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## China road

**County brokers partnership between schools, Chinese city**

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Trade missions to China by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano have resulted in the creation of a partnership between Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and one of China's top high schools, which could eventually lead to academic and cultural exchange programs.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has approved a partnership with the number one school attached to Central China Normal University in Wuhan, China, that could possibly lead to exchange programs for students and teachers on both sides of the globe.

"We look at this as a tremendous opportunity for our district," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education for PCCS. "One of the partnership ideas is to communicate with students in China by e-mailing and using our distance learning lab. We also envision, over time, educational exchanges to learn about each other's culture, educational approaches and programming."

The advantages for us is learning another culture, he said. "As we move into a global society, there is tremendous benefit in learning other cultures, languages and cus-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Neighbors Lisa Walker (from left), Ranetta MacBlaine, and Ruth Skelly could lose their homes over the disputed paving of Lotz Road south of Michigan Avenue.

## Families facing foreclosure over Lotz Road paving project

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Next month, Lisa Walker could be homeless.

"We have no way to pay for this street and no way to fight back," she said as tears began to well up in her eyes. "We're being forced out."

In a twisted saga of conspiracy theories, special assessments and finger pointing, one thing is certain — three Lotz Road families are facing foreclosure if they don't repay the cost of having the road in front of their homes paved.

"We're fighting in a David and Goliath situation," said

Walker, who's lived on her 3-acre parcel for 30 years. "We can't even borrow on our property to try to pay this thing. We could be out in the snow in March."

The three families — Lisa and Bob Walker, Ruth and Richard Skelly and Ranetta and George MacBlaine — live just south of Michigan Avenue. They say they were lied to throughout the process of the small paving project (1,600 feet completed in 2004) and have been unwillingly stuck with a bulk of its \$600,000 price tag.

The township has also billed

### THE HIGH COST OF PAVING

Four Lotz road property owners say they've been saddled with a debt they can't afford. Here's what each of them must repay for the 2004 paving project that took place in front of their homes:

- MacBlaine property - \$56,672
- Skelly property - \$34,225
- Walker property - \$40,893
- Wiles property - \$30,003
- Wiles property - \$17,112

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## 68-year-old's proposal in mall sparks Valentine's romance

BY MEGAN PENNEFATHER  
STAFF WRITER

It's not every day five tuxedoed men serenade a woman on the third floor of Nieman Marcus at Somerset Collection in Troy.

It's not every day a 68-year-old man in full Scottish clan garb rides the escalator up to the third floor of Nieman Marcus and proposes to said woman on Valentine's Day.

But Canton resident James MacDonald would tell you that it's not every day you meet a woman like his fiancée, Trish Blackman.

That's why, amid bemused co-workers and

Nieman Marcus customers Wednesday afternoon, MacDonald proposed marriage to 64-year-old Blackman, his girlfriend of several months.

Yes, she accepted on the spot.

"He's like that, she beamed after having a diamond ring slipped on her finger. "He's so romantic."

Blackman, who's worked at Nieman Marcus for six years, met MacDonald over the Internet.

MacDonald joined four singles' Web sites, perused profiles of hundreds of women, called about 60 or so, met about 32 of them, and settled on

one.

The 68-year-old is glad he was so thorough.

She was the top of the pack, said MacDonald. "We had a lot of things in common. We talked for hours each night."

He knew a good thing when he saw it, so he hired the barbershop quartet called The Bath City Boyz, part of the Guardians of Harmony barbershop association, and planned his proposal.

MacDonald not only planned the proposal, he already planned the wedding. The couple will be married July 27 at St. Conan's Kirk in Loch Awe, Scotland.

Blackman's co-workers were as surprised as the



The Bath City Boyz members Chuck Murray (from left) of Ortonville, Jeff Spires of Clarkston, Tom Blackstone of Rochester Hills, Bob McCaffrey of Oxford and Mike Green of Auburn Hills helped Canton resident James MacDonald (second from right) propose to girlfriend Trish Blackman (far right) of Waterford at Nieman Marcus on Valentine's Day.

bride-to-be, and nearly as thrilled.

"Isn't it romantic?" said Diana Pinkerton. "It makes you believe in romance again!"

Added co-worker Doug Chunovich, "We don't have enough of it."

Probably not, but on a sunny, bone-chilling day,

romance was at least alive and well.

The five-man barbershop quartet are used to romantic gestures on Valentine's Day, but this is their first marriage proposal.

Or as Mike Green of Auburn Hills joked, "It's our first 'yes'."

## Chambers take different positions on bond proposal

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the Plymouth-Canton Schools \$2.1 million bond issue being put before voters Feb. 27.

The Board of Directors voted to support the bond proposal at its Thursday meeting after a push from Bill Pratt, who sits on the chamber's education committee.

The school board and the district has this one right, Pratt said. "They're asking for things they absolutely need to maintain the high quality of the school system."

"The problem they ran into with the last (September 2006) bond was asking for things that were amenities, that weren't totally necessary," he said.

Pratt said he understands the state is financially challenged from layoffs and cutbacks by business and industry, and asking residents to vote for a tax increase isn't necessarily popular.

"But, sometimes you have to bite the bullet," Pratt said. "What they are asking the voters to pay is relatively small based on what they are going to get for it."

According to the district, if the bond passes it will require a tax increase of 6 mills, costing an average homeowner — with a market value of \$275,000 — \$83 a year.

Major features of the bond include:

- Building a new middle school in Canton Township to replace Central Middle School in Plymouth, and reimbursing the general fund for the cost to purchase the land.

- Remodeling Central for the district's alternative education program, which is currently housed at Starkweather Education Center.

- Adding additional classrooms at Pioneer Middle School, Salem High School and Field Elementary.

- Constructing a gymnasium at Field Elementary.

- Purchasing 13 new school buses.

- Creating safety improvements, including security cameras at Plymouth-Canton Education Park.

- Academic related updates to comply with state imposed graduation requirements.

Chamber President Jim Vermeulen said the business group decided about a year ago to be more vocal in expressing opinions on some political issues.

"We're not a political organization, by any means, but we hope the chamber opinion is important to the community," Vermeulen said. "We always risk offending someone, and it might be best to remain quiet, but that would be shirking a responsibility that as a chamber we have to the community. What's good for the community helps attract residents, and as the community prospers, so does business."

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Dianne Cojei said she was a bit surprised that the Plymouth chamber was taking a position on the issue, but she said it wasn't unusual. She is aware of other chambers, including in Farmington and Dearborn, where chambers are active in the local political process.

"If you really want to be an informational source and represent the business community, you can't win by endorsing a political issue, because you're always going to tick somebody off," she said. "We feel we're an informational source. We don't take positions on political issues. We might provide information about a political issue, but we don't endorse. I don't think we've ever had a political action committee."

Superintendent Jim Ryan is a member of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce board, but did not have input in the education committee's recommendation, nor was he a part of the board discussion on the bond.

They've always been receptive about information on school bond issues, but have always stopped short of making any endorsement," Ryan said.

Even if they would have said "no" (to the bond), they need to take a leadership role because they are business leaders and opinion leaders in the community."

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### Coming Thursday in Filter

Billy Bob Thornton who stars in *The Astronaut Farmer* which opens Friday talks about his latest role



## 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.

'Boomtown 1925' was written by a Matrix Collective Playwrights Workshop and includes authentic music and costumes to the 1925 era. Local history is reflected in the script, giving an accurate picture of life in Detroit at that time. Register for this program by calling (734) 397-0999 or in person at the library.

## Red Wings in town

Detroit Red Wings John Franzen and Tomas Kopecky will make an appearance at IKEA (Ford and Haggerty roads) on Monday, Feb. 19.

The two will be signing photographs or personal items from 2-4 p.m. for a donation. All proceeds will be donated to First Step, a local organization that works to end domestic and sexual violence as well as providing a shelter facility in Canton. The players will also conduct a raffle for an autographed game stick from each player, as well as a Franzen autographed Red Wing jersey.

## Day care sessions

Parents who are currently considering enrolling their children in an early education/child care program are invited to attend Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up information sessions at both Tutor Time Child Care / Learning Centers in Canton. The Kindergarten Round-Up, which is being held on Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., will provide information on the company's private kindergarten class, as well as the morning or afternoon programs available for children attending local public schools.

The Preschool / Pre-Kindergarten Round-Up will be held the following evening at the same time.

Parents will also learn how Tutor Time's programs and teachers help prepare children for school and guide them towards a lifetime love of learning.

The events will be held at both Canton locations: 951 N. Canton Center Drive, (734) 981-8463, 2914 Canton Center Road, (734) 394-0400.

