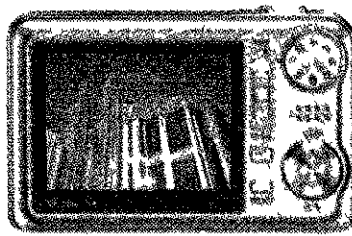




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## Canton nurse at the forefront of the battle against cancer

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

As a research nurse at the Karmanos Cancer Institute for the last 12 years, Joanne Mancini is well acquainted with the very latest breakthroughs in the ongoing fight against cancer. Over the years she has worked with hundreds of cancer patients, and knows firsthand how difficult an ordeal it can be to go through treatment and beat the deadly disease.

Yet, all that knowledge did not make it any easier for her on the day back in 2002 when Mancini's doctor told her that she had breast cancer.

Even though I deal with this all the time it still shocked me. Suddenly I was going down the same road as the patients I work with, said the 47-year-old Canton resident.

**'Even though I deal with this all the time it still shocked me. Suddenly I was going down the same road as the patients I work with.'**

Joanne Mancini  
Canton resident

Fortunately for Mancini, she caught the breast cancer early enough. With treatment, and the support of family and friends, she was able to beat the disease and is healthy today.

But the experience changed her outlook on life and her job. Actually, Mancini believes that having gone through the ordeal is a great help as she works with patients today at the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Gershenson Radiation Oncology Center.

Much of Mancini's job is researching the latest clinical trials, which offer alternative and cutting-edge treatments against cancer. Some of the patients at Karmanos choose to participate in these trials, and it's Mancini's job to match them up with the right ones and coordinate the care with doctors.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Joanne Mancini donated a bell to Karmanos Cancer Institute's Gershenson Radiation Oncology Center. Every time a patient completes their cancer treatment, they ring the bell.

PLEASE SEE **CANCER, A5**

## DNR says hunting still legal in Canton

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Residents have joined the Canton Township Board of Trustees in expressing disappointment in recent hunting recommendations by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"I feel like a prime target," said township resident Tom Pellerito, who lives off of Geddes Road near a hunting zone. "I don't think the DNR considered all of the audience they had against this."

After a lengthy process that included a public hearing, the DNR has not recommended any additional hunting zone closures within the township, but did offer some minor modifications on which weapons were legal to use. Only the DNR has the authority to ban or restrict hunting.

"This is a safety issue," Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said. "We are a very populated community and it's a shame we'll have to wait until someone gets hurt or killed for hunting to stop."

Although several board members opposed the DNR's suggestions, the department's recommendations were approved unanimously Tuesday night. Yack said the vote didn't signify agreement with the suggestions, but acceptance of the weapon limitations.

"Hopefully, this is not the end of the conversation," said Township Trustee Todd LaJoy, who stressed compromise between the DNR and Canton DNR Conservation Officer Tami.

PLEASE SEE **HUNTING, A5**

## Challengers line up to face incumbents for school board seats

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

There are two incumbents and five challengers who have filed to run for two, four-year seats in the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election May 8.

All seven filed by the 4 p.m. Tuesday deadline. Candidates have until

Friday at 4 p.m. to withdraw from the ballot.

Incumbent Mark Slavens will be running for his third term on the school board.

"First and foremost, the most important thing is to continue to improve academic performance," Slavens said.

I've been very proud of what the board, administration, staff and

students have achieved since I've been on the board.

"When I first got on the board, several schools were rated 'B' and 'C'," he said.

This year, every elementary and middle school received an 'A.' And, we improved on 24 of 28 tested areas on the MEAPs.

Slavens also noted he wants to be part of the

future superintendent search and help guide the district through its difficult economic picture.

Incumbent trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski is seeking a second, four-year term on the board. Two others, John Nichols of Canton Township and Larry Martin of Plymouth Township, are running for a second con-

secutive year after failing to be elected last year.

"With my neighbors losing their jobs, increasing enrollment into our school district, and the state economy, I am committed to finding creative solutions to keep the high standards of our school district must meet,"

PLEASE SEE **BOARD, A5**



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Shoveling away the snow

Tuesday night's snowstorm closed all Wayne County public schools giving Robert Turfe the day off. No laying around playing video games for him. The Discovery Middle School student instead cleared the snow from in front of his Canton home.

## Here for the party

**'Redneck Woman' singer to play private affair next week at Village Theater**

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Even if Gretchen Wilson's No. 1 fan could afford to spend any amount on a concert ticket, it wouldn't be enough to see her perform Wednesday night at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

That is, unless their name was called out across the 99.5 WYCD airwaves and they called the radio station within 30 minutes.

Wilson, the Grammy award-winning 'redneck woman,' will be the featured artist for the station's latest Studio 99.5 private concert.

These are chance-of-a-lifetime concerts, WYCD Program Director Tim Roberts said. "You could never

get this close to major artists at any other concert."

Wilson released her chart-topping debut album, *Here for the Party*, in 2004.

Roberts said people all over metropolitan Detroit have been clamoring to get their hands on the tickets that money can't buy.

"This will be our first concert in Canton and people are scrambling trying to get access," he said.

The country music station has hosted six to 10 private concerts a year for the past three years. The winner pool is open only to people that register with the station's VIP club at www.wycd.com.

Past concerts have featured Pat Green, Keith Urban, Rascal Flatts

and Hank Williams Jr.

"We've had shows that were only open to 10-15 people," Roberts said, adding that all the tickets for Wednesday's show have been awarded.

Jennifer Tobin of the Village Theater said the facility is thrilled to host the event, but has no power over who can see the performance.

"This is their thing," she said. "We have no control, (WYCD) rented the theater."

Roberts said the township facility was an ideal place to have the intimate concert.

"People get to talk to the artist," he said. "Sometimes they answer questions. It's very personal — almost like you are having your own backyard party."



Country music star Gretchen Wilson perform at the Village Theater Wednesday night.

For everyone that didn't get a ticket, Roberts said pictures will be on the station's Web site after the concert.

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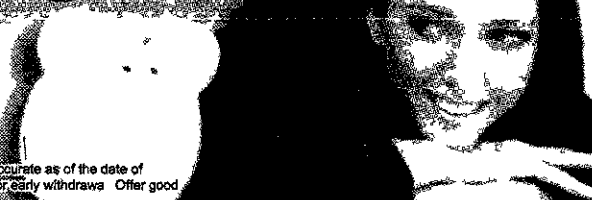
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## Coming Sunday in Health



Psychotherapist talks with pedophiles

## Correction

The article, "Discount Beverage owners carry on a family tradition," in the Sunday, Feb. 11, issue of the *Observer* should have stated that owners Sammy and Amy Hesano bought an existing business. Also, their son Carlo is not an employee at the store.

## State of the township

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack will present his State of the Township address at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's March networking luncheon on Wednesday, March 7 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. A buffet lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m., followed by Yack's presentation in the main theater.

The cost for the luncheon, which is open to the public, is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. The luncheon is being sponsored by Huntington Bank. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is March 2.

## Advance screening of 'PRIDE'

In celebration of Black History Month, Comcast will present a special advance screening of the new Lionsgate film *PRIDE* at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 21, at Emagine Theater, 39535 Ford Road in Canton. This event is open to the public and is free for those who RSVP by calling (248) 233-4606. Tickets are available on a limited basis and can be picked up at local Comcast payment centers.

Based on true events, *PRIDE* tells the inspiring story of Jim Ellis, a charismatic

schoolteacher in the 1970s, who changed the lives of young people forever when he founded an African-American swim team in one of Philadelphia's roughest neighborhoods. Ultimately, he leads the team to the state championships. This life-affirming drama stars Terrance Howard and comedian Bernie Mac. The movie opens nationally in theaters on March 23.

Comcast will partner in the event with the American Heart Association, McDonald's and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The American Heart Association will offer free blood pressure checks and other screenings at the event as part of its "Power to End Stroke" campaign.

## Music scholarships

Two PCEP Choir Boosters Darlene Symons Memorial Scholarships (\$500) are available to PCEP graduates from 2006 or earlier with a minimum of two years in PCEP choir program. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college vocal music education or performance program. A letter of recommendation from college instructor is required.

The Darlene Symons Memorial Scholarships are administered through the Canton Community Foundation Scholarship Program. This year CCF is offering Canton Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents access to 35 scholarships totaling \$35,300. The scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors, current college students, and to non-traditional students (adults who are pursuing their degrees for the first time or after an extended absence).

The 2007-2008 Scholarship Application is available on our

homepage at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org). Applications are due March 2 by 5 p.m. to the foundation office.

## Texas Hold'em benefit

The Plymouth/Canton Airport Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA#113) is hosting a charity Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 24 to support its aviation education and scholarship programs. There is a \$60 fee to participate. Top prize will be \$500-\$1000, and there will be a scaled payout to top 20 percent of players. Registration begins at 2 p.m., with a 3 p.m. state time. For more information visit [www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org).

## Teacher earns grant

Barb Reed, a teacher at Bentley Elementary School in Canton, recently received a check for \$1,000 from the MEEMIC Foundation for the Future of Education. Reed applied for the grant to help fund the cost of purchasing books for a staff book studies program.

"Our book studies program will focus primarily on two books, *How Full is Your Bucket* and *Bringing Out the Best in People*, which promote actively seeking the good in every person and situation," Reed said. Thanks to the MEEMIC Foundation mini-grant, our entire staff, including administrators, teachers and support personnel, will take part in the book studies program. I believe the result will be that the uplifted attitude of the staff will positively impact our students.

Janet Wilson of the Tom Wilson Insurance Agency located in Plymouth Township and Kristy Mitchell, Director of the MEEMIC Foundation for the Future of Education



## Ice water rescue training

Earlier this month when temperatures were in the low 20s, several Canton firefighters took part in the department's ice water rescue training held at a retention pond off of Summit Parkway. Firefighters suited up in one of the department's new buoyant 'Mustang Ice Commander' suits designed for icy, cold water rescues, and practiced cutting through the ice and going into the water to pull their partner out. "With the number of retention ponds in the area there is always the risk of an incident," says trainer Lt. Tom Kruger. "It's important for residents to know that all ice should be considered unsafe due to variables that you can't see such as thickness, deterioration, cracks and holes. Ice that is three inches thick in one area may be only one-half inch thick a couple of steps away due to water currents, depth or objects underneath." Retention ponds in Canton range from approximately three to eight feet in depth, with one recorded to be 10-12 feet deep.

recently presented the check to Reed.

I'm so happy that our agency was able to point Ms. Reed in the direction of the MEEMIC Foundation's mini-grant. We all realize that funding for special programs is increasingly hard to come by, but that didn't seem to deter Ms. Reed - her determination really paid off," Janet Wilson said.

Created in 1992, the non-profit MEEMIC Foundation for the Future of Education offers mini-grants of up to \$2,500 to Michigan educational employees. For information

about the mini-grant, or to apply online, go to [www.meemic.com](http://www.meemic.com) and click on "Especially for Educators."

## Home buyers seminar

Shore Mortgage will hold a free home buyers/credit repair seminar at 7 p.m., Feb. 22 at 7277 N. Lilley Road in Canton. For more information or to make a reservation, call Richard Pasieka at (734) 776-5635.

## 'Children of Eden' auditions

Auditions for *Children of Eden* will be held at the

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

For more information visit [www.spotlightplayers.net](http://www.spotlightplayers.net), call (734) 480-4945, or e-mail [president@spotlightplayers.net](mailto:president@spotlightplayers.net).

## Special library event

Detroit's Matrix Theatre Company presents a special version of "Boomtown 1925," an original production, on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Canton Public Library. "Boomtown 1925" is set in the Detroit neighborhood of Delray in the Jazz Age when the city was booming with factories, speakeasies and growth. The play explores the relationship of five women gathered in Gus All Night Diner and the effects of racism and sexism.

The play is presented as part of the library's Everyone's Reading 2007 program selection *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age* by Kevin Boyle. The book examines the 1925 trial of Ossian Sweet, a black doctor accused of murder and conspiracy. Famed attorney Clarence Darrow defended Sweet. The second act of "Boomtown 1925" will be presented with opportunity for discussion as a "talk back" format.

Register for this program by calling (734) 397-0999 or in person at the library.

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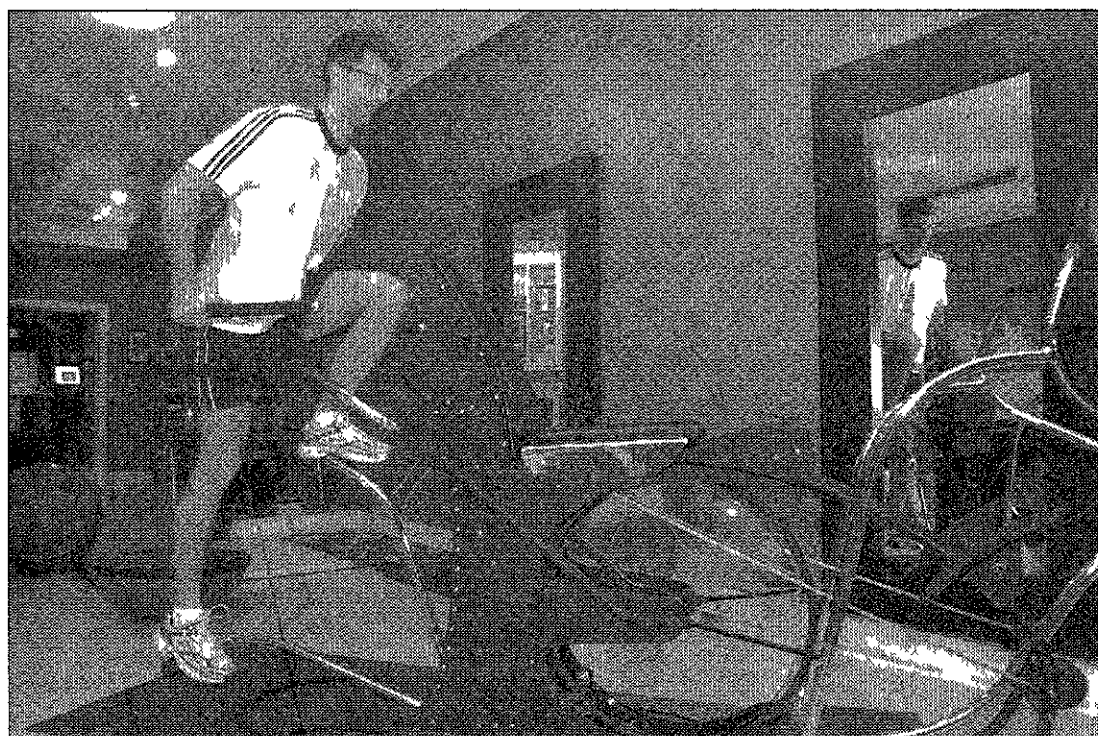
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Jason Loverich works his lower body during a workout at ROM Fitness in Plymouth

## New gym offers four-minute workout that gets results

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Health experts recommend exercising an hour or more a day to lose weight and remain healthy.

But for some, spending time at the gym walking the treadmill, using the elliptical machine or lifting weights is more a chore than fun. And those New Year's resolution workouts at the fitness center in January and February can easily fade by March and April.

However, Parker Whitaker, owner of ROM Fitness Studio on Forest Avenue in downtown Plymouth, said you can skip the drive to the gym, spending hours a week exercising, because all it takes is four minutes a day. And you don't even have to shower afterward.

Whitaker said his ROM resistance, cardio and stretching apparatus is designed and engineered to provide a complete upper- or lower-body workout in less time than it takes to change clothes at the gym.

The old theory is you had to do 45 minutes to get heart vascular health, but the new studies show that's not true, said Whitaker. Actually high intensity training, which is what this falls under, is much more conducive to a healthy heart than long-duration cardio because it develops the lungs. And lung capacity is actually the key factor in heart health.

"The four minutes (on the ROM) is the equivalent of doing 45 minutes of cardio, 35 minutes of weight training and 20 minutes of stretching," he said.

Trading in 60 minutes or more of exercise for just four minutes a day was enticing to Diane Bancroft of Canton.

Township who began working out in the office like exercise studio in July.

That's why I come here, because I hate gyms and organized exercise," Bancroft said. "When you get here, you already know you'll be working hard for those four minutes before you even get on the machine."

But, it's worth it, she said. The rewards here are immediate, if nothing else the pure energy level you get. I've seen fantastic results.

The ROM machines have both upper body and lower body stations. However, Whitaker said despite it being only a four-minute workout, he recommends doing the lower body one day, the upper body the next, and continuing the cycle for five or six days.

Theresa Beaver of Canton also liked the idea of a four-minute workout when she started working out at ROM Fitness in September.

"By the time you fit the structured routine of a fitness center changing clothes and joining class, you've lost an hour and a half," Beaver said.

However, for those who think the four-minute workout is a breeze, Beaver said it's the best four minutes you'll ever have.

Beaver said she used to get winded walking up flights of stairs, but that's not the case now.

I have more energy and the body is repositioning to more desirable locations, Beaver said jokingly. I'm very happy otherwise I wouldn't keep coming.

A lot of exercises become routine and you don't push yourself as hard, she said. But, here you reach a level and you push yourself to the next level.

Whitaker said even he needed to be convinced about the ROM fitness machines before investing \$30,000 for two machines, much more than what it costs for a treadmill or elliptical machine.

I struggled with my weight having dieted when I was 10 years old, Whitaker said. "But, the machine — along with eating five meals a day — absolutely changed my life. I wouldn't start something so out of the box if I didn't know it worked."

The machine meets your resistance instead of you meeting its resistance," he said. "If you're pushing it to capacity, at two minutes you're looking at the clock."

Jason Loverich began showing up at ROM Fitness because it was close to where his daughter takes dance lessons. Loverich, a marathon runner, only goes three days a week, but does both the upper and lower body exercises those days.

Loverich said even after the eight-minute workout, he hardly breaks a sweat, making it easy to go in before work or during lunch time because you don't have to go home and take a shower.

I could probably come in my business clothes and then go to work, Loverich said. At my job, I go into boiler rooms that are 110 degrees and I sweat worse in there than I do here.

This is great if someone is trying to get into exercising, he said. "It's great because it can be as challenging as you want it to be."

ROM Fitness Studio is located at 585 Forest Avenue in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 254-0201.

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## Snow delays student count

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The cancellation of classes Wednesday because of snow means Plymouth-Canton schools officials will have to use Tuesday as the official count day to determine state funding.

District officials are required to take an official count on the fourth Wednesday after Labor Day and the second Wednesday in February. However, since classes were canceled Wednesday because of the weather, Bob Hayes, the director of student services for Plymouth-Canton Schools, said they will have to look at figures from Tuesday to get the official count.

The law says if you're not in session the day of the scheduled count day, the official count will be the first prior day we are in session, Hayes said. We will be sending a class list to every school and they will mark a student either present or absent.

If a student is absent Tuesday, and it's an unexcused absence, we have 10 school days to get them back in the count, added Hayes. "If a student has an excused absence, we have 30 calendar days to get them back in."

School districts take 25 percent of the February count day enrollment and blend it with 75 percent of the September count. That number is then multiplied by the state foundation grant, which for Plymouth-Canton is \$7,410 per pupil, to calculate the district's total state funding for the next school year.

"We're very careful with the count," said Hayes. "We get audited by the state every year, but we're generally 99 percent correct in the totals. Our teachers (who take daily attendance) do an outstanding job."

Superintendent Jim Ryan said he expects the district's enrollment to be up slightly from September's count of 18,708 students.

Meanwhile, with classes canceled Wednesday, it was a quiet day for Ryan, unlike a

week ago when he took heat from parents and students about not canceling classes on Monday, Feb. 5, because of the cold weather, and then again for canceling classes the next day.

One might have expected Ryan to have been a bit squeamish about having to make the call early Wednesday morning because of the snow, trying to figure out which faction to please. However, after traveling the roads at 4 a.m. Wednesday, and getting input from several administrators who did the same, Ryan canceled classes shortly before 5 a.m.

This isn't a popularity contest, said Ryan. "We determine if buses can travel safely, if kids can wait at the bus stops and if walkers can get to school. Also in the mix, after last week, is how bad is it for kids to walk at the (high school) park. It was a pretty easy call this (Wednesday) morning."

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## Local book store contest taps into Harry Potter mania

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Those hoping to win the final book in the Harry Potter series are being asked to do their best. Annie Leibovitz impression for a photo competition.

As The Page Turns, an online bookstore based in Canton, is participating in the Get Caught Reading 2007 Photo Contest.

Whether you capture your children, parents or neighbors, the goal is to catch someone reading and snap a photo graph.

The competition is designed to encourage reading, said Nicole Jackson, the owner of

the online bookstore.

"We're going for the America's Funniest Home Videos" feel," she said. "We want people to have fun and be creative."

The first place winner will snag a copy of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. The much-awaited tale, which will be released July 21, is the last piece of author J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter puzzle.

Jackson said she's unsure if the winner will be able to get their hands on a copy before the release date.

"I don't want to make any promises," she said.

The second-place winner will get a canvas book bag with

a character imprint and the third-place prize is a wrist band that says "Open a Book, Open a Mind."

In addition to the local contest, all entries will be entered in a regional contest that includes participants in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio.

The regional competition is being sponsored by the Great Lakes Booksellers Association. Submissions will be accepted through March 30.

For details, call Jackson at (734) 812-1045 or log onto [www.getcaughtreadingphotocontest.com](http://www.getcaughtreadingphotocontest.com).

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## Bowling fund-raiser helps leukemia patient

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Several Salem High School football parents have organized a bowling fund-raiser Sunday for a team member diagnosed before Christmas with acute leukemia.

The group is hoping to raise money to help pay medical expenses for Salem sophomore Michael Asevedo, 16, of Canton Township, who — according to doctors — has an 80 percent chance of recovering.

The \$15 bowling benefit 1-4 p.m. at Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton Township includes pizza, pop, shoes and two games of bowling. Organizers will also hold a silent auction and raffle to raise additional funds.

"It's to benefit his family to help pay for some of his medical expenses," said Debbie Winkler of Canton Township, whose son, Ryan, is a Salem teammate. "It's a very trying time for them, and they are appreciative of anything anybody is doing for them."

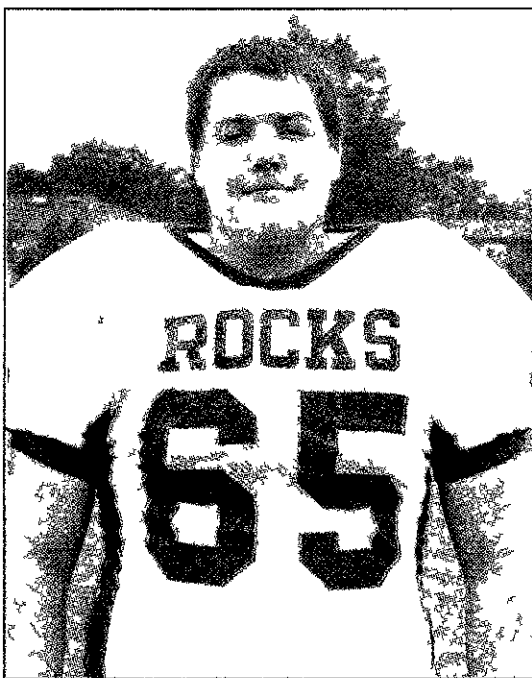
Winkler said they are hopeful Michael will be able to make it to the event.

"He will be there at least part of the time," Winkler said. "He's doing OK, but he has a difficult time sitting up because of all the chemotherapy he's getting. Sometimes he gets bad migraine headaches."

Organizers are hoping for a big turnout on Sunday.

"It's something we should do to help them out," Winkler said. "It could happen to anyone of us."

Winkler said tickets for the bowling event can



Michael Asevedo

be purchased by students during lunch hours at the Salem cafeteria and at Super Bowl.

Those who can't attend the event, but wish to donate to the Michael Asevedo Fund, can do so at Community Financial Credit Union branches in Canton and Plymouth.

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■ Children's Movie Feb 20, at 1 p.m. Watch *Over the Hedge* with friends. Registration required.

■ Tween Greeting Card Feb 20, at 7 p.m. Make a card or trading card bookmark. Registration required.

■ Boomtown 1925 Feb 20, at 7 p.m. A play presented by the Matrix Theatre Company. Hang out in Gus' All Night Diner, circa 1925. Registration required.

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■ Mystery Party Feb 21, at 1 p.m. Kids in 3rd and 4th grade can be a super sleuth in this program. Registration required.

■ Excel I Feb 21, at 6:30

p.m. Learn how to make a basic spreadsheet. Registration required.

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■ Mid-Winter Crafts Feb 22, at 1 p.m. Drop in and make something fun. For kids ages 4-7.

■ Chinese New Year Feb 22, at 7 p.m. Chef Pearse Tormey of the Summit on the Park creates wonderful Chinese fare to celebrate the New Year. Registration required.

■ Tween Harry Potter Fans Feb 23, at 1 p.m. Tweens, come and talk about the final Harry Potter book with other Muggles. Registration required.

■ 2/4 Open Mic Feb 24, at 2 p.m. John Finan is the featured performer.

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## New police officer and firefighter join ranks

The Canton Public Safety Department recently hired Michael Kirby as a police officer and Justyn Zajac as a firefighter/paramedic.

