week for delivery Founded in 1992 by former members of St Thomas Boys Choir ensemble amarcord from Leipzig focuses on music from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance to contemporary com posers Their repertoire covers all facets of vocal music from madrigals to romantic compositions and a cap pella arrangements of well known

For more information call (313) 865 6300 Ext 227 or send e mail to CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com Doors open at 3 pm on the day of the con cert

Tiny Tots Preschool

Open registration begins March 14 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

ONGOING

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a m wor ship service Sundays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church 6500 N Wayne at Hunter Westland Join us at 7 p m Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world For more information call (734) 721 0800

Worship services

Sunday Worship services are 8 a m (traditional) and 10 30 a m (contem porary) Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 915 a m Sunday Grace Lutheran Church 46001 Warren between Canton Center and Beck Canton For information call (734) 637 8160

Worship service

At 10 30 a m Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church 16175 Delaware at Puritan Redford Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter For more information call (313) 255 6330

Adult literacy classes

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over Trained tutors available for day and evening hours Call (734) 421 0472 Leave your name and phone number and some one will be in contact with you

Ladies Bible studies

Began Tuesday Sept 12 at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty Northville Call (248) 348 7600

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress from 9 30 11 15 a m (\$15 registration feed includes interde nominational materials and free child care for ages through 5 and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor from 6 45 8 15 p m (\$20 fee and no child

care) Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a non denominational multicultural full gospe chu ch that offe s Sunday wor ship services at 10 a m and Tuesday night Bible study at 715 pm Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile West of Farmington Road Livonia All are welcome For information call (248) 960 8063 or visit www DueSeason org

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 5 8 p m on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library 32737 W 12 Mile For more information call Linda Boone at (248) 476 1053

Scripture studies

From 7 8 30 p m Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church Six Mile and Beech Daly Redford Call (313) 534 9000

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly the group meets at 7 pm every Thursday evening at St Thomas a Becket Church 555 S Lilley Canton Weigh in is from 615 655 pm It is a weight support group that encour ages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information call Mary at (734) 394 1328

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p m Mondays in Room A101 at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 W Six Mile Northville Call (248) 374 5920

Church service

Loving God by loving people meets at 10 a m Sunday at Westwood Community Church 6500 N Wayne Road at Hunter Westland Doughnuts and coffee served Call (734) 254

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11 30 a m on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Livonia For more informa tion call (734) 464 0990 Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories

Church activities

St James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p m for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro The Cookie Lady followed by Bible study at 7 p m and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 pm Thrift store is open from 10 am to 2 pm every Saturday 10 a.m women's study group second Saturday of the month and Sunday worship at 10 a m (nursery available) and children's class at 10 15 a m at

25350 W Six Mile Redford Call (313) 534 7730

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St Michael's Church of Livonia corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads The church will be open for worship from 10 a m until the 7 p m Benediction service For information call (734) 261 5331

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia Service is held at 10 a m every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a m Call (734) 422 1470

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9 30 a m and 11 a m Sundays at 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads Call (734) 421 1760

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman Livonia are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan Call (248) 477 8974

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton Plymouth Livonia and Northville The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S Ridge south of Cherry Hill Canton Call (734) 646 3864 for information or visit www betchaverim com

Detroit World Outreach

A nondenominational church with cut ting edge drama productions ener gized contemporary music high tech video and lighting programs for kids and teens for college students sin gles married adults and seniors Services are at 8 a m and 11 a m Sunday (6 30 p m the first Sunday of the month) Sunday school for all ages at 10 a m and Wednesdays at 9 a m and 7 p m Call (313) 255 2222

Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services at 8 a m and 10 a m Wednesday service at 615 p.m. Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages at 11575 Belleville Road (four

miles south of Michigan Avenue) Belleville Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p m Sundays includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699 3361

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes tradi tional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills For more information call (248) 851 5100 or visit www adatshalom org

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and back grounds at 7 pm Monday and "Jesday at Chiist Our Savio i ∟uthei an Church 14175 Farmington Road Livonia Tutors will work on a one to one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English lan guage No charge To register call (734) 525 0191 or (734) 522 6830

Sunday school

Congregation Bert Kodesh at 31840 Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman Livonia is registering chil dren age 4 and up for Sunday school Financial assistance available Special discounts for new members. For more information call (248) 477 8974

Services

St John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service at 5 30 pm Saturdays Also Sunday traditional worship services are at 8 30 a m and 11 a m contemporary service is at 950 am and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9 45 a m Call (248) 474 0584 for more informa tion

Single Point Ministries For ages 30 and older join more than

350 single adults at 11 30 a m Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Coffee doughnuts conver sations are present. Call (248) 374 5920 Tennis continues from 1 5 p m Saturdays and Sundays and 47 pm weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees at Rotary Park Six Mile and Hubbard Livonia Bible talks

4 p m Sundays at the Friendship

Center 1119 Newburgh Westland Call (734) 728 9157 Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship

services 10 a m Sundays at St Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia For more infor mation call (734) 422 1470

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt south of Ford Road Lessons are taught using various media comput ers storytelling games cooking music and art and a small theater complete with popcorn making machine Adult Bible study at 8 30 a m with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a m Child care available Mustard Seed contemporary service

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HANNA JOSEPHINE "JO" ZACK

Age 79 February 5 2007 of Beverly Hills Beloved wife of Tom for 56 years Loving mother of mom Jr (Cyndi) Bill Mike (Kathy) Patty Ghesquiere (C J) and Kathy Kupelian (Peter) and the late Mary Anne Dear grandmother of Katie Kristen Andrew Jay Colin Kyle and Lauren Funeral services have been held Memorial tributes to Seasons Hospice 2735 John R Ste 100 Madison Heights MI 48071 AJ Desmond & Sons 248 549 0500

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JOSEPH D. GITRE January 26 2007 Age 79 Resident of

Birmingham for many years Brother of James R Gitre and the late Rosemary Moynihan Jerry L and John F Also survived by many loving nephews and cousins nieces Memorial service Friday Feb 9th 11am at Holy Name Church 630 Harmon at Woodland Birmingham Memorial tributes to U of D Jesuit High School and Academy 8400 S Cambridge Detroit MI 48221 A J Desmond & Sons (248) 549 0500 View obituary and share memories at www DesmondFuneralHome com

LESLIE J. ALLEN

Age 37, died January 31 2007 at her residence in Holly Ms Allen was a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School She is survived by her parents Kenneth & Ruth Allen and four sib lings Kevin Allen Thomas (Sheryl) Allen Susan (Scott) Sather and Margaret (James) Neve The family will receive friends 10 am Saturday February 10 2007 at Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church until time of memorial services at 11 a m A lunch eon at the church will follow the serv ices In lieu of flowers memorial con tributions to Genesys Hospice The Michigan Humane Society or the church would be appreciated

STEPHEN JAMES LABUHN Age 32, of West Palm Beach, FL passed away Friday Feb 2 2007 in West Palm Beach FL A native of Detroit, MI he moved to West Palm Beach in 1999 from Rochester Hills MI He was a nurse at Columbia Hospital in West Palm Beach FL and he also worked at the Port St Lucie Medical Center in Port St Lucie FL Survivors include his mother and father Gerald and Marion Labuhn of Hope Sound FL a brother Craig Labuhn of Naperville, IL and his grandfather Kenneth Labuhn of Warren, MI Visitation will be Wednesday Feb 7th from 6 8 p m and Thurs Februrary 8th from 1 3 pm at Young & Prill Funeral Home in Stuart FL Funeral services will be held Thursday February 8th at 3 00 pm at Young & Prill Funeral Home Stuart FL Contributions can be made to Palm Beach County Humane Society 3200 N Military Trail West Palm Beach FL 33409 in Stephens memory Arrangements are under the direction of Young & Prill funeral Home in Stuart FL



LORRAINE KAY PHILLIPS

Age 47 formerly of Livonia Beloved wife mother grandmother passed away peacefully at her home in Minnesota on January 30 2007 Survived by her husband of 26 years Rusty daughters Melissa Jennifer and Rebecca, grandsons Taylor and Dylon parents Betty Lou and Merle Neidigh, brother David and sister Lynn Aittama Memorials to Multiple Sclerosis Society





TIMMY VACHON

February 5 2007 age 7 Beloved son Rogie of Marc and Anne Cherished brother of Charlotte and his twin Mary Claire Grandson of Ed and Lois Girardot and Maurice and Irene Vachon Nephew of Ed and Lisa Girardot Julie and Brian Fitzpatrick the late Tim Girardot Jane Munson, Claire and Pete Baenen John Girardot Guy and Dianne Vachon Paul and Sheryl Vachon, Maureen Vachon Philip Vachon Laura Vachon, and Francie and Scott Smith Also survived by 19 first cousins many, many friends including his first grade class at St Hugo of the Hills, and his dog Hoover The family had asked everyone to join them in the celebra tion of their dear boy Timmy s life on Thursday, February 8 at 10 AM for Mass at St Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke Road Bloomfield Hills In heu of flowers memorial tributes may be made to the Timmy Vachon Scholarship and Charitable Fund c/o 30700 Telegraph Road Suite 3475 Bingham Farms MI 48025 A. J Desmond & Sons 248 362 2500 View obituary and share memories at www DesmondFuneralHome com

IVAN S. DOCTOR

Age 82, February 5 2007 Beloved husband of Katherine for 59 years Loving father of Kurt (Kate) and andfather of Caroline Loving father of Gregory (Bernadine) and grandfather to Michael, Rachel Jeremy and Stefanie Memorial serv ice Saturday Februrary 10th at 11 00 a m Northbrook Presbyterian Church 22055 West Fourteen Mile Road at Lahser Beverly Hills

MICHAEL H. McNALLY

Age 51 of Flushing formerly of Livonia, died Thursday February 1 2007 at him home Michael loved lit erature, writing and listening to his eclectic music collection. One of his proudest achievements was hitchhik ing 10 000 miles throughout the U S and the seven Canadian provinces He attended the University of Michigan and was a loyal Wolverine He was a member of UAW Local 598 After a long career at Willow Run, he retired from Flint Truck and Bus in 2000. Left to cherish his memory wife Mary (Dutkowski), mother Ann McNally sisters Kathleen (David) Summer Colleen (Bill) Cruger brother Frank McNally (Kartika) Friends may visit the family 4.8 pm on Friday February 9 at Reigle Funeral Home Sunset Chapel 5501 W Pierson Rd Flushing MI The funeral service will be Saturday February 10 at noon at the funeral home In lieu of flowers dona tions may be made to the University of Michigan National Audubon Society or a charity of one s choice

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Worship services

At 8 a m and 11 a m Sundays with an educa tion hour from 9 30 10 40 a m at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 37775 Palmer Westland Social hour follows each service Call (734) 722 1735

Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Corinthians breakfast at 7 a m for Bible study from 8 9 a m at the Kerby Coney Island Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile Come when you can leave when you must For more information call (248) 924 2779

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environ ment 6 p m Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt south of Ford Fellowship hour after services including 10 a m traditional Call (734) 421

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8 a m and 10 a m Bible studies Sundays at 8 50 a m and Wednesdays at 9 30 a m at the church 11575 Belleville Road four miles south of Michigan Avenue Belleville Call (734) 699 3361

New contemporary service

9 am on the last Sunday of the month at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard Livonia A group of church mem bers present a short drama on a theme rele vant to the season a church event or cur rent newsworthy situation. For more informa tion call (734) 422 0494

Prayer group

Join in 7 pm. Thursdays for music singing prayer and friendship at St Edith Church

15089 Newburgh Livonia Come to the back of the church enter entrance No 2 For more information call Grace at (734) 464 1896 Shirley at (734) 464 3656 or Geri at (734) 464 8906

Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9 30 11 15 am Tuesdays at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty north of Eight Mile \$15 registration fee includes interde nominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5 For more information call (248) 348 7600

New modern-style worship Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road Livonia just north of 1 96 presents a modern style worship service. The multimedia service is informal using modern and praise music led by vocalists and vari ous instruments. Dramas, led by the mem bers are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9 45 a m each Sunday between the traditional services at 8 15 a m and 11 a m Sunday School youth and adult Bible classes at 9 45 a m and 11 a m each Sunday For information call Linda Hollman Outreach director at (734) 522 6830

Adat Shalom

Synagogue services at 6 pm Friday 9 am and 9 pm Saturday 730 am and 6 pm weekdays and 8 30 a m Sunday at Adat Shalom Synagogue 29901 Middlebelt Farmington Hills For more information call (248) 851 5100

Welcome to the church

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615 5574 for more informa

tion

Self-help groups Local church provides space for self help groups Overeaters Anonymous a 12 step pro gram for eating disorders meets at 7 p m Tuesdays and Thursdays Alcoholics Anonymous a 12 step program for alcohol related problems meets at 8 p m Wednesdays and at 7 pm Saturdays Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous a 12 step program for co dependency and destructive relation ship problems meets at 730 pm. Mondays at First Baptist Church 300 Willits one block north of Maple one block west of Old Woodward Parking adjacent to church's north entrance

Addiction No More

Do you have any addictive behavior problems - drugs alcohol overeating gambling etc? Come to the meeting 7 8 30 pm. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach 23800 W Chicago Redford For more information call (313) 255 2222 Ext 244

Wednesday Evening Prayer

At 7 pm Wednesday This is not a structured service but an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476 8860

Single Point Walking Club

Meets at 6 p m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville All fitness levels welcome Single Point Ministries (ages 30 and up) offers 45 ministries for singles including Men's Fellowship Women's Fellowship and PACs (People Active in Christian Study) Bible study group Call (248) 374 5920

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Metro Airport posts strong December passenger count

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A strong December helped Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) finish 2006 with nearly 36 million total passengers