## Van Buren Schools meeting

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will meet for a special meeting of the Maintenance Advisory Committee from 4:30-6:30 p.m., Feb. 19 at the Administration Building Board Room. Agenda items include final review of recommendations. The board will then have a special board meeting/work study session from 7-9 p.m. at the same location, 555 W. Columbia Avenue, in Belleville. Agenda items include professional learning communities and a Belleville High School update.

## Skilled volunteers needed

Christmas in Action is looking for volunteers to participate in their April 28 action day to provide free home repairs for elderly and low-income homeowners in Canton. Volunteers are needed for general home repair jobs, painting and yard work. Individuals with special skilled trades such as plumbing, electricity, roofing and drywall are especially needed.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Pat VanDusen at (734) 394-5193 or e-mail at [pvandusen@canton-mi.org](mailto:pvandusen@canton-mi.org).

## 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.



## Happy 35th birthday

The Canton Newcomers celebrated 35 years of service to the community at their general meeting on Feb. 7. A founding member and members from each decade joined current members and guests for an evening of fellowship and signed-up for 20-plus activities for the entire family. Newcomer members Noreen Rybar (from left), Lisa Bachman, Jen Manriquez, Michelle MacLellan and Karen Kruszka display the 35th Birthday cake donated by Back Home Bakery. The group, which meets the first Wednesday of the month for an activity or speaker of interest, will next meet at 7:15 p.m. March 7 at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford west of Canton Center). Refreshments will be provided by b.d.s. Mongolian Restaurant and Back Home Bakery, and there will be bingo and prizes. The group will also be holding a Mom 2 Mom sale on April 21. For more information, visit [cantonnewcomers.org](http://cantonnewcomers.org) or call (734) 981-1715.

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.

## 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.

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Tuesday March 6	9 a.m. Noon	Organizational Meeting
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Monday March 12	2 p.m. 5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
	6 p.m. 9 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday March 14	9 a.m. Noon	Hearings by Appointment
	2 p.m. 5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Saturday March 17	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	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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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.

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# Pantry needs dry goods, boxed foods

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Man cannot live on bread alone, nor, apparently, will a lot of canned goods do the trick.

That's why the folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army are hoping for a spike in donations of dry goods — boxed foods of all sorts — to fill out the food pantry they use to help needy people in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

Canned goods are in high supply, but Salvation Army staffers know that's not enough.

"I've got tons of canned goods," said Tammy Moyer, the Salvation Army's pantry director. "I can't give people three bags of canned goods. They can't make meals out of that."

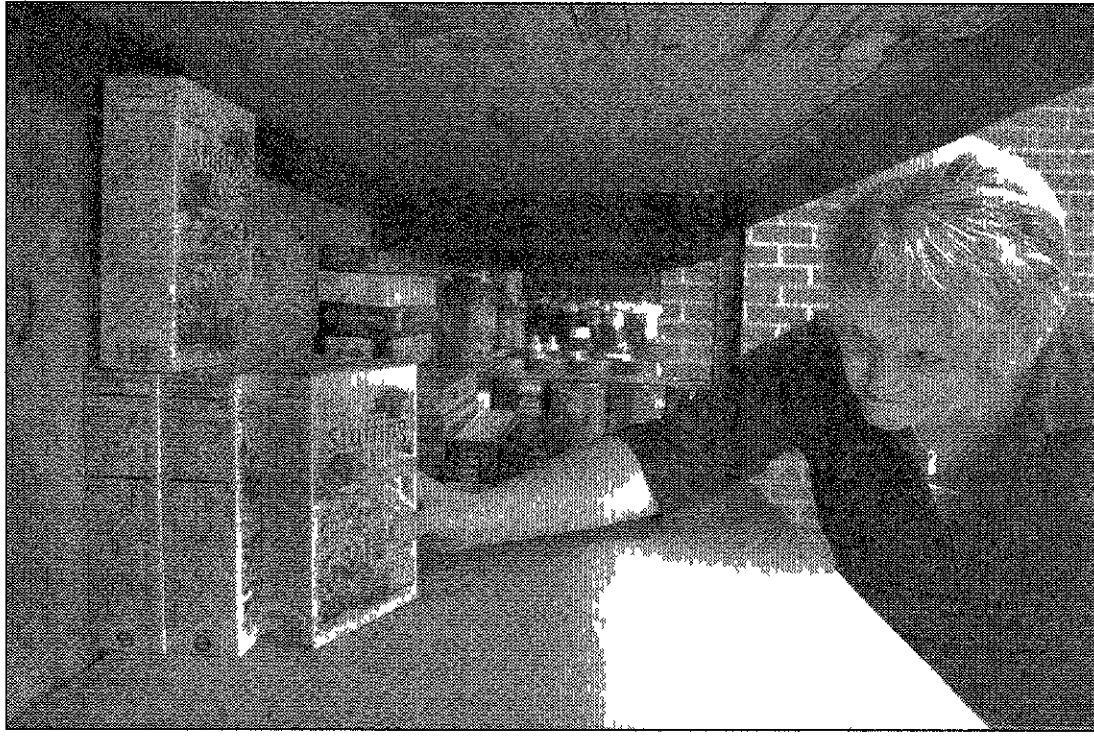
The Salvation Army depends on the generosity of others to fill out the pantry shelves from which they help needy families from throughout their service area. Families of four or fewer get three bags of groceries at a time — designed to be enough food for two weeks at a time — while larger families get six bags.

Moyer said she's doling out between 15-20 bags every week. It gets a little worse, she said, every time one of the automakers announces still more layoffs.

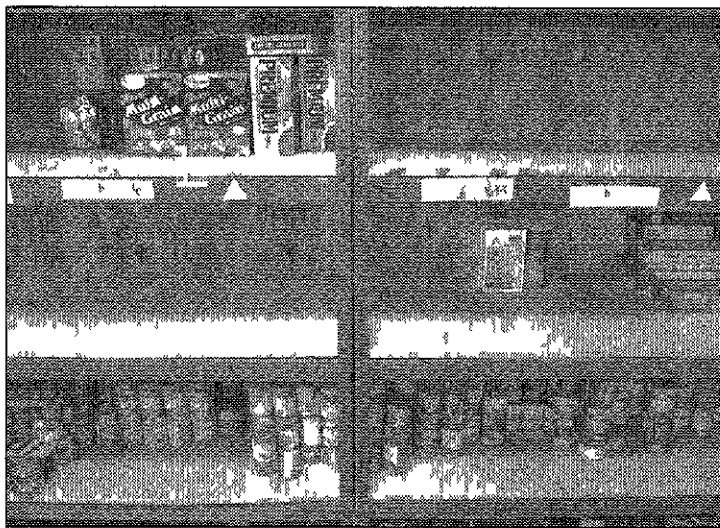
"Every time we hear of a layoff, it seems to affect the little companies just as much," Moyer said. "Then we get the people from the big companies who need help, too."

While there's meat in the freezer and plenty of canned goods, the dry goods seem to be the anomaly. For instance, there's plenty of syrup, but not enough pancake mix. There's lots of canned vegetables, but few instant mashed potatoes.

The pantry is in need of, among other things, macaroni and cheese, Rice-A-Roni,



The Salvation Army's Tammy Moyer checks the dwindling supply of dry/boxed foods in the emergency pantry. The pantry needs pastas, instant potatoes, dry boxed soups, oatmeal, etc.



While the Plymouth Salvation Army has plenty of canned goods, the dry good section of their pantry is nearly empty.

instant rice, soup, instant potatoes, stuffing, cake mixes, popcorn, pancake mixes, scalloped potatoes, oatmeal, crackers, Hamburger Helper, peanut butter and jelly, instant gelatin and pudding mixes, powdered soft drinks, sugar and cereal.

"You can't make a day's

worth of meals using only canned peas and corn," said Kelly Boelter, the Salvation Army's public relations coordinator. "If we have Hamburger Helper, instant rice, instant mashed potatoes, they can make a meal out of that."

In addition to the food

toiletries such as feminine hygiene products, deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, bar soap, laundry detergent, dish soap, Pine-Sol and diapers are also needed.

The number of families using the pantry increases as the state's economy continues to struggle.

Bill Moritz, the Salvation Army's director of social services, points to an easy target — the economy — as the cause for the increase in need. The Plymouth-Canton area is replete with auto-related companies, many of whom have had to cut the number of workers.

It's a recipe for need, according to Moritz.

Layoffs have been terrible, he said. Half of these are auto-related. The auto industry struggles, and it trickles down.

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# Couple sentenced for abusing infant

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

A Canton Township couple has been sentenced to prison time and probation for their roles in abusing their infant son last year.