Kirby, 33, worked for Public Safety for more than four years as a Public Safety Service Officer (PSSO) and was a participant in the department's Career Development Program. Kirby, who earned his Associate's Degree from Schoolcraft Community College in May of 2006, completed the Wayne County



Kirby



Zajac

Regional Police Academy in November of 2006.

Zajac, age 23, completed his firefighter training and paramedic license program at Schoolcraft Community

College in July of 2003. Before joining the department he worked for Huron Valley Ambulance as a senior paramedic.

Candidates for Canton Public Safety positions go through a rigorous testing process that includes a written test, physical agility test, oral board, medical and psychological examinations and an extensive background check. To find out more about opportunities at the department visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

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said Nichols, who has two children attending Fiegel Elementary "With the current budget challenges our district is facing, and our economy, I am committed and dedicated to work toward creative solutions to these most challenging problems our district is currently faced with

Martin said he wants to be elected to help guide student achievement

There needs to be more open discussion and public involvement in textbook and curriculum selection Martin said People trust the district is doing the right thing but a lot of the research I've been doing says there are other opinions out there We need to question where the evidence is this works, rather than just 'we like to do this

Kurt Heise, 41, of Plymouth Township has two daughters attending Isbister Elementary My two girls will be in the Plymouth-Canton Community

Schools for the next decade and I have a personal stake in making sure they get the best education they can provide, said Heise who is the environmental director for Wayne County In the past four years our (Department of Environment) budget has been reduced by \$45 million and our staff by over a third with out compromising our mission Our school district could benefit from this kind of real world experience in these difficult economic times

Filing last week were Nancy Eggenberger of Canton Township, who has co-chaired the last two bond proposals and is president of the Community School Council, and Bruce Koldys of Canton Township, who announced he has a 28 years background in public education

District residents who want to participate in the school board election have through April 9 to register with the clerk's office in the community in which they live

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HUNTING

FROM PAGE A1

Pullen said batches of township residents came to public hearings both in support of and against hunting within Canton and said the department is satisfied the designated areas don't pose safety risks

There's no way to tell what's going to be Pullen said, referring to suggestions that non-hunters could inadvertently become targets While anything can happen, the Canton Police Department couldn't give me any (examples of these type of incidents)

With the surge in the townships population in recent years Pellerito said he's stunned hunting is still allowed in some pockets of Canton During the DNR's investigation of the area Pellerito collected 149 signatures that supported banning all hunting east of

Beck Road

Hunting is already banned east of Canton Center Road

There are so many houses in this area that it doesn't seem logical, Pellerito said

After commending the DNR for spending a lot of time on their investigation Public Safety Director John Santomauro said he was a little confused at the department's findings and raised the possibility of a township ordinance that bans the discharge of firearms

However, Yack said such an ordinance might cause the DNR to take legal action against the township

I don't know how those discussions would go Yack said adding that the board previously examined the idea

Board members agreed Tuesday to keep discussions open with the DNR

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CANCER

FROM PAGE A1

Mancini takes great pride in the fact that she plays a role in these trials which she believes will ultimately lead to a cure for the disease But the part of her job that she loves most is actually working one on one with the

patients who come in for treatment five days a week for six or seven straight weeks Mancini says the treatment which can include radiation or chemotherapy is a grueling process that can have some very painful side effects Sometimes

patients struggle and nearly give up That's when Mancini usually tells them about her own battle through treatment and how she beat cancer It often gives them the motivation they need to get through

The patients hear all this medical lingo which can be very confusing But if they have somebody like me come and speak to them it makes them feel they have a friend They are human beings They are so overwhelmed by their diagnosis They just need a friend Mancini said I was in their situation I know what they're

going through I think that helps them

Kris Zuniga who has worked with Mancini at Karmanos for several years praised her co-worker's ability to calm the fears that patients have and her ability to motivate them

Not everybody can do it She just possesses a strong personality and a great ability to deal with people Zuniga said

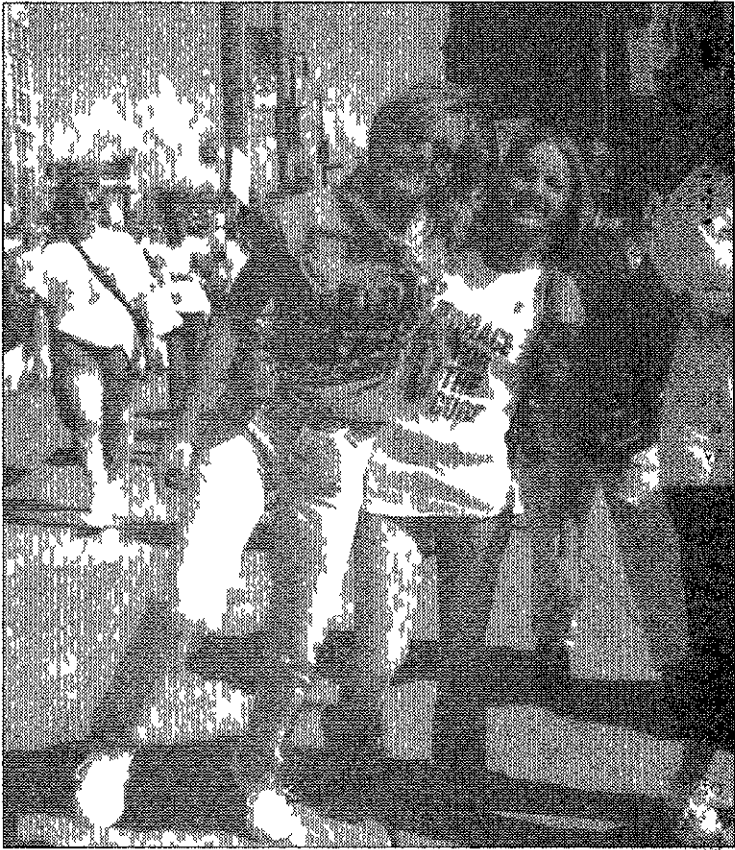
Mancini grew up in Livonia and is a 1977 graduate of Livonia Churchill She has been married for 23 years to her husband Gary They have lived in Canton for a dozen years and formally lived in Plymouth

Mancini has always been passionate about the fight against cancer long before she was diagnosed herself It is something she has tried to instill in her two children Mancini and her daughter Amanda have participated in the Karmanos Race for the Cure for more than 10 years Her son plans to be a doctor and has already interned at Karmanos

Last October Mancini was recognized for her work when Karmanos presented her with its Heroes of Breast Cancer Award which is presented annually to individuals that



Mancini



Joanne Mancini and her daughter Amanda have participated in the Annual Race for the Cure for more than a decade Here they are shown participating in the event in 2004

have distinguished themselves by educating people about breast cancer by conducting breast cancer research and/or promoting breast cancer awareness through early detection treatment and survivorship

Part of the reason she was recognized for the award was the fact that she donated a small brass bell that hangs on a wall at the Gershenson Center When patients complete their treatment the last thing they

do before leaving is ring the bell When a patient rings the bell everyone stops what they are doing and congratulates the person often with hugs and well wishes

Mancini said it is always a great moment

It just makes you feel so good that you've made a difference in someone's life,' she said

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State grant to expand tree planting program

This summer Canton will look a little greener thanks to a \$20,000 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Tree Planting Grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

The DNR awarded more than \$300,000 in grants earlier this month to 30 Michigan communities and non-profit organizations Grant totals ranged from \$2,500 to

\$20,000 and will be used to help communities replace trees lost to the EAB

According to Canton Landscape Architect Leigh Thurston Canton was the epicenter for the EAB outbreak She said Canton will use the grant money as part of its ongoing Tree Planting Program On average Canton plants about 300 trees per year but the grant will allow

that to be expanded to 400 trees in 2007

Planting will begin in early spring weather permitting and last until June This year street trees will be planted along sections of Morton Taylor Palmer and Beck road and in areas of the Pilgrim Hills Subdivision

According to township officials trees offer the community many beneficial qualities

including the reduction of erosion of topsoil by wind and water moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, and producing life giving oxygen Trees can also increase property values and enhance economic vitality of area businesses

For more information on Canton's Tree Planting Program please, call Planning Services at (734) 394-5170

DEATHS

**C**  
Katie June (Southern) Casteel  
Casteel 69 of Caledonia died Feb 12  
**Bruce E. Crissman**  
Crissman 83 formerly of Rochester died Jan 20  
**D**  
Richard DuFour  
DuFour 55 died Feb 11  
**F**  
Dellmer P. Farrar  
Farrar 94 died Feb 11  
**H**  
Jean Harriett "Jeannie" Hosback  
Hosback 87 of Livonia died Feb 11

**K**  
John "Jack" Kalousek  
Kalousek 60 died Feb 12  
**S**  
Ellen Patricia Gough Sparkes  
Sparkes 79 of Dallas Texas died Feb 9  
**T**  
Joseph H. Tolko  
Tolko 85 died Feb 8

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# Baracy: Still room for improvement on MEAP tests

**BY SUE MASON**  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials are glad to see that years of hard work by the teaching staff are paying off in higher scores on state standardized tests.

But the work is far from finished, according to Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We did pretty well," said Baracy. "We aren't where we want to be, but we're working on it."

Administered last fall, the students in third-eighth-grades were tested in mathematics, reading and writing, while the science test was given to fifth- and ninth-graders and the social studies test to sixth- and eighth-graders.

The district-wide elementary averages were far better than the Wayne County averages and 89 percent of those averages were at or above state scores for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests given to third-fifth graders last fall.

Middle school district averages also were better than Wayne County. Sixth-grade scores were better than the state averages, however, seventh-eighth grade numbers

came in lower than the state's figures.

At the elementary level we had a whole bunch of grade level and schools that did better than the state," Baracy said. "We have some schools that did really, really well. Edison was well above state averages and Graham is doing great things."

Edison and Graham along with Vandenburg in Wayne and Walker-Winter in Canton were shining stars, exceeding state averages in every subject at all grade levels.

At the middle school level, Stevenson came in with the best scores in mathematics, reading and English language arts, besting the state averages at both the sixth- and seventh-grade levels and was just 1 percent off in mathematics to have a clean sweep at the eighth-grade level.

In science, the district came in below the state average at both the fifth- and eighth-grades. It did better than the state at the sixth-grade level - 75 percent compared to the state's 74 percent - but was seven percentage points below the state's 74 percent at the ninth grade level.

According to Baracy, schools that are struggling

with the tests have been targeted to receive additional resources. The district also will be focusing on writing which took a dip on the 2006 tests. Only sixth- and seventh-graders did better than the state average while fifth- and eighth graders were at the state average.

While it's too early to determine if it's the test, Baracy pointed out that averages were down around the state, and even though Wayne-Westland scores were consistent with the state, they will be evaluated to see what's taking place.

"From past experience, we can do better on our writing," he said. "We know we have room for improvement and our focus will be on continual improvement. We're far from finished."

The district is now looking ahead to the Michigan Merit Exam which replaces the 11th-grade MEAP tests. Actually five tests - the ACT, Work Keys Test and Michigan Elements tests in mathematics, science and social studies - it will be administered to high school juniors March 13-14.

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MEAP SCORES FALL 2006 Comparing Local, State Meap Results		
	Wayne-Westland	State
Grade 3		
Math	89	88
Reading	88	87
Writing	48	52
ELA	79	79
Grade 4		
Math	82	85
Reading	87	85
Writing	42	45
ELA	78	78
Grade 5		
Math	78	76
Reading	84	84
Science	79	83
Writing	57	57
ELA	78	78
Grade 6		
Math	71	69
Reading	85	83
S. Studies	75	74
Writing	78	74
ELA	80	78
Grade 7		
Math	61	64
Reading	78	80
Writing	67	65
ELA	75	76
Grade 8		
Math	62	68
Reading	75	76
Writing	67	67
Science	72	68
ELA	70	71
Grade 9		
S. Studies	67	74
Percentage of students who met or exceeded state standards in the Fall 2006 MEAP testing. Numbers are not rounded.		

SOURCE: Michigan Department of Education

## 5 file for Wayne-Westland school board election

**BY SUE MASON**  
STAFF WRITER

Five candidates will compete for two seats on the Wayne Westland Board of Education in the May 8 school election.

Incumbent board members Skip Monit and Martha Pitsenbarger will face challenges from Dr. T. Cortez Spann Jr. of Wayne, Brian Mulligan of Westland and Bagwhan Dasharyya of Westland.

Monit, a Wayne resident, is seeking his third four-year term on the board. He decided to run again because "I have the confidence and the drive to help the kids and the school district."

"It's a special time for the board, we're working together for student achievement and development," Monit said. "I'm proud of the buildings and the technology. I'm a tech guy and I'm glad to see the technology so our kids can compete."

Pitsenbarger, also a Wayne resident, is completing her 12th year on the board and like Monit has seen a lot of changes in the district since taking office.

"I've seen so many wonderful things, so many important changes," she said. "I'm proud of this school district. When students come here, they can be proud of it."

Spann is a retired educator. He is the former principal of the Academy of Oak Park charter school and served as an assistant principal in the Ann Arbor schools and in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He is a graduate of Morris College in South Carolina, Antioch College in Ohio, Payne and United Theological

Seminaries in Ohio and the University of Michigan, where he received his doctoral degree in administration, guidance and counseling.

As a candidate, he wants to see student scores on state tests continue to improve by making sure they have the knowledge to pass the exam.

"I know what education is all about," the Wayne resident said. "I understand the need to get students to go to school and to finish school."

Dasharyya is president and CEO of Dasharyya & Associates, a management consulting firm. He also has served as executive director of the Council of Organizations and Asian Indians in Michigan.

He has served on the Westland Economic Development Corp., Downtown Development Authority and the Building Improvement Team in the Wayne-Westland schools.

He has campaigned for the Westland City Council, Wayne County Commission, for governor as the representative of the US Taxpayers Party and most recently for the state's 20th House District seat last year.

Mulligan had not returned phone calls about his decision to run for school board by deadline Wednesday.

The candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw from the race. Residents new to the district, which includes the city of Wayne and portions of Westland, Canton, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and Romulus, have until Monday, April 9, to register for the election.

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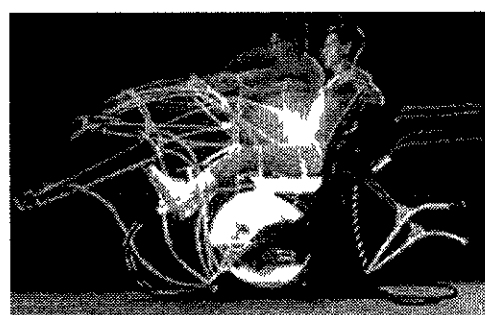
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# Westland council split on Maida Woods vote

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A citizens group appears to have won a skirmish in its larger battle to block the 36-home Maida Woods subdivision on Westland's southwest side across the border from Canton.

Barring a shift in position, four Westland City Council members confirmed this week that they will not vote during a Feb. 20 meeting to approve a site plan.

Royal Oak-based developers Kentmoor LLC had implored council members during a study session Monday to approve a site plan that they say meets all legal requirements, including protecting wetlands on the site.

But a council majority has indicated that such a vote could be premature until a state administrative judge rules on a challenge filed by the citizens group, which is contesting an October wetlands report as potentially flawed.

City Attorney Angelo Plakas has indicated that the judge's decision could be issued as late as April, although a hearing is set for early March.

Developers have proposed building 36 homes on the heavily wooded south side of Palmer Road between John Hix and Hannan roads.

During Monday's session, council members James Godbout, Cheryl Graunstadt and Bill Johnson said they don't feel prepared to decide the site plan until they receive more information about such issues as the disputed wetlands and a storm-water system plan.

On Tuesday, Councilman Robert Stottlemeyer responded to questions from the *Observer* by saying that he also isn't ready to vote on the site plan. His decision gives Maida Woods critics the council votes they need to stall the project, and it's possible the council majority could become larger.

"I'm not ready to vote on that," Stottlemeyer said.

Earlier Tuesday, Douglas Monroe, one of the developers, confirmed that Kentmoor LLC wants the issue placed on the council agenda for Tuesday, Feb. 20. The item had been tabled last September.

Council President Charles Pickering pledged to place the Maida Woods project on the agenda. He said the

city's past practice has been to vote on a site plan and, if approval is given, then have developers get all the permits they need from government agencies, such as the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Wayne County.

"I think the developer needs to have an answer," Pickering said, indicating the city could face legal troubles by holding Kentmoor LLC to a higher standard than other developers.

The citizens group – the Westland Homeowners Committee for Environmental Conservation – brought its own attorney and engineer to Monday's study session. The group also videotaped the session.

The wetlands report from last October found just over 1.5 acres of state-regulated wetlands on the 14-acre Maida Woods site, developers have said. The report prompted them to scale back the number of proposed homes from 41 to 36.

"We think we've put together a plan that the DEQ is going to accept," Monroe said Monday.

However, David Lipski, an attorney representing the citizens group, said the state administrative judge's ruling

hasn't happened.

"There is going to be a fresh and new determination made," he said.

Developers have portrayed Maida Woods as a subdivision that would comply with all legal requirements. Critics have said that it could threaten wildlife and wetlands and that it could cause their property values to drop.

Graunstadt said Maida Woods critics have every right to help educate elected officials about issues surrounding the project.

"This is their home. This is their back yard. They have every right to point the way for their elected officials," she said.

But Pickering said that the council has to comply with its own procedures for doing business and that its members can't suddenly legislate new rules.

Meanwhile, the citizens group's president, Jim Rubasky, appeared satisfied that elected officials listened to all concerns during Monday's two-hour session.

"I think we got a fair shake," he said, "and we'll see what happens."

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### LIQUID CALCIUM CHLORIDE DUST CONTROL APPLICATION

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

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a **Special Election** will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at which time a bond proposal for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District in Wayne and Washtenaw Counties will be placed on the ballot for consideration as follows:

### PROPOSAL PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW

#### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Sixty Two Million One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 (\$62,100,000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor in one or more series for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

Erecting, equipping and furnishing a new middle school building and acquiring, preparing, developing and improving the site for a new middle school building.

Erecting, equipping and furnishing additions to school buildings and preparing, developing and improving sites for additions to school buildings.

Remodeling, re-equipping, re-furnishing school buildings and other facilities, preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings and other facilities, and purchasing school buses and

Equipping and re-equipping school buildings for technology systems and equipment?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding exclusive of refunding is not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.60 mills (which is equal to \$0.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 0.53 mills annually (\$0.53 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

If approved by the voters, the bonds will be guaranteed by the State of Michigan under Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, as amended. If the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds under the State of Michigan's guarantee, the School District may be required to levy debt mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State of Michigan. (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

YES NO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **SPECIAL ELECTION** will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the following polling locations:

(Voters in Precincts 2, 15, 20, 28 and 33 are not eligible to vote in Plymouth Canton School District elections.)

#### CANTON TOWNSHIP

##### PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
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3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Rd
4, 13	Discovery Middle School	45083 Hanford Rd
5, 31	Crescent Academy	40440 Palmer Rd
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Rd
7	Salem High School	46181 Joy Rd
8	Resurrection Catholic Church	48755 Warren Rd
9, 34	Erickson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Rd
11, 19	Tunda Elementary School	46501 Warren Rd
12, 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet
16, 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon Rd
18, 29	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Rd
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Rd
24, 25	Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center Rd
26, 27, 36	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 N. Lilley Rd
32	Main Street Baptist Church	8500 N. Morton Taylor Rd
35	Canton Human Services Center	50430 School House Rd
37	Dodson Elementary School	205 N. Beck Rd
38	Cherry Hill School	50440 Cherry Hill Rd
39	Plymouth High School	8400 N. Beck Rd

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2007, for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, February 26, 2007, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots **ONLY** will be issued on Election Day, February 27, 2007. All absentee ballots that are returned in person must be received in the Clerk's office by **8:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 27, 2007**.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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## OUR VIEWS

# Costco decision not end of world

It must have seemed like déjà vu when Canton Township officials received the call last week that Costco was pulling the plug on a planned store at Michigan Avenue and Belleville roads. It was a bit of a shock to local officials who were expecting Costco to break ground at the site any day.

But this isn't the first time that Canton felt as if it had been left at the altar. It was just a couple years ago when IKEA officials said they were pulling out of the deal to buy the former Super Kmart property because of a parking dispute with the next door property owner. Fortunately, Canton officials got the two sides talking and a deal was eventually worked out. Within months the giant blue and yellow store was built, and the rest, as they say, is history.

The Costco development, while not as big a deal as IKEA, was also highly coveted. Township officials expected it to provide the same kind of impact to the Michigan Avenue corridor as IKEA has provided to Ford Road. The 150,000 square-foot store would have employed some 200 people, offering good jobs, especially for the retail industry. More importantly, though, the bulk retail store would have attracted shoppers from numerous communities surrounding Canton. Some of those shoppers would have made their way into other businesses along Michigan Avenue, providing an economic spark. It remains to be seen if Canton officials can somehow get Costco's people to change their minds, though it's doubtful because the company has also scrapped plans to build in Ann Arbor and Woodhaven. This decision is not so much about Canton, as it is about the state's economic woes.

The Costco decision doesn't lessen the desirability of Michigan Avenue, which is booming with development. Kohl's, Target, and Old Navy are expected soon, and there are rumors that Meijer is also looking at Michigan Avenue to locate a store. Even Costco CEO Jim Sinegal admitted that Canton's Michigan Avenue corridor is a "very desirable area."

Canton Trustee Karl Zarbo said the 18.76-acre property, formerly the Best Block concrete plant, is highly sought after, and other retailers have already expressed some interest in locating there. So don't be surprised to hear that another big name is going to build on the site in the near future.

# Tax proposals start debate over budget

Whatever direction Gov. Jennifer Granholm took toward balancing Michigan's budget, she would have created controversy and dissent. That's how the political process works — the executive proposes and the Legislature disposes.

Last week, Granholm followed her State of the State address with a budget that included cuts in state spending, some actuarial sleight of hand and proposals for replacement and new taxes. But even members of her own Democratic Party were cautious about her tax proposals.

Granholm and the Legislature face a delicate balancing act. On the one hand, it is important to maintain essential state services as well as create new state services to meet emerging needs, such as health care. On the other hand, the state must remain competitive with other states in the tax burden it levies on its businesses and residents.

A new Michigan Business Tax to replace the Single Business Tax, which expires at the end of this year, has been respectfully received. The proposal creates a broader based tax that eliminates the taxes on payroll and health care benefits that were so onerous in the SBT. The tax spreads across more businesses and is actually a tax cut from the SBT, to be made up by other taxes.

Granholm also proposes increased tobacco and liquor taxes, elimination of tax loopholes, an estate tax and targeted taxes. But the most controversial suggestion is the implementation of an excise tax on services. Many small service businesses are skeptical of a tax they claim would be complicated to impose and report. But many states do impose a tax on services, especially as the economy has shifted more and more toward services.

The governor has told public schools that she will not cut this year's foundation grant, as had been anticipated, and proposes increasing the grant by \$178 per pupil for the 2007-08 school year. She also proposes increases for state colleges, for early childhood education, for tourism, for a nursing education program, for alternative energy, child welfare and removing urban blight.

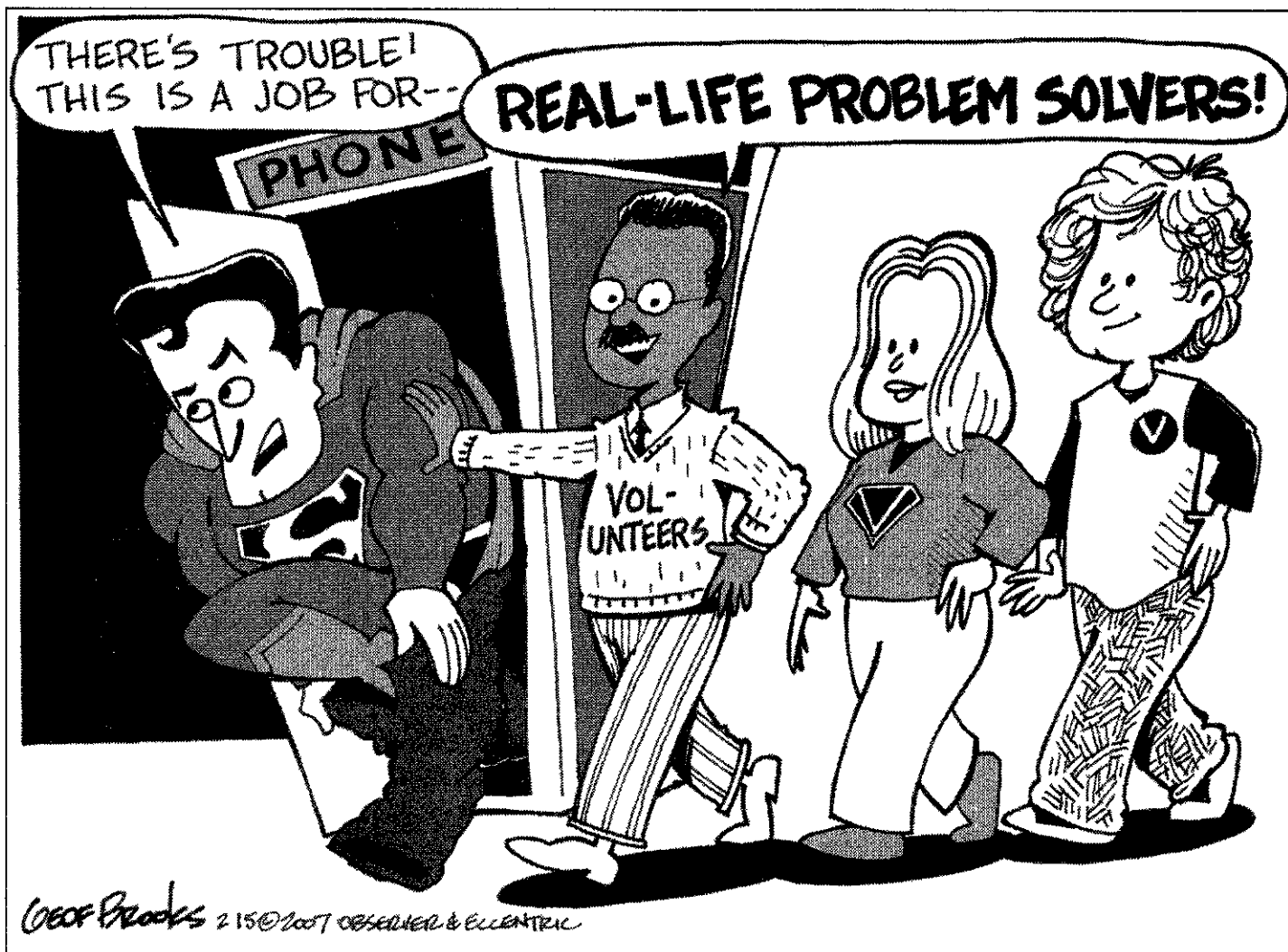
She is also proposing \$310 million in spending cuts. Leading the way in cuts would be major reforms in the state's criminal justice system to reduce the state's large correctional population. Her budget calls for some major cuts in state grants, including a 50-percent cut to local libraries.