Decembers 2,918,978 passengers topped December 2005 by more than 112,000, pushing DTW's year-end count to 35,985,867 total passengers - the second best year in the history of the airport

It is truly remarkable that Detroit Metro Airport finished 2006 with only a 1 1 percent decrease in total passengers from 2005, when the number of aircraft operations (landings and take offs) decreased by 77 percent,' said Lester Robinson, CEO Wayne County Airport Authority 'This indicates that the airlines are scheduling their aircraft equipment more efficiently and are improving their load factors

Two major airlines, Northwest and Delta, filed Chapter 11 Sept 14, 2005 and operated through 2006 with reduced schedules as part of their comprehensive reorgani-

zation plans to return to profitability More passengers per available seats on those airlines and additional service on other carriers brought passenger numbers up to within 1 1 percent of DTW's record year According to preliminary data from Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA), total passenger traffic across North America remained stable in 2006

July turned out to be the busiest month in 2006 at DTW with nearly 3 3 million total passengers closely followed by August

Last year, Detroit Metropolitan Airport handled the equivalent number of passengers to every man, woman and child living in Michigan, Ohio, Utah, Wisconsin and Indiana, said Robinson The smooth and efficient operation of the airport with these numbers is a tribute to the dedicated employees of the airlines, TSA, FAA, the Airport Authority and all of our con tractors and vendors

Girls get chance to explore careers in math, science

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WR TER

Gırls will learn about math- and science-related careers at an upcoming conference, EXPLORATHON

The daylong event will be Wednesday, April 4, under the auspices of the Birmingham branch, American Association of University Women It is for girls in the tri-county area, grades 8-12, and is also open to boys

We believe in education and lifelong learning for women and girls, said Jean Walker of Bloomfield Township, EXPLORATHON chair and a member of the Birmingham branch Efforts such as scholarships promote such opportunities for local women

'In addition, we're interest ed in equity for women Walker said Organizers know a background in science and math will serve girls well in the future

Registration for the April

event has begun and will continue until March 5, or until capacity is reached

Walker cited the problem of girls dropping out of math and science courses around middle school age, in part because of the perception that such courses are unfemi nine 'We're trying to portray the sciences as something exciting, said Walker, a retired teacher The hope is that women will stay with math and science, even if

they pursue other careers Some of the reasons organizers cite are

Girls aren't expected to do well in math and science Girls like to learn in

groups where they can talk and work together rather than work alone

Girls don t see many female role models in science and math careers

Girls may experience pressure from friends not to

AAUW-Birmingham branch working with the Cranbrook Institute of Science offers a day of guest speakers and hands-on workshops focusing on careers in math and science

Formerly titled 'Yes You Can, EXPLORATHON takes place from 8 a m to 1 p m Wednesday, Aprıl 4, at Detroit Country Day School on 13 Mile in Beverly Hills Participants choose three workshops led by women with careers in math and science Dr Robyn Burnham a research scientist at the University of Michigan, is the keynote speaker

"She's going to have a great, dynamic presentation," Walker said

Parents and teachers are welcome to attend and take concurrent sessions Registration for all is \$15 and includes lunch

Registration brochures are available in schools or you may download them the AAUW Web site at www.aauw-birmmi org Call (248) 865 7257 for more

information

The event will feature some 45-50 presenters, to show girls that women can succeed We want to show them women can work in the field ' of science, be creative, be mothers, be grandmothers," Walker said

AAUW has offered the event for about 25 years, starting with an association grant About 700 students attend, and many parents are interested in helping their kıds succeed

'I think they should encourage their daughters to, reach out to science, technol ogy, because this is the wave of the future, Walker said Gırls can take apart a computer "under the direction of women who are doing this," something girls haven't traditionally been encouraged in

Walker would like to see more men in kindergarten teaching and nursing 'I think we just want to broaden everybody's opportunities,' she said

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Designed to educate students in personal and social responsibility by integrating such learning into school curricula, the new consortium emphasizes five key elements Striving for excellence cultivating personal and academic integrity, contributing to the larger community, taking the perspective of others seriously, and developing competence in moral reasoning

"Oakland Community College is proud to have been selected to participate in this innovative effort said OCC Vice Chancellor of Academic & Student Affairs Steve Reif

In today's world it becomes increasingly crucial for college students to develop their talents to the maximum stand behind the quality of their work, and meet their responsibilities, not only as Americans, but as global citizens The con sortium will do much to advance these goals," said Reif

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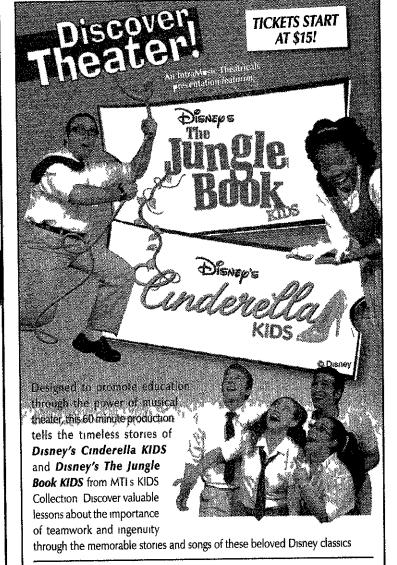
eight applications nation-wide were submitted to the AAC&U OCC is one of two community colleges selected, along with such major educational institutions as Michigan State, Tulane, the United States Air Force Academy and the University of Alabama

The 18 schools making the cut were chosen on the basis of work they have already accomplished in the field of social responsibility, and on plans to deepen and extend that work

Each institution will receive a \$25,000 award from the AAC&U, and is expected to commit an equal amount in matching funds over the next two years

Founded in 1915, the Association of American Colleges and Universities is comprised of more than 1,100 accredited public and private colleges and universities It is the leading national association concerned with the quality, vitality and public standing of undergraduate education

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Hanging tough

Canton gymnasts outlast Livonia rivals in down-to-the-wire WLAA showdown

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

There's only one girls gymnastics team that remains undefeated in the Western Lakes Activities Association – Canton – but everybody else came away feeling like a winner Monday night at Churchill High School

The Lady Chiefs had the biggest reason to celebrate afterwards, scoring a season-high 145 50 points to pull off a double-dual meet win Monday night over previously unbeaten Livonia Blue (144 525) and Livonia Red (144 40)

In Saturday's Canton Invitational, Livonia Red took third out of 20 schools with 143 85, while Blue settled for sixth with 142 675 The Chiefs were one place behind in seventh with 142 350

This was a difficult meet," Canton coach John Cunningham said 'When we met at Troy Athens (Invitational), we tied Blue and lost to Red by 0 25

All the coaches knew we'd be at a high ability level and we're pretty much all equal

Cunningham was particularly pleased with the way his team finished the meet, which was highlighted by Jessie Murray's 9 65 score on the balance beam, which tied her own school record

'This was pressure-packed,'
Cunningham said "When you have to finish on beam—that's the toughest thing to do There were a couple of routines where they failed and the girls were upset, but it was a solid performance, especially the way we finished on beam, which was very tough"

Canton's top scores as a team occurred on vault (36 9), led by first-place finisher Alyssa Kelly's 9 7, and the floor exercise (36 55)

Livonia Blue captured the uneven bars (36 05) Freshman Emily Quint, who was runner-up in the all-around, won the floor exercise with a 9 65 and tied Livonia Red's Paula Guzik for first on the uneven bars (9 4 each)

It was Livonia Blue's high team score of the year

'I attribute it to hard work and determination,' said Blue coach Lisa Fierk, whose team is 7-1 overall 'We had a good floor and good bars, which was a good score for us

"We got a 144 The win doesn't matter because we put our heart and soul into it I couldn't ask for anything more Emily (Quint), Meghan Powers, Laura Nomura and Kelly Tapella all pulled their weight for us today I'm so proud of them '

Livonia Red captured the beam (37 45) led by Guziks 9 7 She was also the allaround winner with a 38 1

The loss dropped Livonia Red to 6-2 overall in dual meets, but coach Kelly Grodzicki was also elated

'I'm very pleased, especially coming off a big invitational,' Grodzicki said 'We did our best We gave it our best effort even

PLEASE SEE **GYMNASTS, B2**

New lacrosse store has it all

Canton's Kaitlyn Burns runs through her routine on the bars during Monday's meet

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Less than a month ago, the ever-rising number of area residents who participate in the fastest-growing sport in the United States had to make a three-hour round-trip drive just to purchase top-of-the-line equipment

Not anymore
Since Plymouth Township-based
Michigan Lacrosse opened its doors Jan
8, local lacrosse aficionados have a wide
variety of equipment at their fingertips
— and it's just around the corner

The lacrosse equipment store and indoor training center is located at 6102 Gotfredson in Plymouth Township, a quarter-mile north of M-14

We had to drive an-hour-and-a-half to the closest store in Clinton Township to find middle-of-the-road to high-end equipment for our sons, said Michigan Lacrosse and More co owner Lisa Birney, explaining how the seed for the idea to open a lacrosse store was planted 'With the way lacrosse is growing and with more and more people playing, we thought Plymouth Township would be a great place to open a business like this

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"The bigger sporting goods stores around here only offer the lower-end equipment. We have everything — from the lower-end stuff to the top-of-the-line equipment. We have sticks that range from \$30 to over \$200."

Birney owns the business with her husband, Mike, and friends Gene and Sandy Pulice The two husband-andwife teams got involved in the sport when their sons started playing at Our

PLEASE SEE **LACROSSE**, **B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Michigan Lacrosse owners Lisa Birney, Gene Pulice and Sandy Pulice are pictured in front of some of the merchandise they offer at their new store in Plymouth Township Not pictured is the fourth owner, Mike Birney

PCA cagers nip Lancers

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's basketball team may not get nominated for an ESPY Award for "Best Dramatic Comeback," but it should after Tuesday night's incredible 54-52 victory over visiting Oakland Christian

The Eagles trailed the Lancers, 51-48, with seven seconds left when senior guard Dave Koscielny swished a long three-point shot to knot the game at 51-all with 4 2 seconds left

Following an Oakland timeout, PCA's Matt
Saagman deflected the in-bounds pass to teammate Devyn Govan, who squared up and buried his
first three-point shot of the season to give the

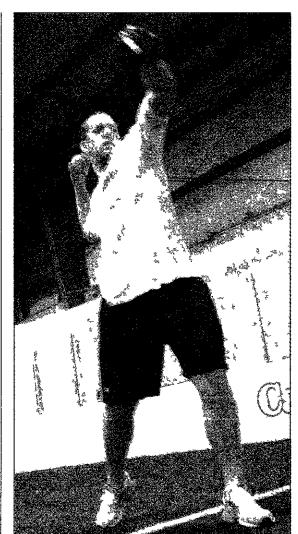
Eagles a 54-51 edge with 2 8 showing on the clock. Following another timeout, PCA quickly fouled Derek Zwier, who made one of two free throws to close out the game's scoring

The victory boosted the winners' record to 6-9 overall and 1-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division Oakland slipped to 5-7 and 2-4, respectively

"We played our best team basketball of the season tonight," said PCA coach Dave Yost. "The boys were very unselfish We played well defensively,

Junior guard Trevor Zinn and Govan paced the Eagles with 16 points a piece Saagman added 10 Govan and Zinn combined to go 14-for-14 from the free throw line The Eagles made 18-of-25 from the line as a team Kurt Schneider led the Lancers

with 22 points while Zwier added 18
PCA led 10-9 after one quarter, 27-22 at the half and 41-38 with eight minutes to play



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Charlie Haeger is pictured warming up his arm during an off-season workout Feb. 1 at High Velocity Sports in Canton Township. The 23-year old Plymouth Township resident will be battling for a spot in the Chicago White Sox rotation when Spring Training commences fater this month.

Haeger traveled amazing road to reach the Majors

STAFF WRITER

If you're a 22-year-old pitcher making your Major League debut, the last person you want to see stepping into the batter's box in the bottom of the first inning with the bases loaded is Anaheim Angels slugger Vladimir Guerrero

Heck, if you're a 35-year-old seasoned veteran, the last person you want to face is Guerrero, one of the most feared sluggers to ever swing a Louisville Slugger

But that's exactly who approached the plate on the evening of May 10 last year as Plymouth Township resident and former Detroit Catholic Central star Charlie Haeger tried to extinguish an opening-inning fire in his first game with the Chicago White Sox

'I couldn't even look at him when he stepped into the box," a smiling Haeger recalled last week, looking back on his memorable showdown with the future Hall of Famer "I remember hearing his name over the loudspeaker, but I kept telling myself, 'Don't look

PLEASE SEE **HAEGER, B2**

THE BOOK ON HAEGER Name: Charlie Haeger: Age: 23: Local fles: Lives in

Lives in
Plymouth
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graduated
from
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Detroit CHICAGO WATE SON PHOTO PHOTO

er in the Chicago White Sox organization: 2006 accomplishments: Went 14-6 with a 3.07 E.R.A. in 26 games for Triple A

in 26 games for Triple A Charlotte: went 1-1 with 3.44 E.R.A. in seven games with White Sox; Signature pitch: Haeger is

Signature pitch: Haeger is one of just two Major League pitchers who throws a knuckleball as his primary pitch

Chiefs sign

At least four members of the 2006 Canton footbalk team will be taking their considerable talents to the next level in the fall

Running back Nick

Running back Nick

Moores has signed with
Saginaw Vailey State
University while defensive
lineman Donnie Laramie
and offensive lineman

William Khoury are headed
to Wayne State University,
according to Canton head
coach Tim Baechler

The fourth Chief headed to the college gridiron is defensive lineman Jay Bailey, who has committed to Northwood University

GCYBSA sign-ups

The Greater Canton
Youth Baseball & Softball
Association will be holding
a mass registration on
Sunday from 3 p m to 6
p m at the Summit on the
Park in Canton

The GCYBSA offers baseball and softball programs – T-ball through 18U – for residents of Plymouth and Canton, or any child who attends school in Plymouth or Canton

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Rec offerings

■ The MRPA Hoop Shoot basketball skills competition will be held Feb 24 at 1 the Summit on the Park Canton Township The event, which will be sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, is free and open to all boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15 The "hot shot" format give players 60 seconds to score points from various locations on the court Certificates and ribbons will be given to all partici-

Winners will advance to the area competition for a chance to compete at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Check-in begins at 8 30 a m and the contest will start promptly at 9 a m Call (734) 483-5600

■ A 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament will be sponsored by Canton Leisure Services on Feb 24 at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township.