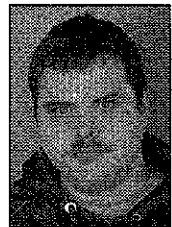
The child's father, Steven Michael Szyszkowski, will serve up to four years in prison for second-degree child abuse. Szyszkowski, 26, originally faced up to 15 years. He was sentenced earlier this month after pleading no contest to seriously injuring his five-week-old son in December.

Doctors determined the child, who was placed in foster care, suffered various injuries, including nine broken bones.

The child's mother, Jayme Beth Stratton, was sentenced to two years probation in late January.

While police didn't believe that Stratton, 36, struck the child, they said she maintained an environment of abuse.

The couple were arrested after police received an



Szyszkowski



Stratton

anonymous tip about the abuse.

"All of us have said that caller saved this baby's life," Canton Detective Rick Pomorski said. "This was a prime example of how people should act when they suspect abuse."

Even if a child shows no outward signs of abuse, Pomorski said, people should follow their instincts and alert police if they feel a child is being hurt.

"People should never think they're wasting our time or feel guilty about calling," he said.

The couple's son, who had broken toes and a broken tibia, was expected to make a full recovery.

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## DEATHS

**B**  
**John Baffy**  
Baffy 66 died Feb. 13.

**John F. Brogan Jr.**  
Brogan 60 formerly of Livonia died Feb. 11.

**C**  
**Charles Reed Collins**  
Collins 26 of Livonia died Feb. 9.

**Georgina P. Connell**  
Connell 88 of Plymouth died Feb. 14.

**H**  
**Edward J. Hahn Jr.**  
Hahn 95 of Birmingham died Feb. 13.

**Donald K. Hoffman**  
Hoffman 90 of Plymouth died Feb. 14.

**Margie Anne Hoegy**  
Hoegy 57 formerly of Livonia died Feb. 15.

**P**  
**Dorothy Jean Phillips**  
Phillips 77 formerly of Birmingham died Feb. 15.

**Larry Jared Pilkinton**  
Pilkinton 68 of Redford Township died.

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Pollock 92 of Birmingham died Feb. 13.

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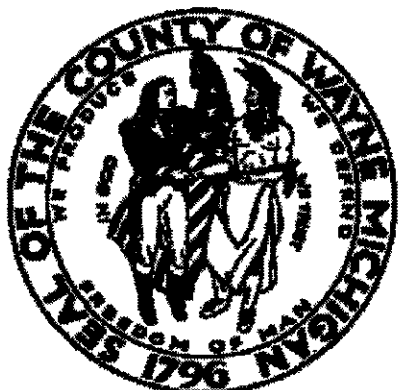
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## PAVING

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Eleanor Wiles, who owns two parcels of vacant land on the portion of Lotz Road that was paved

In total, the four owners owe the township a combined \$179,000 over 15 years. Each owes according to the amount of road frontage they own.

However, Walker says unemployment and a struggling economy have hit the group hard and none of them have been making payments toward the bill, which was added to their property taxes. Their annual special assessments range from \$880 to \$4,640.

"We can't afford this and we told them from the start we couldn't afford it," said Ruth Skelly, as she shook her head and folded her arms across her chest. "It's ridiculous."

The property owners, who had been coming home to foreclosure notes stuck on their doors, are in the midst of a process to appeal their special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Filing the appeal has halted Wayne County's foreclosure attempts.

The tribunal has given the homeowners a Feb. 28 deadline to get an appraisal of their homes. Walker estimated the appraisals at \$5,000, and said the group doesn't have that kind of money.

"The MTT can find us in default and we won't get to meet with the judge and prove our case," said Walker, who's taken the lead as the spokeswoman for her neighbors. "We were hoping to resolve this amicably but the township will probably spend more money to fight us than it will cost to pay for (our portion of the paving)." Canton has deep pockets and they could say this is a special situation and give us a waiver.

## County 'owning up' to its portion of Lotz Road paving project

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

While one verbal agreement over the paving of a portion of Lotz Road is still up in the air, a different one was finalized Thursday.

Wayne County's "handshake deal" with Canton Township to pay 20 percent of the cost to pave the small stretch of Lotz Road south of Michigan Avenue has been formalized by the Wayne County Commission.

The \$600,000 project was completed in 2004.

"This was a retroactive agreement," said Commissioner Kevin McNamara, adding that although the deal wasn't in writing, the township asked Wayne County to honor the agreement. "The county is just owning up to its deal."

The agreement that four Lotz Road landowners say they had with two nearby business owners regarding

repayment of the same paving project has never materialized. Their properties are now facing foreclosure.

One of the homeowners, Lisa Walker, said Naren Patel of the Holiday Inn and Michael Roth of Dembs Roth Gyselinck agreed to pay the bulk of their annual special assessments and treat it as a lien on their properties.

Walker said Patel and Roth have not honored the deal. Patel declined to comment and Roth was unavailable for comment. Patel said at a public meeting in 2003 a deal had been reached with the homeowners.

The four landowners owe a combined \$179,000 for the paving. At Thursday's commission meeting, a similar agreement the county made with the township in paving a portion of Saltz Road was also formalized. That project was completed in May.

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Canton has deep pockets and they could say this is a special situation and give us a waiver.

However, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said it isn't the community's responsibility to pay for the roadwork.

Why would we make taxpayers pay (their) assessment? Yack asked.

Why would we do that? We have a responsibility to all of our taxpayers, we are not a social service agency.

Walker, who has several tall

piles of documents in her living room detailing the situation, said the group has been stuck with the mounting paving bill because their verbal agreement with two nearby business owners never materialized.

The group says Naren Patel of the Holiday Inn and Michael Roth of Dembs Roth Gyselinck stepped in and offered to pay the majority of their annual assessments when they began complaining

about the cost of paving the gravel road.

"We agreed to pay \$1,200 a year and they would pay the difference," Walker said, adding that the difference would have been treated as a lien on their properties until the land was sold to another owner. "The next thing we know, the road is paved and we're paying. Patel and Roth have blown us off."

Patel declined to comment and referred questions to Roth. A representative from Roth's company said he was out of town.

At an October 2003 township board meeting, Patel told the board he and Roth had reached a verbal agreement with the residents to help them if they couldn't afford the cost of the assessment.

Walker said the homeowners have tried selling their property, which was rezoned to light industrial, through numerous Realtors without luck. They all allege that the township held secret meetings with Patel and Roth to get the paving project off the ground.

Yack denied those claims.

We didn't care whether it was paved or not," he said.

That road doesn't serve too many people.

If the tribunal throws out their appeal later this month, Walker said the homeowners want to file a civil lawsuit against the township and the business owners.

We were all in favor of going to explore the cost of paving and you trust that your township will teach you along the way, she said.

Instead, the whole process was follow the leader and now they're trying to snatch our property.

## Intense fire destroys Canton mobile home

A fire Thursday evening destroyed a mobile home in the West Point trailer park and left a firefighter with minor injuries.

None of the trailer's three occupants were home during the fire.

A pizza delivery man noticed the flames and called the Canton Fire Department.

Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said a smaller fire took place at the trailer earlier in the day when one of the resi-

dents tried to thaw a frozen water pipe with a blow torch.

It appears they thought it was extinguished but it was not all the way out, he said. It was an intense fire in the trailer and it destroyed everything inside.

While fighting the blaze, Rorabacher said a firefighter sustained minor injuries and was treated and released from a hospital.

Tiffany L. Parks

## CHINA

FROM PAGE A1

toms. As our society changes, we want to make sure our students are prepared for the future.

Mulu Birru, the executive director of Wayne County's Department of Economic Development, said the mayor of Wuhan — a city of 8.5 million people — is considered the education mayor because he loves education.

I personally visited the school in Wuhan twice, Birru said. They have a very modern building with new classrooms and dormitories, and the best kids attend the school. The high school is connected to a university in Wuhan, and literally 100 percent of the students go on to universities.

Birru said Plymouth Canton was chosen to participate in the partnership because of the growing Chinese population in the area. Ficano was also instrumental in attracting the Tempo Group — which has 27 factories in China — to purchase a 480,000-square-foot building on Michigan Avenue near Beck in Canton Township that houses a handful of research and development jobs.

"We just thought it was a good connection," Birru said. Birru said the school partnership is in the early stages, but he envisions a wide-ranging scope of international activities.

Students from here could go to China to learn Chinese in the schools, exchanges of teachers, pen pal arrangements and competition in sports like basketball and soccer, Birru said. "We could have cultural exchanges, with students here and there staying with families. And, hopefully, Plymouth-Canton will adopt the introduction of the Chinese language in their curriculum."