We support the governor's view that state spending is investing, especially in such key areas as public education, health care, security, conservation and transportation.

But we believe the governor must do a better job of defining areas where the state can make more cuts (and it can) and in defending those parts of the budget that absolutely must not be cut.

As she said, this needs to be done quickly as a crisis is looming, and she needs to make her case aggressively.

As always, we welcome reader comment.



## LETTERS

### Yes vote important

I attended the January Tonda Council meeting where Dr. Ryan gave the presentation for the February bond vote. I've looked at the information they've posted on their Web site. I've read through articles in The Observer and the Letters to the Editor on this subject.

Is the economy in our area declining? YES.

Are Canton residents being directly affected with the local corporate layoffs? YES.

Will there most likely be even more homes on the market in the near future? YES.

However, we should still vote FOR the bond. Sure, there will be people moving out of Canton. Some residents who know they're moving or think they might be moving wonder why should they care whether the bond passes? Why? Because it'll affect the sale of their house. Even though many people are being laid off and moving away, there are still many families moving to this area. But families coming to the area aren't going to have a good feeling of buying in Canton if they see that the last two bond proposals were voted down. Are families going to want to buy in our district when bond proposals that would help ease the current overcrowding of our district are being voted down? NO.

Voting YES for the bond proposal will help everyone in the school district, regardless of whether they're here long-term or not.

Kristen Rielly  
Canton

### New tax is no surprise

After a full term of no action, except increasing beer and cigarette taxes and blaming President Bush for the state's dismal economic situation, our telegraphic governor is pushing for a new service tax on business.

Of course this action is being based on the recommendations of her Emergency Financial Advisory Panel, chaired by former governors William Milliken and James Blanchard — the two most tax-raising governors this state ever had. Well, now we know who to blame on this unpopular decision.

Anthony Cauchi  
Canton

### It's my bottle of pop

Hopefully by now everyone has had a chance to read and ingest, then try to make sense of Gov. Granholm's proposed tax increase plan. The governor and many members of our state legislature are asking taxpayers to give up more of our hard-earned dollars to support the upcoming proposed budget. Supposedly, Michigan will be short almost \$3 billion and must create new sources of revenue to cover the shortfall.

Just in case those who "we the people" chose to represent us don't get it yet, let me come straight to the point. The more money you take out of our pockets, the less discretionary income

we have available to buy the items that make life more bearable. We all would like to have an occasional night out, or take in the Red Wings, or maybe even a weekend excursion. The governor has stated that her 2 percent services tax would amount to little more than a bottle of soda per month. I'd like to remind her that it's my bottle of pop she's taking away, not hers.

I would like to suggest to our electeds a purely symbolic gesture might be in order at this point. How about giving up your annual pay increases, or better yet, a 10 percent pay reduction until your fiscal mess is straightened out. After all, shouldn't they have to share the same monetary pain we common citizens will surely feel?

Here's another thought — how about letting US vote on YOUR next pay raise.

Ralph Shufeldt  
Canton

### Board is Plymouth biased

Again the Plymouth-biased school board is attempting to bamboozle the taxpayers into pouring money into the Central Middle School money pit. This building is too old and antiquated to refurbish for the flimsy reasons being put forward by the school board. Why not close the doors and move on or sell the property to the city of Plymouth, so they can do what they want with the property.

As long as this school board is included in the bond issues there will be two no votes from this household.

Richard A. Giles  
Canton

### Dump Everyday Mathematics

Congratulations to the students, parents and teachers for another exemplary performance on the MEAP. Plymouth-Canton Schools continues to show how dedicated students, committed teachers and involved parents can come together and produce fantastic results.

Just think how much better the math results would be if the district would dump Everyday Mathematics and start using a program that didn't require parents to spend their summers teaching math themselves, or drive their children to Kumon and Sylvan twice a week.

Everyday Mathematics wastes valuable class time that should be spent teaching. Our children are being shortchanged with this program. The seven-year experiment has shown no gains relative to the state average, while we continue to fall farther and farther behind countries like Singapore, Japan and China.

The district is right now contemplating continuing the experiment for at least another five years by purchasing a new edition of Everyday Mathematics. It's time to move on and select a curriculum that will give our children the chance to compete in a global job market. Continuing to use this curriculum just because it matches well with the Michigan standards is

not the right thing to do. Our children deserve better.

Again, congratulations to all our students, parents and teachers for achieving fantastic MEAP results in spite of Everyday Mathematics.

Larry Martin  
Plymouth Township

### Set to defend Prop 2

In the 2006 election, I strongly supported Proposal 2. In fact, I was the only statewide candidate to support Proposal 2. By a 58 percent to 42 percent margin, the voters of Michigan agreed with me. That means Proposal 2 is now part of the state's constitution. And as Attorney General, I have taken an oath to uphold and defend that constitution. That is why I am fighting in court right now, to ensure that Proposal 2 is complied with.

Proposal 2 is straightforward. It prohibits discrimination or preferential treatment based on race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public education, employment and contracting.

When the proposal was initially challenged in court, I crafted an agreement that caused the state's major public universities to dismiss their claims that Proposal 2 was unconstitutional under the First Amendment and that prohibited the universities from filing future lawsuits on the same basis. That was important, because such lawsuits could have delayed the implementation of Proposal 2 for years to come.

Then, when the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that there is no basis in federal law for delaying Proposal 2's implementation, I went back to court to seek to compel the state's universities to comply with the proposal immediately. Days later, the University of Michigan said, rightly, that they will comply with the constitution and Proposal 2.

Based on what has happened in other states, there will be more lawsuits to come that challenge the constitutionality of Proposal 2. Let me be clear that I will continue to vigorously defend Proposal 2, the constitution and the will of the people.

Mike Cox  
attorney general

## SHARE YOUR OPINIONS

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## QUOTABLE

"For obvious reasons, we've put the project on hold. We are waiting to see what happens with the economy in Detroit because clearly there have been some setbacks."

Costco CEO Jim Sinegal, discussing the company's decision to pull the plug on a proposed store in Canton.

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# Leaders need to communicate better on state's money crisis

Gov Jennifer Granholm summed up our situation perfectly in the first few lines of her State of the State speech: "Tonight we are at a turning point — a decisive moment in Michigan's journey. The decisions we make in the years ahead will shape Michigan's future for decades to come."

Nobody can quarrel with that.

Though the governor was largely upbeat in her Feb. 6 speech, the facts on the ground are nothing short of scary.

The clearest and best outline of the real situation is sketched clearly in the authoritative report of her Emergency Financial Advisory Panel — a group that included two governors, two university presidents and some of the state's best leaders.

They produced a report that was inexplicably and scandalously downplayed by the major news media. Some of the findings:

■ **Fiscal crisis** The school funding shortfall that must be resolved this month comes to \$377 million,

\$224 per pupil.

By September, the state must plug a \$500 million deficit in the general fund. The state faces a potential shortfall of another \$2.6 billion for the 2007-08 fiscal year, assuming the Legislature does not find a way to replace tax revenue from the now repealed Single Business Tax. All that adds up to \$3.5 billion in state services and programs promised, but without money to pay for them.

■ **Economy** Michigan has experienced six straight years of job losses, the longest since the Great Depression. We've lost 246,000 manufacturing jobs since 2000. That's one out of every four jobs that existed as recently as when Bill Clinton was president. The state's per-capita income is now 5 percent below the national average, the lowest point since 1933.

■ **State revenues** General fund revenue is today lower in absolute dollars than in 1996 and down 15.8 percent since the start of the economic downturn in 2000. During that same period, Michigan ran up cumulative budget shortfalls of nearly \$10 billion. Since deficits are illegal, it avoided them by using up reserves (including \$1.4 billion in rainy day funds), tapping one-time resources (\$5.4 billion) and cutting more than \$3 billion in spending.

■ **Tax cuts** Since the passage of Proposal A in 1994, Michigan has enacted tax cuts that have reduced current state revenue by \$3.2 billion per year while local property taxes have been cut by \$5.4 billion. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Michigan ranked 25th in the nation in state and local tax revenue in 2004 as a share of personal

income. We've cut taxes since then, too.

We're facing a financial train wreck.

So — what do we do? Ideologues and those in a state of advanced denial claim cutting spending alone will do it. That's pure nonsense. A \$3.5 billion deficit represents one in seven dollars in the general fund and the School Aid Fund combined. Cutting this much would eliminate funding for all our universities and community colleges and all mental health services. That, or it would take \$2,000 from per-pupil aid to public schools.

I've argued in the past that the state needs first to face the music and make serious, structural cuts in the way our government works and spends. We could cut the costs of our prisons by \$500 million to get in step with our neighboring states.

We could encourage, or even require, consolidation of some of the myriad expensive local government units. We could push, or even require, school districts to consolidate business office functions.

We could cut back on top-heavy health care and pension programs for public employees. We could repeal Public Act 312, which requires expensive binding arbitration in labor disputes for police and fire.

Trouble is, not many people understand or care about how bad a fix we're in. Pollster Ed Sarpolus of EPIC/MRA says his surveys show most people have heard the state is in financial trouble, but 38 percent said they have not felt any effect from the budget cuts already enacted, with another 22 percent saying they felt only a little.

Sarpolus told Gongwer News Service, "Unless you tell how bad things are, how will people know things are so bad?"

Quite right. Our new legislative leaders, House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester Hills, are smart, interested in doing the right thing, aware of the depth of the problem. They should get together and take part in town hall meetings around the state to put the depth of our crisis in terms that Joe Six Pack can easily understand.

They should urge the governor to join them as well. After all, who truly understands what the abstract number \$3.5 billion really means? Every Michigan citizen should have a chance to find out. For only if our citizens understand the facts will there be public pressure to find common ground to resolve our financial train wreck and lay the foundation for a better Michigan.

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# Michigan needs an extreme makeover, not just a facelift

Michigan has been ostrich-like, with its head in the sand, for too long. Here are some ideas to address the chronic structural spending and revenue problems and prepare our citizens and children for the future.

A six-pack of ideas

■ **Stop pretending** Michigan's leaders have to level with residents. The only way to honestly balance a budget is to cut expenses, raise revenue, or a combination of both.

Our fiscal crisis exists because Michigan's leaders have not made the structural changes necessary to align income and expenditures. You cannot cut taxes while maintaining and increasing funding and services simultaneously. Pretending is not a solution.

■ **Ask yourself** — if you found this great peninsula, with 10 million people and 17 million K-12 school age students confronting this disruptive, technologically driven, transformational global economy, would you create 83 counties, establish 500 cities, constitute more than 1,200 townships, spawn nearly 800 traditional and charter school districts, spend more to lock up people in jails and prisons than to educate them, have school funding increases go toward pension and health care insurance for current and retired school personnel?

If your answers to the above are no, you may wonder how we change. Lansing must stop funding a system of governance that is outmoded, expensive, ineffective and inefficient. Schools and local units of governments cannot and will not reform themselves without the push from Lansing.

■ **Let the sunshine in** Peel back the cost of government, make it immediately available to the public and let them see where the money is spent. Ask the residents of Michigan, "Is this what we are willing to pay for?"

For example — should school districts provide pensions to part-time substitute teachers? Should school districts provide lifetime health benefits for employees who work for a district for only five years? (See [www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolschoolfunding\\_110803\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolschoolfunding_110803_7.pdf) for a report I wrote while state superintendent [2001-05] that provides additional examples.)

■ **Scrutinize the entire tax structure** Provide the same level of scrutiny and exposure for the special tax breaks and loopholes provided to various businesses over the years. Are these exceptions to the rules "good public policy or simply good for the

lobbyist securing them for businesses? Tighten or eliminate existing and future loopholes that rob the state treasury of necessary resources.

■ **Appropriately define the problem** If the problem is a nail, the solution is a hammer. However, a hammer can be used to drive the nail in or pull it out. Michigan's leaders must stop defining the problem solely as a "funding/revenue crisis." If the governor's appointed emergency financial advisers view the problem as solely a funding problem, we all are likely to get hammered by new taxes.

■ **Invest in our future** Be willing to invest as well as cut. We must help the most vulnerable, educate our children and assure we are safe and secure. Our elected leaders must take on the special interests and cut not only services, but also unaffordable tax breaks as noted above.

We must

■ **Cut costs and then invest** Michigan should borrow or tax to provide necessary and immediate resources for our children's education.

Continuing to cut money from our schools and universities is the equivalent of a farmer eating his seed corn.

These funds should be provided only after the Legislature takes action to cut administrative (including retirement and health care) costs and redirect the resources to the classroom.

■ **Create a state fund** that will provide a 40-percent match to a local community's efforts to mirror a Kalamazoo Promise ([www.kalamazoopublicschools.com](http://www.kalamazoopublicschools.com)) or guaranteed college funding to a two- or four-year state college or university.

■ **Catch up with other states and nations** by investing in high-quality preschool programs.

■ **The state that invests in its people** will be the state that thrives in the 21st century knowledge economy.

This is not a short-term investment. We must plant a tree, knowing that future generations of Michigan citizens will enjoy the shade.

The governor must force change. She must set clear goals, objectives and measurements for operating a government that provides transparency about how money is being spent and invested. Maintaining the status quo or dabbling around the edges will not get our heads out of the sand or take us where we need to go.

The time is now for bold and courageous leadership to get Michigan out of the rut.

**Tom Watkins** is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-05 and state mental health director from 1986-90. Read his internationally recognized report *The New Education (Revolution)* at [www.nacoi.org](http://www.nacoi.org). He can be reached at [tdwatkins@aol.com](mailto:tdwatkins@aol.com).

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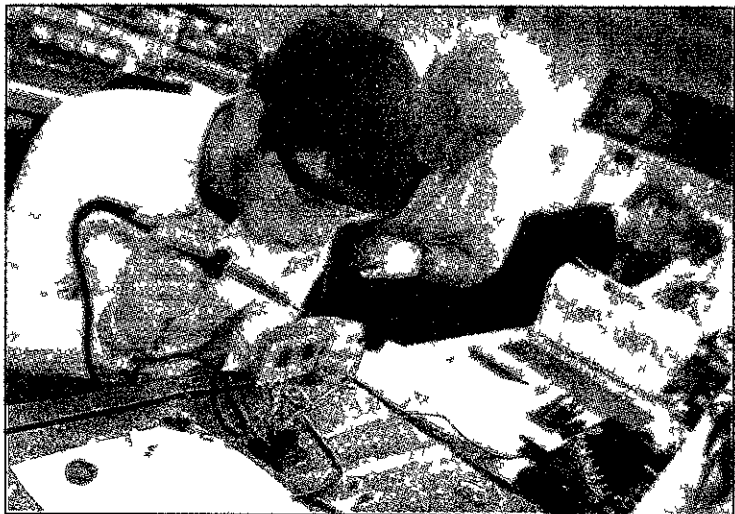
# The Salvation Army exceeds \$7 million Red Kettle Campaign goal

The Salvation Army reported that its 2006 Red Kettle Christmas Campaign raised a record-breaking total of \$7,134,896, the highest amount ever raised in the annual Eastern Michigan Division drive. The 2006 Red Kettle Campaign ran from Nov. 17, 2006, to Jan. 31, 2007. "We are immensely appreciative of the outpouring of support we received from metro Detroit this Red Kettle season," said Maj. Norman Marshall, divisional commander for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan. "The astounding amount we were able to raise to assist those in need throughout our community is awe-inspiring. Metro Detroit has faced troubling times over the last few years – to see metro Detroiters step up to help those less fortunate is truly amazing. The Salvation Army

will be able to continue the programs that help those less fortunate and for that we would like to sincerely thank the community." With Detroit ranked as the most impoverished major city in the nation, demand for The Salvation Army's services have risen more than 70 percent over the last three years, and even spread to suburban areas – where it was not as common in previous years. Salvation Army officials are crediting the successful fundraising campaign to the Detroit community's superior generosity in times of great need and to initiatives developed by The Salvation Army to streamline operation costs and make donating simple, including the online volunteer drive, online Red Kettles and Red Kettle Day. "The Salvation Army does extraordinary work 365 days of

the year," said Ken Holland, Detroit Red Wings vice president/general manager and the honorary 2006 Red Kettle Campaign chairman. "Prior to serving as this year's honorary chairman, I had no idea the scope of services they provide our community – feeding and sheltering the homeless, assisting teen mothers in parenting and continuing their education, rehabilitation services, utility and rent assistance. It is staggering to think of where we would be without the help of The Salvation Army. I am so proud the Detroit Red Wings were able to participate in this year's record-breaking campaign. We look forward to the opportunity to work with The Salvation Army in the future." The 2005 Red Kettle Campaign raised \$6,767,905 and in 2004 brought in \$6,098,000. The Salvation Army uses

\$88 of every dollar raised during the Red Kettle season to provide an average of 12,800 direct services to people in need each day in metro Detroit. Some of that outreach includes nightly shelter to 1,700 homeless men, women and children and the distribution of more than 7,000 meals daily. The Salvation Army also offers emergency homeless shelter and transitional housing, substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation, utility assistance, feeding programs, foster-care for abused children, runaways and wards of the court, residential programs for teen mothers and pregnant teens, athletic and academic programs, and dozens of other services and programs. For more information about The Salvation Army's scope of services, call (877) SAL-MICH, or visit [www.salnich.org](http://www.salnich.org).



William D. Ford senior Tyler Hilyard works on his circuit board as William Schlick, chair of the Bio-Medical and General Electronics department at Schoolcraft College, during the Skills USA testing Friday morning.

## Electronic students test skills for place in state competition

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland and the Breithaupt Career and Technical Center in Detroit competed Friday to advance in the Skills USA national contest in electronics. The students took three separate tests: a one-hour written test, an hour test on assembling a circuit kit using soldering skills, and an hour test designing and building an electric circuit. Four top finishers in the electronics technology category and three top finishers in the electronic applications category advanced to compete in the state finals April 27-29 in Lansing. The winners in that contest will advance to the nationals in Kansas City, Mo., in June. Top finishers in electronic technology were first place, Arion Ketcherside of Ford, second place, Arthur Dillegas

of Ford, third place, Munhage Nyang of Breithaupt, and, fourth place, Tyler Hilyard of Ford. In the electronics applications category, all finalists were from the Ford Career Technical Center. Winners were, first place, Stephen Howell, second place, Brian Cumming, and, third place, Richard Brown. "What we're trying to do is take students from throughout metro Detroit and have them focus on high-tech jobs," said William Schlick, chairman of biotech electronics and general electronics at Schoolcraft College, and one of the judges for the contest. He said holding the contest at Schoolcraft was not intended to recruit students, but to help them focus on careers in electronics, especially as they relate to biotechnology. Schoolcraft is currently in the middle of building a new state-of-the-art biotechnology center adjacent to its applied science building, where the competition was held.

Biotechnology classes prepare students to work on the high-tech equipment used in modern hospitals and clinics. Schlick said next year Schoolcraft will also participate in a Skills USA program for community colleges, competing against other regional community colleges. Zaccary MacLean, who teaches electronics technology at the Ford Center, said he was thankful to Schoolcraft for providing its electronics lab as a neutral site for the competition. MacLean said the national Skills USA competition, which features numerous competitions in many skilled areas, attracts 4,000 to 6,000 competitors a year from all 50 states.

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# Biomed building will give Schoolcraft a high-tech edge

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Community college is "the place you want to be" if you're just starting a career in education, according to Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress.

If you had to pick and choose, and were just walking into a career, you couldn't pick a better one than the community college side of the business to be in," Jeffress said in an interview Tuesday. "It has the most potential growth in education and the largest potential for social impact."

It is community colleges that will be providing a lion's share of the new, technologically savvy workforce in the years to come.

Schoolcraft is currently in the midst of constructing a major new facility to address those technological needs. A new Biomedical Technology Center is rising on the campus on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

## STEM and GRIN

When the building opens in fall 2008, it will provide a state-of-the-art facility for STEM and GRIN, acronyms for the science center curricula that will be offered. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. GRIN stands for genetics, robotics, information and nanotechnology.

Jeffress said the new facility is being designed to meet two needs. One is a burgeoning enrollment, about 33,616 this year, with 17,832 credit students. The other is a new emphasis on career education that emerged from the Cherry Commission, a state commission on higher education chaired by Lt. Gov. John Cherry. Jeffress served on the commission.



Jeffress

They were pushing the notion of aligning the colleges and universities of the state with those areas of high employment and they are all in this STEM and GRIN area," Jeffress said.

The 48,000-square-foot facility was designed by DSA Architects of Berkeley. At a cost of \$12.5 million, the center will have 16 classrooms, four laboratories, small group gathering spaces and faculty offices. It will have labs for biomedical technology, physics/engineering and cellular and molecular biology. The center will also feature the latest in energy conservation.

The building's name suggests the importance being placed on medical education. The new building is adjacent to the applied sciences building which recently installed a new nursing laboratory.

"In the state there are major shortages in nursing, major shortages in a lot of the health care areas, and this is where the community colleges have a major advantage," Jeffress said.

Enlarging the school's nursing program is another part of this emphasis on biomedical technology. The school currently has 180 students in the associate nursing program and 30 students in the one-year practical nursing program.

Last year, Jeffress proposed asking the Legislature for approval to offer a bachelor of science in nursing degree at Schoolcraft. He said the Michigan Community College Association has gone on record supporting the idea that community colleges could offer a B.S.N.

"It's not a full baccalaureate program, as you would see at



The Biomedical Technology building, designed by DSA Architects, will provide classroom space for math, science and health classes.



Work began last fall on Schoolcraft's new Biomedical Technology Center. Construction crews are now putting walls in place. The \$12.5 million building is scheduled to open in fall 2008.

four-year institution, just the B.S.N., because that's where we see ourselves able to move to that area," he said. "We don't have a whole lot of work to do to make that possible."

The biomedical building will ease some of the pressures caused by the boom in enrollment, but Jeffress said it has another important purpose.

## SERIOUS ABOUT TECHNOLOGY

It tells the rest of the world that you're now in this business and you're in it in a serious way," he said. "You've got bricks and mortar in place, you've done the kind of things that change not just the curriculum but how you teach the curriculum. It's not just the square footage but the particular kind of square footage you have."

He said the building will allow Schoolcraft to offer new programs in nursing and medical technology as more and more duties formerly done by physicians are handled by technicians and high-tech machines.

Schoolcraft's last major building project was the expansion of the Waterman Center into the VisTaTech center, which includes a computer

center and meeting space for businesses and the school's acclaimed culinary arts program.

Jeffress said VisTaTech has been a good source of revenue though it hasn't fully realized in potential, partly because of the area's weak economy.

"One of the things we had in mind was much greater use of that facility by companies and corporations, where we were going to be involved in the training of their employees or helping them develop some new training capacity," he said. "With the slowdown of the economy, that aspect of the business has slowed down. You still have a lot of companies coming to use the facility, but they are treating it more as a nice place to meet."

He said the building has become a "nice icon" for the campus.

## GOVERNOR'S PUSH

Community colleges continue to be a major part of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's economic recovery plan. In her State of the State address, she proposed a No Worker Left Behind program that would provide a community college education for displaced workers for a limited three-year period.

"It's a good, bold move in two respects," Jeffress said. "One, it has a time limit. It tells everyone up front this will be over at some time. Two, it puts a carrot out for those still young enough to consider another career."

The governor's budget proposal calls for a 2.5 percent increase in funding for community colleges. It would allot \$11,678,200 to Schoolcraft. The budget also includes a plan to decrease the escalating cost of retirement for community colleges, in exchange for reduced appropriations.