Boys and girfs divisions will be set up for grades 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 Awards will be presented for division winners and runners-up

All games will be officiated and teams are guaranteed two games. Only one representative from each team is needed to register. Registration ends at 9.30 a.m. Call (734) 483-5600.

St. Edith football

The Livonia St Edith Catholic Youth Organization football program is seeking players for the 2007 fall season with registration from 2-5 p m Sunday, Feb 18 at the gym entrance.

The program is open to players entering grades 3-8 in the fall and are members of St. Edith and St. Fabian school or parish. Players are also eligible by attending the following parishes. St. Kenneth, St. Colette, St. Aidan, St. Gerald and St. Maurice.

E-mail football coordina tor Jerry Tomasi at jtomasi@twmi rrcom

HAEGER

FROM PAGE B1

athım Don t look athım The bases are loaded Dontlook at

Well, I ended up getting him to hit into a double play, which was key because if he gets any kind of hit, I'm in big

UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT

Even though Haeger went on to suffer a tough loss against the Angels that night, hell never forget his first encounter with Guerrero or his first taste of stepping onto the ultimate stage in baseball

"It went very fast, that's for sure Haeger said of his initial one-day stint with the White Sox "I flew in to Chicago the day I threw The next thing I knew, I was at the ballpark, it was gametime and I was on the mound As soon as the game was over, I flew back home

"The hardest part was getting used to the atmosphere and surroundings because, obviously, I had never stepped on that mound before the first inning I had to get used to the backdrop and the way the sta dium sounded, everything The biggest difference was that in the minors I was pitching in front of 8,000 people where in the Chicago it was more like 38,000

"There were a lot of emotions going through my body It was a good opportunity, I just didn t take advantage of it like I should have

INSPIRING JOURNEY

Haegers path to the Majors

Award-winning teams from

Plymouth and Canton high

schools have qualified to par-

ticipate in the Mid American

Each team will compete and

Pompon 28th Annual State

Championship at Eastern

Michigan University on

Sunday, Feb 11

would make for an entertaining Disney movie Drafted out of high school by the White Sox in the 25th round of the 2001 Major League Draft, the former Shamrock shelved baseball and pursued a career in golf after struggling to a 1-7 record in two seasons of Rookie League action

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During his two-plus years away from baseball, Haeger developed a top-of-the-line knuckleball, a weapon he shares in the Majors with Boston's Tim Wakefield Haeger eventually rejoined Chicago's farm system in 2005 and shined, compiling a 14-5 record in stops at Class A Winston-Salem and Double-A Birmingham

Last year in Triple-A Charlotte, Haeger baffled hitters to the tune of a 14-6 record, 3 07 earned-run average and 130 strikeouts in 170 innings pitched

IF AT FIRST...

Haegers stellar minorleague performance was rewarded with a second callup to the White Sox when Major League rosters were expanded on Sept 1

"The second time I was up last year went really well, Haeger said I had a great September I felt more comfortable with the guys and more comfortable out on the field My knees werent shak ing like they were back in May

The highlight of the season for Haeger came on Sept 23 when he earned his first Major League victory after entering a game against Seattle with the White Sox in a deep hole

We were down five runs

Plymouth, Canton pom squads seek state title

perform in the traditional Mid

American style, a method that

involves sharp, precise arm, leg

and head movements, unique

transitions and formations

switches, and outstanding

showmanship

creative ripples and pompon

Teams will be judged in 10

when I came in," remembered Haeger "I threw three or four scoreless innings and we ended up winning

"Paul Konerko (the White Sox' All-Star first baseman) came up to me while I was sit ting on the bench after we had tied the score and he told me, Go put a zero up next inning and we'll get you a win I did and he hit a two-run home run to win the game

"The guys on the team are awesome and Ozzie Guillen is a great manager to play for Hes very straight forward and he's never going to lie to you, which is all you can ask for"

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

When the White Sox pitchers and catchers gather in Tucson, AZ Feb 17 for the first day of spring training, Haeger will be in the running for a starting rotation spot, especially after they traded Freddy Garcia and Brandon McCarthy, two top-notch hurlers on last years roster

To be honest with you, I couldn t believe it when they traded (McCarthy)," Haeger said 'They got three arms in return, so I guess they did what they thought was good for the organization Hopefully, the trades will open up a spot for me

"I ve talked to our pitching coach, Don Cooper, about three or four times during the off season and he told me the opportunity is there for me and the ball is in my court All I can ask for is a chance to go out there and compete for a spot"

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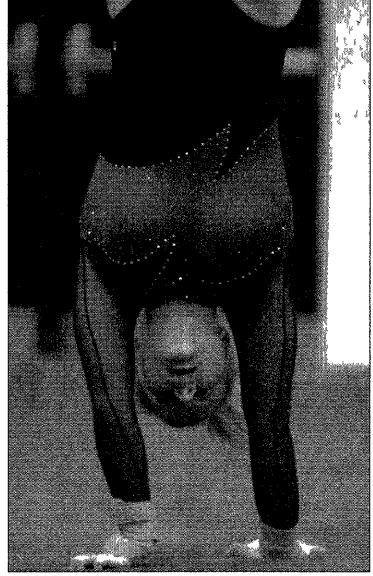
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Canton's Jessie Murray works through her floor routine during Monday night's meet against Livonia Red and Blue

GYMNASTS

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though had a few slips in cer-

tain events "It was surprising in that the whole beam was phenomenal today for the Red team -Margarita Lazarevska, Alicia DiMauro, Alyssa Gonzales, Pısanı and Guzık It was great'

Grodzicki also came away impressed with Canton's showing

"I'm happy for Canton, it's well-deserved,' the Red coach said 'They have a great team They were wellcomposed They showed great spirit and great energy It was healthy competition

In addition to Kelly's 371 in the all-around, the Chiefs also received solid outings from Murray (36 55), Staley (36 45) and Kartlyn Burns (354)

'It was a team effort," Cunningham said "Staley had her first 36 in the allaround Jessie, Alyssa and Staley were all in the 36s, and Burns had her high allaround for the year

"I think we ll continue to do this as we move to the end of the season meets You have to have that kind of performance for the girls to have confidence in themselves'

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GYMNASTICS RESULTS

GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS DOUBLE-DUAL MEET Feb 5 at Livonia Churchill

TEAM SCORES. Canton 145 50 points Livonia Blue 144 525 Canton 145 50 Livonia Red

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Vault 1 Alyssa Kelley (Canton) 97 2 Emily Quint (Blue) 96 3 Paula Guzik (Red) 95 4 (tie) Kate Staley (Canton) and Jessie Murray (Canton) 92 each

Uneven bars 1 (tie) Guzik (Red) and Quint (Blue) 94 each 3 Staley (Canton) 92 4 Kelley (Canton) 905 5 (tie) Powers (Blue) Andrea Pisani (Red) and Kelly Tapella (Blue) 8 95 each

Balance beam 1 Guzik (Red) 97 2 (tie) Murray (Canton) and Pisani (Red) 965 each 4 Staley (Canton) 935 5 Margarita Lazarevska

Floor exercise 1 Quint (Blue) 965 2 Kelley (Canton) and Pisani (Red) 96 4 Guzık (Red) 95 5 Powers (Blue) 93 All around 1 Guzik (Red) 381 2 Quint (Blue) 37 725 3 Pisani (Red) 37 2 4 Kelley (Canton) 371 5 Murray (Canton) 36 55 6 Staley (Canton) 36 45 7 Powers (Blue) 36 25 8 Laura Nomura (Blue) 35 8 9 Kaitlyn Burns (Canton) 35 4 10 Alyssa Gonzales (Red)

Dual meet records Canton 12 1 overall Livonia Blue 71 overall Livonia Red 62 over

> **FARMINGTON UNIFIED 137 10** PLYMOUTH 118.450 Monday at Maxfield Training Center

Vault 1 (tie) Elana Cocke (F) and Kelsey Twigg (F) 8 7 3 Amy Ancona (F) 8 35 4 Erica Kosmalski (P) 815

Uneven bars 1 Elana Cocke (F) 90 2 Amy Ancona (F) 85 3 (tie) Nicole Daihl (F) and Kelsey Twigg (F) 8 35 Balance beam 1 Elana Cocke (F) 9 050 2

Amy Ancona (F) 90 3 Jordan Brodehi (P) 8 65 4 Erica Kosmalski (P) 8 050 Floor exercise 1 Nicole Daihl (F) 9150 2 Elana Cocke (F) 91 3 Keisey Twigg (F) 86 4 Jordan Brodehl (P) 8 55

All around 1 Elana Cocke (F) 35 85 2 Amy Ancona (F) 34 20 3 Kelsey Twigg (F) 33 55 4 Jordan Brodehl (P) 33 40

CANTON INVITATIONAL Feb. 3 at Canton H S TEAM STANDINGS 1 Hoft 145 55 points 2

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Ali-around 1 Guzik (Red) 38 00 2 Verbrugge (Forest Hills) 37 925 3 Kelly (Canton) 37 55 5 Pisani (Red) 37 35 8 Quint (Blue) 36 70 10 Powers (Blue) 36 35 DIVISION 2

Vault. 1 Cristial Klein (Adams) 9 35 2 Brandi Hagan (Forest Hills) 9 275 3 Jacqueline Gazette (Novi) 925 7 (tie) Laura Nomura (Blue) 91

Uneven bars 1 Brittany Young (Salem) 91 2 Nicole Wood (Holt) 8 9 3 Sara Moore (Adams) 88 6 Kelly Tapella (Blue) 875 14 (tie) Nomura (Blue) 8 5

Balance beam 1 Kiein (Adams) 9 475 2 Akyssa Burke (EGR) 9 425 3 Lauren Zarebski (Adams) 9 325 12 (tie) Margarita Lazarevska (Red) 875 Floor exercise 1 Zarebski (Adams) 9 425 2

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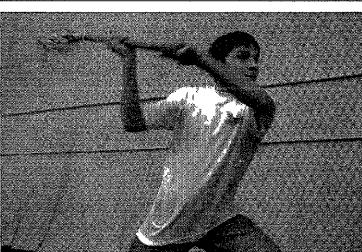
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Lady of Good Counsel school a few years ago "We've had a great response from the community so far,"

said Lisa Birney 'We offer exclusive deals to teams that are looking to utilize the training center and we can provide all the required gear and uniforms, too 'This is a unique opportuni-

ty for area lacrosse teams to make a one-stop shop They can come in here and be completely outfitted from head to toe with the highest quality equipment and have the opportunity to fine tune their game in our training facility, all under one roof'

The 2,500-square-foot training center is stocked with goals, shooting screens and speed guns Individuals interested in using the facility are encouraged to call first -(734) 459-1833 — to reserve a time slot



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Thirteen-year-old Gino Pulice practices in the Michigan Lacrosse training facility, which is equipped with a radar device that measures the speed of the shot

The store carries a full line of equipment, including brand names Warrior, Brine, STX, Cascade, Gait/deBeer, Harrow and Shock Doctor

A "Grand Opening celebration is set for March 3 Among the highlights on that day will be coaching clinics and a 10percent discount on equipment for the first 300 visitors

On Feb 12 between 6 30-8 30 p m, the store will host an equipment purchase night for new and returning lacrosse players who will be participating on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team

For more information, visit www michigan-lax com

ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953 2108

Plymouth Library's 'Hot Stove' series ends Feb. 11

The popular "Hot Stove League' series of the Plymouth District Library has many fans during the off-season this winter The final program of the three-event series will take place Sunday, Feb 11, at 2 p m

Baseball and softball coach-

es and players of all ages are invited to attend "Baseball Isn't Just Baseball It's a Metaphor For Life" presentation Speakers will be Detroiters Dr Robert Samaras, a member of the Windsor (Ont) Sports Hall of Fame, and Raymond Rolak, who has enjoyed a career as a

sports broadcaster, professional baseball scout and published author of numerous baseball and ice hockey articles

Dr Samaras, who has authored several books, will share his experiences with 'The One-run Game Pathway to Pennant," as well as humanıstıc psychology ın baseball coaching

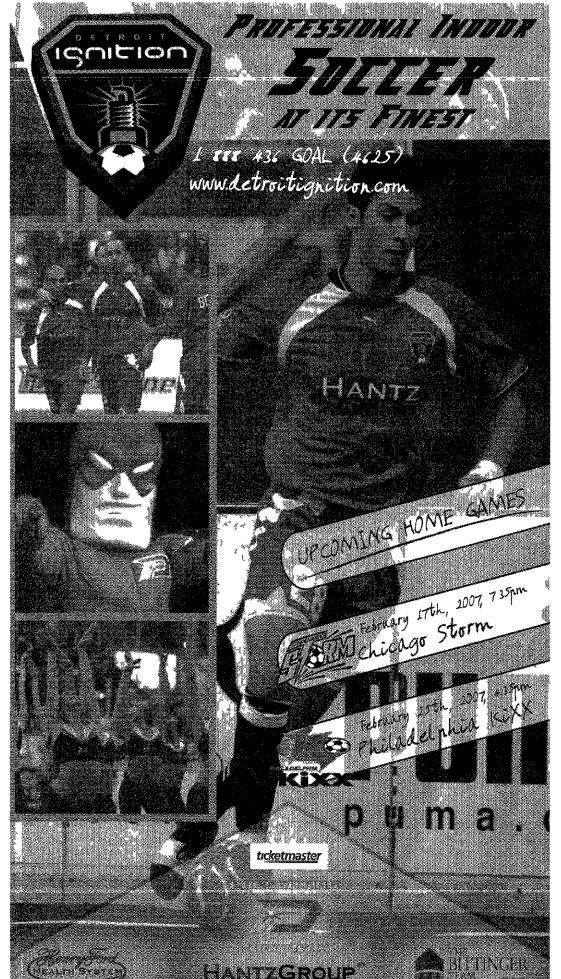
As the former director of the City of Detroit's 4,000-member PaR Baseball school, Rolak will provide "a comparative look at competitive and recreatıonal baseball