Yichong Li, a senior at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park from Nanjing, China, has been living with her host family in Canton since August. She said in China classes are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., but believes it's harder for teens in America because they have to go to school and also hold part-time jobs. Li said a formal exchange between PCCS and one in Wuhan would be beneficial to students on both sides of the Pacific.

I think it's a great idea," Li said. I've enjoyed my exchange year so far, learning about the differences between American and Chinese education and culture.

An exchange program with

China might help us to get more connected with the world, and more opportunities," she said. It can help build a bridge of understanding between the two countries.

Ficano said Wuhan is a good sister region for Wayne County because it also has a manufacturing base.

During our trade missions they encouraged economics, but they also talked about exposure for youngsters so they start to become familiar with China and its economics and culture, Ficano said. The Chinese government has indicated they have scholarship money for students.

Ficano said as a result of the trade missions, Wayne County

is ahead of the curve in attracting business to and from China.

"We don't want to make the same mistake we did with Japan," Ficano said. Toyota came to the U.S. and located everywhere but in Michigan. It's a chain migration, and if we can get companies to locate here others will follow.

Bender said the district is excited about the possibilities.

We would like Plymouth-Canton Schools to be a destination for residents of Wuhan, China, and Wayne County feels the same way, Bender said.

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## Vintner's celebrates second anniversary

Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery, located in the Golden Gate Shopping Plaza on Lilley Road across from Mettetal Airport will be celebrating its two year anniversary throughout the week of Feb. 20 with special events, prizes and culminating on Feb. 23 with the announcement of the Gold Medal for Wine Making the business recently received.

Out of 250 wines in their classification Vintner's received one of only four international gold medals that were awarded. The celebration will include prizes, tasting the gold medal wine and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday. For more information, contact Vintner's Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. at (734) 354-9463.

### Firm associate

Plante & Moran, PLLC, named Cantons Mike Merkel an associate in the firm's Southfield office. Merkel previously served as a staff member with the firm. Merkel special-



Merkel

izes in providing tax services to clients in the manufacturing industry. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University and a master's degree in taxation from Walsh College.

### New account executive



Smith

Katie Smith, 22, of Canton has been promoted to project manager at Mitchell Research & Communications, Inc. Smith joined the firm in June 2006 as an account executive, and has worked with several clients on various projects including the Bloomfield

Township Capital Improvement Ballot Proposal Campaign and a polling project for the House Republican Campaign Committee that entailed overseeing the conducting and analysis of more than 60 polls in less than two months.

### Children's charity Web site

Child's Hope, a Dearborn-based nonprofit that provides support to abused and neglected children and their families, has recently completed a complete redesign of its Web site at [www.childshope.org](http://www.childshope.org).

The Merritt Group LLC, an IT consulting firm with offices in Canton, as well as Ohio and India, provided the redesign. Child's Hope serves thousands of children in Wayne County and provides child abuse prevention workshops under an agreement with the Michigan Children's Trust Fund.

## Thief steals wallet, then befriends Wal-mart shopper

A male thief caught on tape Wednesday at the Canton Wal-mart pretended to help a woman look for her wallet after stealing it.

The woman, who was at the customer service counter, stepped away from her original spot to fill out paperwork and accidentally left her wallet on the counter. When she noticed it was missing, she alerted a Wal-mart employee and went to her vehicle to look for it.

Upon entering the store again, a man dressed in a black hooded sweatshirt and a leather Detroit Red Wings coat offered to help her find the missing item. According to a Wal-mart employee, the man had briefly gone into the restroom before the woman noticed her wallet was gone.

Another man, dressed in a red hooded sweatshirt, told the man in the leather coat they didn't have time to help the woman look for her wallet.

Police were later called and viewed film of the man pocketing the woman's wallet before offering to help her. The wallet was later found in the store's restroom with everything in it except for \$107; the man left \$3 inside.

### 'Phil' the crank caller

So much for whispering sweet nothings on Valentine's Day.

The manager of a Ford Road restaurant reported to police Wednesday that a man calling himself "Phil" has been calling the eatery and having

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explicit conversations with female employees.

In addition to talking about his body, the man asked one employee if she was the hot blonde who worked at the restaurant. The manager told police the man has been calling for the past two weeks.

### Stolen laptop

A Westland man has reported to police that his Dell laptop computer was stolen from his unlocked vehicle Tuesday at Arctic Edge of Canton.

The laptop, valued at \$2,000, was taken from the backseat of the man's 2003 Mercury.

Police have no suspects.

### Warming vehicle stolen

A 1995 Geo Prizm was stolen from a Canton residence during the car owner's attempts to warm up the vehicle.

The owner of the car, a 41-year-old man, said he spotted a man walking down his street, Old Michigan, when he went inside of his trailer home. As he headed back out to his car, he saw the man driving away in it.

After an attempt to chase the car down, the man called police.

The thief evaded officers as he drove away from the mobile home park and the car

was later found at an apartment complex off of Lincoln Road. Police have a suspect in the theft.

### Heroin relapse

A 20-year-old Canton man was arrested for heroin possession Wednesday after his family alerted police that he was unconscious and had shallow breathing.

The man, who was with his mother and younger brothers at their Brookpark residence, was awake and splashing water on himself when police arrived at the home.

Describing her son as a recovering addict, the man's mother told police he had locked himself in a bathroom and pointed them to an additional bag of the drug.

Before he was handcuffed and taken from the home, the man told officers he had taken a "pack" of heroin.

### Nintendo scam

A Romanian woman appears to have swindled a Canton resident out of \$84.

In exchange for the money, a Canton woman was supposed to receive a pink Nintendo video game system.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SPECIAL ELECTION  
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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth and in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time a School Improvement Bond Proposition will be voted on. The proposition reads as follows:

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:

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- 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

Polling locations are as follows for the Plymouth Township and for the City of Plymouth:

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Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor Trail
Precinct 7	Living Word Church	46500 N. Territorial Road
Precinct 8	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14951 Haggerty Road
Precinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 10	Fiegel School	39750 Joy Road
Precinct 11	First Baptist Church	45000 N. Territorial
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Road
Precincts 13 & 16	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 14	Ibister School	9300 Canton Center Road
Precinct 15	First United Methodist Church	45201 N. Territorial Road
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## Buying stocks on margin can be a dangerous gamble

It was recently recommended to me that I buy some stocks on margin. I'm not exactly sure what that means. Can you help me?

When you buy an investment on margin, you basically are borrowing money in order to purchase an investment. The collateral for the loan is your investment account. The theory behind margining is that you can increase your purchasing power by buying more shares of an investment.

If that investment goes up, you certainly will do well. On the other hand, if that investment takes a downturn, then you can have problems.



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The biggest problem that can develop with margin accounts is that if the market goes through a difficult time, it potentially can mean that the collateral supporting the margin is no longer sufficient and thus you can receive what is known as a margin call.

A margin call is where your collateral is no longer sufficient to cover your loan and you have to provide additional collateral. If you do not provide additional collateral, the brokerage house can sell the underlying security without your permission.

In fact, in most of the margin disclosure forms that you are required to sign, the brokerage house does not even have to notify you that your collateral has gone down and it can sell your collateral without your permission. Furthermore, it can choose to sell any security in your account without your permission. This can cause severe adverse tax consequences, because it can choose to sell an investment that causes you to recognize short-term gains.

For the great majority of people, I am not a fan of margining and I do not recommend it. I believe margining is a form of gambling and that is something that people should not do with their portfolios.

It is also important to recognize that when you margin your account, it is not free. You are paying interest on the margin loan from the brokerage firm. When you factor in the cost of margining and recognize the fact that markets are volatile and anything can happen, I do not recommend margin investing for the great majority of people. As

far as I am concerned, when you margin an account, you lose control of your portfolio and that is something that investors should never do. My advice is not to margin your account.

I recently found an old stock certificate from a company that I purchased over 30 years ago. How would I determine if this has any value?

There are two ways that this stock certificate can have some value to you. The first is, the company can still be in business and even though it is an old certificate, it is still valid. My first recommendation is to determine whether the company is still listed on the stock exchange. I recommend that you use the Internet to search for the company. If you cannot find any information about the company, you may wish to hire a company to do the search for you. One company that does searches is Stock Search International, (800) 537-4523, www.stocksearchintl.com. This company, for a small fee, will research a company for you and let you know if it is still in business. Furthermore, the company can assist you if it turns out that the stock has value.

Even if the company does not exist, you may find out that the old stock certificate has value. Over the last few years, old stock certificates have become a collectible. Many people now buy and sell old stock certificates and, in some cases, the stock certificate itself is worth more than the underlying value of the shares represented on the certificate.