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## BRUCE E. CRISSMAN

Of Frankfort died Saturday January 20, 2007 surrounded by loving family. Bruce was born in Mt. Vernon, MI on March 13, 1913, the son of Clayton and Grace Farmer Crissman. He was raised in Rochester, MI where his family owned and operated a local pharmacy and grocery store. His family also owned large orchards and one of Bruce's earliest jobs was taking fruit to the market in Detroit. Following College at the University of Detroit, he was employed by General Motors Corp. On April 7, 1938, he married Pauline Downes of Pontiac. He moved to Frankfort with his family in 1943 to manage Pontiac Millwork Co. When the company closed in 1954, desiring to stay in Frankfort, Bruce purchased the Park Hotel and Upton Hardware. Later, he leased the mill building and started his own millwork business. In 1951, Bruce and Pauline purchased property on Platte Bay on Lake Michigan. A cottage was built and became the favorite spot for the family. Over the years, wonderful times were had there with friends, children and grandchildren. Bruce was a wonderful husband and father. An excellent cook, he loved to entertain friends and family. Bruce loved Frankfort and was active in community life. He was a member and president of both the Frankfort Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. He served on the board of trustees of Northwestern Michigan College. He was a member of the Congregational Church and a life member of the Manistee Elks Lodge #250. In 1972, Bruce and Pauline moved to St. Petersburg Beach, FL, but continued to spend summers on Lake Michigan until Pauline passed away. Bruce was an active retiree and also cared for Pauline throughout her illness. He became a dedicated volunteer and supporter of Hospice of Pinellas County. Bruce had many friends and was always willing to lend a hand in any way possible. In December 2003, he returned to Frankfort to be near his family. Bruce was resident at the Pines Assisted Living Center where he received excellent care. He remained there with the help of Munson Hospice until his death. Survivors include daughter Judy (Thomas) Twigg of Frankfort, son Robert (Peggy) Crissman of Schoolcraft, eight grandchildren: Tom (Kendra) Twigg, Mike (Tricia) Twigg, Christine (Scott) Twigg, Kubit Laurie (Kevin) Twigg, Korach Greg (Dez) Twigg, Brian (Jennifer) Crissman, Phillip (Faith) Crissman, and Eric (Chris) Crissman, and 18 great grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A private family memorial service will be held in the summer at the site of the cottage on Lake Michigan. Memorials may be made to the Munson Hospice or Friends of Betsie Bay. The Frankfort Chapel of McElduff Jowett Funeral Homes and Cremation Service handled the arrangements.

## DELLMER P. FARRAR

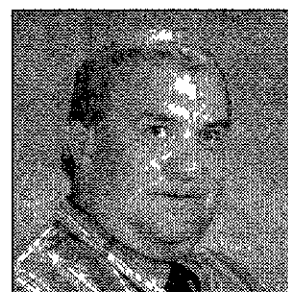
February 11, 2007, age 94, beloved wife of the late James. Dear mother of James V. Farrar and Brenda (Larry) Dolan. Grandmother of Vicki (Tim) Jasmer, Stacey Lynn (Tysen) Moore, Sean David (Emily) Farrar, Dan (Chris) Dolan, Mike (Jamie) Dolan, and Jeff Dolan. Also leaves 9 great grandchildren. Visitation was held Wednesday at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Funeral services and burial to be held in Tennessee on Saturday.

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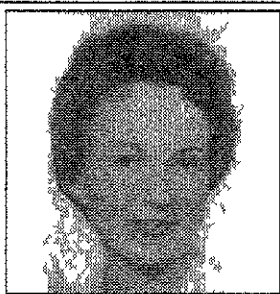
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## JOHN "JACK" KALOUSEK

Age 60, February 12, 2007. Beloved husband of Kathryn for 35 years. Dear father of Kenneth and Kristi. Loving nephew of Mary. Staff Student Activities Director of Livonia Franklin High School. Family will receive friends Thursday, 1-9 p.m., at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral services will be Friday, February 16, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. A memorial service will be held at Franklin High School at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. The family appreciates memorials to Gleaners Food Bank. Share a memorial tribute with the family at [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com).



## ELLEN PATRICIA GOUGH SPARKES

Born June 6, 1918, Paris, Ontario, Canada, passed into the hands of the Lord on Friday, February 9, 2007, Dallas, Texas, to join her husband, Jack B. Sparkes, her father, Ogle Gough, her mother, Annie Gough, and other family and friends who preceded her. Ellen grew up and was educated in S.E. Michigan. It was there she met and married her husband on August 2, 1942. Shortly thereafter, she moved with her husband and lived throughout the Midwest and Southwest during his service in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war, they settled in the Midwest to start their family. In the early 1950s, they moved to the Dallas area where their two children were born after which she devoted her life to her family. Over the next several decades, the family lived in Texas, California, and S.E. Michigan as her husband pursued his career in the automotive industry. In addition to her devotion to her family, she had many outside interests and pursuits, including music, gardening, bridge, arts and crafts, and especially the church and Altar Guild. Also, through the many years of her life, she cultivated and maintained many deep and lasting friendships. She was known for her gentle, kind, warm, and loving spirit. In addition to her son, Jay B. Sparkes of Dallas, Texas, her daughter, Julie E. Chater and son in law, Randolph J. Chater of Gold Canyon, AZ, she is also survived by her sister in law and brother in law, Betty and Bob Galloway, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members around the country and also Canada. The family wishes to express many thanks to all those who provided love, comfort, and care during the last several years of her life, especially Viola Record of Dallas, TX, and the staff of Monticello West and Vitas hospice care. A private grave site service is planned. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice may be made if desired.

## JOHN F. BROGAN, JR.

formerly of Livonia, Michigan, died Sunday, February 11, 2007, at the Frances Georson Hospice House of Naples, Florida. He was predeceased by Karen M. Brogan, his beloved wife of 35 years, born October 31, 1946, to Sally Brogan and the late John F. Brogan Sr. in Peckville, Pennsylvania. He grew up in a small town for sports and was a proud Eagle Scout who loved camping and hiking the Appalachian Trail. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a focus in Accounting from Drexel University and joined the Ford Motor Company. During his 33 years of dedicated service to Ford, he worked in Buffalo, New York; Dana Point, California; and Dearborn, Michigan, and earned qualification as a Certified Internal Auditor. He engaged in extensive international travel and at the time of his retirement was the Manager of International and Corporate Staffs Audit in the General Auditor's Office. In Michigan, he volunteered financial services to St. Michael's Elementary School, Ladywood High School, and Detroit Catholic Central High School. Upon retirement, he and his late wife moved to Naples to ring in the first day of the new millennium. While in Naples, he served as a board member of the Augusta Falls Homeowners Association and volunteered accounting services to Master Designer Flower Shop. He loved nothing more than spending time with his family, friends, and neighbors, and especially traveling with his Kar. A devoted father, he spent many an hour cheering on his children at dance recitals, swim meets, and volleyball matches. He touched many hearts and funny bones with his caring and generous attitude and his quick wit. He leaves three loving children: John M. Brogan of le Mont-sur-Lausanne, Switzerland; Julie A. Brogan of Naples; and Kathryn E. Brogan of Detroit, Michigan. He is also survived by his mother, Sally Brogan of Clarks Green, Pennsylvania; his aunt, Elizabeth O'Connor of Jessup, Pennsylvania; his aunt, Marie Liebst of Chicago, Illinois; his sister, Dr. Mary R. Brogan of Durham, Connecticut; his brother, Francis J. Brogan of Bangkok, Thailand; his brother-in-law and his wife, Kenneth and Josephine Huber of Milford, Delaware; Patricia Boyd, the wife of his deceased brother in law, Richard Huber of Naples, Florida; his nieces and nephews; many dear cousins and numerous friends. A memorial service will be held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples on Saturday, February 17, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## JOSEPH H. TOLKO

Age 85, February 8, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Delphine (Dot) Loving, father of Kimberlee Marie Ordway, Grandfather of Justin (Sarah) Lawrence and John Ordway. Great grandfather of Allie Marie Lawrence. Brother of Irving Tolko. Loved by nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Visitation & Services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia Interment, Glen Eden Cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Mio, Michigan.

## KATIE JUNE

### (SOUTHERN) CASTEEL

Age 69 of Caledonia, peacefully went to be with the Lord surrounded by her family on Monday, February 12, 2007. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, James Hollis Casteel, children Cindy Figley Jimmie Casteel, and Connie (Joe) Bosch. Funeral services for Katie were held Thursday, February 15th, at Freeport United Brethren Church. Condolences may be sent online at [www.mkdfuneralhome.com](http://www.mkdfuneralhome.com).

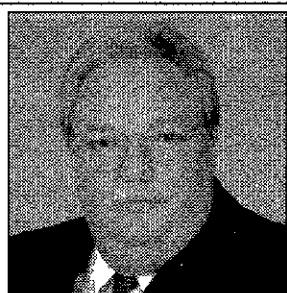
## LARRY JARED PILKINTON

Age 68 of Redford. Beloved husband of Doreen for over 52 years. Dear father of Anne May, Larry B. and David (Lesa). Grandfather of Martin May, Keli May, Jared Pilkinton, and Heather (Shane) Lakner. Eldest son of Marilyn and the late Jack. Dear brother of Terry, Mike, Brad, and the late Jack (Margarita). Larry is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and extended family. Memorial Service, Saturday, February 17th, 11:00 AM, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware (at Puritan), Redford, MI 48240. Those who wish to further honor Larry's memory may make contributions to New Beginning Church Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington, (248) 474-5200. [heeney.sundquist.com](http://heeney.sundquist.com)

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## MISS JEAN HARRIET "JEANNIE" HOSBACK

Age 87 of Livonia, MI. Born January 13, 1920. Died February 11, 2007. Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Hosback and precious twin sister of Miss Alice Leila Hosback, also of Livonia, resting at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 2-9 p.m. on Thursday, February 15th, and at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Detroit, 17567 Hubbell St., at W. Outer Drive, on Friday, February 16th, from 12 noon until 1 p.m. The time of the funeral, Jeannie's family would especially like to thank the wonderful and caring staff members at Angela Hospice and Home Instead for helping to make her last days and hours as peaceful as possible. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Angela Hospice, The Parkinson Foundation, or Westminster Church would be welcome. (Envelopes at the funeral home).



## RICHARD DUFOUR

Age 55, February 11, 2007. Beloved husband of Debbie (Aguayo), preceded in death by loving parents John and Alice and brother Tom (Carolann), stepson of Barbara, step brother of Ann Marie and Susan, dear son in law of Guadalupe and Patricia, brother in law to Victoria and Paul (Clover), uncle to Vince (Nicole), Michael, Jacob, and Nicole, and many other loved ones. Visitation, Tuesday, 2-9 p.m. and Wednesday, noon-9 p.m., at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Scripture Service, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Funeral Service, Thursday, in state at 10 a.m. until Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Six Mile, Livonia. Interment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Henry Ford Liver Transplant Emergency Needs Fund or the St. Aidan Parish World Youth Day Fund.

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

## FEBRUARY

### Love's Secrets

7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 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. Call (734) 425-5950 ext. 203 to obtain your copy of the encyclical. Read articles 1-8 before our first session.

### Religious talk

Persecution in the Land of our Savior by Rev. Canon Naim Ateek, director of The Sabee Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. Sponsored by Friends of Sabee North American Detroit Group.

### Catholic conference

Rev. Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the papal household, is the keynote speaker at a national conference celebrating the 40th anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Friday, Sunday, Feb. 16-18, at Detroit's Cobo Center. Cost is \$75 with one-day packages available. For more information, call (248) 593-4888 or visit [www.amazinggraceconference.com](http://www.amazinggraceconference.com).

### Recovery program

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits, and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors). Meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org/celebrate](http://www.wardchurch.org/celebrate).

### VBS preview

Preview the offerings for this summer's Vacation Bible Schools, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty. Northville View exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers expand your skills by attending four of 20 workshops on timely topics including how to organize a VBS, plan a youth camp week, administer backyard Bible club, and make and take puppetry. Registration fee is \$35 by Jan. 17, \$40 by Feb. 13, \$45 at door. \$20 tent 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](http://www.iceaonline.org).

### MAMA's Coffeehouse

Featuring Joel Mabus, Saturday, Feb. 17, open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m., at 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 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the Fellowship Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Kasza's book will be available for purchase and signing. Those who are involved in any way with ministry to the sick will especially want to come. All are welcome. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

### Workshop

Dealing with Unexpected Loss, workshop presented by The Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the Multi-purpose room at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 474-4701. Cost, \$10 if your church does not hold a subscription. Presenter is Dr. Brun as he focuses on how caregivers can provide a sense of hope in the healing relations with their care receivers.

### Concert

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

### Brass concert

Got the winter blues? Do you love the sound of a brass band? The Light Metal Band Brass Quintet Concert performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the sanctuary at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. They will be performing a variety of music including Classical, 19th Century American Patriotic Ragtime and Jazz.

The concert is free and open to the public with a freewill offering being taken. For more information, call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830 or visit the Web site at [www.christsaviors.org](http://www.christsaviors.org) or [www.lightmetalband.com](http://www.lightmetalband.com).

### Peacemaker series

The six-week class is designed to equip and assist Christians and their churches to respond to conflict biblically, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, to March 27, at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Hwy. near Lahser, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-1020 ext. 137. Registration fee, \$15. The class prepares church leaders, adults, and children for peacemaking through educational resources, seminars, and training, also provides conflict coaching, mediation, and arbitration services to resolve church and ministry disputes, lawsuits, family divisions, and business conflicts.

### Christ on trial

Drama to uncover Biblical evidence that will be analyzed, eye witnesses share accounts of their encounters with Jesus, 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, and 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening during Lent, except for Maundy Thursday, April 5, when Simon Peter testified concerning Jesus' disruption of social mores at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Avenue, Farmington, Call (248) 474-6880. Christ on Trial examines evidence that demands a verdict: Who is this Jesus for you?

### Ash Wednesday

Pancake dinner at 5:30 p.m., service at 7 p.m. 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.

### Lent and Easter services

Ash Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 21, includes music, imposition of ashes, and holy communion. In His Steps, a six-part sermon series during Lent, on Sundays at 10 a.m., beginning Feb. 25, to April 1. Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m., April 5, communion is around a great table in the shape of a cross to remember the last meal of Jesus with his disciples. Community Good Friday Service, noon, April 6, 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 6, an evening service focusing on the Passion Narrative and Jesus' final moments and Easter Sunday, Son Rise Service at 8 a.m., Worship Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. for children (childcare for four-year-olds and under at both services), April 8, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860 or visit [www.nardinpark.org](http://www.nardinpark.org).

### Lenten fish fry

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, and March 2, 9-16:23 and 30, pick-ups at St. Peter Claver Catholic Community Parish Rectory, 13305 Grove, one block south of McNichols, one block east of Schaefer. Detroit. Lunch orders call in by 11 a.m. at (313) 342-5292. \$8 for catfish dinner, \$7 for whiting, \$5 for catfish sandwich, \$4 for whiting, \$1 for sides of spaghetti, coleslaw, and green beans.

### Vesper services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts the first in its 2007 series of Lenten Vespers services, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia, call (734) 422-0010. The general public and Orthodox Christians are invited. Refreshments will be served after ward. All proceeds from the service will be used for COCC charities and projects. For more information, contact the Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia, at (248) 476-3432 or [mmatsko@twm1rr.com](mailto:mmatsko@twm1rr.com). Livonia. The president of the COCC, the Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent Orthodox Church, Redford, presides at the service. The COCC inter-Orthodox Choir will sing the responses during the service.

### Church drama

Television and film actor Frank Runyeon performs in *The Gospel of John: The Book of Signs*, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$20 a family. Group rates available. Call (734) 425-5950.

### 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-

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### Church members wanted

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## UPCOMING

### Church women united

Meets for World Day of Prayer, 12-45 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.

### Lenten retreat

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Madonna University Center, 14221 Levan, Livonia. The cost is \$18-\$10 for students, faculty, and staff, and includes lunch. Sponsored by Campus Ministry, the retreat theme is *With Mary on the way of the Cross*, presented by Rev. Charles Fox, associate pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows. To register, call (734) 432-5524 or send e-mail to [cmws@madonna.edu](mailto:cmws@madonna.edu). By Feb. 27, walk-in registration will be accepted. The fee is \$22.

### Prim carnival night

Family fun, 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the Jewish Community Center, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Includes carnival games, clowns, face painters, craft booths, candy making, prizes, costume parade, and a raffle for a family pack of tickets for the March 18 Music Fest Children's/Family Passover concert, featuring the award-winning Peter and Ellen Allard. Children who come in costume will receive a special prize. Purim Carnival is free to JCC members. There is a charge for non-members: \$1 for under age three. For information, call (248) 967-4030.

### 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 general public are invited to the book fair, being held in conjunction with a pasta supper and magic show.

### Seminar

Faith Baptist Church in Royal Oak hosts a seminar, *Being Joyful in Tough Times*, with Duane Cuthbertson, director of Growing Together Ministries, 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 9, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Topics include *Experiencing Joy That Is Full*, *Coping With Our Hurts*, *Changing Bitterness to Joy*, and *Curing Our Hurts*. No charge, but a free will offering will be taken. For information, call (248) 288-6415.

### Lenten symposium

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

### Organ concert

5 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-7400. There is no child care or charge for event. Concert features Tom Trenney, organist and Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, and the popular Birmingham First Concert Series Reception follows.

### Cathedral Cultural Series

Presents a concert by the award-winning 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, using a self-addressed stamped envelope 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 composers. Their repertoire covers all facets of vocal music from madrigals to romantic compositions and a capella arrangements of well-known songs. For more information, call (313) 865-6300 ext. 227 or send e-mail to [CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com](mailto:CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com). Doors open at 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

### Tiny Tots Preschool

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

### TobyMac concert

On his *Portable Sounds Tour*, 7:30 p.m.

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## CALENDAR

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Friday March 16 at Northridge Church 49555 North Territorial Plymouth Tickets \$22 reserved \$18 groups of 15 plus Call (800) 585 3737 or visit [www.startticketsplus.com](http://www.startticketsplus.com) Joining TobyMac are Thousand Foot Krutch Building 429 and Family Force 5

## Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday April 15 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476 8860 No appointment necessary

## ONGOING

## Divorce recovery

Workshop 7:30 p.m. 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 registration \$35 at door \$15 repeat participants with their man

ual from previous workshop If you're experiencing the emotional pain of divorce no matter how recent or long ago it happened this workshop will help you heal Free childcare Call (248) 374 5920

## 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 1:30 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 p.m. Monday Feb 5 at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level 18100 Merriman Livonia No charge The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King the church's director of youth and outreach ministry For information and to register call (734) 422 0010

## Grief workshop

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

## Sunday service

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

## Bible study series

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

## Scripture study

Board the Starship Evangelize seek out and explore new worlds of scripture 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

## Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship 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. (contemporary) Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 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 1 Peter For more information

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## Personal ministry

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## Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 5:30 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

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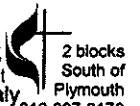


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In addition to our weekly Worship Directory, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers publish a traditional holiday directory before Easter. If you are interested, please call Donna Hart at 734-953-2153 for more information.

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# Radio dream that became a reality

## Student station that launched careers marks 35th birthday

The first broadcast day in the history of WSDP may have ended at 6 p.m., but once it was over, all it really did was signify the beginning of a dream that had started in the minds of then Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. John Hoben and Principal Bill Brown.

WSDP, the student-radio station serving Plymouth-Canton Schools which celebrated its 35th anniversary Wednesday, signed on the air in 1972 under the direction of station manager Bonny Dore. Planning for the station began as early as 1969, when Dore was hired to teach mass media, speech, radio and television.

After years of planning and training, the station signed on at 89.3-FM at noon, with a five-minute music and community and school events show called "A La Carte." The broadcast day ended some six hours later, and the dream of Hoben and Brown had begun.

"From my first day in school, Bonny Dore was there, as my teacher and coach in debate and forensics, and she told me from the start that Plymouth would be having a radio station and I should be a part of it," said Rob Milford, a 1973 Salem High School graduate. "We started with two empty rooms, and as a group learned what we needed about radio, from selecting the call letters, getting our FCC licenses, watching as engineers put up the tower, building the studio and then, Feb. 14, 1972 when the switch was thrown at noon. It was a privilege to be a part of it."

Since that time, the radio station has seen many changes, including a frequency change to 88.1-FM, power increase, stereo broadcasting, moving to a 24-hour broadcast schedule, and many programming changes.

One thing remained constant: The station's mission to train students in broadcasting and serve the community.

Many students were impacted by the station's commitment to training students. Milford began a 35-year career in radio in 1972. He now serves as a news anchor and reporter for KDKA in Pittsburgh. Recently, he worked for CBS Radio News, where he was an embedded reporter with a Marine tank battalion in Iraq.

"It was a life-changing experience at an early age," Milford said. "I consider myself fortunate, or even blessed, to have arrived at the exact right time to get the radio station started."

Jim Heller, Salem Class of 1983, used his experience at WSDP to work in radio with the American Forces Korea Network in Seoul. That led to work with CNN and his current job as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. State Department and tours of duty in China, Ukraine and Washington.

I was blessed to work with the late Jeff Cardinal, Andy Melin and John Seidelman, who all cared deeply about the station and were committed to giving students the extraordinary opportunity to develop strong broadcast journalism skills, particularly good writing," Heller said.

"I'm living proof that those skills, first honed in the WSDP newsroom, mesh well with a variety of professions, be it law, advertising or diplomacy."

June Kirchgatter, a 1983 Salem graduate, may not work in radio, but she credits part of her success to her time at Plymouth's 200-watt FM station, where she had a chance to do many different things.

She currently owns The Juniper Group, a Chicago-



Jody Gross manned WSDP's Studio A in 2002. The student-run radio station celebrates its 35th birthday this year.

based company that helps Fortune 1000 companies communicate with their employees.

"In my career as the owner of an advertising agency, I still wear many hats," Kirchgatter said. "I also spend much of my day working with our clients and our creative team to create something from nothing. Each obstacle that arises at work brings me back to my lessons at WSDP. I can get over this if I put my mind to it and work hard. I will forever be thankful for my time as a radio kid at WSDP."

Jake Bugeja graduated from Starkweather in 2002. Since then, he has worked in radio in Detroit and producing podcasts for the MTV Network in New York. He is currently the program director of X107.1-FM in the Cayman Islands.

"Because of what I learned, I got my first commercial radio job as a weekend DJ at WTWR in Toledo while still working at WSDP and before I was officially graduated from high school, was promoted to afternoon drive DJ," Bugeja said. "I give full credit to WSDP for launching my career."

### PRESERVING THE FUTURE

The station started an endowment fund in 2005 to help maintain the station for future generations. Through the annual auction and alumni donations, the station has raised nearly \$25,000 for the fund.

The money is endowed through the Educational Excellence Foundation, started by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. EEF funds projects that enhance teaching and learning in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Alumni or community members interested in donating to the endowment fund can contact station manager Bill Keith, (734) 416-7732. Checks made payable to the Educational Excellence Foundation (write WSDP on the memo line) can be sent to WSDP, 46181 Joy, Canton, MI 48187.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The station will celebrate its birthday with a party, an alumni reunion set for Nov. 10 at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

A committee is currently planning the reunion festival.



Reshma Shah was on the air from Studio A circa 1993-1994.

Alumni willing to help with planning can contact Keith at his e-mail address, bkeith@pcscs.k12.mi.us.

We had a blast in 1997 with the 25th anniversary, Keith said. "A lot of people have already said they look forward to coming back to town this year."

The committee is planning a silent auction to benefit WSDP. Anyone interested in donating an item can call the station, (734) 416-7732.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd. Canton, MI 48187 (734)981-0303 on 2/28/07 at 12:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 2026 - Joshua Kreger - microwave, couch, 20 boxes
- 3008 - Georgina Buba - stove, chair, 50 boxes
- 3034 - Park Avenue Cleaners - 40 boxes, 2 totes, toys
- 3046 - Edna Smith Gordon - chair, desk, dresser
- 3048 - Daniel Smith II - couch, loveseat, bike
- 4004 - Kenneth Marshall - chair, dresser, 10 totes
- 4008 - Christopher Rice - desk, TV, bed frame
- 4026 - Kenneth Marshall - Bicycle, 5 boxes, clothing
- 4034 - Leah Rogers - stool, 1 tote, misc items
- 4036 - Jeff Malek - clothing, entertainment center, misc items
- 4294 - Diane Jacobs - 20 totes, clothing, misc items
- 5002 - Anthony Peters - Dresser, TV, Couch
- 5029 - Cleopatra Peck - Loveseat, 4 bikes, refrigerator
- 5216 - Miranda King - Sofa, Misc Items, Table
- 6005 - Mark Hughes - Weights, exercise equipment, bike
- 6012 - Gaylynn Wall - dryer, dresser, bed
- 6203 - Rachel Knighton - 10 boxes, dresser, mirror
- 6208 - Jennifer Jendrusik - Mattress, desk, dresser
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

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

Hearings are by appointment. Please call 354-3269 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for an appointment.

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday, March 6	9 am - 2 pm	Organizational Meeting
	Noon - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 12	2 pm - 6 pm	Hearings by Appointment
	5 pm - 9 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday, March 14	9 am - 2 pm	Hearings by Appointment
	Noon - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 17	9 am - 11 am	First Come, First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 23, 2007.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

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- 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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### 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.**

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Dressers, tables, TV, cart, TV, desk, tool box, clothes, nightstand, and misc items.

**UNIT #251-SCOTT MORRISON OF 9549 CEDAR ISLAND POND, WHITE LAKE TWP, 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**

Washer, Dryer, Patio Table w/chairs, cart, dresser, chair, ottoman, air conditioner, wicker cart, and misc items.