The February program brought former Orioles broadcaster Michael Reghi to the Plymouth Library As a thank vou to the community, Reghi has shared his personal score sheet of Cal Ripken's last game in Baltimore on Oct 6, 2001

All program attendees for the Feb 11 segment of the series will receive a copy of this historic keepsake

Registration is required for this series finale by calling the library's reader's advisory desk at (734) 453-0750, ext 4, or register online at www plymouthlibrary org

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Canton spikers outhit Plymouth

Canton's volleyball team over came a mid-match rough stretch to bump Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rival Plymouth, 25-15, 25-21, 15-25 and 25-16, in a Monday night showdown in the Chiefs' Phase III gymnasium

The victory improved Canton to 6-10-6 overall and 3-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division The Wildcats slipped to 13-14-3 and 1 5, respectively

"We started out aggressive and confident and stayed that way for most of the match," said Canton coach Jen Barnes, praising her young and improving squad "However, we missed way to many serves at the end of game two and in game three

"Our blocking was great, but we had a hard time shutting down Brittany Hengesh in game three We still need to focus on consistency and eliminate our errors in order to keep getting the wins

The Chiefs' triumph was pro pelled by strong performances from junior middle hitter Marie Martin (six kills, five blocks and three aces), Lauren McPartlin (six kills, two blocks and five digs), Kacy Moran (six kills, 20 assists and seven digs) and Ellie Kenny (five kills)

"Kacy, Marie and Jordan Kielty are really starting to mesh and become more comfortable with one another They really stepped it up and took control out on the court and made some great choices on their own

"Overall, Marie is our most consistent and aggressive player She always comes ready to play every day

SALEM SWEEPS SPARTANS

Salems one-two punch of Lauren Kurtz (19 kills) and Teresa Coppiellie (15 kills) catapulted the Rocks to a 25-16, 25-19, 25-20 WLAA-Lakes Division victory at Livonia Stevenson

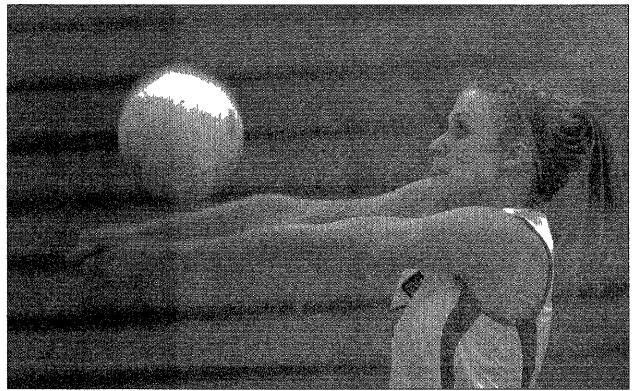
Salem is now 29-4-1 overall and 5-1 in the division, while Stevenson falls to 12-6-1 and 2-4

The Rocks played without the services of sophomore setter Jansan Falcusan, who was ill

"The team played very well tonight," said Salem coach Amanda Suder Courtney Seiler did an outstanding job of filling ın for Jansan tonight We had a lot of high balls tonight instead

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Canton's Jordan Kielty displays her defensive skills during Monday night's match against Plymouth. Kielty and the Chiefs ousted the Wildcats in four games

The Chiefs' triumph was propelled by strong performances from junior middle hitter Marie Martin (six kills, five blocks and three aces), Lauren McPartlin (six kills, two blocks and five digs), Kacy Moran (six kills, 20 assists and seven digs) and Ellie Kenny (five kills).

of our quicker attack, but Stevenson has a smaller team, so we were successful with what we were doing

Seiler finished with 42 assists and 15 digs

Coppiellie had an all-around outstanding match She added two service aces, 22 digs and four blocks to go along with her 15 kills Kurtz also shined, con tributing 14 digs and two blocks in addition to her team-leading

Other stars for the Rocks were Alecia Goodes (19 digs) and Alyssa Matchette (eight digs)

Setter Jill Flaugher led the Spartans with 20 assists, 15 digs and three kills Laura Khalil and Jamie Pounders added eight and six kills, respectively

The defense was led by Jordan Pilut (19 digs), Stephanie Labby (17 digs) and Amber Sharp (14

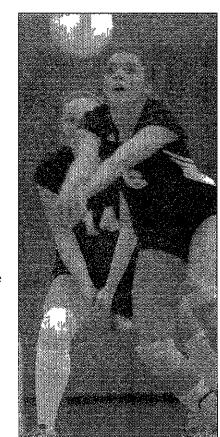
ROCKS TO SEMIS

Salem advanced to the semi final round of Saturday's Novi Invitational before it was side lined by Birmingham Marian, a team it had upended in two games earlier in the day

Overall it was a great day for us, said Salem coach Amanda Suder We beat everybody in the gym at least once but we just came up a little short in the

Salem recorded victories over Milford Marian Farmington and Farmington Harrison in the preliminary rounds before oust ing Novi in the quarterfinals

Teresa Coppiellie paced the Rocks with 52 kills and 31 digs Also excelling were Jansan Falcusan (132 assists) Nikki Mersch (20 kills and 25 digs) and Lauren Kurtz (53 kills, eight aces and 2 digs)



Plymouth's Rachel Heaton returns a serve during Monday night's match against Canton as teammate Ashley Shaffer looks on

SPORTS BRIEFS CANTON LEISURE SERVICES EVENTS

■ Canton Leisure Services will be hosting a cross country ski day on Feb 17 from noon to 4 p m Participants will be able to enjoy the beauty of winter by trailing through picturesque Pheasant Run Golf Course

Skiers can either bring their own skis or rent them on site Afterwards, light refreshments and hot cocoa will be offered in the clubhouse Pre-registration is required For more information, call (734) 483-5600

■ The Canton Amateur Hockey Association will be hosting the 2nd Annual Fire and Ice game Feb 10 at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, which is located on Michigan Ave in Canton The showdown between the Canton hockey coaches and the Canton Fire Department kicks off at 6 45 p m

TENNIS CAMP

Pre-season tennis camp 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 1-3 p m, and Thursday, Feb 22, from 1-3 p m

The cost is \$82 for all three sessions or \$29

To register, call (734) 662 5514 The classes are limited to 10 players from each school

PLYMOUTH REC

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

■ Lacrosse for boys and girls in grades 3rd through 8th is available for the spring of 2007 The season will run from mid-April through mid-June with all practices and games played mostly on mid-week nights Registration will run through January on a first-come, first-

■ Spring youth soccer registration will run throughout January at the recreation office, which is located at 525 Farmer in downtown Plymouth The office is open weekdays from 9 30 a m to 4 p m All first-time registrants need to supply a birth certificate

For more information, call (734) 455-6620 or visit www ci plymouth mi us

RUNNING CLUB

Runners are invited to join the Northville (Redford) Road Runners running organization All levels are welcome

The club meets at 6 30 p m each Tuesday at Northvilles Hillside Recreation Center, located off Center Street just south of Eight Mile, and at 6 30 p m Thursdays and 9 a.m Saturdays at the Eight Mile Road entrance to Maybury State

Varying distances are run, ranging from 4-6

For more information, send an e-mail to Bo@sprauer com or call Gary Haf at (248) 231-

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 hen process by public auction the following storage units The terms of the sale will be cash only Storage USA reserves the right



Whalers heat up Compuware by rolling Knights

On a brutally cold night outside, the Plymouth Whalers remained hot at the Compuware Sports Arena as they defeated the London Knights, 7-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 2,772

In a game that featured the two of the top teams in the OHL, Plymouth (35-13-1-2, 73 points and first place in OHL West) defeated London (36-12-1-3, 76 points and first place in the OHL Midwest) for the third time in four games this season The Whalers are 11 points ahead of second-place Saginaw (29-20-0-2, 62

points) The Whalers never trailed in the game, leading 2-0 after one period and 5-1 after forty minutes

Plymouth got two goals and an assist from first star Tom Sestito, who leads Plymouth with 31 goals, two goals and an assist from second star Sean O'Connor (Brownstown) and single goals from Evan Brophey, Chris Terry and Wes

Plymouth's league-leading penalty killing unit shut down London's leagueleading power play, allowing one goal in 10 tries. Whalers goaltender Michal Neuvirth stopped 32-of-35 shots for his third win over London this season.

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Cunningham (+5 on the game)

Rob Drummond, Patrick Kane and Sam Gagner scored for London

Plymouth's league-leading penalty killing unit shut down London's league-leading power play, allowing one goal in 10 tries Whalers goaltender Michal Neuvirth stopped 32-of-35 shots for his third win over London this season while running his overall record to 20-7-1-1

O Connor started the scor-

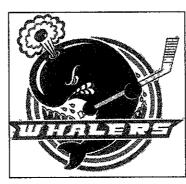
ing for Plymouth on the Whalers first shot at 2 53 when his drive from the left faceoff dot pinballed out in front of London goaltender Steve Mason and into the net Sestito scored at 16 52 of the first period when he deflected Dan Collins low shot from the left circle past Mason at the right side of the London net

Terry scored his 12th goal of the season at 1 56 of the second period to give Plymouth a 3-0 lead when he rifled a shot from the left circle over the shoulder of Mason After Rob Drummond cut the Plymouth lead to 3-1 at 7 10, O'Connor scored what proved to be the game-winning goal at 13 22 of the second period when he took Jared Boll's pass from behind the London net and beat Mason with a quick shot from the slot Brophey made it 5-1 when he batted home a rebound past Mason at

The teams traded two goals aside in the third peri-

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od - Kane (45th of the season at 4 50), Cunningham (3rd at 5 15), Gagner (28th at 7 55) and Sestito (31st at 9 36)

Plymouth outshot London, 49-33 The Whalers continue to lead the OHL in team defense, allowing 130 goals over 51 games

Plymouth plays twice at

home next weekend, hosting

Owen Sound next Friday at 7 05 p m and Windsor next Saturday at 7 05 p m Tickets are available for both games by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www ticketmaster com

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team main-

PCS stays unbeaten

tained its unbeaten record Saturday by battling Grosse Pointe North to a scoreless tie

The victory improved the Penguins to 12-0-2

The No 1 star for the Penguins was junior goalie Kristie Kowalski, who notched her Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League-leading seventh shutout of the season It was also Kowalski's thirdstraight goose egg

'It was a pretty good game and there weren't a lot of shots," said PCS coach Eric Mink. "Both teams played well defensively Kristie mad e a couple of huge stops, including a breakaway in the first period I don't know how she even saw the puck on a couple of screenshot saves she made'

PCS 6, WALLED LAKE UNIFIED 0: On Friday, Feb 2, the Penguins soared thanks to Katie Zimmerman's hat trick and a two-goal effort from Nikki Songer Sarah Manner scored the \bar{o} ther goal for the winners

Registering assists were Keely Kowalski (two), Edra

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calling the following

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Personal property described below in the matter of

2041 - Shirley Black Wells - 3 TVs microwave sofa

3059 - Yvette Woodruff - 30 boxes big screen TV misc itmes

Burris and Zimmerman

"We came out with a lot of energy," said PCS coach Eric Mink "We were able to score a short-handed goal in the first minute of the game to set the tone early The girls did a nice job of defending Molly Baker, one of the top scorers in the

Kristie Kowalski earned her sixth shutout of the season in goal for the winners

PCS 6, MERCY/MARIAN 0: On Tuesday, Jan 30, five different Penguins scored in the onesided victory over Mercy/Marian Katie Zimmerman scored twice while Nicole Sensoli, Amy Coleman, Kelsey Nıkkıla and Nıkkı Songer lit the lamp once each

Nikkila (two), Edra Burris, Kristin Callahan (two), Songer, Keely Kowalskı and Chelsea Osburn (two) were credited with assists

'The senior made a huge contribution on Senior Night," said PCS coach Eric Mink. 'Nicole Sensoli got things rolling, Kristin Callahan had a playmaker and Nıkkı Songer added a goal and an assist"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable

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impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at

the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing

upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services

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David Medley ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road

Canton MI 48188

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SPRING REGISTRATION

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17th

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

1309 Penniman Ave. • Plymouth (1/4 mile East of Sheldon Rd.)

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Leagues Available: Minor League 7-10 major League Junior League 13-14

League is open to all Plymouth Canton residents

Proof of residency and birth certificate to register

www.cantonlittleleague.net or info@cantonlittleleague.net

NOTICE PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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(734)254 0243 on 2/28/07 at 11 00 am Sales are for cash only

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Personal property described below in the matter of

1072 - Jorell Glasper - 10 boxes sofa end table

9210 - Martin Caruana - Computer Microwave Mattress

5023 - Daniel Gorys - Big Screen TV DVD player 30 totes

9209 - Martin Caruana - 10 boxes tool box beach chair

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system you must file a written claim with the Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered Notice should be mailed to Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works 9955 N Haggerty Rd Plymouth Michigan 48170 Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages Contact the Department of Public Works 734 354 3270 Extension 3 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an