There are many companies that buy and sell old certificates on the Internet. Stock Search International is one of them. In addition, I recommend you consider eBay, which has numerous old stock certificates listed for sale.

Never should an investor throw out an old stock certificate without checking its value. It may be a surprise to you how much some of these old stock certificates are worth. Therefore, if you find an old stock certificate, not only should you look to see if the underlying company is still in existence and if there is any value, but also never forget to look at the value of the certificate itself.

Good luck!

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

## 5 candidates run for 3 Schoolcraft board seats

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Five candidates will compete for three seats on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees in the May 8 school election.

Mary Breen and Brian Broderick will seek re-election to new six-year terms. Joan Gebhardt, who was appointed in December to replace Kevin McNamara, will run for a new term. McNamara left the board after being elected to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Seeking election to the board for the first time are Canton attorney James Fausone and Ron Randall of Livonia, retired Schoolcraft College registrar.

Fausone is a partner in the law firm Fausone Bohn with offices in Northville. He has interviewed for open slots on the board twice, including last fall to replace McNamara.

"I decided to get into the race

because increasing college attendance is more important than ever," Fausone said. "We need to make college accessible, affordable, relevant and rigorous for those wishing to go to college at a community college."

Fausone has an engineering degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Gonzaga University. He has served on numerous professional and community boards and organizations. He said he brings something different from other members on the board.

"The real world pace is different than academic pace," he said.

He said he would nudge the administration toward that faster pace.

Randall retired from Schoolcraft in 2001 after working at the college for 33 years.

"I bring a lot of knowledge about the history and culture of the college," he said.

He said the area's economic problems have created a record number of new students at Schoolcraft.

"I think they are planning for the growth with the new health building," Randall said. "It's important not to overbuild. When the economic conditions get settled, we don't want to have too much space."

He said the college's new Biomedical Technology Center was needed to meet a demand in that area.

Randall was interviewed in December to replace McNamara.

Broderick has served on the board since 1995.

"I've enjoyed the service I've been able to give to the college and community," Broderick said. "A lot of exciting things have been happening at community colleges."

Breen has served on the Schoolcraft board since 1983.

## Volunteers sought for annual frog and toad survey

Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for the 10th Annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey.

Volunteers need no prior experience but must attend one two-hour training workshop and learn eight breeding calls from a CD that is provided. All materials are provided. Surveys are conducted independently on damp warm evenings, several

times a month beginning in March and ending in July. This is a simple presence/absence survey in which participants identify what species are calling. Survey locations must be within the Rouge River Watershed in wetlands.

The survey is a fun opportunity to spend time with family and friends outdoors learning about local wildlife. Families, students, seniors,

and others are encouraged to sign up. Pre-registration for workshops is required by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing [picoordinator@therouge.org](mailto:picoordinator@therouge.org). Please provide your full name, address, phone and e-mail and which workshop you would like to attend.

Workshops are 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 3, at Farmington Hills City Council Chambers,

31555, 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at E.L. Johnson Nature Center, 3325 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills.

7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Canton Summit on the Park, Walnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 17, at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville.

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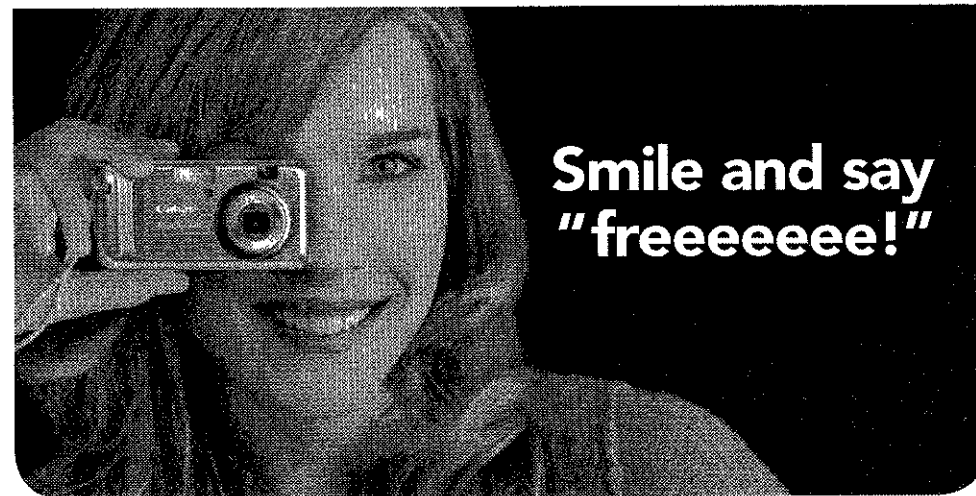
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# How well do you spell?

## Students show their command of words in annual spelling bee

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

An eighth-grader at Marshall Middle School and an Edison Elementary fifth grader walked away with top honors at the Wayne Westland Community Schools 27th annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee on Feb. 1.

Angela Blay correctly spelled the word *mirage* to capture the middle school title, while Matthew Karuk spelled the word *ridiculous* to win the elementary competition.

"It feels real good, something I can't explain," said Matthew who won the competition in the eighth round. "I tried to study as much as I could and go over every language of origin. German was the hardest because I don't know that one."

"He's always been a good speller," said his mother, Rebecca. "He gets his memory for spelling from my mother. It skipped a generation."

Also there watching was Eva Garcia who said her grandson does try to do his very best in everything.

He's a good student, an A student, she said. "I think he wants to be an engineer, he likes to put things together. He also likes to win."

The daughter of Randy and Kim Blay, Angela won the middle school competition in the 12th round. She credited her victory to her family.

"I had my sister and parents help me," she said. "I practiced every night before I went to bed."

The students were supplied a book that contained potential spelling bee words as well as tips about preparing for and participating in the competition.

There was one that tells you how to sound the words, but I didn't really use it," said Angela, who had little difficulty in spelling her words.

This is the 27th year the dis-

trict has held the spelling bee, named after retired assistant principal Earle Chorbagan who initiated the competition when the daily newspaper stopped sponsoring one.

It started out as one spelling bee for students in grades 5-8, but was split into two spelling bees for elementary and middle school students two years ago.

Chorbagan was on hand to present plaques and American Heritage Dictionaries to the winners.

"For an old teacher, it's a thrill to be here," said Chorbagan, adding the spelling bee was held on what is the 50th anniversary of the opening of the school.

Unlike previous years when the spelling rounds number in the high teens before a winner was declared, this year's decision came fairly early. The students faltered on spelling such words as *sultan*, *karate*, *percolate* and *easel* in the middle school competition, while

the elementary students heard the dreaded "that's not correct from judges for words like *admiral*," *amnesia* and *enthusiasm*."

But even those students who didn't make it to the end were assured they were winners just the same.

"You have done an exceptional job, you've spent hours preparing for today," said Judy Handley, director of elementary school development, who served as one of three pronouncers. "By the nature of the competition there can be only one winner, but you are all winners."

In addition to Matthew Karpiuk, students competing in the elementary spelling bee were Malik Garriss from Elliott, Rahul Singh from P.D. Graham, Fred Smith from Hamilton, Ikuesha White from Hicks, Kayla Hood from Hoover, Sydney Meade from Jefferson, Alexandra Bushway from Kettering, Kyle Bowen



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Middle school spelling bee runner up Krysta Forrester, a sixth-grader at Franklin Middle School, congratulates winner Angela Bay, an eighth-grader at Marshall, after she correctly spelled *mirage*.

from Lincoln, Elise Penhollow from Madison, Alexis Davis from Patchin, Danni Portman from Roosevelt, Alyssa Cosselmon from Schweitzer, Zachary Anderson from Taft Galloway, Malik Hayes from Vandenberg, Manam Darwish from Walker-Winter and Brittany McGrath from Wildwood.

In addition to Angela Blay,

students competing in the middle school spelling bee were Taylor Grondy, David Petosky and Kateland Leong from Adams, Krysta Forrester, Taylor Blevins and Allison Hammond from Franklin, Shakim Harris and TeLur Kuykendall from Marshall, and Tessa Diaz, Austin Smarsh and Susan Abbott from Stevenson.

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# College admission counseling essential in helping students

The counselor's office was an oasis at high school. Soft classical music, subdued lighting and a hushed atmosphere were a stage setting for the counselor to do his job – to remind us that it was a tough world out there and we were just not working up to our potential.

It would have been impossible for any of us to emulate the counselor. The word was, no doubt spread by the counselor that he had graduated high school at 12 or 14, had a college degree by 16 and a doctorate by 21. It was just too exhausting for any of us to equal. And in any case, in our neighborhood, only about 25-30 percent of the students would pursue a college degree (at least right out of high school).