**UNIT #606-LINDA BROWN-SURGE OF P.O. BOX 545, WAYNE, MI 48184**

Refrigerator, chairs, Christmas items, shovel/tools, and misc.

**UNIT #619/668-CLAUDE STOPCHINSKI (MY CPR SERVICE) OF 42173 E. ANN ARBOR RD, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170**

Pallets of computer printers/approx. 100 copier, other misc items.

**UNIT #214-PAUL AUTH OF P.O. BOX 65, HAZEL PARK, MI 48030**

Furniture, armchairs, desk, lamps, stereo, bookcase, hutch, table, chairs, dolly, speakers, rocking chair, other household items, and misc items.

**SALE DATE IS MARCH 9, 2007 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Clerks Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Plymouth Canton School Election on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. The test will take place on **Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road.** This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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### MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT 1179 STARKWEATHER PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 (734) 459-0053

### NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to FS 713.78 on February 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

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1995 Ford	1FASP1286SW111266
1997 Ford	1FALP653XVK121084
1995 Chevrolet	2G1WW12M4S9208771
1989 Cadillac	1G6CD5153K4206758
1988 Oldsmobile	1G3HN54C1JW398453
1992 Pontiac	1G2NE54D1NC203720
1989 Dodge	1B3BL18D6KY432093
1991 Mercury	2MECM74F2MX675998
2000 Chevrolet	1G1JC1248Y7331938
1988 Ford	1FABP60F1JH207405
1995 Ford	1FALP54P6SA211221
1996 Pontiac	1G2NE52XTM541747
1996 Chevrolet	1G1BL52P3TR108239
1999 Honda	1HGEJ6671XL034727
1989 Dodge	1B7HE1671KS111090

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### CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2007 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The City of Plymouth will be conducting the 2007 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and appointments scheduled as follows:

The regular Board of Review schedule:

Date	Time
Tuesday, March 6, 2007	9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 8, 2007	3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 12, 2007	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 13, 2007	3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15, 2007	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. **COMPLETED 2007 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY** and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 14, 2007 by 4:30 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Wednesday, March 14, 2007 by 4:30 p.m.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act."

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 26, 2007. The bid opening will take place at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 26, 2007, at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, for the following:

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Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>.

Questions regarding this bid should be directed to the Downtown Development Authority at [dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us](mailto:dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us) or (734) 455-1453.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
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## Rockets' run past Salem

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Heavy snow, strong winds, nor soaring Rocks could keep the Westland John Glenn basketball team from its appointed rounds Tuesday night

The Rockets, who have been as reliable as mail carriers during their recent nine-game winning streak, overcame double-doubles from Salem's Grant Stone and Ross Davis delivered a 61-53 road victory

The triumph improved John Glenn's record to 12-4 overall and 9-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Salem dropped to 8-8 and 5-4, respectively

The weather outside was frightful during the game — but not nearly as scary as the Rockets transition game, which produced at least one-third of the team's points

'We're at our best when we guard like we did tonight,' said John Glenn coach Dan Young. 'The way we preach it to the kids is, if you guard, the result will be easy baskets at the other end.'

'We had a tough time offensively early in the game because they were switching from a zone to a man-to-man and it took us a while to get a feel for it. They outrebound-

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## Grand finale

The unbeaten Canton boys swimming and diving team hosted unbeaten Northville Tuesday night in a meet that determined the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division champion. Unfortunately, results from the meet were not reported to the *Observer* as of Tuesday night's deadline. In the top photo, Canton senior Robert Blaesser is greeted by his teammates during "Senior Night" ceremonies. At right, senior Matt Carlson is pictured competing in the breaststroke.



WALT DMOCH

The Plymouth Whalers celebrate a goal during Sunday's 4-3 victory over visiting Windsor. The Whalers have been among the hottest teams in the Ontario Hockey League and lead the Western Division by a comfortable margin heading into this weekend's contests.

## Whalers edge Spits in shootout

James Neal and Evan Brophay scored in a shootout and the Plymouth Whalers withstood a Windsor rally to beat the Spitfires, 4-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon before 3,435 at Windsor Arena.

The Whalers have won five in a row and remain in first place in the OHL West with a record of 38-13 1-2, good for 79 points. Plymouth has gone 30 4-1 2 over the past 37 games, gaining 63 out of a possible 74 points.

Windsor is now 15-33-1-4. Jared Boll (22nd), Chris Terry (15th) and Daniel Ryder (29th) scored in regulation for Plymouth. Mickey Renaud (16th), Keaton Turkiewicz (19th) and John Kurtz (4th) scored for Windsor. Windsor received 46 saves from rookie goaltender Andrew Engleage as the game's first star. Plymouth outshot Windsor, 50-28, in the

game.

Plymouth scored in the first minute of play for the third straight game, taking a 2-0 lead on goals by Boll at 0:16 and Terry at 0:39. Boll scored in tight on the left wing of the Windsor goal after taking a feed from Neal and Terry scored when he battled home a rebound on the right side of the Windsor goal. Plymouth outshot Windsor, 14-4, in the first period.

Renaud cut the Plymouth lead to 2-1 at 3:49 of the second period with a shot from the left wing past Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith, but Ryder scored at 9:02 with he scored on a rebound from the left faceoff dot past Engleage. Turkiewicz then scored through traffic at 17:40 of the second period in a scramble in front of Smith. Plymouth led, 3-2, after forty minutes.

Kurtz tied the game with 5:29 left in

regulation when he took Renaud's feed in the Plymouth slot and beat Smith.

After a scoreless overtime, Neal (stuff on left wing side of the goal) and Brophay (high shot from the slot) beat Engleage in the shootout, while Windsor's Brad Snetsinger (puck bounced away in the slot) and Adam Henrique (lost the puck in the slot) could not beat Smith.

Plymouth is on the road all of next week, playing in Barrie next Thursday, Sudbury next Friday and Sault Ste. Marie on Sun Feb. 18.

The Whalers' next home games are on Friday, Feb. 23, against Belleville and Saturday, Feb. 24, against Oshawa. Start time for both games is 7:05 p.m.

Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

## Price is right when it comes to intensity and leadership

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

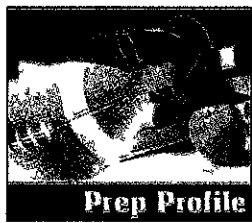
Who could blame the South Lyon defensive lineman for finally snapping in the second half of last November's Division 1 playoff football game against Canton?

You'd snap too if for the better part of a half of football you were pushed around — dominated, really — by an offensive lineman who was significantly smaller than you.

'After one play when I put him on his back, he just flipped out and started swinging at me,' remembered Kiel Price, the player who was the source of the bigger player's frustration. 'He was pretty big — over six feet tall and at least 225 pounds. He hit me and I started to go after him, but my teammates held me back.'

## PLAYING BIG

All 5-foot-10, 170 pounds of Price frustrated many opponents during the Chiefs' run to the D1 semifinals this past season. Defensive linemen who pre-judged the senior based solely on his modest size (at least by offensive linemen's standards) were in for a rude awakening.



Prep Profile

Fueled by a fiery attitude, refuse-to-lose resilience and textbook blocking technique, Price was possibly the Chiefs' most effective

offensive lineman despite being — by far — its smallest.

'Kiel was the heart and soul of our offensive line,' said Casey Randolph, who doubles as an assistant football coach and head wrestling coach at Canton. 'He wasn't the biggest kid out there, but he was probably the most intense. He was an emotional leader, just like he is in our wrestling room.'

'Kiel brings a persona to our wrestling team. He has a chip on his shoulder when he's out on the mat, but it's a good chip. The other kids feed off him. Some kids try to be rah-rah-type leaders, but they can't back it up. Well, Kiel backs it up.'

## BUILDING BLOCK

Price has been in the middle of the Canton wrestling program's rise to

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior Kiel Price has been a two-year standout for the Chiefs' football and wrestling programs. Price was a starting offensive guard for Canton's 12-1 gridiron unit. He currently is a captain for the Chiefs' wrestling team, which takes a 24-3 record into tonight's Division 1 District tournament at Salem.

## Sidelines

## Chief ickers nip Wildcats

Canton's hockey team defeated Plymouth, 4-3, Tuesday night in a game played at the Compuware Sports Arena. Among the goal scorers for the Chiefs were Brad Barath and Alex Lajoie.

Unfortunately, further details of the game were not reported to the *Observer* by the respective teams' coaching staffs.

## Coaches: Please call in results

Winter high school sports coaches are encouraged to report their results to *Observer* Sports Editor Ed Wright, so that their athletes can receive the recognition they deserve.

Results can be phoned in to (734) 953-2108, faxed to (734) 591-7279, or e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for the Thursday editions of the *Observer* is Tuesday at 11 p.m., the deadline for the Sunday editions is Friday at 11 p.m.

If results of your son's or daughter's team do not appear in the *Observer*, please discuss the issue with his or her head coach.

## Gems on Ice

The Plymouth-based "Gems on Ice" synchronized figure-skating teams will be holding their annual "Send-Off Exhibition" Sunday night from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. The "Gems" "masters" team will be defending its national title in Colorado Springs Feb. 22-24. Sunday's event is free to the public.

## District hoop

Canton High School will be the site of the Class A District 25 basketball district tournament March 5-9. On Monday, March 5, Novi and Novi Catholic Central will square off in a first-round game. The winner will take on Plymouth, which drew a bye, in a semifinal contest set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7.

The March 5 nightcap, set for 7 p.m., will pit Canton against Salem. The winner will take on Northville at 7 p.m. on March 7.

The championship game is slated for 7 p.m. Friday, March 9.

## District hockey

The Plymouth Cultural Center will be the site of the Division 1 Pre-Regional #12 hockey tournament Feb. 27-March 1.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, Salem will take on Northville at 5:30 p.m. while Canton and South Lyon will square off at 8 p.m. that night.

The two winners will meet Thursday, March 1, in a game slated to face off at 7:30 p.m.



# HOOPS

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ed us by a lot in the first half so we wanted to go out in the second half and win the hustle points

The Rocks gave John Glenn all it could handle for 28 of the game's 32 minutes as they trailed just 49-45 with 4:10 to play. However, the Rockets reeled off an 8-1 run over the ensuing three minutes to put the game on ice.

There were a number of things that cost us a win. No. 1 being that John Glenn has a very good basketball team, said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We also missed some puppies around the basket and we missed a lot of free throws."

"Their transition game killed us. There were a number of times they'd steal the ball from us then get a layup on the other end."

Stone and Davis — both juniors — kept the Rocks in the game along with the inside presence of senior center Brian Baumgart.

Stone finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds while Davis contributed 12 points and a season-high 16 boards. Davis also chipped in with a high-rising, crowd-pleasing block that thwarted a John Glenn fast break late in the second quarter.

Baumgart had perhaps his best game of the season, compiling eight points and eight rebounds.

The Rockets' offense was as balanced as the four-foot-high snowdrift that formed outside the Salem gym Tuesday night.

Sharp shooting junior forward Stefan Marken paced the winners with 14 points.

Austin Anderson added nine while three players — Cordarryl Jones, Keyshawn Martin and Earl Hardison — all contributed eight.

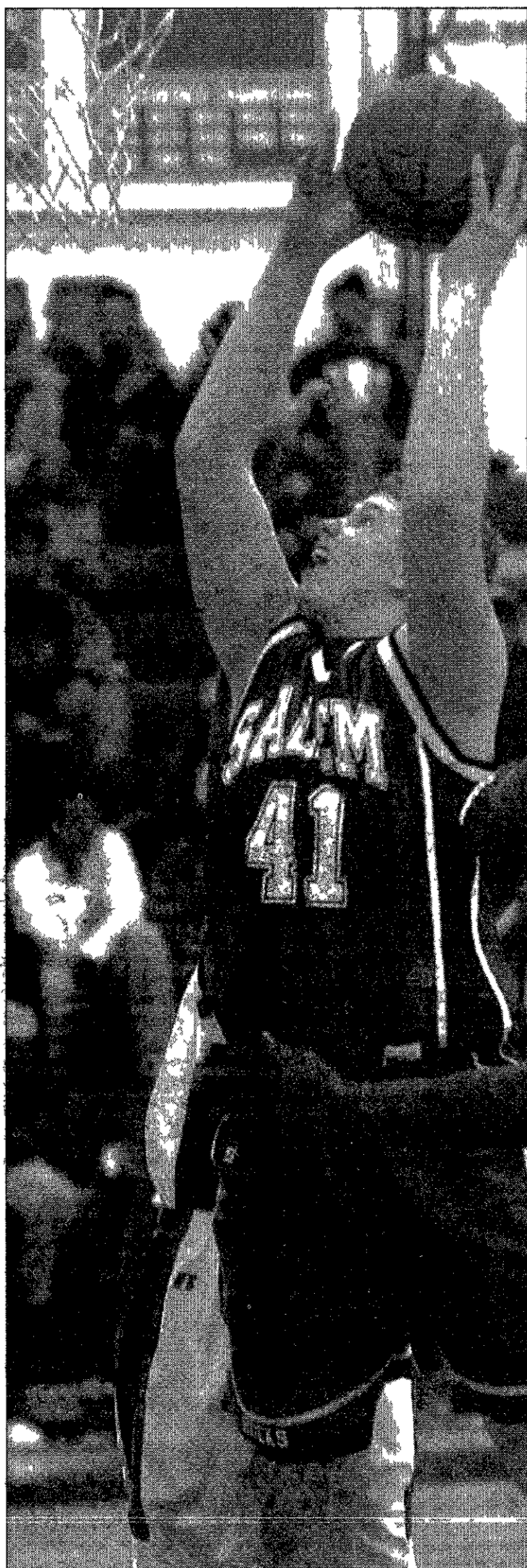
The game was knotted at 12-all after one quarter and 26-all at the half. John Glenn did not commit a turnover in the first quarter and finished the game with just eight miscues.

Salem, on the other hand, turned the ball over 17 times.

Following a sub-par first half during which he canned just 1-of-9 field goals, Marken came out red-hot in the third quarter and accounted for the Rockets' first seven second-half points as they bolted to a 36-28 advantage.

"Stefan is a great shooter," Young said. "I knew it was just a matter of time before he started to hit some shots."

Salem cut its deficit to 44-41 at the end of the third quarter thanks to Kevin Burleigh's buzzer-beating 17-foot jumper. The Rockets never trailed over the final eight minutes and led by as many as 10 at a few junct-



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Salem's Brian Baumgart, pictured above in a game earlier this season, contributed eight points and eight rebounds in the Rocks' 61-53 setback to Westland John Glenn Tuesday night.

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The Rocks shot themselves in the foot at the free-throw line down the stretch. During one 40-second stretch with less than five minutes to play, they missed four consecutive freebies.

John Glenn connected on

25-of-57 field goals (43 percent) and 6-of-10 free throws (60 percent). Salem was 16-of-50 from the field (32 percent) and 18-of-28 from the charity stripe (64.2 percent).

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# Canton cagers survive Franklin in overtime

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Following Tuesday night's game at Livonia Franklin, Canton's basketball team probably let out a collective sigh of relief that could be felt from Livonia to Northville.

Playing without starting forward Steve Paye and key reserve Eric Thornton, the Chiefs hung on to defeat the host Patriots, 54-49, in overtime to keep their hopes for a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title in tact.

Canton, which has now won 12 of 13, improved to 12-4 overall and 8-1 in the division. The Chiefs will host 9-0 Northville Friday night in a championship-deciding contest.

The Patriots dropped to 3-13 and 0-9, respectively.

Franklin played very well, said Canton coach Charlie Paye, whose team was playing less than 24 hours after Monday night's make-up victory over Walled Lake Western. "We were tired, but that's no excuse because Franklin played on Monday night, too."

The Chiefs were led senior center Ryan Waidmann, who tallied 19 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Neal Sharma added 16 points, including a huge game-tying three-pointer in the waning moments of regulation, and Devy Jackson chipped in with five points.

Ryan Matthey paced the Patriots with 23 points. Matthey was 7-for-8 from the free-throw line and buried a pair of long triples. Franklin's Gary Cobb also played well, netting eight, four of which were the result of a pair of dunks.

Franklin led 16-11 after one quarter, 24-18 at the half and 30-29 with eight minutes to play. Canton netted five of its nine overtime points from the charity stripe.

Overall, Canton was 8-of-12 from the line while the Patriots twined 7-of-13.

**WAYNE 63, PLYMOUTH 49:** Wayne Memorial locked up the third seed in the Western Division in the upcoming Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball playoffs Tuesday with a 14-point triumph over visiting Plymouth. Junior Mike Lee paced a balanced Wayne scoring attack with 16 points.

Jeremy Lovelady, a 6-foot-9 junior center, added 13 points and 14 rebounds, while sophomore Robert Woodson contributed 10 points.

Reserve Marcus Williams also gave the Zebras a lift with six points and eight rebounds.

Marcus really gave us a spark off the bench, said Wayne coach.

Plymouth led 15-12 after one quarter, but Wayne took a 26-22 halftime lead.

Wayne Woodard, whose Zebras are 9-7 overall and 5-4 in the division.

Brandon Roberts led the Wildcats (5-11, 2-7) with 16 points while 6-8 Jake Hager added 13 points and eight rebounds.

"Wayne had a big third quarter that kind of put it out of reach for us," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "Twenty-two points is too many to give up in one quarter."

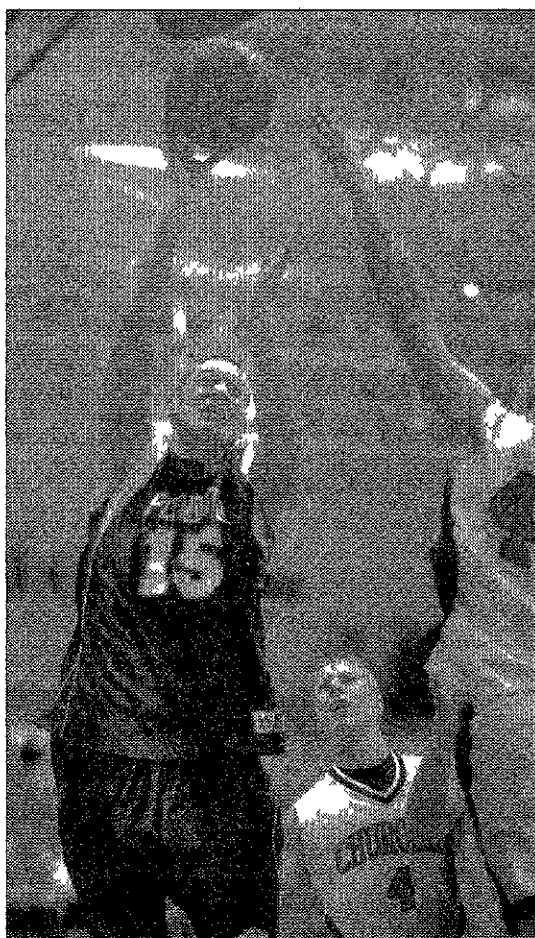
Wayne was only 9-of-17 from the foul line, while Plymouth was 12-of-16.

**CANTON AGAPE 69, HURON VALLEY 26:** On Tuesday, the Wolverines sprinted to a 26-9 first quarter lead and never looked back as they improved to 11-3 overall and 6-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. The Hawks slipped to 0-14 and 0-6.

We just have better players, better talent, said Agape coach Keith Anleitner, summing up the win.

Agape upped its advantage to 42-16 at the half and 61-24 with eight minutes to play.

Senior guard Jack Anleitner paced the winners with 22 points. Anleitner was 4-for-5 from beyond the three-point arc. Also shining for the



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Plymouth's Jake Hager, pictured above in a game earlier this season, tallied 13 points and eight rebounds in the Wildcats' loss to Wayne Memorial Tuesday night.

Wolverines were Kevin Reith (10 points), Showla Olojo (nine points) and Ty Majeski (nine points).

**CANTON 53, W.L. WESTERN 51:** Canton's basketball team was short on players but long on heart Monday night in its crucial Western Lakes Activities Association game at Walled Lake Western.

With key contributors Ryan Langdon, Steve Paye and Eric Thornton sidelined by illness or injury, the Chiefs prevailed over the Warriors to keep their WLAA Western Division title hopes alive.

The game was originally scheduled to be played Feb. 6 but was pushed back because of cold weather.

Picking up the slack for their missing teammates were senior center Ryan Waidmann (20 points and five blocks), Josh Butler (16 points, including eight straight during a critical part of the second half) and Neal Sharma, who netted 15 points.

"This was a big win for us," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "All of the kids who were asked to play more minutes did a great job. We've been in a lot of close games lately, but we're finding a way to win at the end, which is a good sign."

The game was knotted at 8-all after one quarter and 22-all at the half. The Chiefs owned a 35-28 advantage heading into the fourth quarter before holding off a late Warrior surge. Western took a desperation three-pointer at the buzzer, but it did not come close to finding the net, according to Paye.

Paye commended the strong play of seniors Devy Jackson (team-leading nine rebounds) and Eric Zech (season-high 26 minutes played).

Tony Morgan and Darryl Worthen paced the Warriors with 13 points apiece.

The Chiefs were hampered by shaky shooting from the free-throw line as they canned just 13-of-25 charity tosses.

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# Pats earn 3rd straight WLAA wrestling title

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Motivated by the memory of a rare defeat two days earlier, Livonia Franklin's wrestling team overcame a slew of injuries to capture its third consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association tournament Saturday at Canton.

The Patriots, whose banged-up lineup included five different wrestlers from the one that earned the 2007 Observerland title just two weeks earlier, compiled 227.5 points to hold off runner-up Westland John Glenn (211) and third-place Canton (173).

Franklin was fueled by the bitter taste of its 34-30 setback to the Rockets in the WLAA first-place crossover match on Feb. 8.

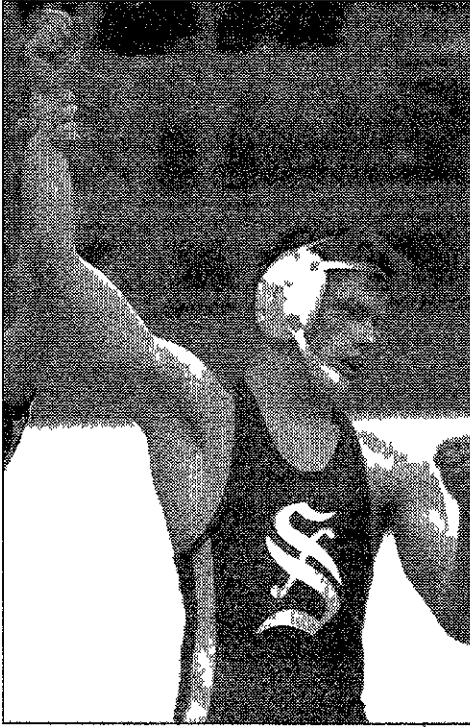
"Of everything we've won over the past three years, this was the most satisfying," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola. "You never know how a team is going to react to the kind of heart-breaking loss we suffered to John Glenn on Thursday."

"I reminded them that after one of our worse days last year, we came back to win the Observerland tournament. The difference was that we had a week to recover from that, and about 36 hours to recover this time."

Recover they did, thanks largely to first-place efforts from Josh Billiau (130 pounds), Jon Roos (135) and Nate Turco (160).

In a stunning display of irony, the deep and balanced Patriots benefited from a rule change that awarded points down to sixth place instead of four. It was ironic because Chiola was one of just two coaches who voted *against* the rule change during the past off season.

"The change in the format is what ultimately won the tournament for us," Chiola said. "Our strength is placing at



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Salem's Kevin Hayter, pictured above after winning a match earlier this season, placed fifth in the 130-pound weight class at Saturday's WLAA wrestling tournament at Canton.

every weight, so once they changed the format to the traditional brackets, I knew we had a great chance of winning."

Fresh off its huge dual-meet victory over Franklin, John Glenn fell just short in its bid to unseat the dynasty-building Patriots. Leading the charge for the Rockets were bracket-winning performers Jeremiah Austin (125), Andrew Hein (171) and Joey Kowtko (189).

"Looking at everything on paper before the tournament, we knew it was going to be close," said John Glenn.

coach Bill Polk. "Our kids were hungry, especially after we beat them on Thursday. But Franklin is a tough, tough tournament team. They're very solid and 12 of their 14 kids placed."

"We had four or five matches that we were leading late or right in at the end that we ended up losing. That was the difference."

Along with his trio of gold-medal winners, Polk praised the effort of 103-pound Anthony Pavlich, who placed fourth.

Third-place Canton put up a good fight behind the championship efforts of Donnie Watkins (103), Corey Phillips (140) and Donnie Laramie (285). The Chiefs' incredibly successful trio improved their combined season record to 119-6.

"We didn't enter a 152-pound wrestler in the tournament because our kid was sick, so I knew that — unless we wrestled incredibly well — we didn't have a chance to place higher than third," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "Overall, I thought we wrestled well. We had 10 placers, which is the most we've had in a tournament all year."

"We had a couple of wrestlers who could have done better, but, overall, I'm not disappointed in the way we wrestled."

Filling out the standings were Walled Lake Northern (141.5), Livonia Churchill (112), Livonia Stevenson (97.5), Walled Lake Western (92), Walled Lake Central (85), Wayne Memorial (79.5), Salem (72.5), Northville (71.5) and Plymouth (33).