Thank You

MARILYN MASSENGILL CMC Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ACCURACY TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2007 - 1 00 p m

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the General Election on Tuesday February 27 2007 The test will take place on Friday February 16 2007 at 100 pm in the Commission Chambers City Hall 201 S Main Street Plymouth MI 48170

This test is open to all interested parties City Hall is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible For further information contact the Clerk's Office at 734 453 1234, ext 234

> Linda Langmesser City Clerk

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -January 30, 2007

Canton Center S Canton Michigan Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 700 pm and led the pledge of allegiance Roll Call Members Present Bennett Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Members Absent Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present Director Conklin Brad Sharpe, Bill Serchak Bob Belair Leigh Thurston, Tom Casari Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett seconded by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda adding closed session to discuss pending litigation at the close of the open meeting Motion carried by all members present

STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1 WETLAND BANKING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMING EFFORTS following topics were discussed Community Wetland Development, Wetlands in Canton State Statute & Regulations, Michigan Law Defines a Wetland, Regulated Wetlands in Canton, Local Regulation & Canton Ordinance, Threats & Wetland Destruction, Development Pressures & Regulation, Benefits of Wetlands, Wetland Development Options, Wetland Development Possible Sites, Community Environmental Action, Municipal Services and Leisure Services discussed the activities they have become involved in support of environmental protection, and Potential Partnerships Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to move from open session to closed session at 8 12 pm Motion carried by all members present A closed session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday January 30 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan 48188 Supervisor Yack called the closed meeting to order at 8 12 pm to discuss pending litigation Roll Call. Members Present Bennett Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin, Yack Zarbo Members Absent Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present None Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to move from closed session and adjourn at 8 25 pm Motion carried by all members present - Thomas J Yack

Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk -Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton.mi.org after

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2024 - Morgan Holliday - Stereo Exercise equipment beach chair 3045 - Brook Swinea - Dresser desk toys 4013 – John Boehret – Golf Clubs 20 boxes, table saw

4108 - Celeste Hubbard microwave 5 folding tables 12 folding chairs

4148 - David Fuller - mattress power tools misc items

4211 - Debra Tansey - couch misc items 10 boxes

4216 - Steven Leach - portable TV 10 boxes toys 4247 - Leslie Lester - toys 10 totes misc items

4275 - John Pope - mini fridge speakers misc items

5106 - Kwaun Reese - 10 boxes entertainment center misc items

5253 - Katie Lambert - mattress couch box spring

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A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday January 30 2007 at 1150

STOW & GO SELF STORAGE **AUCTION NOTICE**

Pursuant to state law Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on MARCH 9, 2007 at 10.00 a.m on past due tenants listed below The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS

UNIT #013-COLIN TROMBETTA OF 12075 N TERRITORIAL, DEXTER, MI 48130

Dressers tables, TV cart TV desk tool box clothes nightstand and

UNIT #251-SCOTT MORRISON OF 9549 CEDAR ISLAND POND, WHITE LAKE TWSP, MI 48386

> Skateboard skis boxes books and misc items

UNIT #339-JAMES ALTER OF N.W.C INC., P.O BOX 512, **DEARBORN HTS, MI 48127**

> Briefcase, Fax Bags of clothes approx 28 boxes and misc items

UNIT #350-MEGAN BOYLE OF 37530 FOUNTAIN PKWY #287, WESTLAND, MI 48185

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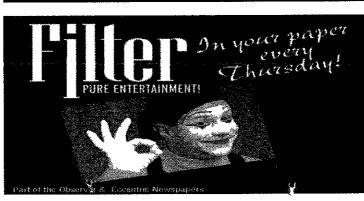
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5029 - Cleopatra Peck - Loveseat 4 bikes, refrigerator

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Metro Detroit USBC Masters able to cash in on tournament

here are lots of bowling tournaments around with a majority going on this year in our little



Pin Alley

Harrison

corner of the world Jan 28 marked the finish of the Metro Detroit\U S Bowling Congress Tournament held at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen

Capturing the championship was 36-year-old Jeff Austreng of Clarkston who defeated Chuck Morris of Redford

in the match play finals The two biggest checks went to Austreng (\$3,000) and Morris (\$1,500)

Park

Of 160 entrants, the Observerland communities were well represented by many of the

most dynamic bowlers in our cities The top 32 bowlers qualified for match play eliminations with Morris qualifying second, followed by John Nolen, Waterford, fourth (\$650), Ryan Wilson, Garden City, seventh (\$350), Keith Kingston, Farmington Hills, eighth (\$350), Richard Wayne, Westland, 11th (\$275), Eric Tulley, Southfield, 19th (\$225), and Carl Harden, Redford, 25th (\$200)

Other Wayne County area participants Larry Franz, Jeffrey Mattis and Joseph Chambers, all of Redford, Larry Walker and Joshua Daniels, Garden City, Rick Capaldi, Roy Biggs, Doug Spicer, Chris Soutar and Leon Walsh, Canton, Matt Miscavage and Pat Brown, Westland, Dale Monteuffel, Livonia, and Kenneth Ulicney, Plymouth

Among the Oakland County contingent Lyle Schaefer, Southfield, Richard Dolph, Christopher Reid, John Robertson, Angelo Newby and Ken Dinsmore, Jr, Waterford, Jim Fee and Dennis Yaros, Farmington Hills, Thomas Fauls and J Harold Holle, Troy, Guy Rau, Birmingham, Harold Hughes, Clarkston, Larry Quince, Keith Chase and Jeff Edwards, Rochester Hılls

The games were all bowled on PBA oil pattern conditions, approved as a sport bowling lane condition by the USBC

This makes it a more difficult shot to get solid pocket hits and to have enough juice on the ball to carry all 10 on the good hits Austreng simply out-bowled

everybody with a high-game of 300 along with high-series of 803

This is the right time to remind bowlers once again not to leave their gear in the car trunk overnight in this bitter cold weath-

Bowling balls are made of several different compositions and the cold weather will have a shrink or stretch effect on plastics, causing possible de-lamination inside the

Remember not to forget, bring it ınsıde

■ Westland's Gary Nagle became the sixth member of the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic to score a 300 game this season

For Nagle, who averages 215 in the league it was his sixth career perfect game

Nagle joins seniors Don Doherty, Bruno DiMambro, Ron Bartoszek, Jesse Macciocco and Hank DeCaluwe who have registered 300s so far this season

The prep bowling season is in full swing right now with the Livonia Clarenceville girls squad still unbeaten at 10-0 with three matches left to go

The Trojans remain atop the standings in the Wayne-Oakland **Bowling Conference**

Current high-game leaders include Danielle Fesco (Clarenceville), 244, Jennifer Maples (North Farmington), 243, Erica Charboneau (Clarenceville), 237, Kayla Barber (Clarenceville), 225, and Amanda Dailey (Clarenceville), 215

On the boys side, Dearborn Divine Child is in first place followed by Novi-Detroit Catholic Central Clarenceville, Northville, Farmington Harrison, University of Detroit Jesuit, North Farmington and Birmingham Brother Rice

On Jan 30, Clarenceville's Brandon Bentley fired a 299 game leaving a stubborn 10-pin in the last ball at Woodland Lanes in Livonia

His team needed all of those pins as they barely beat a very good CC team As the teams were boarding the bus to return home, there was a loud bang on the pavement, it was the 10-pin that Brandon left standing, and now it fell down, which he got to keep as a souvenir

Any bowler would be upset when that one pin prevents a perfecto, but he was happier yet that his game made the difference in the victory Other individual highs on the boys side Mike Horton (CC), 299, Brian Carroll (Northville), 288, Mike Erlingis (CC) 288, Jon DeBellis (Farmington Harrison), 277, Mike Jacobini (Northville), 277 The regional and state finals are coming up in just a few weeks and our area preps are coming along nicely

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia a mem ber of the Bowling Writers Association of America and Life member of USBC. He can be reached at (248) 77 1839 or email ten pinalley@sbcglobal net



High-flying Wings

The Canton Wings Squirt hockey team went undefeated in the Rock N' Roll Cup Tournament Series 2006-07 held in Cleveland Ohio last month Pictured are (front row from left) goalie Carson Moutsatson Jonathan Clark, Mitchell Langell (second row from left) Sam Flesher, Ryan DesJardin Geoffery Kelm Kyle Elinski, Cameron Megazzini Andrew Shattuck, (third row from left) Alexej Guberinich, Conor Browne Tyler Hess, Colin McCausland (fourth row from left) assistant coach Sasha Guberinich, head coach Cam McCausland assistant coach Tony DesJardin and assistant coach Kevin Moutsatson

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Friday Feb 9 Salem at W L Central 7 p m W.L. Western at Plymouth 7 p.m. Wayne at Canton 7 p in PCA at Parkway 730 pm Canton Agape at Franklin Rd 7:30 p m PREP VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Feb 8 Roeper at PCA 730 p m

Saturday, Feb 10 Salem at Bedford Invite 8 30 a m Plymouth and PCA at U M Dearborn Invite 9 a m PREP HOCKEY Friday, Feb 9 Canton at Livonia Franklin at Eddie Edgar 6 p m Saturday, Feb 10 Salem at W L Northern

at Lakeland Arena 8 p m PCS Penguins at G P South at City Sports Arena 11 30 a m
PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Feb 8 WLAA cross overs Saturday, Feb 10 **WLAA Conference Meet** at Canton 9 a m **BOYS SWIMMING**

Thursday, Feb 8 Salem at W.L. Central 7 pm Northville at Plymouth at Canton HS 7 pm Canton at Wayne 7 p m Friday, Feb 9 MISCA Diving at EMU 5 30 p m Saturday, Feb 10

MISCA Swim Meet at EMU 10 a m **GIRLS GYMNASTICS** Thursday Feb 8 MEN S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Feb 7

Schoolcraft at Wayne County 7 30 pm Madonna at UM Dearborn 730 pm Saturday, Feb 10 Delta CC at Schoolcraft 3 p m Madonna at Cornerstone 3 p n **WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** Saturday, Feb 10 Delta CC at Schoolcraft 1 p m Cornerstone at Madonna 1 p m ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb 9 Whalers vs Owen Sound at Compuware Arena 705 p m Saturday Feb 10 Whalers vs Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena 7 05 p m Sunday Feb 11 Whalers at Windsor Spitfires 2 pm

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Lady Ocelots hammer Henry Ford, 71-40

Brutally cold weather outside didn't cool off red-hot Schoolcraft College inside on Saturday after noon as the Lady Ocelots routed Henry Ford 71-40 in a womens basketball matchup

Schoolcraft clinched a berth in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament with the win, which improved the Lady Ocelots to 20-2 overall and 13-0 in the confer ence The start of the game was at least competitive, with the Falcons (1-21, 1-13) managing a 14-14 tie with 8 30 to go in the

first half But Schoolcraft, ranked No 4 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll, went on a 21 6 tear to finish the opening 20 minutes

Henry Ford, which hit just 15of-79 field-goal tries (19 percent), never threatened in the second half, as the Lady Ocelots successfully finished off the 200th victory of head coach Karen Lafatas Schoolcraft career

She is 200 61 (766) in her nine years at the helm

Sparking Schoolcraft with 17 points and 13 rebounds was sophomore forward Maricka Seay But she had plenty of offen sive assistance

Sophomore forward Ashley Sibby contributed 10 points while freshman guards Brittney Ivey and LaDwan Jones (Wayne Memorial) each tallied nine

Chipping in with eight points, along with 15 rebounds and six blocks, was freshman forward Antomette Brown

Also strong in the post were freshman forward Janelle Harris

(eight points, 10 rebounds) as well as sophomore forward and Garden City alum Alisha June (five points, seven rebounds)

For the Falcons, Lauren Trosell (Livonia Stevenson) and Jourdane Tanap each scored nine points

Ocelot men cruise

Balanced scoring lifted Schoolcraft College to a 78 51 men's basketball victory Saturday over visiting Henry Ford Community College

Leading six players in double digits for the Ocelots (14 8, 9-4) was freshman guard Jerome Hutchins, who tallied 13 points in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association -Eastern Conference matchup

Registering 12 points each were sophomore guard Jon Yeazel, freshman guard Josh Samarco (Belleville) and sophomore forward Nate Minnoy

Both sophomore guard Korey Spates and sophomore center Gabriel Garcia chipped in with 10 each Sophomore guard Anthony Lacey scored 16 for Henry Ford (7-14, 5-9)

MU games postponed

Blizzard conditions and record cold forced postponement of Madonna-Aquinas mens and women's basketball games both Saturday and Monday

After the originally scheduled Saturday games were postponed – the mens game at Madonna University and the womens at Agumas in Grand Rapids

- Monday's makeups also were postponed



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton junior swimmer Allison Schmitt captured five medals at the Junior Pan Pacific Championships in Maui last month. Schmitt was competing for the USA

Schmitt was one of the USA National Junior teams shining National Junior team stars at the meet, which attracted teams from Australia, New Zealand Japan China. Guam and Canada Altogether, 170 swimmers competed

Schmitt earned two individ ual bronze medals along with one silver and two bronze in the relay events

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

the 60-degree upgrade in

It was great being able to put on the red, white and blue cap with my name on it, she said "It's the first time I ve had an opportunity to swim for the

United States, so that was

The weather was nice, too,"

she added "It was in the eight

ies the entire time we were out

there When we stepped off the

plane in Detroit it was in the

Her 2 01 15 clocking in the 200 meter freestyle beat her

time by a USA Junioi team swimmer since the program

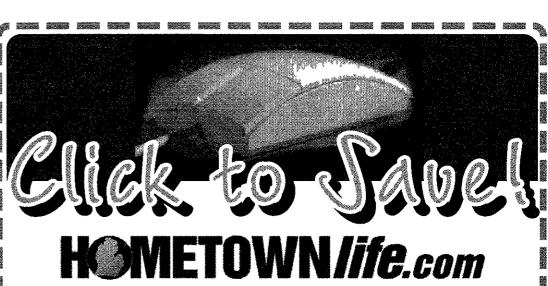
was started in 1989 Schmitt qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials in the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 56 80 seconds She had already qualified for the trials

previous best in the event by 8 in the 200-meter freestyle

The entire team met in San Francisco and then we flew to Maui together, Schmitt said It was nice getting to meet the other swimmers