This was a time when there were lots of good, high paying jobs in the auto industry, in construction and in many other fields that didn't require a college degree. Of course, there was also a war going on and a college deferment could keep the draft at bay.

But preparing the students at my school for the college admissions juggernaut was a small part of the counselor's job.

Today it would seem that college admissions would be a primary concern for high school counselors as fewer and fewer jobs are available with out some post-high school education. But Patrick O'Connor, director of college counseling at Roeper School and past president of the Michigan Association of College Admission Counseling, believes more needs to be done to train high school counselors.

Many veteran high school counselors came out of their M.A. programs with no formal training in college counseling at all, and some newer counselors were exposed to only three-five hours of training in a variety of courses centered on other topics – only to discover the need for more training in college counseling once they became employed counselors, working with Michigan students, O'Connor wrote in an e-mail.

The association is supporting legislation that would require that all new seventh-12th grade counselors complete a separate course in the college selection process before they can be hired by a public school district. Freshman state Rep. Chuck Moss, R-Birmingham, is sponsoring the legislation.

O'Connor argues that recent changes in state expectations make it critical that counselors fully understand the college application process. The state has mandated graduation requirements and the MEAP has been replaced for high school students with the ACT.

O'Connor said that with the strong emphasis on students pursuing postsecondary education, it



Hugh Gallagher

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is important that high school counselors be able "to hit the ground running" with the careful counseling that makes for a successful college application.

O'Connor said counselors are often overburdened, with a 671-1 ratio of students to counselors, the sixth highest in the country.

"Many high schools are telling representatives from colleges they can come to the schools or visit with students at lunch in the cafeteria," O'Connor said.

But that doesn't help students deal with the complex issues of student financing, preparing a written autobiography, understanding what colleges expect in terms of extracurricular and volunteer activities and receiving a realistic assessment of a college's selectivity and where the student's test scores and grades fall for particular colleges. It also doesn't help a student find just the right kind of college for his/her skills and personality – big state university, small private college, community college.

Michigan teachers, parents and students deserve better, O'Connor said.

O'Connor isn't critical of high school counselors, he says Michigan has good counselors who can only become better with this crucial part of their training. And, he believes, this is another important piece of the jigsaw puzzle that will make Michigan's schools more competitive and competent in preparing students for higher education.

Michigan is blessed to have good college counseling occurring at the high school level now, but the time has come to raise the quality to an even higher level, he wrote in his e-mail. By passing the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the Michigan Merit Exam (including the ACT), the state legislature is helping our students prepare for college. By passing this legislation, the state legislature will be helping our students make the best decisions about college by providing Michigan students and families with the best prepared college counselors in the nation.

It's a tough world out there and students need all the help they can get to work up to their full potential.

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# If Metroparks were lost, would anyone replace them?

Hugh Gallagher's workmanlike article of Jan. 28 on "Metroparks for the People" reminded me of a favorite parlor game I like to play.

Gallagher reported on the history of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority by Cynthia Furlong Reynolds. It's the story of how a few visionaries, headed by Henry S. Curtis and Harlow O. Whittemore, had the foresight to preserve some of the rivers, forests, meadows and lakes in the Huron and Clinton river valleys.

Even during the Great Depression of the 30s, they saw that the ecosystem could be befouled and might disappear through the intrusion of development. They put together a five-county authority and a small property tax proposal that today has resulted in 13 metroparks from Mount Clemens to Pontiac to Ann Arbor to Brownstown.

Motorized traffic is kept to a minimum. Fees are low. Nature is as unspoiled as it could be in the 21st century. Fishing is better. I swear, in Kent Lake than in many lakes up north. On hikes, my late friend Doug Funke kept lists of different kinds of animals and birds he spotted. In middle age, he had a childlike joy about the metroparks.

The game I mentioned is: If it were destroyed, could it be re-created? In it, you discuss various major institutions and whether they could be re-constructed in today's environmental and governmental climate.

Take the Detroit Institute of Arts. If a meteor or a terrorist's bomb hit, the art of a world-class institution would be cinders. It couldn't be restored. In the regime of Mayor Young, the city backed away from funding it, leaving it to the tender mercies of Gov. John Engler and the state.

I doubt that the state would provide the millions to build a new one. More likely, private funds would put up a museum of modern art elsewhere. The DIA and its baroque masterworks would be gone.

On the other hand, if the auditorium housing the Detroit Symphony Orchestra were hit, another symphony could be formed, in time. Another auditorium could be built, and sheet music rented. Again, the locale might be changed, but the region would again have what we uppity types call "good music."

Got the idea?

The state Capitol building would be difficult. All sorts of records and research would be gone. When it was restored in the 1980s,



Tim Richard

Our state parks are under fearsome attack by a self-styled "think tank" called the Mackinac Center. It would like to sell off a goodly number of parks to private owners and use the proceeds to develop the remaining parks with lodges and many resort amenities.

our leaders re-created a lot of the original glasswork and paneling.

Most importantly, they kept an open atmosphere, where people could visit public servants' offices and committee hearing rooms. You can chat with the governor in the corridor. It's accessible.

I have a hunch that a new capitol building would be full of electronic devices and walls where you have to pass through a metal detector, just like the Oakland courthouse or a Detroit public school. In other words, a functional building would replace it, but the security industry would run amok and spoil it for visitors.

Our state parks are under fearsome attack by a self-styled "think tank" called the Mackinac Center. It would like to sell off a goodly number of parks to private owners and use the proceeds to develop the remaining parks with lodges and many resort amenities. As for the remaining campsites, the more desirable ones and the more popular dates would be auctioned off to the highest bidders. A working-class family looking for a cheap vacation close to nature would have to take the hind spigot, so to speak.

If a tornado two miles wide, like the one that hit on April 1947 from Canadian, Texas, to Woodward, Okla., were to rip at 200 mph up the Clinton and Huron river valleys, it would devastate the 13 metroparks.

Could they be reclaimed? Leaders like Henry Curtis and Harlow Whittemore, if they emerged, would be met with jeers of "job killer" when they promoted a remedial property tax. Private property owners would move in their stakes, the way they often reclaimed abandoned railroad beds to keep hikers and cyclists from using them. Townships would scream for a chance to embellish their tax base.

The visionaries of the 1930s succeeded, but my sad bet is that southeastern Michigan couldn't do it again. Bless the visionaries and the metroparks.

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## Canton wrestlers win 3rd straight District title

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's performance at the Division 1 District wrestling tournament Thursday night at Salem mirrored most of Chief standout Corey Phillips' matches machine like and never really in doubt.

The Chiefs captured their third consecutive District title by ousting the host Rocks, 44-15, in the semifinal before dismantling an undermanned Plymouth squad, 62-12, in the championship tilt.

Canton will take its 26-4 record into Wednesday's talent-stocked D1 Regional



Phillips

Without downgrading the other programs, we're at the point now where we expect to win district titles, said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We look at tonight as the first step toward our goal of getting to the state finals. That's where

at Saline. If the Chiefs can knock off Saline in its first-round Regional match, they will tangle with either Livonia Franklin or Novi Catholic Central for the program's second straight trip to the state finals in Battle Creek.

We set our sights and I think it's within our reach.

"It feels good because we've won three in a row now and before we got here Canton had never won a district title. Having a program at a level where we expect to win is a nice feeling. It's fun to watch the confidence level of the kids rise to the occasion."

Randolph said he's eagerly anticipating Wednesday's intensity-filled showdown.

"If everything falls into place, it should be a great Regional," he emphasized. "Livonia Franklin should go into it as heavily favored because they beat us early

in the year. I think both teams — Canton and Livonia Franklin — would love to see a rematch. Our programs have a love-hate relationship as far as the rivalry goes."

"I think we both respect each other as coaches and we respect each other's program, but once we get on the mat, we're as competitive as you can be."

Sparked by junior Jeremy Epley's 9-2 win over Kiel Price at 152 pounds, the Rocks actually led the Chiefs, 12-9, after five matches. However, back-to-back con-

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, B2

## WLAA basketball hits homestretch

Zoned out  
Northville's stingy  
'D' quiets CantonBY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Northville basketball team's motto the past two years has been "In Alvin We Trust," in reference to all-anything guard Alvin Storrs.

During Friday night's critical victory over Canton, the Mustangs' catch phrase was more like "With Defense We Win."

In a game that determined the regular season champion of the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, the Mustangs' zone defense played a starring role in their 39-31 triumph over the Chiefs.

Penetrating Northville's zone — which features five players 6-foot-2 or taller with long active arms — was about as easy as maneuvering an SUV through a forest of long-branched oak trees.