Other weight-class titleists were Walled Lake Northern's Hunter West (112), Northville's Jonny D'Anna (119), Churchill's Dan Smalls (145), and Walled Lake Western's Andy Goodman (152) and Chris Alexopoulos (215).

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## When Rulon speaks...

Olympic gold medal wrestler Rulon Gardner signs an autograph for a young fan moments before Canton's Feb. 9 dual meet against Livonia Churchill. Gardner delivered a motivational speech to the Chiefs prior to their 47-15 victory over the Chargers. Retired from competitive wrestling, Gardner is currently an author and motivational speaker.

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## WRESTLING RESULTS

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**TEAM STANDINGS** 1 Livonia Franklin 227.5 points 2 Westland John Glenn 211 3 Canton 173 4 Walled Lake Northern 141.5 5 Livonia Churchill 112 6 Livonia Stevenson 97.5 7 Walled Lake Western 92 8 Walled Lake Central 85 9 Wayne Memorial 79.5 10 Salem 72.5 11 Northville 71.5 12 Plymouth 33

**CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**  
**103 pounds** Donnie Watkins (Cn) dec. sioned Chad Dunn (WM) 9-6 **3rd place** Tommy Myschock (LS) won by technical fall over Anthony Pavlich (WJG) 23-7 **5th** Keith Barlett (LF) p. Gunnar West (WLN) 2-43 **112** Hunter West (WLN) dec. Ben Kosmalksi

(Ply) 6-4 **3rd** Jared Pieknik (LF) dec. Carl Lucke (Ctn) 9-3 **5th** Kevin Bennett (Salem) pinned Josh Austin (WJG) 1-52 **119** Jonny D'Anna (Nville) p. Jamie Preiss (WM) 0-35 **3rd** Jared Stephens (WJG) won by major dec. over Andrew Murray (LC) 13-5 **5th** James Benetiz (LF) dec. Phil Rollinger (Ctn) 1-0 **125** Jeremiah Austin (WJG) won by major dec. over Josh Giesey (WLN) 14-3 **3rd** Steve Cox (Ctn) dec. Nick Steiger (Salem) 7-2 **5th** Matt Hintz (LF) dec. Nick Zilan (WLW) 11-6 **130** Josh Billiau (LF) dec. Andrew Roeser (WLN) 9-8 **3rd** Brent Winehoff (Ctn) p. Jordan Lutren (WLW) 1-36 **5th** Kevin Hayter (Salem) p. Adam Rowe (LC) 2-39 **135** Jon Roos (LF) p. J.P. Gaffke (LC) 3-36 **3rd** John Hebert (Nville) dec. James David (WLC) 9-5 **5th** David Pichla (WLN) won by

major dec. over Alex Kemp (Salem) 11-0 **140** Corey Phillips (Ctn) won by major dec. over Jim Wood (WJG) 15-5 **3rd** Brian Bagian (Nville) dec. Jon Reale (LS) 1-0 **5th** Ryan Pichla (WLN) dec. Brian Rink (LF) 8-1 **145** Dan Smalls (LC) dec. Robert Walsh (WM) 8-6 **3rd** Joe Sanders (Ctn) dec. John Pisaneschi (LF) 4-2 **5th** Dan McCahill (WJG) dec. Aaron Towne (Nville) 12-7 **152** Andy Goodman (WLW) won by injury default over Justin Jaroh (LF) **3rd** James Zerebiny (WJG) dec. Brent Cetnar (LS) 6-3 **5th** Jeremy Epley (Salem) p. Ryan Nesbitt (WM) 2-30 **160** Nate Turco (LF) dec. Ziad Kharbush (LS) 4-3 **3rd** Scott Brown (WJG) dec. Brian Ziemba (LC) 5-4 **5th** Kiel Price (Ctn) won by major dec. over David Burwell (WLC) 10-2

**171** Andrew Hein (WJG) dec. Jordan Kerastas (WLC) 5-3 **3rd** Craig Waldie (WLN) won by major dec. over J.J. Vandenbossche (LC) 9-0 **5th** Dan Woodall (LF) dec. Vince Daroff (Ply) 8-6 **189** Joey Kowtko (WJG) dec. Matt Greenman (LS) 4-3 **3rd** Pat Roumayah (LF) dec. Josh Ruggles (WLN) 13-11 **5th** Brandon Decker (WLC) dec. Dan Wanshon (Ctn) 9-2 **215** Chris Alexopoulos (WLW) dec. Shamir Garcia (WJG) 3-2 **3rd** Ed Derocher (WLC) p. Vince Benavides (LF) 4-57 **5th** Hussein Ajami (Salem) p. Emanuel Onwuemene (LS) 2-26 **285** Donnie Laramie (Ctn) dec. Kyle Brown (LF) 13-8 **3rd** Spencer Jardine (WLW) dec. Mark Parrish (LC) 5-3 **5th** Frank Toarmina (WJG) p. Glenn Lubitz (WLC) 2-12



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Plymouth's Courtney Buttermore (2), pictured above in a match earlier this season, made a major contribution to the Wildcats' "Senior Night" victory Monday night

# Plymouth spikers win on 'Senior Night'

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

It's been a bittersweet season for the up-and-down Plymouth volleyball team. But Monday night's "Senior Night" match against Walled Lake Western was nothing but sweet.

The Wildcats closed out their 2007 home schedule with a decisive four-game victory over the visiting Warriors, who fell 25-22, 23-25, 25-18 and 25-21.

Plymouth improved to 16-17-4 overall and 2-6 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

"It was definitely needed," Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland said of the victory. "Our seniors really came out fired up tonight and it seemed to fire up the rest of the team. They played confident and consistent from point to point, not worrying about the end result. And defensively, the girls played out of their minds."

Fittingly, all five Plymouth seniors made major contri-

butions to the win. Brittany Hengesh notched 21 kills, nine blocks and 10 digs, Chelsey Quinlan added seven kills and 17 digs, Clare Baptist chipped in with 20 kills and 23 digs, Courtney Buttermore racked up 37 set assists and 25 digs, and Danielle Gudici had 17 digs. Junior Rachel Heaton also played well for the winners, registering 12 kills and 22 digs.

## SALEM ROLLS

On Monday in Walled Lake, Salem rolled to a convincing three-game sweep over host Walled Lake Central, 25-15, 25-14 and 25-20. The victory boosted the Rocks' record to 36-6-1 overall and 7-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

Coach Amanda Suder's team is hitting all cylinders leading up to Monday's key battle against 8-0 Livonia Churchill.

"It was a nice win because everybody got to play and everybody played well," said Suder. "It's probably one of the best — if not the best —

attacking matches we've had all season. It was a fun night all around for the kids."

Leading the Rocks' attack were Teresa Coppiellie (eight kills, three aces and 14 digs), Lauren Kurtz (14 kills and five aces), Jill Slabey (four blocks and four kills) and Jansan Falcusan (29 digs and two blocks).

## CHIEFS SWEEP

Canton's volleyball team made short work of Wayne Memorial Monday night, sweeping the Zebras, 25-14, 25-7 and 25-10. The victory improved the Chiefs' WLAA Western Division record to 4-4.

"The team played well overall," said coach Jen Barnes. "We were able to move a few players around and try some new things. We had great serving and 19 aces."

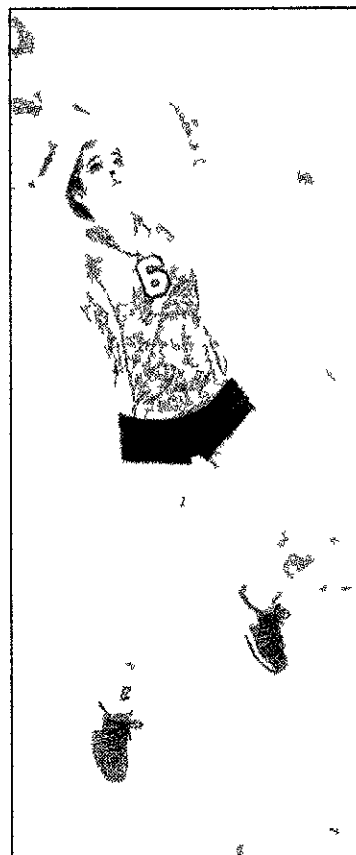
"We had the opportunity for Kacy Moran to serve with her jump float and for Marie Martin to use her jump serve. They both performed very well. We're hoping to see this type of aggressive serving for the rest of the season."

Excelling for the winners were Moran (18 assists and eight aces), Joellen Heldt (nine aces), Martin (four kills and two blocks), Jordan Kietly (four kills) and Lauren McPartlin (four kills).

## ROCKS SHINE

Salem advanced to the semifinal round of Saturday's Temperance-Bedford Invitational before falling to eventual champion East Kentwood, 25-18 and 25-15. East Kentwood is the No. 1-ranked team in the state of Michigan.

"Our defense and blocking were great all day," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "In the end, we just had too many mental errors."



Canton setter Kacy Moran, pictured above in a match earlier this season, netted 18 assists and eight service aces in the Chiefs' three-game sweep of Wayne Memorial Monday night

Salem opened pool play with victories over Sturgis and Livonia Stevenson before falling to East Kentwood. The Rocks then dropped a tough three-game loss to Livonia Churchill before knocking off Saline in the quarterfinals.

The Rocks were led by Teresa Coppiellie (61 kills, 13 aces and 41 digs), Jansan Falcusan (119 assists, 25 digs and six blocks), Nikki Mersch (35 digs), Lauren Kurtz (42 kills, five aces and seven blocks) and Alicia Goodes (31 digs).

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# Crusader lady cagers edge visiting Cornerstone

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Just in the nick of time, Madonna University's women's basketball team is healthy and at full strength for the stretch run and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament. If Saturday's rousing come-from-behind 67-66 win over visiting Cornerstone is any indication, the Crusaders could make things very interesting for whoever they play.

"We have three games left and we finally have everybody on the roster ready to go," said MU first year head coach Carl Graves following the victory at Madonna's Activities Center.

At the top of that list are junior forward Martina Franklin (Redford Union) and junior forward Caryn Inman, who tallied 29 and 12 points, respectively, against the Golden Eagles.

Franklin followed that big-time outing with a 20-point performance Monday as the Crusaders (12-16, 7-5 in the WHAC) edged host Aquinas, 64-63 to catch fourth-place Siena Heights in the conference.

Also scoring 20 in the makeup game was senior guard Lindsay Klemmer (Salem). Aquinas dropped to 17-9 overall and 9-3 in the WHAC.

After missing about two months with a concussion, Franklin has stormed back in recent games. For her efforts Feb. 7 against University of Michigan-Dearborn and Saturday she was named WHAC Player of the Week.

Also gaining strength is Inman, who joined the team after MU's volleyball season only to miss time due to an injury.

Both made some key plays down the stretch against Cornerstone, as the Crusaders parlayed relentless defensive pressure into 12 second-half turnovers and points at the other end.

Madonna's aggressive play also cooled off Cornerstone's field goal proficiency over the final 20 minutes, giving the Crusaders a chance to chip away at a 42-31 halftime lead.

Before the half, the Golden Eagles (18-9, 9-3) connected on 53 percent of their field goal tries, including four of six from behind the three-point arc. In the second half, Cornerstone hit just eight of 24 from the floor.

It was our defensive pressure as a team that did it," Graves said.

Inman dove in the Madonna zone and knocked the basketball away with about 6:30 remaining, and Franklin took it in for a layup that cut Cornerstone's lead to 55-53.

A trey by Klemmer (nine points), playing her final home regular season game along with forward Diane Foley, gave MU a short-lived 57-55 advantage before Cornerstone regained the lead with back-to-back buckets.

Franklin, who also collected 10 rebounds for another double-double, powered into the paint for an offensive board and putback with over two minutes to go to tie the game at 61-61 before the contest turned into a free-throw contest the rest of the way.

Another key moment came with Cornerstone up 66-65 with under a minute remaining. Sophomore guard Jenna Plewes (14 points, seven rebounds) was whistled for an offensive foul that negated a layup. Had the bucket counted, the Golden Eagles would have had a three-point margin.

Instead, Franklin took it to the basket at the other end, drew a foul and hit both free throws to give the Crusaders the lead.

Cornerstone still had a chance to win, but MU's defense rushed senior center Sarah Bussis (11 points) into missing a layup with just five seconds left.

Martina hit some free throws, did you see that?" said Graves with a chuckle, referring to Franklin's struggles this season at the charity stripe (.371 percentage).

Also scoring nine points for Madonna was sophomore guard Alyssa Guern (Plymouth Salem) while guard Kara Overbeek tallied 12 for Cornerstone.

Madonna is on the cusp of the fourth spot in the conference, which would guarantee a home game in the tourney. As of Saturday, MU trailed Siena Heights by half a game.

The Crusaders will end the regular season with trips to Siena Heights (7:30 p.m. Wednesday) and Concordia (1 p.m. Feb. 17).

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# Chief gymnasts roll to two wins

Canton's gymnastics team compiled 142-30 points in a double dual meet victory over Lakeland/Milford (70-75 points) and Hartland (65-30) Tuesday night in the Plymouth High School gymnastics room.

The Chiefs achieved a pair of notable milestones as Kaitlyn Burns landed her first aerial on the balance beam and Olivia Stephens completed her first Tsukahara in competition.

"I was happy with our score, especially considering Alyssa Kelley was only to compete in two events due to illness," said Canton coach John Cunningham.

The Chiefs, who are ranked sixth in the state in Division 1, improved to 14-2.

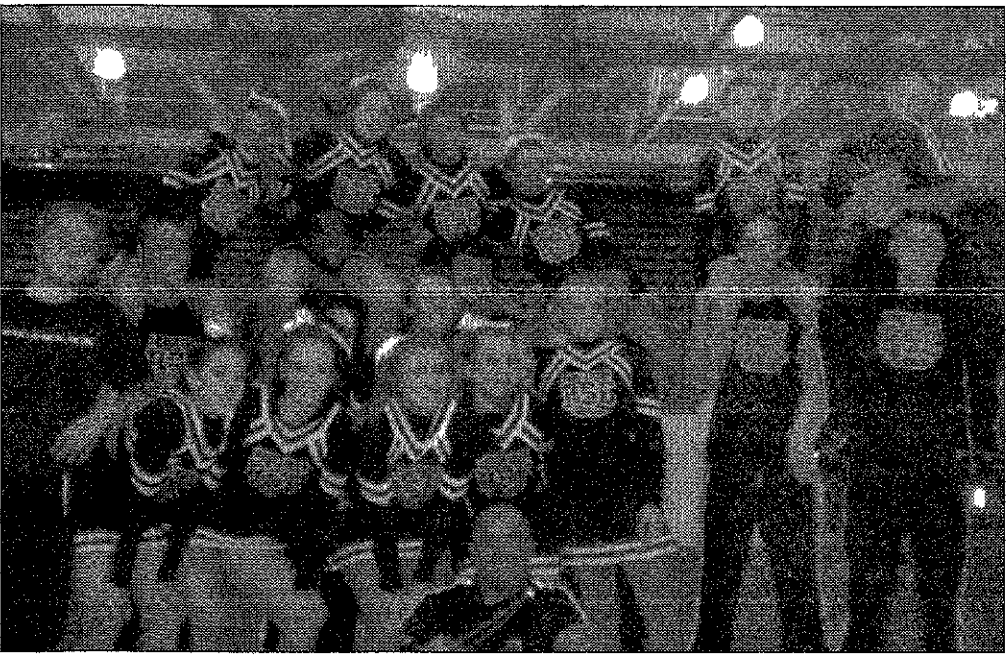
CANTON 142-30  
LAKELAND/MILFORD 70-75  
HARTLAND 65-30  
Tuesday at Plymouth H.S.

**VAULT** 1. Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.5, 2. Kate Staley (C) 9.2, 3. Kaitlyn Burns (C) 9.0, 4. Jessie Murray (C) 8.9, 5. Olivia Stephens (C) 8.6, 6. Laura Roth (H) 8.5.  
**UNEVEN BARS** 1. Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.05, 2. Kate Staley (C) 9.0, 3. (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Sam Zach (LM) 8.8, 5. Kaitlyn Burns (C) 8.5, 6. Andrea Houdek (C) 8.2.  
**BALANCE BEAM** 1. Kaitlyn Burns (C) 9.0, 2. Jessie Murray (C) 8.9, 3. Kate Staley (C) 8.8, 4. Ashley Gordon (H) 8.6, 5. Andrea Houdek (C) 8.0.  
**FLOOR EXERCISE** 1. Sam Zach (LM) 9.45, 2. Jessie Murray (C) 9.4, 3. Kaitlyn Burns (C) 9.1, 4. Paige Locher (LM) 8.8, 5. Kate Staley (C) 8.6, 6. Courtney Ward (C) 8.5.  
**ALL AROUND** 1. Jessie Murray (C) 36.05, 2. (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Kaitlyn Burns (C) 35.60.  
**CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD** 14-2



## 'Crush'ing victory

The Canton Crush Midget A travel hockey team won the District 4 Championship on Saturday at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. The Crush beat Team Pepsi 2-1. Kory Sosnowski and Greg Taylor scored for the Crush, which is headed to the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association State Championships March 8-11 in Southgate. The Crush played at the Arctic Edge in Canton. Team members are Alec Arthur, Jake Atkinson, Ian Barnaby, Blake Blaha, Alex Brewin, Michael Cluffoletti, J.P. Hewitt, Justin Hoomaian, Chris Mann, Joe Murphy, Trevor Parker, Patrick Patin, Jon Siteriet, Sandro Sgambati, Blase Smatana, Kory Sosnowski, Ricky Stack, Carl Stamm, Michael Szuma, and Greg Taylor. The head coach is Bill Mann. Assistant coaches are Mike Donnelly, Eugene Patin, and John Siteriet.



## Three cheers for PSC

The Plymouth Salem-Canton competitive cheer team traveled to Florida last weekend to compete in a national tournament. Pictured (top row from left) are Amanda Waite, Melissa Needham, April Clarin, Jamie Forbar, Sammy Wilder, Kevin Enna, (middle row from left) Brett Kavulich, Eric Obuchowski, Mo Saadi, Jessie Hulet, Rayvon Williams, Matt Shaffer, Kevin Majewski, (bottom row from left) Hillary Genrich, Mallorie Blaylock, Andrew Golchuk, Sophia Williams, Arica Reynolds, Erica Sands, and Hillary Bracht. Seated is Mo Hakkani.

## PRICE

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prominence the past two seasons. As a junior last year, he came within one victory of qualifying for the D1 individual state meet. This year he's been a consistent point-earner for the Chiefs at 152 and 160 pounds.

Kiel has really come into his own as a wrestler this year, said Randolph. Last year we had Marwan Faraj at 160, so Kiel wrestled up a weight. He was a good teammate, though, and did whatever was asked of him.

Price was the key piece in a chess-like practice routine change Randolph made last month that has proven to be golden for everyone involved. The savvy coach paired up Price with Canton's unbeaten, Eastern Michigan University-bound 140-pound grappler Corey Phillips.

**EPIC STRUGGLES**

The duo's daily practice battles are adrenaline boosters for the entire team, Randolph said. "Kiel had been wrestling against bigger kids all year, so he needed to go against somebody who was quicker than him," Randolph said, discussing the strategy. Corey is an unbelievable wrestler, so when I first made the change, Kiel was like, 'Uh oh, I'm in for it now.' But Kiel has raised himself to Corey's level and they really go after it. When they wrestle, it raises the intensity of our entire wrestling room.

"When I was first paired up with Corey, I was frustrated because he was so much quicker than me and he never makes a wrong move," Price said. "But he would get frustrated, too, because I

was stronger than him. Practicing against Corey has really made me quicker on my feet."

**IT'S IN THE GENES**

Price is the oldest of four children in a sports-minded family. His 16-year-old sister Aarika is a Canton cheerleader while his two younger brothers — Braden, 13, and Westen, 11 — both have their older brother's passion for football.

"My brothers are both pretty good running backs for the Canton Lions," Kiel Price said. "I think Braden scored two more touchdowns this past season than Westen did."

And my parents (Raymond and Gail) love sports, too. They still play volleyball once a week and my dad helps coach Canton's junior wrestling team.

**FUTURE IS BRIGHT**

Western Michigan University and Central Michigan University top the list of colleges Price would like to attend in the fall.

But he won't be playing football.

"No, I think my size would finally catch up to me in college," he said, smiling.

No matter where he goes or what career he ends up pursuing, the personable competitive Price admitted he'll always reflect back on his Canton wrestling days when he's in a tough spot.

"Wrestling has helped me so much," he said. "I'm pretty sure that nothing I come against later in life will be as hard as wrestling was. It's a tough sport, but I'll be able to use the experience to my advantage later in life."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Feb. 16  
Northville at Canton 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin 7 p.m.  
PCA at Inter City Baptist 7:30 p.m.  
Salem at Livonia Churchill 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 17  
Light & Life at Canton Agape  
at Calvary Christian 7:15 p.m.  
**PREP VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Feb. 15  
Washtenaw Christian at Canton Agape  
at Calvary Christian 7:30 p.m.  
Inter City Baptist at PCA 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 17  
Canton at Ladywood Invite 9 a.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
Friday, Feb. 16  
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth

at Computware Sports Arena 7 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
Thursday, Feb. 15  
Division 1 Team District at Salem  
A Canton vs Salem 5 p.m.  
B Plymouth vs A winner 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 17  
Canton, Plymouth and Salem at  
Division 1 Individual District at Saline TBA  
**BOYS' SOCCER**  
Thursday, Feb. 15  
Plymouth at W.L. Western 7 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson/Pioneer  
at A.A. Pioneer 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
Thursday, Feb. 15  
Salem at Walled Lake 7 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**Saturday, Feb. 17**  
Schoolcraft at OCC Highland Lakes 3 p.m.  
Madonna at Concordia 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Feb. 17  
Schoolcraft at OCC Highland Lakes 1 p.m.  
Madonna at Concordia 1 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Friday, Feb. 16  
Whalers at Sudbury Wolves 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 17  
Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie 7 p.m.  
**MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE**  
Saturday, Feb. 17  
Detroit Ignition vs Chicago Storm  
at Computware Arena 7:35 p.m.  
  
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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### CANTON LEISURE SERVICES

■ The MRPA Hoop Shoot basketball skills competition will be held Feb. 24 at the Summit on the Park in 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 gives players 60 seconds to score points from various locations on the court. Certificates and ribbons will be given to all participants.

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 girls 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.

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### 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 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and Thursday, Feb. 22, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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



## Perfection personified

The St. John Neumann 8th grade girls varsity basketball team recently completed a 10-0 record in its CYO division. Pictured (front row from left) are Kayia Schneider, Nicole Cornelius, (middle row from left) Kari Schmitt, Melanie Pickert, Alyssa Burris, Carolyn Wiit, Marissa Williams, (back row from left) coach Mike Meagher, Katie Meagher, Liz Mazorowicz, Madison Macek, Sara Schmitt, Lauren Balaj, Amanda Rice, and coach Steve Balaj.