The competition was held at the Kihei Aquatic Center

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The UP's western terrain is the most scen

Snomad Writer Ray Williams recently finished a four day saddlebag ride in the Western part of the Upper Peninsula Following is part one of his story

annual Keweenaw/Western UP ride began with a long day of trailering the 500-plus with a long day or trailering way to trailer and miles to Baraga Its a long way to trailer and many Michigan snowmobilers never get that far west, but for me the Western UP is the most scenic and exciting area to ride

Baraga, at the base of the Keweenaw Peninsula, is the gateway to the peninsula and Copper Country Both the Village and County is named after Father Frederic Baraga, the 'snowshoe priest who came to the area from Austria in 1831 and was made bishop of northern Michigan The first visitors were French missionaries and traders who found shelter from Lake Superior on the shores of the Keweenaw Bay in the 1600 s Father Baraga built a Catholic Mission at Assinins and

devoted 10 years to educating the native Indians There were four of us on the ride, Tom Chaplin

from Pinckney, Russ Demers form Dearborn, Vince Cytacki from West Bloomfield and myself The four day saddlebag ride was planned to take us up and down the length of the Keweenaw Peninsula, west to Silver City and Lake of the Clouds, south to Lake Gogebic and back to Baraga I like to begin the ride at the

Ojibwa Casino & Resort, just a lit-

tle west of the downtown area It

has immediate trail access, out-

side of town, without having to

ride through either Baraga or

RIDING WITH THE **SNOMADS**

Ray Williams

adjacent LAnse Often the trails through these two villages are marginal at best The rooms are also reasonably priced with two

\$45 gambling packages thrown in

We saddled up and left the Ojibwa, the next morning, at 7 45 No fresh snow had fallen overnight, but the temperature was perfect, in the low 20's We headed south and in less than an hour we had traveled the 30 miles to Sidnaw for breakfast at Mom's Cafe After breakfast we backtracked north 10 miles and rode the scenic Sturgeon River Gorge trail northwest than west toward Mass City At Mass City we headed north on the Bill Nichols trail, headed for Hancock, 40 miles away

The Bill Nichols trail (Trail #3) is an abandoned railroad grade that runs from Mass City, at the base of the Keweenaw Peninsula, to Houghton Michigan's snowmobile trail program began as a small, loop trail system, and grew with the goal of tying these loops together into an interconnected system of trails At the heart of this system, in the UP, are more than 425 miles of abandoned rail-

road lines that first began to be acquired by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in

Within the first few miles we crossed the three Firesteel Bridges These bridges are perhaps th most impressive snowmobile bridges in the state Originally constructed as railroad trestles, the railroad bridges have been converted to recreational use New railings and decks were placed on top of the railroad ties with much of the con struction work being done by local snowmobile clubs under the DNR's snowmobile grant pro-

Funds for these projects come from several sources with a majority coming from snowmob ers themselves paying for a snowmobile trail pe mit required to use the designated trail system. The Firesteel Bridges move more than 46,000 snowmobiles and 4,000 ORV's per year, high o two branches of the Firesteel River



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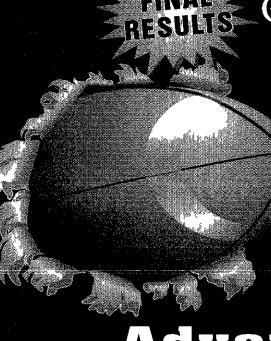
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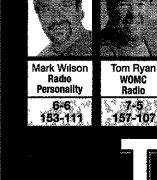
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We checked into the Hancock Ramada Inn, unloaded our saddlebags, and rode to Ginos Italian Restaurant for lunch After lunch we rode east to Dollar Bay then crossed Portage Lake to

Dreamland I wanted to (A) see if the ice crossing was safe (it was) and (B) see if the trail I planned to take in the morning was good (it wasn't) We continued north to Lake Linden then back south to Hancock via Trail 3 It was 5 30 pm, we had ridden 160 miles of trails for the day and it was time for the pool and sauna.

Ray Williams is a trustee of The Snomads Snofari Club a Michigan Snowmobile Association affiliated club The Snomads mission includes the promotion and advancement of the sport of snowmobiling by providing a medium for the exchange of snowmobiling information and to serve the pub lic by encouraging the safe and responsible operation of snowmobiles through education safety training programs and example. The clubs mission also includes the encourage ment of better snowmobiling citizenship through civic proj ects and charitable activities. Visit the web site, www.sno. mads org for more information about the Snomads

■ The GVP American Baseball Camp will be held Feb 19-23 at Birmingham Covington School for boys and girls in grades one through six The indoor camp, offered by Greg Porter, assistant varsity coach at Groves High School, will provide daily instruction in the areas of defense, pitching, catching, sliding and hitting

All campers will receive a camp shirt and prizes Cost is \$124 per person for Birmingham residents and \$129 for non-residents Space is limited

For more information, contact Birmingham Community Education at (248) 203-3800

CAMPS/CLINICS

■ Birmingham Seaholm head baseball coach Don Watchowski will direct a sixweek Spring Training 2007 academy from Feb 25 to April I for players in grades one through 12

In conjunction with the Midwest Baseball Academy, the training clinic includes advanced hitting and pitching for a \$98 fee Space is limited and registration is underway

For more information, visit www baseballacademy net or call toll free at 866-MBA-HITS

■ The annual Birmingham Brother Rice baseball camp for players grades 3 8 1s scheduled from 1 5 p m March 3 4 at Brother Rice High School

Coaches will focus on the basic fundamentals and techniques for hitting, bunting, infield, outfield, pitching and base running Campers are grouped by age and ability The coach-to-player ratio is

Camp instructors will be Brother Rice head baseball coach Bob Riker, who has been with the Warriors' baseball program for 17 years, the last nine as head coach, and Brian Kalczynski, a former Riker assistant and Big-10 star at the University of Michigan

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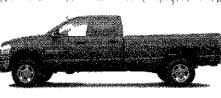
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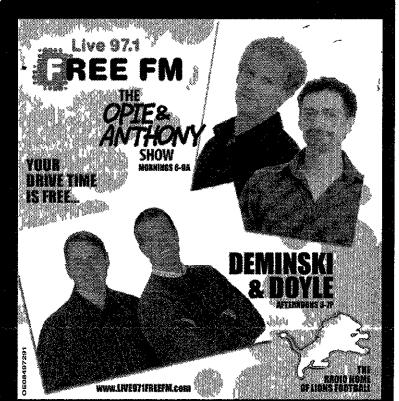


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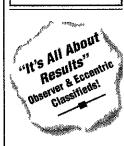
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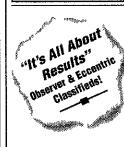
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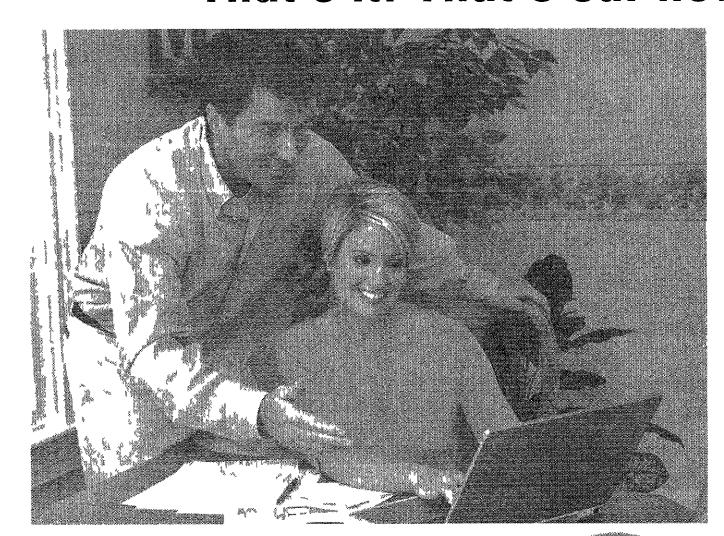
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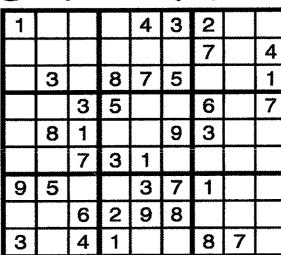
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An attitude of superiority may well be a smokescreen, advises Mike Cook, author of "Thrive Standing On Your Own Two Feet in a Borderless World' (St Lynn's Press, \$18 95) "The team member may sense that he can't do what he's supposed to do on the team He is resistant to needing other people This may be a vulnerability issue Avoiding vulnerability costs the team and the organization money and time We hide our limitations and create clever stories to deflect the focus of attention away from us onto the situation and other co-workers ' Through Vitalwork Inc, of Rochester, NY, Cook consults with individuals and organizations to increase self-management rather than fall back upon management structures when interpersonal problems arise

John Mautner, CEO of Chicago's Cycle of Success Institute, agrees that failure to contribute exacts a price, often causing a "ripple throughout the company that drags others down, 'especially when they realize

that poor productivity is acceptable for one individual 'It becomes meaningless (to them) to work harder,"he says The Institute offers a one-year educational program to increase profitability and empower employees to improve their organizations

'RUTHLESS COMPASSION'

How can you determine before a behavior is ingrained that your team member is lagging behind? Pay attention immediately when you see that the person isn't contributing Watch to see whether this is the beginning of a pattern, or an exception

Cook says to observe how the person responds to requests "How does he prioritize them?" he asks "Does he favor some people/tasks over others? Does he operate more from a platform of compliance with certain aspects of the job and other things just can't wait? You've got to take action' if a pattern of non-participation emerges

Then what? "Talk straight with ruthless compassion," Cook explains He offers a script with a

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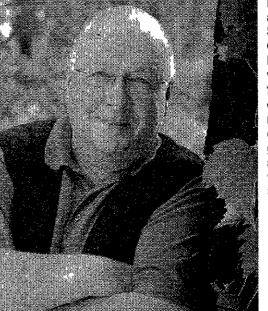
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Jim Bolton, CEO of Ridge Associates in Cazenovia, NY, advocates approaching the

situation in the spirit of "mutual influence" so that your teamwork is more effective He agrees that you have to "convey that you're vested in the person's success

If the team member refuses to make a commitment, Cook says to state that you are committed to productivity for the organization and aren't "willing to have you damage your reputation or mine "The next step is to take action

Mautner is less optimistic about the process, noting that many companies lack weekly, measurable performance standards He further maintains that co-workers have limited power He recommends pulling together as a team if you do have performance standards and arranging an intervention Meet and exert peer pressure by 'explaining that he's dragging down the team, affecting your bonus or the success of the company "Then explain specifically what the person needs to do to If nothing changes, open communication with your manager



Mike Cook is the author of Thrive Standing On Your Own Two Feet in a Borderless World, where he discusses the importance of developing high-level interpersonal skills to complete with the global marketplace, and persuade a coworker not to be underproductive

The first method truly requires risktaking It requires you to "get related to coworkers in an extraordinary manner through relationships, but not accidental relationships," Cook states He adds that we're all competing with other workers worldwide, that this new workplace is filled with rising expectations while the employee base shrinks "You have to figure out how to make yourself attractive to the employer and co-workers, more so than the other guy," he states 'Make yourself easy to work with'

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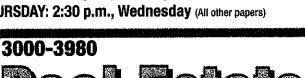
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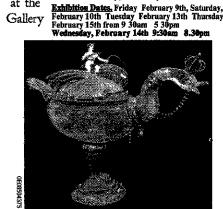
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By Dale Buss



Saturn has been one of the great ironies in the recent history of the US automobile industry Beginning two decades ago, it broke the GM mold in areas as diverse as labor relations, engine technology and customer satisfaction with dealers And yet, where it really, really counted - in the products that Saturn churned out to its loyal customers – the brand has been a continuing disappointment

Now, however, Saturn finally seems to be in the modest of a change where the rubber actually meets the road After years of talk and reassurances, GM executives finally gave Saturn the means and the permission to produce vehicles that are worth driving, worth talking about, even worth honoring

The new crop of worthwhile Saturn vehicles certainly is illustrated by the Sky, the saucy twoseater that debuted last year as a cousin to Pontiac's Solstice Yet Sky is far from the most important new Saturn vehicle The new Vue Green Line, hybridengine SUV is actually more important for the long term And even more significance belongs to the Aura, a new mid-size sedan with which Saturn finally plans to compete effectively with Toyota Camry, Honda Accord and other popular offerings in the United States

And Aura's heritage produces yet another irony The vehicle is largely lifted from the Open Vectra produced by GM in Europe So while Aura may well prove to be the effective 'import fighter" that the Saturn brand has promised, and needed, for a long time, the new vehicle is actually a bit of an import ıtself

Anyway, more relevant to American car buyers is the fact that Aura was recently named the North American Car of the Year in an award that is presented annually by a jury of 49 prominent automotive journalists from throughout the United States and Canada That's a remarkable honor for a car whose sticker prices start at all of \$21,000 Start with the design of Aura and you'll quickly