"We played hard and we held them to 39 points, which is probably about 15 or 16 points below their season average, but obviously we just couldn't score," lamented Canton coach Charlie Pate. "It's the best zone defense we've faced this year by far. They're just so long and they're very aggressive in their zone. And when we did get the ball into Waid (6-foot-7 senior center Ryan Waidmann), there were two Northville players on him like that."

We were getting pretty good looks we just didn't finish.

Canton connected on just 9 of 39 shots from the field (23 percent). The Chiefs managed to make more than two shots in just one quarter — the third, when it went 4-for-12.

Canton also struggled from the free throw line where it went 9-for-17 (52.9 percent).

The victory padded the Mustangs' record to 16-1 and 10-0 in division. Northville is now 36-2 over the past two seasons, losing only to Salem earlier this year and to Novi Catholic Central in last year's Class A District opener.

Canton slipped to 11-6 overall and 8-2 in the division.

Storrs was his usual productive self.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Ryan Langdon battles for a rebound during Friday night's game against Northville. The Mustangs won 39-31 to clinch first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

Brackets set  
for WLAA's  
net tourneyBY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If it's anything like the just-completed regular season, the 2007 Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball tournament promises to be a dandy.

The brackets were filled Friday night following the completion of league games. Western Division champion Northville and Lakes Division winner Westland John Glenn — both of whom went 10-0 in the league — secured the two No. 1 seeds.

Tuesday night's opening-round contests will pit the Mustangs against No. 4 seed Livonia Stevenson (3-7) and No. 2 seed Walled Lake Central (7-3) against No. 3 Wayne Memorial (6-4) on one side of the brackets.

The other side will feature No. 3 seed Salem (5-5) against No. 2 Canton (8-2) and No. 4 Walled Lake Western (3-7) against the top-seeded Rockets.

All first-round games are slated for 7 p.m. at the site of the higher-seeded team.

The semifinal round will be played Friday at 7 p.m. at the schools with the better seeds.

The championship game is slated for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Plymouth High School. The title match-up will be preceded by the third-place game at 5:30 p.m. and the WLAA awards presentation, which will take place just prior to the final game.

Northville is the defending champion. The Mustangs captured the 2006 title thanks to Alvin Storrs' Plymouth gymnasium record 36 points.

Plymouth, Walled Lake Northern, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin will all participate in a round-robin loser's bracket format. Each team will play the other three teams once. Tuesday night's opener will pit Plymouth at Walled Lake Northern and Franklin at Churchill.

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Through thick and thin  
Rocks learned plenty from 20-loss 04-05 seasonBY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Feel good Kodak moments were few and far between for the 2004-05 Salem boys basketball team, which led the league in hustle points but set a school record for losses.

Two years later, however, it's evident that the dark cloud that followed that 1-20 squad around like an ominous shadow had a five-tiered silver lining.

The silver linings' names are Mike Marek, Kevin Burleigh, Brian Baumgart, J.P. Truesdell and Jierah Dixon, all of whom not only endured the 20-loss campaign, but learned some

valuable lessons from it  
**TOUGH TO SWALLOW**

The fivesome all got their first taste of high school varsity basketball that season as sophomores, and it was at times a bitter-tasting pill. But like a slow-acting medicine, the dues the players paid two years ago are paying dividends this year.

That was a tough year all around from battling in practices with the seniors to losing all those games, remembered Truesdell, the Rocks' current starting power forward. "But the varsity experience we all got playing that year has helped us a lot. It also helped build team unity because the

five of us have all played three years together on varsity."

**SUPER ROLE PLAYERS**

While not one of the above-listed seniors would be considered a star of this year's turnaround season — the Rocks' eight wins are more than they notched the two previous years combined — they've each made major contributions to the program's renaissance.

Dixon calmly stroked a game-winning jumper at the buzzer to lead the Rocks to an opening-night victory over Redford Union.

Baumgart has evolved into a

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Salem basketball team's turnaround this season has been due in large part to the play of its five three-year varsity players (pictured clockwise from far left) Kevin Burleigh, J.P. Truesdell, Brian Baumgart, Jierah Dixon and Mike Marek.

## Sidelines

## Ignition camps

The Detroit Ignition will be hosting a series of summer soccer camps for youth players. The camps, which will be located throughout metropolitan Detroit, will give young players an opportunity to train with Ignition players as well as members of the Major Indoor Soccer League team's staff.

Designed for kids between the ages of 4 and 18, the camp curriculum will offer a broad spectrum of training — from basic soccer introduction for younger players to advanced training for older players who are looking for both a technical and tactical edge.

Camp instruction will be led by Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic and team members. Instructors will be subject to camp dates and availability, but they may include Jamar Beasley, Jonathan Greenfield, Doug Rice and Danny Waltman.

For locations and schedules of the camps, visit [www.detroitignition.com](http://www.detroitignition.com), or call (888) 436-4625. The camps are sponsored by the Hantz Group and the Henry Ford Medical Group.

## Soccer champs

The Michigan Saints' '90 U17 girls soccer team has recently registered for division championships spots in the final games in the T-Bays Classic and River City Classic tournaments. The squad is currently ranked 11th in the state and in the top 175 in the Midwest.

The team consists of Carlee Barackman (Plymouth), Emily Baracy (Canton), Bernie Fisher (Redford), Lindsey Jewett (Plymouth), Rachel Kain (Canton), Kris Klema (Dearborn), Amanda Krause (Plymouth), Chelsea Leblanc (Plymouth), Jill Lidster (Canton), Jen Michalek (Plymouth), Alex Noland (Dearborn), Hannah Mills (Plymouth), Aranda Phare (Westland), Jessica Raftary (Dearborn), Jill Slabey (Canton), Sara Stanislawski (Plymouth) and Danielle Thoe (Plymouth).

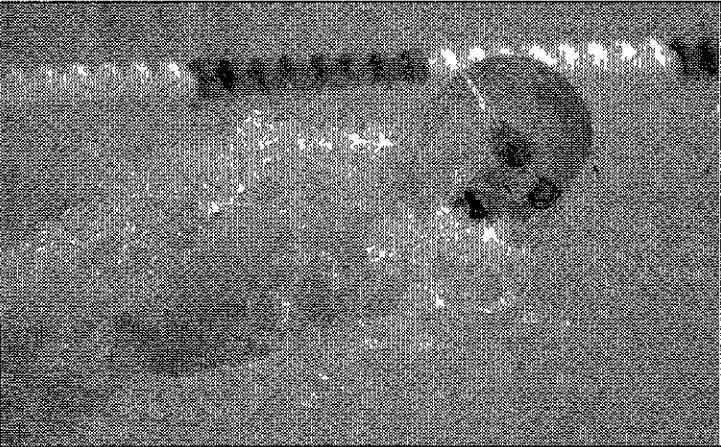
The team is coached by Jim Zurawski, Jim Mills and Randy Phare.

Beach party  
fund-raiser

The Plymouth Wildcat Beach Party Fund-raiser to raise funds for the Plymouth High School athletic programs will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 24, at the VFW Hall, located at 1055 S. Wayne Road in Westland.

The night will be highlighted by a reverse draw down that will award \$1,000 to the first-prize winner, \$500 to second and \$250 to third. Last year over \$10,000 in prizes were given away. Tickets, which cost \$40 a piece, can be purchased at the Plymouth High School Athletic Office.





Salem's David Olson, pictured above in a meet earlier this year, turned in a stellar performance on 'Senior Night' Tuesday in the Rocks' victory over Plymouth.



Plymouth's Dan Stoscup, pictured above in a meet earlier this year, helped lead the Wildcats to a third-place finish in the 200-medley relay during Tuesday's meet against Salem.

SWIM RESULTS

SALEM 104  
PLYMOUTH 82  
Tuesday at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1 Salem (Matt Underhill, Stan Chen, Nick Leone, Jason Williams) 1:46.16; 2 Plymouth (Mike Conger, Kyle Dull, Paul Snyder, Chris Wilson) 1:49.19; 3 Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Dan Stoscup, Jack Distel, Peter Nolan) 1:58.22.

200 freestyle: 1 Nick Leone (S) 1:55.04; 2 Jason Oldani (P) 2:03.83; 3 Joe Eudy (P) 2:05.45.

200 IM: 1 Mike Conger (P) 2:09.58; 2 David Olson (S) 2:15.03; 3 Stan Chen (S) 2:20.74.

50 freestyle: 1 Jason Williams (S) 23.88; 2 Jon Babb (S) 24.11; 3 Chris Wilson (P) 24.60.

1-meter diving: 1 Kevin Smith (S) 148.25 points; 2 Kyle Wilkenson (P) 138.95; 3 Gus Mady (S) 104.90.