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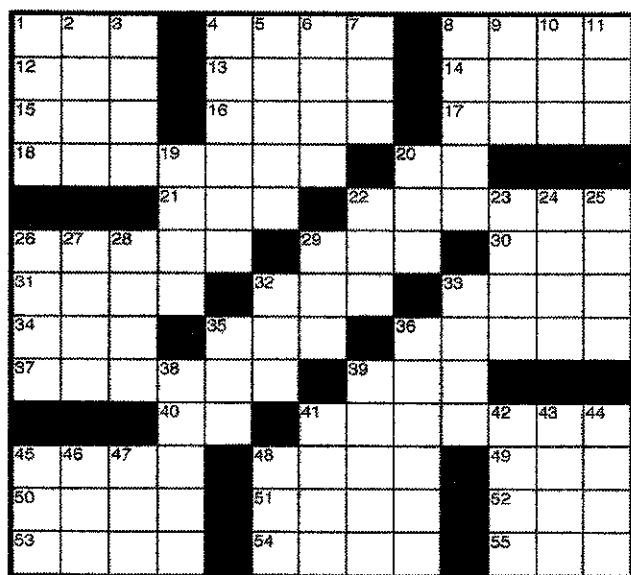
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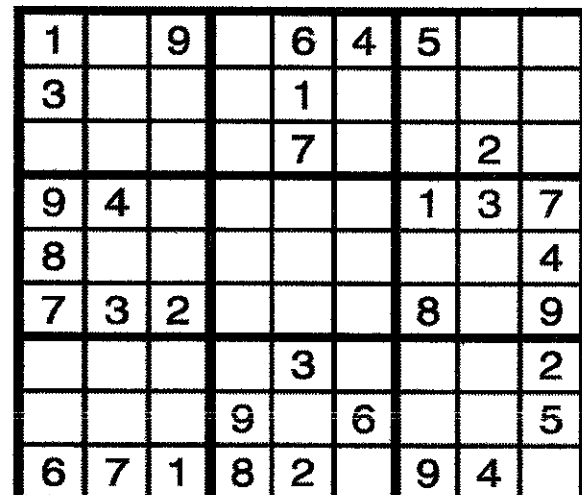
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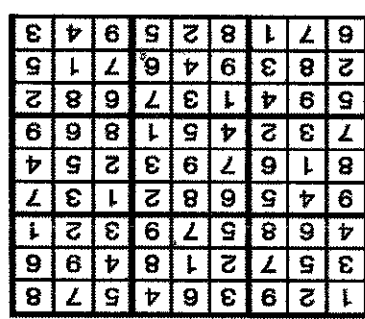
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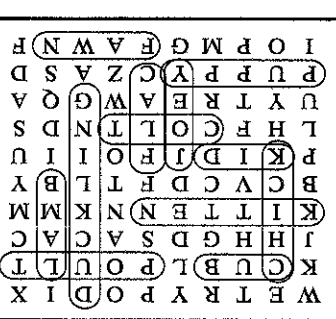
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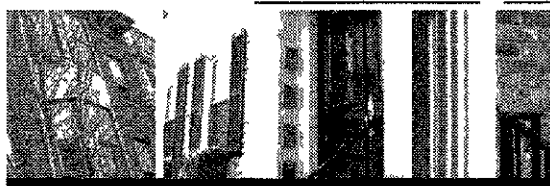
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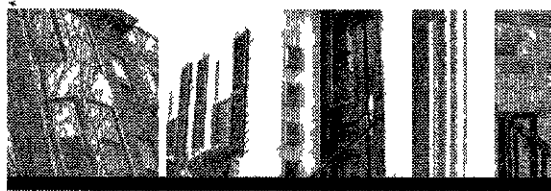
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**LAKE ORION** Atwater Commons Condo 2 bdrm 2 full bath den 1 car \$975/mo Avail May 1st 248 627 9214

**LIVONIA** Beautiful 3 bdrm 3 bath 2 level spacious 2225 sq ft at 6 & Newburgh Rd Laurel Woods \$1500/mo 734 748 1866 734 216 2615

**NORTHVILLE** 3 bdrm townhouse w/ office Resort style amenities Heat/ water incl \$1275 Agent 954 643 4760

**Northville Downtown Condo** On Fairbrook 2 bdrm 1 bath No smoking \$800 /mo + electric Call 586 703 0909

**ROCHESTER** Downtown Townhouse Updated 2 bdrm heat & water incl Fitness center \$850/mo 248 219 2386

## Duplexes 4030

**GARDEN CITY** Newer construction 3 bedroom 1500 sq ft 2 baths Sect 8 ok \$1050/mo Paul  
 734 812 2044

**LIVONIA** 2 bdrm Appliances \$750/mo first last + sec dep required Non smoking no pets 313 407 7870

**NORWAYNE** 2 & 3 bdrm Custom kitchen laundry car petting deck garage fenced From \$569 313 475 8309

## Duplexes 4030

**NORWAYNE** 3 bdrm new appliances incl Section 8 okay references requ red \$750/mo (313) 424 2384

**PLYMOUTH** Clean 2 bdrm family room w/garage Heat/ water incl No smoking/pet \$800 734 459 7549

**Westland** 2 bdrm Full bsmt Clean neat Quiet neighborhood Immediate occupancy From \$645/mo Credit check Call Jam e 734 721 8111

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**BIRMINGHAM** 2 Bdrm 1 bath townhouse 297 E 14 Mile Rd Basement/garage \$850/mo 248 644 3262

**BIRMINGHAM** 2 bdrm with basement 1188 Bird St 14 mile/Woodward \$775/mo Bob (248) 360 2095 ShareNet Realty 248 642 1620

**CANTON** Newer 4 bdrm Br ck Colonial 2.5 bath 3 car 3083 sq ft \$2500/mo D&H Properties 248 888 9133

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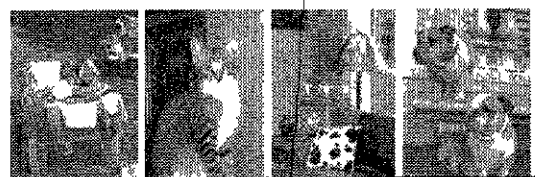












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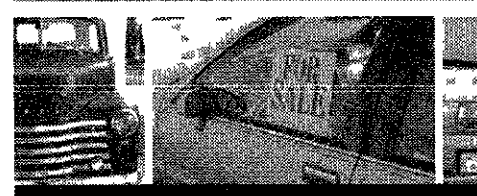
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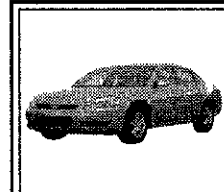
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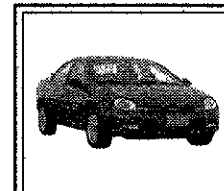
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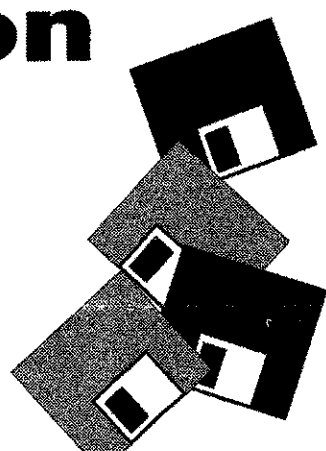
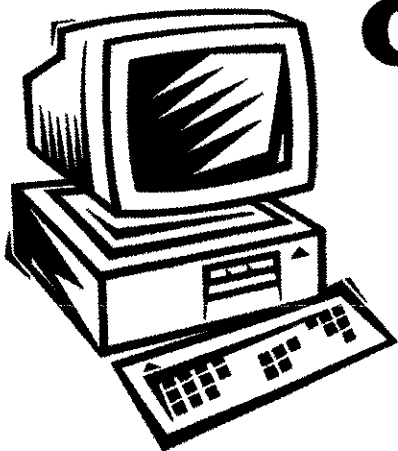
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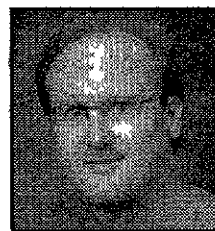
## THE NEW AND IMPROVED GRAND CHEROKEE

Advertising Feature

### CAReport



By Dale Buss



Amid the torrent of SUV models that auto makers have released over the last decade, it's easy to forget the vehicle that really started it all: the Grand Cherokee. When a completely new Jeep Grand Cherokee began showing up on American roads in 1992, essentially a whole new idea in automobiles was born: the vehicle that was cargo-functional like a van or truck but stylish and sporty enough – the “sport utility vehicle” – to be driven for looks and fun.

It wasn't even a decade after Chrysler already had created what turned out to be another huge segment of the automotive industry, the minivan. And the little company that could was already being revolutionary again.

Fast forward to today: Chrysler introduced a new Grand Cherokee a couple of years ago, and it registered barely a blip on the U.S. automotive map. In large part, that is a tribute to the size, strength and variety of the entire segment that the Grand Cherokee spawned. But it's also unfortunate for the Grand Cherokee itself, because it's hard to stand out in that kind of crowd.

And even today, with a 2007 version of the Grand Cherokee that offers a few tweaks over the 2005 model, Chrysler is still trying to work out the vehicle's modern niche. The company has substantially filled out its portfolio of SUVs and, more recently, crossovers with models including Chrysler Pacifica, Dodge Durango, Jeep Commander, Dodge Nitro and Chrysler Aspen. So what it seems to be doing with the Grand Cherokee is steadily improving it overall, and turning it into a platform for innovations in powertrains.

Most notably, Grand Cherokee for 2007 is now available in a diesel engine as well as a new flex-fuel-capable, 4.7-liter V8 engine that can also run on E85. Those are in addition to the already-available 3.7-liter V6 engine, which is standard, as well as a conventional, 4.7-liter V8 and a 5.7-liter V8 with



The 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee is the latest version of the vehicle that essentially created the modern SUV market.

variable-displacement technology, to save fuel. As if that weren't enough, Jeep also has created an SRT8 version of the Grand Cherokee that is supposed to be the brand's answer to the BMW X5 and the Porsche Cayenne turbo, packing a 6.1-liter Hemi V8 with 420 horsepower.

I drove the Laredo version that retails for a suggested \$34,470 and is positively reminiscent of the Grand Cherokee that I leased for a couple of years in the late Nineties. That is, the 2007 Grand Cherokee is a more than adequate vehicle in every respect that you expect of an SUV. It's powerful and nimble enough to be fun to drive on the road (I didn't go off road), large enough to carry most of what everyday people will ever want to lug around, and small enough that the gasoline fill ups don't kill you. The Laredo I drove had the flex-fuel V8 and, though I didn't fill it, its fuel-economy performance backed up the EPA numbers of 15mpg city and 20mpg highway that the vehicle carries.

The Grand Cherokee went through a thorough redesign a couple of years ago. The worked-over exterior design includes a higher belt line and reduced glass-to-body proportion of the kind that is very popular in automotive design these days. In some vehicles, the high belt line is only annoying, but Grand Cherokee pulls it off because there's still plenty of glass and you're still sitting up high.

Under the hood, with all the powertrain options,

it's certainly possible to find one that matches your performance needs, whether you want to be a fuel sipper or a road racer. (The new biodiesel CRD Limited version, priced at \$41,700 as a 3.0-liter, 215-horsepower, V6 common rail diesel engine that produces 20mpg in the city and 24mpg on the highway.)

And when it comes to handling and on-road ride, this new generation of Grand Cherokee benefits greatly from improvements including an advanced independent coil over front suspension, four-wheel antilock disc brakes, and electronically controlled four-wheel drive. The suspension swallows up road wrinkles very well, and the rack-and-pinion steering lends a very responsive feel. The all-wheel-drive system grips the road capably and yields minimal body roll.

Inside, the Laredo version that I drove offered a remote start system, leather-trimmed bucket seats, power front seats, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, premium acoustic system, a power sunroof and many other features. The instrument panel and dials were clearly marked, and I especially liked how simple the climate control panel was to operate. There are plenty of compartments, slots and various other spaces to stash stuff.

True, Grand Cherokee has more competition than it did 15 years ago. But Jeep has made sure that its trailblazing vehicle is still in the game.

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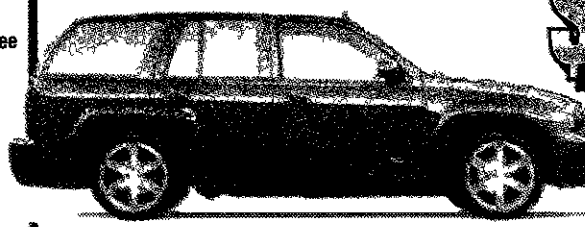
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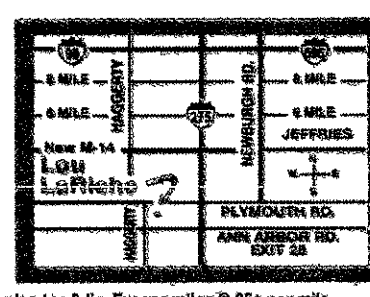
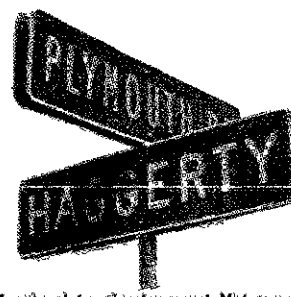


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## A cut above

### Fruit carver competes on Food Network

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

The art of fruit and vegetable carving originated 700 years ago in Thailand. The skill is still so revered today that it's considered one of just 10 authentic true crafts of Thailand — followed by others like mother-of-pearl in laying, textile weaving and the making of elaborate Kohn masks.

Real fruit carving, aside from the occasional garnish, is an art that is relatively rare and new in the United States. In fact, it's so new that there's less than 10 U.S. culinary artists whose entire career is produce carving.

Douglas St. Souver, of Davisburg, is one of those few. He's so honed at his craft that he competed in a produce sculpting challenge, *The Inaugural Fantasy Fruit Sculpture Champion*, on the Food Network that will be televised beginning Sunday, Feb. 18.

St. Souver and his assistant in the competition, Doug Ganhs, executive chef and instructor at Oakland Community College, traveled to Kona, Hawaii, where they created a palm tree-themed sculpture made from pineapples and other tropical fruits. Produce was carved into Tiki-like statues and masks.

St. Souver, who is completing the culinary arts program at Oakland Community College, had been a woodcarver and carpenter for years before falling in love with food carving.

"I was getting tired, being on my knees, and the strain that carpentry work puts on you," St. Souver said. "So I decided to go back to culinary arts school. I started using some of the tools that I used in trim work on fruits and vegetables."

At the Food Network competition, four sculpting gurus transformed produce into tropical sculptures that rise above five feet. Using a variety of fruits and vegetables, the competitors tried to carve, peel, and slice their way to a \$10,000 prize. The competitors faced tough conditions under the sweltering Hawaiian heat.

"More than 1,000 pounds of produce was turned into 400 pounds of sculptures," St. Souver said.

Back in Michigan, St. Souver teaches fruit carving at private and public functions, and creates fruit and vegetable sculptures for various events.

Cantaloupes can be transformed into roses, zinnias and lotuses. Radishes turn into flowers. Root vegetables change to flowers, gourds into highly detailed vases and bowls.

He loves to offer advice. The tomato and the cucumber are difficult to cut because of the high water content of the vegetables. Cookie-cutters can be used for strawberries, carrots, kiwi and melon. Simply pointed kitchen utensils are fine for the novice. For

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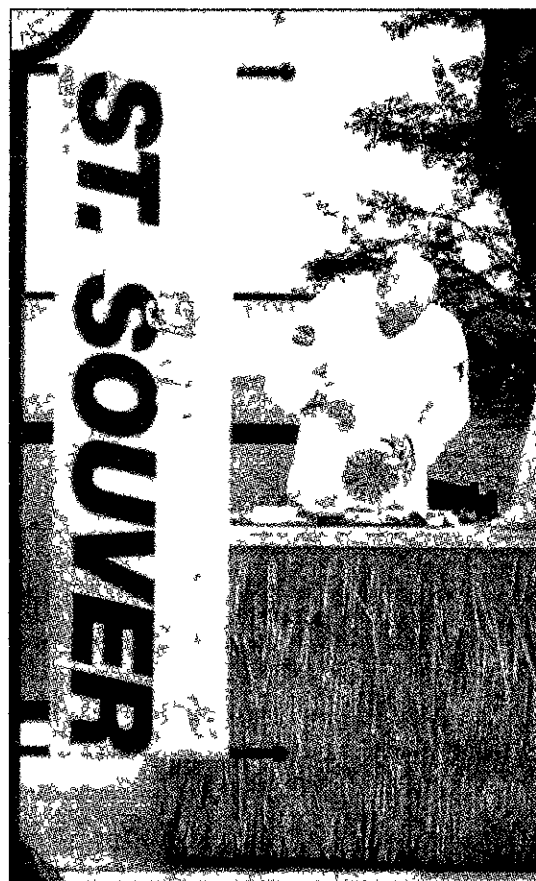
Douglas St. Souver and Doug Ganhs carved pineapples, watermelons and other produce to create this masterpiece.

#### FRUIT CARVERS ON FOOD NETWORK

**What:** Local culinary artisan Douglas St. Souver and assistant Doug Ganhs, executive chef and instructor at Oakland Community College on the *Food Network Challenge Series*.

**When:** 8 and 10 p.m. Sunday Feb. 18, 1 a.m. Monday Feb. 19, 9 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 21.

**Why:** Compete for the Inaugural Fantasy Fruit Sculpture Championship in Kona, Hawaii.



Douglas St. Souver competed in a fruit carving contest in Kona, Hawaii.



#### Real fruit carving is an art

#### FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CARVING SEMINARS

Douglas St. Souver hosts three-hour fruit carving seminars at various locations. Visit [www.culinarycarvings.com](http://www.culinarycarvings.com) for details.

#### Experiment:

■ Turn apples into leaves by slicing them into wedges with a sharp-pointed knife and then carve into the red skin to imitate the look of leafy veins and stems. Work from the base to the tip.

■ Turn a carrot into flowers. You will need a small flower-shaped cookie cutter. Slice carrots into round disks about 1 centimeter in diameter and 1/4-inch thick. Remove some of the flesh from the circle center of the carrot to imitate the center of a flower. Now use a cookie cutter (which will be bigger than the carrot of course) and press it into the carrot to make flower leaf indentations. Use in soups and stir-fry dishes.

■ Green onions can be a pretty garnish in soups, salads, on top of garlic breads or on the side of the plate. Slice the onions in thin ribbon-like pieces. Then, curl the onion just like you would a ribbon, using a clean pair of scissors or a knife and run it along the skin with your thumb. The onion will curl.

■ Experiment with watermelon this summer. Carving into the outside of the watermelon, the dark green, white, light green and red tones can turn the fruit into art. Use small, pointed knives, wood-carving tools and other pointed objects. Use the watermelon as a fruit bowl and preserve it by spraying it with Pam. It will last at least 24 hours.

## Maybe it's time for that new digital camera

Still clinging to that old film camera? Or maybe that digital dinosaur you bought five years ago? It's time for a 21st-century upgrade.



#### Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

OK, but what camera should you choose? Your local electronics superstore probably carries dozens of models, with prices ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 and features that don't make immediate sense. (Six megapixels? Seven? How many do you really need?)

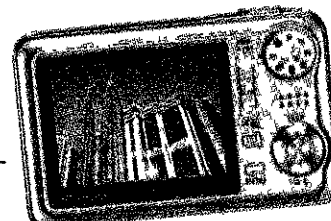
Let's cut through the technobabble and look at what the average snapshotter really needs from a digital camera.

#### PUT IT IN YOUR POCKET

Start with size. Although you can spend big bucks on a large SLR-type model with interchangeable lenses and flashes, that's probably overkill.

For everyday photography (parties, vacations, the kids, and so on), consider the convenience of a pocket-friendly model. They're more capable than you might think, and they're easy to carry everywhere you go.

Models like the Casio Exilim EX-S600 and Sony Cyber-shot DSC-T10 rank among the slimmest digital cameras on the market today, offering high-resolution snapshots, spacious LCD screens for framing and reviewing your photos, and reasonable price tags: \$299.99 and \$349.95, respectively.



The Casio Exilim EX-V7 offers an impressive 7X zoom in a camera that's shirt-pocket slim.

#### WHAT'S IN A MEGAPIXEL?

The higher a camera's megapixel count, the more dots it packs into each photo. More dots equals sharper photos, right? Not always. The quality of

PLEASE SEE **BROIDA, D2**

## Celebrate Mardi Gras with a bowl of jambalaya

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday marks the annual ritual of gluttony before abstinence.

Shoppers line the streets to their favorite bakeries, such as the New Palace in Hamtramck, to purchase paczki, forming a queue in the early, early hours before daylight.

Others may visit a Cajun-style restaurant or local bar that holds a Mardi Gras party. Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday in French) marks the day before Ash Wednesday, when Christians mark the liturgical season of Lent.

Christians celebrate the 40-day penance of Lent as a devotion to show sorrow or repentance for sin, suggested by Christ's 40 days in the desert. It ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter, which falls on April 8 this year.

For many Christians, the 40 days are marked with meatless Fridays, and often, many give up something they enjoy (food or drink, such as alcohol) during these 40 days.

Some may recognize Fat Tuesday with a meal at home with a glass of wine or beer. Jambalaya is a recipe popular at Mardi Gras parties, but it is also one which can be overpowering if the cook isn't careful with the pepper (such as versions created by Paul Prudhomme). In other words, know your audience before making those versions.

Here is a recipe from *The Joy of Cooking* that contains a modest amount of spice.

PLEASE SEE **JAMBALAYA, D3**

## The Costco experience: Shopping at the retailer does wonders

I'm not much of a shopper. I pretty much see shopping as a necessary evil. An activity to participate in only



Dick Purtan

when the need arises. I need shoes — I go to a shoe store. None of this lollygagging (God, I love that word) around the mall just looking. If I want to look,

I watch TV.

That said, I have to tell you that I am completely in the tank for Costco. For some reason that store attracts me like Rosie O'Donnell to a controversy or like Matt Miller to a slow college-wide receiver.

You get the picture. When I finally shuffle off to the great beyond I imagine heaven to be a Costco with endless aisles. (If, however, I am forced to make a U-turn, I imagine that Costco would

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be completely out of stock of everything except ceramic punch bowls and Martha Stewart cookbooks.)

I'm not sure why I am so enamored with the Costco experience. It could be the cuisine (Café Costco). It could be the packaging (yes, honey, we do need three gallons of soy sauce). I have a hankering for Chinese. It could be the ambiance. No, wait. It is definitely not the

ambiance. Early warehouse is not my style.

The driving force behind my Costco addiction is — mystery. The thrill of the hunt, the rush of the adventure. Costco stands as the great quest — or, at least, it is as close as I'll get to one. The Costco paradigm is designed to trick and tantalize the senses. Every time I walk into the store my mind starts searching for the new, the

different, the rare, the, the, the FIND!

"Honey — LOOK! It's a mechanical organ grinder! And, they use real fur on the monkey!"

I dash about the store in a methodical if frenetic fashion wondering what undiscovered gem awaits me around the next turn. And, I must say, Costco rarely disappoints. Every visit brings about new revelations — never-before-seen items along with gone-but-not-for-

gotten ones.

This somewhat twisted retail love affair has been rewarding for both parties. Costco makes a decent profit off my adventures and I get to satisfy my inner hunter-gatherer impulses. Life is good.

Or, should I say, life was good.

I recently read an article in *The New York Times* about the philosophy behind the

PLEASE SEE **PURTAN, D2**



# Improve your indoor air quality

Winter took its time getting here this year, but when it arrived, it hit hard and fast. That means we are spending much more time indoors and many experts say that indoor air pollution is worse than that outdoors.



### Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Indoor pollutants, including molds, bacteria, viruses, pollen, dust mites and animal dander, can cause poor indoor air quality. In addition, radon, a cancer-causing natural radioactive gas that you can't see, smell or taste, can be present in the home. Poor indoor air quality can cause or contribute to respiratory diseases such as asthma and others. In addition, it can cause headaches, dry eyes, nasal congestion, nausea and fatigue. People who already have respiratory problems are at greater risk.

### MOLDS

Molds are present every-

where. Normally these are floating in the air as spores. Spores usually do not cause problems until they begin to grow as molds. Molds grow on damp surfaces. Molds can produce allergens that can cause allergic reactions. They can also prove toxic to sensitive individuals.

To help prevent growth of mold, keep the humidity in your home as low as comfortable. If you use a humidifier, keep it clean and change the media often. Make sure bathrooms and kitchens have good air circulation, preferably with exhaust fans. Basements may need a dehumidifier.

### RADON

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers and it is the second leading cause of lung cancer in America, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Radon can enter the home through cracks in the foundation floor and walls, drains and other openings. It is estimated one out of every 15 homes in the United States has radon levels above 4pCi/L (picocuries per liter, which is a common measurement of radioactive

material). That pci level is where the EPA suggests you take remedial action.

Cold weather months are the best time to test your home for radon. Either purchase a radon test kit (be sure it meets EPA requirements), available at most home improvement stores or hire a professional. As with hiring any contractor, use common sense. If it is found the radon levels in your home are high, the jobs of remediation and repair are best left to professionals.

Other indoor pollution problems can come from:

- Formaldehyde, a common chemical, found in household items such as carpets, upholstery, and plywood paneling

- Heating systems and other appliances burning gas can produce several combustion products, of which the most dangerous are carbon monoxide

- Household cleaning products, pesticides, paints, personal care products, and solvents. These can be the source of many potentially harmful chemicals and gases.

So what can you do to improve indoor air quality? These are a few tips on how to keep your home healthy.

Make your home a smoke-free zone.

Keep doors between rooms open most of the time for better air circulation.

Open windows when possible.

Install exhaust fans in bathrooms and kitchens to remove moisture.

Have all fuel burning appliances inspected by a qualified technician to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

Wash bedding materials in hot water and consider replacing carpet with area rugs that can be taken up and washed often. This will keep dust mites and other biological allergens to a minimum.

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## HOME CALENDAR

### RV show

The 41st annual Detroit Camper & RV Show will take place through Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, one mile west of Novi Road in Novi. Hours are 2-9 p.m. Feb. 15-16, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 17-18, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 18. Admission is \$9 for ages 13 and up, free for ages 12 and under. Admission for seniors will be \$5. Feb. 15, Register to win free tickets to the show at [www.marvac.org](http://www.marvac.org). For information, call (517) 349-8881 or visit [marvac.org](http://marvac.org). The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds is sponsoring the event. New 2007 recreation vehicles will be on display. Booths with parts and accessories and free information on campgrounds and RV rentals will be featured. Special closeout pricing will be offered on 2006 models. Consumers can receive discounts of up to \$5,000 off the purchase of select RVs at the show. The 2007 RV & Campsite: a guide to camping in Michigan, will be available free.

### Art Van stores

Art Van stores invite guests to stop in at 1 p.m. Feb. 24, at the store at 27774 Novi Road, Novi, to see hand-made Amish and Mennonite solid oak furniture assembly. The event includes a steam bending demonstration conducted by representatives from Gascho, a company in Pigeon, Mich. Call (248) 348-8922 for information. Bring the kids to meet the Easter Bunny from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the following days and locations: March 17 at 8300 N. Wayne Road, Westland; March 24 at 22555 Greenfield Road, Southfield; and April 7 at 29905 7 Mile Road, Livonia.