Saturns that preceded it and, in important ways, from much of its competition Aura sports many of the same design elements found on all new Saturns, including a bold chrome bar grille and sharp lines with flowing surfaces Its execution is the sharpest among the handful of models using the same platform, including the Pontiac G6 Aura boasts subtle fender flares, a naturally arcing roofline and a short rear deck

understand why it has set itself apart from all

Perhaps even more important for Saturn, Aura extends the attention to detail into the interior of the car as the brand never has before The gaps are tighter and the materials well improved over earlier Saturns And from the firm but comfortable, optional leather seats, to plenty of rear legroom, to an eye-grabbing yellow-on-black instrument panel with a carbon-fiber-patterned background, Aura envelopes you in an environment that combines the best of European-style comfort and utility with American spaciousness

Moreover, Aura earned five stars - the federal government s highest-possible rating - in all four metrics from the new car-safety assessment program

Aura doesn't leave anything to be desired in its drivability, either The XR model is powered by an optional 3 6-liter V6 engine that GM developed in Australia, which delivers 252 horsepower - more

than enough to produce giddy-up in a car this light A new HydraMatic 6T70 transmission, the first six speed automatic in a GM front wheel-drive vehicle, lends not only an adequate but a downright sporty driving experience At 20 mpg in the city and 28 on the highway, the fuel-economy penalty isn't too bad for that kind of performance

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Punch isn't the long suit of the 2007 Vue Green Line SUV The headline feature of the Green Line, of course, is its hybrid powerplant GM's goal in designing Green Line was to deliver a 20% increase in fuel economy at a very low cost. The Green Line achieves both goals, putting out an estimated 27 mpg in the city and 32 on the highway, a considerable improvement over the standard version of the Vue that yields just 22 mpg in the city and 27 on the highway

And in the meantime, the cost premium for the Green Line is not even \$2,000 over the price of the standard 4-cylinder Vue, handing you a base sticker price of just \$22,370 By comparison, the Ford Escape hybrid is priced a full \$5,500 over its conventionally powered counterpart, though the Escape hybrid provides a huge 50% increase in city fuel economy and 18% on the highway







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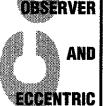




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Windows Vista improves searches, software, security



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

t occurs to me I haven't talked about Windows Vista since August Now that Microsoft's years-in-the-making new operating system is finally shipping, it's time for a closer look

For starters, don't think you can avoid it Virtually every new consumer PC built from this moment forward will come with Vista preloaded (though you may have the option to choose Windows XP if you order online from a vendor like Dell or Gateway)

Given the choice, which operating system should you choose? And is it worth

upgrading your existing system to

Six months ago, I would have advised you to stick with XP It's a solid, stable operating system with virtually no software-compatibility problems or major issues Well, OK, security is a major issue, but regular readers of this column know how to keep their PCs locked

Today, having spent over a month with the final version of Vista (we media types get special privileges), I'm singing a slightly different tune Skip the

upgrade, but get Vista with your new PC

Although I dislike some of Vista's cosmetic changes (many menus and buttons have been relocated with no clear advantage), the OS shows marked improvement in three key areas search, security, and software

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Chocolate cheesecake recipe gets national attention



Jacob Thomas, who grew up in Southfield, prepares to re-create his award-winning cheesecake recipe during a taping for Emeril Live! The episode featuring Thomas airs at 8 p m Sunday, Feb 11, on The Food Network

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

f Jacob K. Thomas ever tried to hide his knack for baking, the secret won t be

safe for long On Sunday, Feb 11, the Southfield native will appear on Emeril Live! as the winner of Emeril's Chocolate Challenge

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'I'm having a gettogether at my house to watch the show," Wisecup saıd. "We'll Cheesecake will be featured be making the cheesecake and When: 8 pm Sunday Feb 11 cheering him on I'm tickled pink for him." But baking isn t

his full-time gig Thomas is a graduate of Southfield-

Lathrup High School and Wayne State University He is currently a graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The accomplished saxophonist will perform his School of Music master's recital, also on Feb 11

Thomas discovered the contest last April while roaming The Food Network Web site 'My mom and I were wondering how we could get tickets to see Emeril Live'," he said "Emeril and Oprah are the

two things she really wants to go see' So Thomas transformed a cheesecake recipe into a decadent chocolate dessert

PLEASE SEE CHEESECAKE, D2

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Jacob Thomas a Southfield native, showed off his culinary and music skills during a recent taping for the Emeril Live' show

See recipes for Jake's Explosive Double Chocolate Chip Turtle Cheesecake and for a Valentine's Day dessert Instant Chocolate Mousse Inside Page D2

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Don't procrastinate, read this column now

This week, some eccentric observations from Purtan's Person Wendell Ledbetter

efore I get to my topic for today (which ironically is procrastination), I must note that I saw a recent column by Dick Purtan referring to the so called "wacky warning labels" stupid warnings on products designed to save us from ourselves and to save manufacturers from



Purtan

Dick gave us the top five but he forgot a few Like the one seen on a cement mixing truck reading "Caution this vehicle may contain Jimmy Hoffa. Or the one on a set of steak knives reading 'Do not loan to OJ Simpson'

Then there was the sign at the entrance to the Red Sea that said, "Do Not Part." My favorite was a warning label attached to Michael Jackson's nose that read "Caution Contains small parts that may fall off and cause a severe aesthetic reaction" Now on to today's real

A recent survey revealed that a significant percentage of Americans are procrastinators. Which reminds me, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our Observer & Eccentric readers a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday (Meanwhile, an apology is in order I meant to write this column on procrastination for last weeks edition but never got around to it.)

It's not that I don't believe in other people's surveys, but, skeptic that I am, I conducted my own survey and found that 42 percent of those polled do not procrastinate the other 58 percent said that they would get ba to me on that.

Some people are very good at it and can't wait to procrastinate I personally am not a procrastinator because when I was a kid, my mom told me if I did that I d go blind (Fortunately, at this point in time, I'm only slightly nearsighted)

People put off doing things for many reasons, but mostly because it's something that they don't want to do. you know, something really unpleasant like looking at naked pictures of Rosie O'Donnell

Procrastination is the world's oldest profession I mentioned that fact to Dick Purtan and he said I was thinking of prostitution So what else is new?

Sometimes procrastination is a good thing Like last week when I put off buying lottery tickets until just after the drawing I went in to a convenience store and asked for a ticket with the numbers that had just won. When I turned in the ticket to collect my millions, they wouldn't give me the money Boy what jerks I mentioned this to Mr Purtan as well and his only comment was that the work "jerk" did come to his mind as well Hmmmm I wonder what he meant by that!

As a group, procrastinators are way too passive. I say they should get together and show unity one of these

Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do every morning listen to Dick Purtan on The Motor City's 104 3 WOMC from 5 10 a m

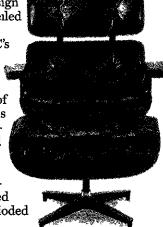
An Icon of Modern Design

Eames chair revolutionized furniture

Charles and Ray Eames revolutionized the design world when they unveiled their iconic Eames Lounge Chair on NBC's HomeShow in 1956

The couple met in 1940 at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills when he was an architect and a teacher and she, then Bernice Alexandra (Ray) Kaiser, was an art student When they joined forces, the couple exploded onto the design scene

A new exhibit at The Henry Ford features their work The Eames Lounge Chair An Icon of Modern Design, celebrates their work, and runs through



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The elegant Eames lounge chair is padded with black

PLEASE SEE EAMES, D3 feathers

leather upholstery filled with down and duck

CHEESECAKE

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and entered the competition online He never had much baking experience, but he does have great memories of watching his grandmother cook when he was growing up in Southfield "She was a little protective of her kitchen,' Thomas recalled

And since he became a college student. Thomas and his mother, Darlene Thomas Johnson, created a new kitchen tradition.

Johnson, who was living in Texas at the time, would call her son at night and they would "watch" Emeril Lagasse together, discussing the dishes the famous chef was making

By August, Thomas had nearly forgotten about his recipe He received a call from a fact-checker at Emeril Live! who said they planned to try his recipe in the test

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"A week or two went by and they called me back and said You won, said Thomas "I was completely and utterly shocked. I was so excited I had to call my mom"

When he phoned the Missouri salon where Johnson works as a cosmetologist, Thomas said, "she started doing a little dance'

"I was just so tickled," Johnson recalled She said she never realızed how much her son enjoyed cooking, though they spend plenty of time doing so when he visits

Thomas said it took awhile for the news to sink in, but it soon spread across campus In October, producers and crew members from Emeril Live' traveled to Lincoln, Neb, to film Thomas creating his gooey cheesecake, as well as playing the saxophone with the school's Jazz Ensemble

"They showed such an interest in him,' said Johnson. "They did

an excellent job"

A doctoral student, Jeffrey Richmond, even composed a special piece, titled Blues for Emeril, for Thomas' segment

"It was a really great expenence," Thomas said. "My mom was here for that She's an important part in ıt all"

In November, Thomas flew to New York City for the taping of the show Family members joined him at the studio As the show began, he explained, "you're talking to Emeril in real time He starts making (the cheesecake) and you're giving him directions on how to make it."

Since then, Thomas has made several more of his award-winning cheesecakes — for friends and relatives And his mother's experience visiting her favorite show was all she imagined it would be, and more "Emeril is a sweetheart," Johnson said

JAKE'S EXPLOSIVE DOUBLE CHOCOLATE CHIP TURTLE **CHEESECAKE**

1/4 cups of chocolate Oreo cookie crumbs 1 cup and 4 tablespoons of

sugar 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) and 3 tablespoons unsalted but

ter (melted) 2/2 pounds (5 packages) cream cheese softened to room

temperature

1/2 teaspoon of vanilla extract 2 tablespoons all purpose flour 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips and I cup melted semisweet chocolate chips

1 cup sour cream 4 eggs

Topping. 3 tablespoons butter

chips for topping

1 cup semisweet chocolate

1 cup caramel for topping 1 cup pecans (chopped) for topping

Preheat oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit Lightly grease the bottom and side of 9 inch springform pan In a mediumsized mixing bowl, combine the Oreo crumbs, 4 tablespoons of sugar, and the 4 tablespoons melted butter and mix together well Pour the crumbs into the bottom of the pan, and press out crumbs evenly Once completed set pan aside for later

In a large mixing bowl, com bine cream cheese, the rest of the sugar and vanilla Beat together until light and creamy Add the flour and blend until smooth Fold the first cup of chocolate chips into filling Pour in the cup of melted chocolate chips and sour cream and mix well Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing in each at a low speed Pour filling into prepared pan, bake for 50

minutes to an hour, until the center is almost set Let cake cool for 10 minutes, then run a knife around the sides, and remove rim of the pan Refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight

For topping, melt 3 tablespoons of butter in a small saucepan, then pour in chocolate chips Mix together on medium low heat Once chocolate and butter are combined. pour warm mixture onto chilled cake Refrigerate for 10 to 15 minutes

In another small saucepan, combine caramel and chopped pecans, then bring to a boil Let mixture boil for 2 minutes, while stirring consistently Let mixture cool for 3 to 5 minutes, and then pour onto cake Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to serve

Recipe courtesy of Jacob KThomas formerly of South-



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Valentine's treat: Instant chocolate mousse In a medium bowl, whisk BY J M HIRSCH cherry undertone, which can be AP FOOD WRITER highlighted with a single

Valentine's Day provides enough pressure without also having to perform wonders in the kitchen

Yet since a home-cooked anything can be the surest way to your love's (or perhaps wouldbe love's) heart, its not a bad idea to search out something with which to dazzle I prefer the dessert route because it offers a great compromise eating out and in

Heres the plan - treat your mate to a fine dinner out, but skip dessert After a (weather permitting) romantic walk under the stars, head home and present this chocolate mousse, perhaps paired with a red wine, then followed by coffee

The beauty of this instant mousse is that it offers luxurious chocolate flavor with none of the fussiness of traditional mousse recipes The secret - a whipped cream base infused with a brew of cocoa powder and coffee

A bit of kirsch adds a nice

maraschino cherry on top The most impressive (and easiest) way to serve this is in purchased chocolate shells or cups These cups are designed to be filled in this manner and can be purchased at most specialty food and baking shops

If you d rather skip the chocolate cups, consider serving the mousse in a tall, wide wine glass Or depending on how well you know your date, use a large martini glass and make it a mousse for two

INSTANT CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

/2 cup unsweetened cocoa pow

/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons hot cof Pinch salt

1 pint heavy (also called whip ping) cream ²/₃ cup powdered sugar

1 ounce kirsch (cherry brandy) coffee brandy or chocolate liqueur 6 chocolate cups or shells Small chocolate bar (for garnish)

6 maraschino cherries

together the cocoa powder, coffee and salt It should whisk easily and have the consistency of melted chocolate If it is too thick, whisk in another tablespoon of coffee Set aside

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer on medium-high to whip the cream for I minute Add the powdered sugar and whip for another minute Add the kirsch and coffee-cocoa powder mixture Whip on high until stiff peaks form about another minute

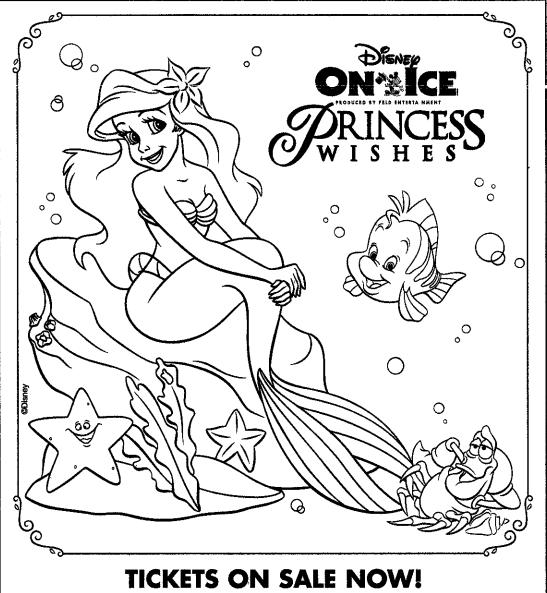
Spoon the mousse into a medium plastic bag and twist the top closed Use scissors to snip off one corner (about 1/2 inch up)

Arrange the chocolate cups on serving plates If the cups don't sit flat, place a dollop of mousse under them Squeeze the bag to pipe the mousse into the chocolate cups

Use a vegetable peeler to shave the chocolate bar over the mousse filled cups, letting some of the shavings scatter on the plate Top each mousse with a cherry Refrigerate if not eating ımmediately

Makes 6 servings

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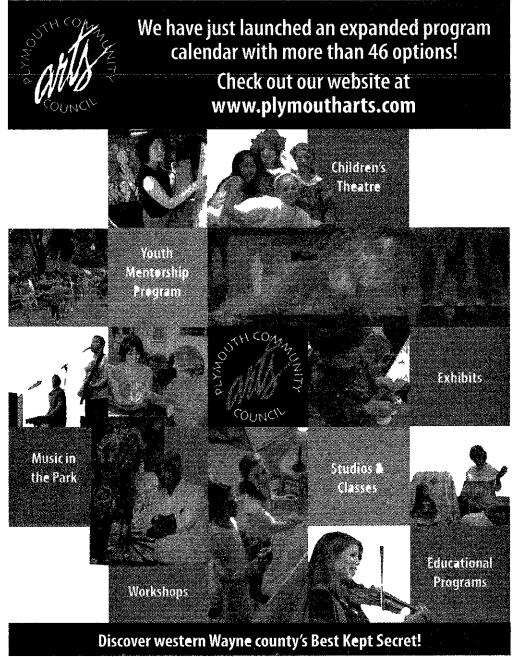


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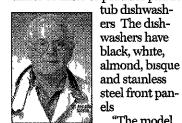
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Maytag, Jenn-Air dishwashers recalled

he US Consumer Product Safety Commission announced another recall, as news of it reached my desk on Feb 1 It read "The recall involves Maytag and Jenn-Air under counter or portable plastic



Doctor

Joe Gagnon

bers are printed on a label located on the dishwasher's plastic frame on top of or to the left of the door opening Consumers

"The model

and senal num-

should contact Maytag to determine if their dishwasher is included in this recall"

There are about 2 3 million of these dishwashers in homes

today They were sold from July 1997 through June 2001 at prices ranging from \$370 to \$800

The problem with the product stems from a rinse-aid dispenser, which may leak and cause a liqund to contact internal wiring, possibly resulting in ignition and a fire There have been 135 reports of dishwasher fires on these particular brands It is recommended that you should stop using these dishwashers immediately and contact Maytag at (800) 675-0535 for a free mhome repair

In the many years of writing this column, I have printed information on many recalls issued on major home appliances It amazes me that the majority have been involved with dishwashers Here we are talking about 2 3 million dishwashers and I know that past recalls have totaled this number and more Isn t it astonishing that this recall concerns products, which were sold for a four-year period, and it

has taken almost 10 years to recognize a serious flaw in the design? With 135 reports of fires on these products, somebody is at fault for the lack of speed or concern for the consumer

A year ago or so I wrote and quoted a statement from the CPSC They told us that less than 50 percent of all recalls they announce never reach the ears of the very consumers who own the products I find this fact to be very alarming I might suggest that you can find a list of current and past recalls announced by going to their Web site at www.cpsc.gov

In this current recall there is this statement, "Contact Maytag for either a free in-home repair, or a \$75 cash back reimbursement following the purchase of a new Maytag, Jenn-Air, Whirlpool, or Kıtchen Aıd dıshwasher Consumers should not return the dishwasher to the retailer where it was purchased, as retailers are not prepared to take units back."

You can look at this statement in different ways and may not agree with mine How is it that a manufacturer can produce and sell us a product which did or might have caused a fire in our homes and then turn around and offer us \$75? In so doing they are assuring themselves that many homeowners will take the dollars offered and the end result is to their benefit They have assured themselves of a great increase in dishwasher production for the coming months They received a slap on the wrist and laughed all the way to the bank 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@home townlife com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon

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menu, Windows Explorer,

the Control Panel, and so on In the Start-menu version, you can use it to quickly find a program you want to run Just type the letters "pa," for instance, and presto There's the Paint program That's a lot faster than wading through that endlessly cascading All Programs menu (which no longer exists in Vista - now it's a compact, scrolling menu)

Even better, Instant Search makes nearly everything on your hard drive instantly accessible Want to find all Word and Excel documents that say "monthly report"? Just type the first few letters in the search box and you'll see the results immediately, narrowing further and further as you type

Yes, there are third-party tools that have long offered this capability in Windows XP (Google Desktop is a good one), but not with such tight integration into the OS Instant Search rocks (Mac users can rightfully boast they've had this feature for years)

SECURITY SMARTS

Arguably the most important improvement in Windows Vista is better security

The operating system now protects you from a variety of threats, including spyware and identity theft (a k a phishing)

Windows Mail, which replaces Outlook Express, includes an anti-phishing filter designed to alert you when it detects a phony come-on from your bank, PayPal, eBay, and the like Internet Explorer 7 features a sımılar filter to keep you from entering personal information on fraudulent Web sites

Vista also incorporates the anti-malware, anti-spyware tool Windows Defender, which in Windows XP was an optional download

Microsoft has beefed up Windows' firewall, too The Vista version blocks not only unauthorized traffic that

comes from outside your PC, but also unauthorized traffic that tries to escape from your PC (which can happen if spyware or a virus has managed to infiltrate somehow)

It's still too early to tell just how effective these and other new security measures will be, but they're definitely a huge step in the right direc-

SOFTWARE SMARTS

Finally, we come to software Vista comes with some surprisingly robust applications - not quite on par with those in Apple's iLife suite, but close

Windows Movie Maker, for instance, offers incredibly easy video editing and now lets you save your movies to DVD Windows Photo Gallery provides effortless organization of your photo library, complete with excellent "tagging' tools so you can easily ... find specific pictures

Windows Contacts and Wındows Calendar offer basic address-book and appointment-scheduling features, while Windows Meeting Space enables you to share documents, programs, and even your PC with other users

Finally, there's Vista Media Center, which comes standard with Vista Premium and Vista Ultımate

Add a TV tuner to your PC and it becomes a full-fledged entertainment center, with the best DVR capabilities this side of TiVo Apple's Front Row doesn't come anywhere close I honestly don't know why Microsoft doesn't crow more about Media Center It's awesome!

Well, there it is Although Vista might better be described as Windows XP 2 0, it's still a worthwhile operating system that I think you'll come to appreciate I know I have

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Keep fabric clear of baseboard heaters

≝ackie from Commerce Township asks 'I would like to have floor length draperies on my living room window, but I have water (not



Design Solutions

Guastella

idea of short draperies in a formal room What are my options? Baseboard heating units usually run

along the

perimeter of a

room, using

electric) base-

Can I do this? I

either electricity or water to radiate heat They are fairly efficient, clean, and quiet, but the one big drawback is their appearance. They are unattractive and typically measure about 8 inches high and protrude 2 to 4 inches out from the wall

Furniture must be placed several inches away from the wall to clear the baseboard units and allow the warmth from the

baseboards to heat the room Window treatment options need to be modified for this type of heating

I recently contacted a baseboard heating manufacturer for a client with this same dilemma. He recommended that whether you have electric or water baseboards, you should have no combustible materials within 12 inches of the unit. I ve never seen anyone pull their sofa out one foot from the wall to clear the baseboards, but nonetheless, that is his recommendation and should be considered when making your final

I followed up with contacting a fabric manufacturer That manufacturers recommendation is not to allow the fabric to touch the baseboard units Even flame retardant fabric will scorch after years of contact with baseboard heaters

Armed with this information, you need to make an informed decision about your window treatments The best option is to completely avoid having any combustible materials touch the

baseboard units at all The problem is that sometimes the best option will not always work for

The primary concern regarding a fire hazard or fabric scorching with these units is that the warm air must be allowed to flow freely and not build up heat behind the drapenes

Hard, upholstered treatments such as lambrequins could work and they could be constructed to be installed a good distance away from the baseboards, thus allowing the clearance for the warm air to

Draperies that hang a few inches above the baseboard units are commonly used and many designers have specified fixed side panels, not traversing, over baseboard heaters because this will not cause the warm air to get trapped behind the draperies and heat up to dan gerous temperatures

I would caution you to make sure that if you opt for fixed side panels that go to the floor, that you have a 4- to 6-inch return

(distance from the wall) and that you use flame retardant fabric You may want to consider constructing a non-combustible heat deflector to place between the baseboard unit and the drapery panel This will ensure that the fabric will not come in contact with the heating unit

If you are planning on a larger scale remodeling project for the room in question, consider installing shorter baseboard units that will not encroach on the space required for window treatments

You are right to be concerned with this issue You are not destined to use valances only or short, casual treatments in a formal room I encourage you to take your time in researching the best design solution to your window treatment dilemma.

Terri Guastella an interior designer and a Canton resident specializes in space planning design and color con sultation Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella with your questions at www.exclu siveinteriordesign com

April 29 at the museum This traveling exhibit features more than 30 objects from the duo who created high-quality work for average consumers The Eames lounge chair was created through experimentation with molded plywood furniture designs It partnered lavish comfort with modern design

It is considered to be among the most significant and collectible pieces of furniture made in the 20th century In ıts first year, Herman Miller sold 500 sets priced at more than \$500 each

The lounge chair's design resembled a first-baseman's glove, with three curved plywood shells and padded black leather upholstery filled with down and duck feathers It's swivel base was made of cast aluminum and painted black The ottoman, a single, curved shell was similarly padded

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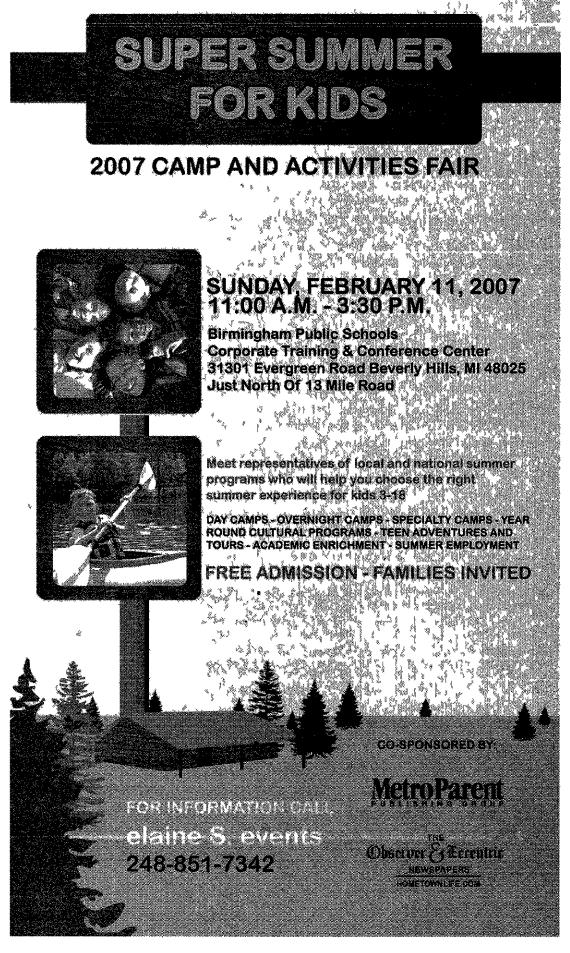
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Hot Tamales! Artists Gwen Joy and Miss Redford Michigan

Elise Mesner will host the Hot Tamales Valentine s Day Art Show

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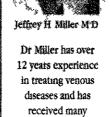
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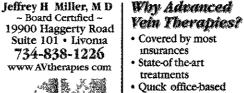


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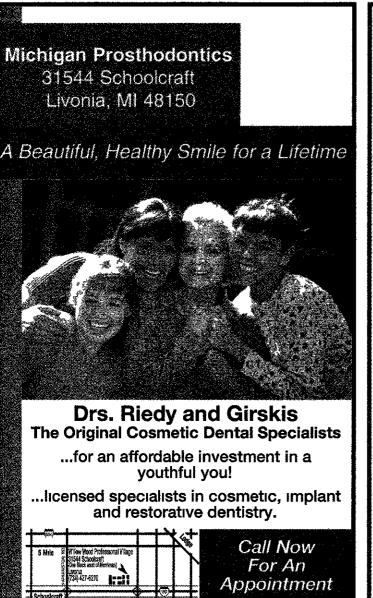
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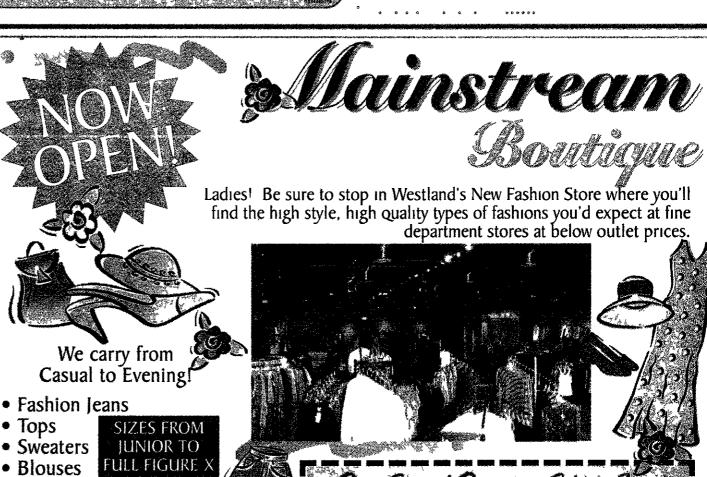




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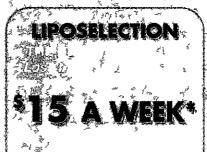
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