### Obedience trials

The Sportsmen's Dog Training Club of Detroit Inc. will conduct its All-Breed Dog Obedience Trials and Rally Obedience Trials from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, Feb. 24-25, in the Community Arts Building at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward at Eight Mile in Detroit. Public admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for seniors and age 12 and younger, free for age 2 and under. For show information, call (248) 224-6967 or (888) 637-9595. The event is the club's most popular yearly activity. Handlers and dogs from all over the Midwest and beyond attend. The trials are fun and fascinating demonstrations of dog training skills and control. The Sportsmen's Dog Training Club, founded in 1942, was Michigan's first dog training organization. It conducts classes in pet and show obedience, rally obedience, agility, conformation, canine good citizen and puppy training. Classes are open to the public and take place at the club's facility in Warren. For more information, visit [www.sportsmens.net](http://www.sportsmens.net) or call (248) 879-9249.

### Michigan Home & Garden Show

The Michigan Home & Garden Show, featuring Peter Walsh of TLC's hit show *Clean Sweep*, will run March 9-11 at Ford Field in Detroit. Walsh will discuss how to create harmony out of clutter and chaos. The show hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 9; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 10; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 11. For details, visit [www.FordFieldHomeShow.com](http://www.FordFieldHomeShow.com). Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple Birmingham 48009, e-mail [kabramcz@hometownlife.com](mailto:kabramcz@hometownlife.com), fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Royal Oak Garden Club

The Royal Oak Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 12, to discuss the History and Use of Lavender. Iris Underwood of Yule Love It Lavender Farm will share a presentation. Meetings are held at the Royal Oak Library, 222 E. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Future events include the club's 75th Anniversary Celebration at 1 p.m. April 9. Nancy Lindley of Great Lakes Roses will discuss Yesterday's Roses for Today's Garden. The club will also take a trip June 11 to Ann Scripp Whitcomb Conservatory, Belle Isle, Detroit. Call Penny Vansen at (313) 861-6579 for details.

### Cabin Fever lectures

Goldner Walsh Nursery's 2007 Cabin Fever Lecture Series will begin with Great Gardens and Wines of New Zealand, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16. Cost is \$20 per person. Goldner Walsh is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Advance registration is required. Seating is limited. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations or information. Goldner Walsh Garden Center manager Julia Hotley will present a travelogue of *Horticulture* magazine's The Gardens of New Zealand Tour. Wine aficionado Curtis Vincent will give a brief talk on the wines of New Zealand. A wine tasting and food pairing will follow. The series continues at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, when British Gardener Fergus Garrett of the Great Dixter Charitable Trust discusses *Extending the Season in the Mixed Border*. Learn how to create a multi-season border, vary plant height, color and texture. Fine-tune an existing garden or create a new one. Cost is \$30 per person. Goldner Walsh is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Advance registration is required.

Seating is limited. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations or information.

### Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Presents speaker Donna Estray discusses *What's New in Herbal Medicine*, including pomegranate, Hoodia and superfoods, 7-9 p.m. March 5, Room 125, Gardens Building, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor.

### Michigan Orchid Society

The Michigan Orchid Society will have a general meeting, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willets at Bates north of Maple between Southfield Road and Woodward in Birmingham. Bruce Blyth will give a slide show presentation on Stanhopea Orchids and answer questions on the care and raising of this orchid species.

### School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels. Register early. Class size is limited. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit [www.michigangardening.com](http://www.michigangardening.com). The schedule includes: Pruning Tips, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at The Community House in Birmingham (cost is \$25; register through The Community House, (248) 644-5832 or [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com)); Practical Gardening: So Many Ways to Grow, 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and 14 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor or 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 24, in Troy; register through Troy Continuing Education at [www.troyonline.com](http://www.troyonline.com). Cost is \$168.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple Birmingham 48009, e-mail [kabramcz@hometownlife.com](mailto:kabramcz@hometownlife.com), fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

## BROIDA

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factors ultimately determine how bright, accurate, sharp and colorful your photos will be.

In other words, don't worry about megapixels. Today it's almost a non-issue, as even entry-level cameras offer five megapixels or better. That's more than enough resolution to produce film-caliber 8- by 10-inch (or even 11- by 14-inch) prints.

### SCREEN GEMS

Always choose a camera with at least a two-inch LCD — the screen used to frame and review your shots. Some models have 2.5-inches, while a few push the envelope to three inches.

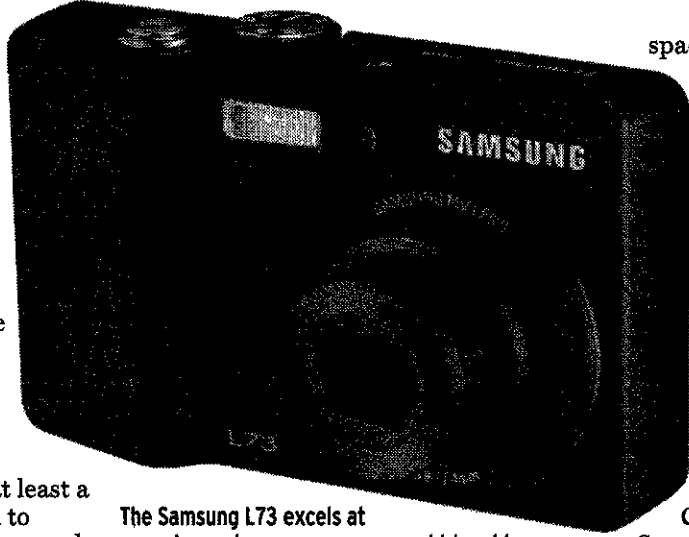
The larger the LCD, the easier it is on your eyes. What's more, a big screen makes your camera more useful as a photo viewer — and half the fun of having a digital camera is reviewing your shots on the spot.

### READY FOR YOUR CLOSE-UP

Digital cameras tout two different kinds of zoom: optical and digital. The former is the important one, as it relies entirely on the lens — the optics of the camera — for magnification.

While it's always best to follow the photographer's maxim — zoom with your feet — you may want to consider a camera with a powerful zoom, as you never know when you might need to shoot from afar.

Most pocket-size cameras top out at



The Samsung L73 excels at recording video, meaning you might be able to leave your bulky camcorder behind.

3X, though the Casio Exilim EX-V7 recently raised the bar to 7X while retaining the product line's renowned super-slim dimensions.

### MOVIE MAGIC

If a picture is worth a thousand words, a movie is worth millions. Many digital cameras can record "mini movies," which you can then play back on the LCD screen, your PC, or even a TV.

Look for cameras that can record at the TV-friendly resolution of 640x480 pixels. Some models top out at 320x240, which will look grainy when viewed on a large screen.

You should also avoid models that limit you to 30- or 60-second recording times. Ideally, the camera should be able to record video for as long as there's

space remaining on the memory card.

The Samsung L73, for instance, has a maximum resolution of 800x600 and can capture up to two hours' worth of video on a 1-gigabyte (GB) memory card.

### THANKS FOR THE MEMORY CARD

Most digital cameras come with a small amount of internal memory, enough to store only a handful of photos. That's why the first purchase you need to make is a memory card.

First, determine what kind of card your camera requires. Compact models generally rely on Secure Digital (SD) cards, though some accept Memory Stick or xD media.

Ideally, you should opt for a 1GB or 2GB card, which will give you enough space to store hundreds of photos.

Prices on these cards vary depending on type and capacity, but you can expect to pay around \$20 for a 1GB card, \$50 for 2GB.

If you're comfortable shopping online, check sites like eCost.com and TigerDirect.com. At press time, both were offering 1GB SD cards that were free after a mail-in rebate.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device*, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to [rick.broida@gmail.com](mailto:rick.broida@gmail.com).

# Try to adjust rollers before buying new ones

BY THE CAREY BROTHERS  
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Q: My house has a set of sliding glass doors that are about 20 years old. One of them is difficult to open and close. The track is OK. Could it be the rollers that need replacing?**

**A: You bet!** If the door is made of steel or aluminum, the rollers are usually made

of nylon or soft metal that wears out all too easily. The good news is that most good hardware stores offer a large selection of replacement rollers. Naturally, it is better if you buy the proper rollers from the original manufacturer, although most replacements will work pretty well. But before you go to the store looking for new rollers, try

adjusting the ones that you have. It just might be that they are slightly worn, not broken, and simply need to be adjusted so that the door doesn't drag on the track. The door has an inside and outside face, a top and bottom edge, and a left and right edge. The screws that adjust the rollers are located about an inch above the

bottom of the door. One is on the left edge and the other is on the right edge. Use a flat pry bar to lift the door. This will take pressure off of the roller and make it easy to turn the adjusting screw. Don't turn the screw more than one turn at a time. If the problem gets worse, you probably turned the screw in the wrong direction.

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## PURTAN

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tionship were dashed upon the jagged rocks of disappointment. It seems all this mystery and intrigue is planned!

They add new stuff because they know how I think and they know that this will excite my shopping sensibilities causing me to spend more money than I planned!

Look, I'm no Pollyanna (I like that word, too). I realize that companies have reams and piles of data on our lifestyle habits. And, I know they use that information to

convince me to buy something from them. But, this whole Costco thing caught me completely by surprise.

I thought we had something special, something spontaneous something... well, deeper.

I am crestfallen (ooh, another good word). I am disappointed. I feel so used. Betrayed, even.

And, when I feel like this only one thing can really pick up my spirits.

A trip to Costco.

When Dick Purtan is not shopping at Costco, he can be found on your radio from 5-10 a.m. every morning on The Motor City's 104.3 WJBC.





FOOD CALENDAR

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**Heart Healthy**  
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JAMBALAYA

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a modest amount of spice

CHICKEN JAMBALAYA

2½ pounds chicken parts  
2 tablespoons butter or vegetable oil  
12 ounces andouille sausage or chorizo, sliced or diced  
smoked ham  
1 cup chopped onion  
1 medium green bell pepper, cored, seeded and diced  
¼ cup diced celery  
1 garlic clove, minced  
1 cup long grain white rice  
2 tablespoons tomato paste  
¼ to 1 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)  
  
2 cups boiling water  
114 ½ ounce can whole tomatoes, chopped with their juice  
¼ cup chopped parsley  
¾ teaspoon salt

FRUIT CARVING

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the serious carver, the best tools come from Thailand

Unlike other types of sculpting, such as ice — which St. Souver also masters — food carving can only be completed by hand

“With a computer and a CNC (computer numerical control) lathe, it’s easy to carve ice because the machines do the work,” he said. “With fruits and vegetables it can only be done by hand.”

St. Souver’s business (Douglas’ Culinary Carvings) consists of carving produce for centerpieces for events

He can carve the likeness of a face into a pumpkin — and did so for Starbucks’ executives for a Halloween party. He transforms

Gran Paradiso Dinner

Learn about gnocchi with semolina crespelle with mushrooms, meatloaf oven roasted fennel from instructor Marina Siciliano, who spends two months every year in Italy 7 p.m. Monday Feb. 19 \$26 plus \$6 materials fee payable to the instructor in class to register, contact The Community House 380 S. Bates Birmingham (248) 644 5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com

Risotto and Arborio Rice

Learn to prepare risotto ai funghi (mushrooms risotto), risotto alla milanese (saffron risotto), risottino primavera (vegetable risotto) 6:30 p.m. Feb. 27 instructor Giovanna Capri was born and raised in Italy \$26 plus \$6 materials fee payable to the instructor in class to register, contact The Community House 380 S. Bates Birmingham (248) 644 5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com

When comfort food calls you, go for spaghetti and meatballs

BY J.M. HIRSCH  
AP FOOD WRITER

Meatballs have an image problem. People assume they are necessarily fattening, and that to be flavorful they must cook in sauce at a slow simmer for hours. People assume these things because plenty of recipes seem to prove them right. Except that they’re wrong. A great lowfat spaghetti and meatballs dinner can be on the table in about 30 minutes.

Part of the problem is the meat. Many meatball recipes call for combinations of pork and beef. They are tasty, especially if the pork is in the form of sausage meat. But the assumption is that the bulk of the flavor must come from the meat.

Switching to lowfat ground turkey allows the cook to fiddle with the flavors of the meatballs and draw more from the ingredients added to the meat and the sauce, such as herbs and garlic.

So in addition to the traditional meatball seasonings, such as basil and parsley, I added smoked paprika and four cloves of garlic. One egg and a slice of whole wheat bread was more than enough

To cut the fat even more, use egg whites instead of a whole egg. And instead of ground turkey, buy boneless, skinless chicken breasts and ask the grocer’s butcher to grind it for you.

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS

For the meatballs:  
Olive oil cooking spray  
1 slice whole wheat bread  
1 small handful fresh flat leaf parsley  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
4 cloves garlic  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
¼ teaspoon dried basil  
½ teaspoon paprika  
1¼ pounds lean ground turkey  
1 large egg (or equivalent egg substitute)

For the sauce:  
28 ounce can crushed tomatoes  
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 teaspoon dried basil  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
Pinch salt  
1 pound fresh or dried spaghetti or fettuccini

Preheat oven to 400 degrees  
F Line a baking sheet with foil

and lightly coat with olive oil cooking spray

In a food processor, combine the bread, parsley, salt, pepper, garlic, oregano, basil and paprika. Pulse for several seconds, or until the bread and parsley are finely chopped and the mixture resembles fine crumbs. Transfer to a large bowl.

Add the ground turkey and egg, then use your hands to mix until well combined. Form 1-inch balls and arrange evenly spaced on the prepared baking sheet. Spritz the meatballs with cooking spray. Bake for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the sauce. In a large, deep skillet over very low heat, combine the crushed tomatoes, black pepper, basil, oregano, vinegar and salt. Cover and let heat while the meatballs bake.

Bring a large saucepan of lightly salted water to a boil.

Once the meatballs have finished, add them to the sauce, cover and simmer for 5 minutes.

While the meatballs simmer, add the pasta to the boiling water and cook according to package directions. Drain and transfer to a large serving bowl. Top with sauce and meatballs.

Makes 4 to 6 servings  
Start to finish 30 minutes

1/4 teaspoon dried thyme  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1 bay leaf

Season chicken (you can also add ham or shrimp) with salt and pepper. Heat butter or oil in large skillet or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add chicken and cook, turning often, until browned on all sides, about 10 minutes. Add to the skillet and brown sausage, then remove chicken and andouille to a plate, and add onion, green pepper, celery and garlic to drippings in skillet for about eight minutes, then add rice, tomato paste and ground red pepper for two minutes, stirring to coat.

Stir in boiling water, tomatoes, parsley, salt, thyme, black pepper and bay leaf.

Return chicken and andouille to the skillet. Cook, covered, over medium low heat until water is absorbed and chicken is cooked through, about 20 minutes. Cook uncovered until sauce thickens, about five to eight minutes.

Mac and cheese doesn’t need to come from a box to be quick

BY J.M. HIRSCH  
AP FOOD WRITER

Macaroni and cheese shouldn’t have to come from a box to be quick, or from an oven to be good. And no matter how it’s made, it doesn’t have to be a total wash nutritionally.

But would a macaroni and cheese that met all three — speedy, stovetop and at least a little healthy — still be worth eating?

To find out, I started by rethinking the pasta. While some people object to the heartier taste and texture of whole grain pastas, they work well with thick sauces (which tend to obscure the differences that bother some people).

To that end, I also ditched the more traditional elbow macaroni. On the assumption that more cheese per noodle is better, I opted for spirals because the coils better trap sauces, especially gooey cheesy

ones.

Since I obviously had no plans to skimp on the cheese sauce (after all, this is supposed to be comfort food), I wanted to add some greens to help balance the nutritional karma.

For this, I went for broccoli florets. Like pasta spirals, broccoli is great for trapping cheese sauces. A quick bath in boiling water before adding to the dish served as the perfect tenderizer.

That’s where the healthy part ends.

Making the cheese sauce on the stove required a base that while thick, still could be poured over and mixed through the pasta. Creme fraiche (which looks and taste like a cross between sour cream and cream cheese) was perfect.

In a saucepan over medium heat, creme fraiche (sold in the cheese section of most grocers) melts quickly into a smooth

and creamy sauce. To this, I added cheddar cheese and a bit of red pepper flakes (for just a touch of heat).

Assembly is as simple as combining the parts — the pasta, the broccoli and the sauce — in a large bowl and giving them a quick toss. The result is perfect winter comfort food. Quick. On the stove. And just a little healthy.

STOVETOP MACARONI AND CHEESE

10 ounces whole wheat pasta spirals  
8 ounce container creme fraiche  
½ teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)  
4 cups broccoli florets  
2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese  
Freshly ground black pepper

Bring two medium saucepans of water, one lightly salted, to a boil.

In the salted pan, cooked the pasta according to package

directions. Reserve ½ cup cooking water, then drain and return pasta to the pan. Set aside.

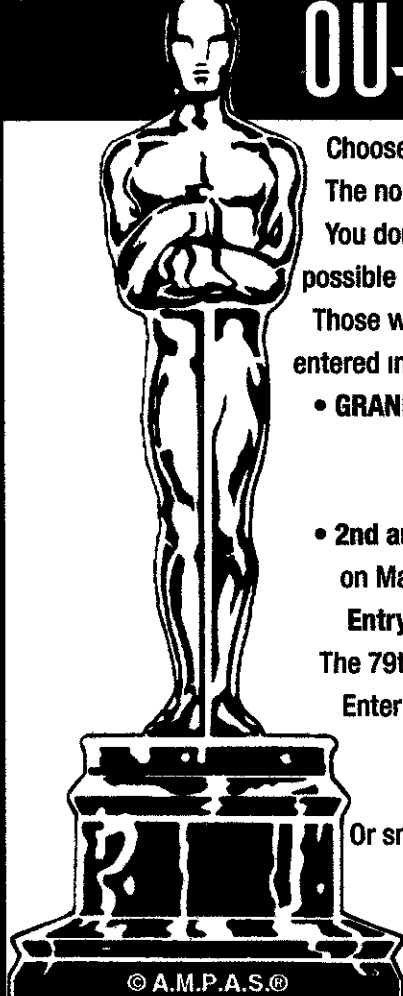
In the second saucepan, add the broccoli florets. Return to a simmer and cook until bright green and just tender, about 4 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the florets to the pan with the cooked pasta. Toss lightly.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan over medium heat, whisk the creme fraiche and red pepper flakes until smooth, about 2 minutes. Stir in the cheddar cheese until melted and very smooth.

To the cheese sauce, mix in about half of the reserved pasta cooking water or as needed to get desired consistency. Season to taste with black pepper.

To serve, either divide the pasta and florets between serving bowls and top with cheese sauce, or add cheese sauce to the pan with pasta and broccoli, toss to coat evenly, then divide. Makes 4 servings. Start to finish 15 minutes.

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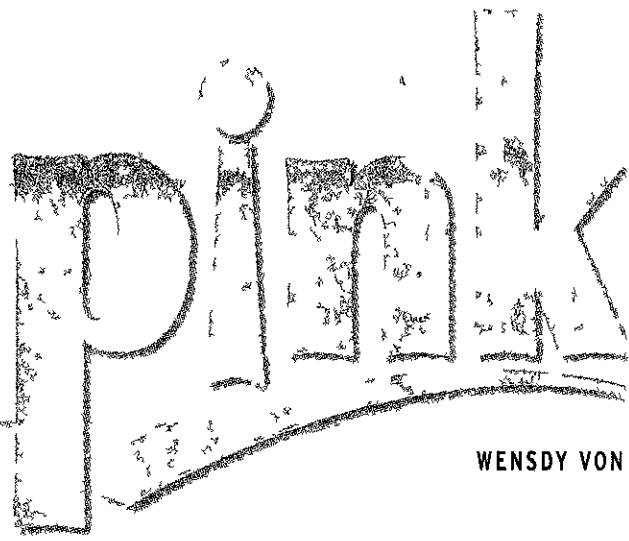
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## The Art of Nordstrom

Local children paint tiles for new Twelve Oaks store

If you've been to Twelve Oaks lately, you can't help but be awed by the new Nordstrom currently under construction. The sheer size and bright, airy exterior promise great shopping when the store finally opens this fall. To prepare for the grand opening, Nordstrom recently partnered with the Detroit Zoo and invited local children to paint floor tiles for the Kids' Wear department.

Seattle-based artist Charlie Bigger, who has hosted tile painting events for 85 Nordstrom openings, visited Metro Detroit on Saturday, Jan. 27 to lead the effort. About 150 children, ages 5-12, grabbed brushes to decorate tiles with a zoo animal theme.

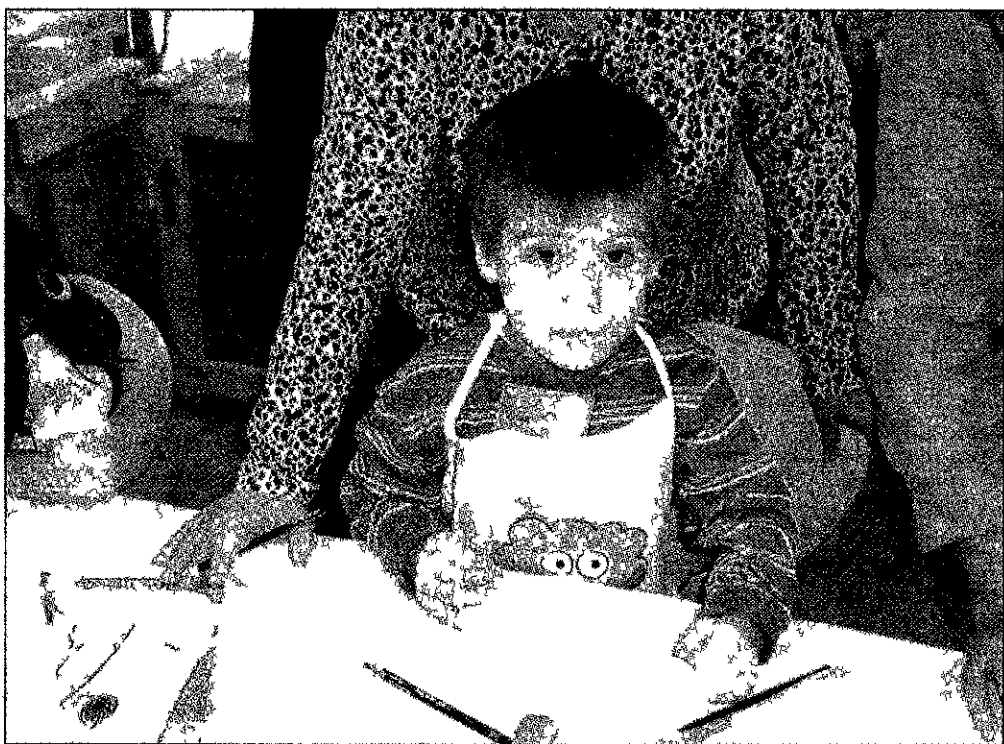
"This is an incredibly fun and creative way to showcase the artistic talents of our community's children," said Patricia Mills, Communications Manager of the Detroit Zoological Society. "Imagine the joy and excitement each child will feel when they see their mini masterpieces on permanent display at Nordstrom. We are proud to be a part of this project."

Bigger gave the children a lesson in painting with glazes, and helped them with their ideas. Each child painted two tiles. One will be installed, and the other will be stored as a back-up.

Children were accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, and paid \$50 each to participate. All proceeds will benefit the Detroit Zoological Society.

The new Nordstrom at Twelve Oaks Mall will open its doors at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28.

Children who participated in the tile painting party will be invited back to the store on Saturday, Sept. 29 for a special reception following the opening to find their tile in the floor of the Kids' Wear Boys and Girl's departments.



Evan Kozara, 5, of Farmington Hills sketches a tile to be placed in the floor of Nordstrom's kid's department. PHOTOS COURTESY OF DETROIT ZOO



Artist Charlie Bigger, of Seattle, has led 85 Nordstrom Tile Events. Here, he gives a class orientation to children at the Detroit Zoo's Ford Education Center.



Hannah Basler, 5, of Wixom, gets some assistance.

For more information, visit [www.nordstrom.com](http://www.nordstrom.com), [www.shoptwelveoaks.com](http://www.shoptwelveoaks.com) or [www.charliebigger.com](http://www.charliebigger.com)

### List

#### Rollergirl Skates to Town

Author Melissa Joulwan will sign copies of her book *Rollergirl: Totally True Tales from the Track* at 7 p.m. March 1 at Borders, 31150 Southfield Road, Beverly Hills. As a founding member of the champion Texas Rollergirls, Melissa Joulwan has plenty of stories about this sport that's sweeping rinks across the nation—including Detroit! The book comes complete with photos and suggestions on how to develop a rollergirl name and persona. Call (248) 644-1515.

Macy's locations to shop spring's hottest looks and view newly expanded assortments.

#### Community Shopping Day

Local nonprofit organizations can register now to participate in Parisian's Community Day set for Saturday, March 3. Groups sell \$5 Parisian discount savings booklets and keep 100 percent of profits. For information, visit [www.communitydayevent.com](http://www.communitydayevent.com). The Bon Ton Stores Inc. operates 283 department stores across the country. The company recently purchased Parisian but will not change the name of the stores.

#### Sewing Expo Seeks Input

Are you a newbie to fashion home decor quilting or craft sewing? The American Sewing Expo is looking for novice sewers ages 20-35 to participate in a focus group. Participants will meet in early April for about two hours in the Novi area and will be compensated. If interested, please email [jessicapray@comcast.net](mailto:jessicapray@comcast.net) or call Brenda at (248) 889-3111 x.22 by March 15.

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#### New Looks. New You.

Looking forward to spring? It's not too early to get a jump on the season's style. Macy's will host a shopping party dedicated to new arrivals and trends 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21. Stop by all

#### Pure Barre Opens New Location

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