100 butterfly: 1 Nick Leone (S) 57.99; 2 David Olson (S) 1:01.98; 3 Jack Distel (P) 1:06.65.

100 freestyle: 1 Jon Babb (S) 53.65; 2 Chris Wilson (P) 54.38; 3 Jason Williams (S) 54.64.

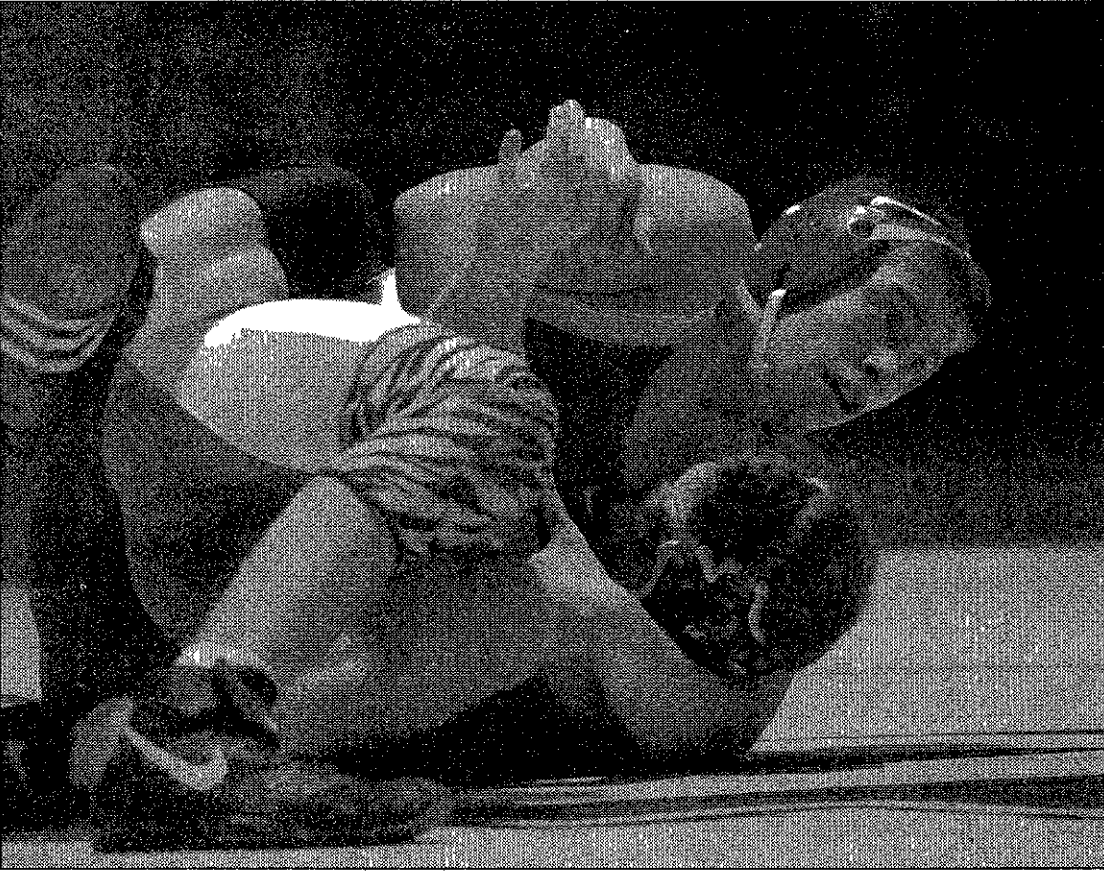
500 freestyle: 1 Matt Underhill (S) 5:08.76; 2 Mike Conger (P) 5:14.23; 3 Doug Fransioli (S) 5:40.38.

200 freestyle relay: 1 Salem (Jon Babb, Stan Chen, David Olson, Jason Williams) 1:36.33; 2 Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Kyle Dull, Joe Eudy, Peter Nolan) 1:40.12; 3 Plymouth (Tony McLaughlin, Jack Gruszczynski, Paul Snyder, Jason Oldani) 1:47.04.

100 backstroke: 1 Matt Underhill (S) 1:02.13; 2 Ben Ambrose (P) 1:06.43; 3 Jimmy Crabill (S) 1:06.94.

100 breaststroke: 1 Stan Chen (S) 1:10.34; 2 Kyle Dull (P) 1:12.03; 3 Tony McLaughlin (P) 1:12.45.

400 freestyle relay: 1 Salem (Nick Leone, Jon Babb, David Olson, Matt Underhill) 3:34.57; 2 Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Peter Nolan, Ethan Weiner, Mike Conger) 3:45.26; 3 Plymouth (Joe Eudy, Jason Oldani, Jack Distel, Paul Snyder) 3:52.39.



Canton's 135-pound Brent Winekoff (top), pictured above in a match earlier this season, notched a pair of wins in the Chiefs' Division 1 District title-clinching performance Wednesday night at Salem.

WRESTLING

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vincing victories from heavy-weight Luke Konsitzke (pin) and 103-pound Donnie Watkins (technical fall) ignited a 23-0 Chief outburst that sealed the semi-final win.

Joining Konsitzke and Watkins in the winner's circle for Canton were Brian Brubaker (160), Dan Wanshon (189), Carl Lucke (112), Phil Rollinger (119), Steve Cox (125), Brent Winekoff (135), Phillips (140) and Joe Sanders (152).

Epley, Sam Lepper (171), Hussein Ajami (215) and Alex Kemp (130) earned wins for the Rocks.

I thought we had a few guys wrestle well, especially Sam Lepper, said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. Sams been beaten up a lot this season, but hes been competitive and stayed positive through everything. It was nice to see him hang in there and get a win tonight.

The loss ended the Rocks season at 7-10.

Six of the Chiefs' 11 individual victories against the Wildcats came via pins and three others were the result of voids. Notching pins for the winners were Brubaker, heavyweight Donnie Laramie, Watkins, Cox, Winekoff and Phillips. Wanshon won on a technical fall (16-1) while Jon Webster earned a 6-4 decision at 215.

Plymouths points came from Vince Darolfis pin at 171, Ben Kosmalskis 7-6 overtime victory over Jeremy Fillipelli at 119 and Anthony Favots 9-5 triumph at 130.

Brent Winekoff has been tough as nails for us all season, said Randolph. To win 35 matches as a freshman at 130 and 135 is quite an accomplishment because hes had to face a lot of quality opponents.

I thought Joe Sanders and Brian Brubaker wrestled well, too. Brian had to win a wrestle-off earlier today in wrestling class, then he goes out and wins twice tonight. That shows a lot of character.

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Red wings alumni game to benefit mentor program

On Sunday, March 18, The Detroit Red Wings Alumni will take the ice at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township against the Oakland County Public Safety All Stars, a team of police, fire officers from across the county and Meltdown The BIG Unit from WRIF.

The 4:30 p.m. game is to benefit Mentor Connection, a mentoring program of Jewish Family Service (JFS).

Tickets for the game are \$10 per person in advance or \$12 at the door. The evening also includes a clinic for children beforehand and a dinner reception with the Red Wings Alumni afterwards.

Tickets for the clinic and dinner are \$10 and \$12, respectively. Space at both events is limited. For more information or to purchase tickets call Lindsay Leder, 248-592-2309, or email lleder@jfsdetroit.org.

The hockey game is a Friend Raiser for Mentor Connection, with a goal of increased awareness of the program while recruiting new mentors.

Mentor Connection brings together young people from across Oakland County who can benefit from encouragement and

attention from caring adults who can provide that support through structured mentoring relationships. In 2006, Mentor Connection served 98 children.

Mentor Connection is a program of JFS that has offices in West Bloomfield and Oak Park.

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Canton spikers hitting stride

Canton's volleyball team may be peaking at the right time. With the Western Lakes Activities Association league tournament and Division 1 District play looming, the Chiefs played perhaps their most complete match Thursday night when they swept Livonia Franklin — 25-14, 25-19 and 25-23 — in a make-up of Wednesday night's snowed-out contest.

The victory improved Canton's record to 8-13-6 overall and 5-4 in the WLAA's Western Division.

We played with confidence and looked relaxed the entire night, no matter what the score was, said Canton coach Jen Barnes. Our serving was back again tonight as we had a total of 14 aces. We've worked a lot on serving to locations and aggressive serves, and it's starting to pay off. We're getting aces and making it difficult for the other teams to run

their offense off of serve receive.

Pacing the Chiefs' victory were Kacy Moran (six kills, four aces and 14 assists), Jordan Kielty (seven kills), Marie Martin (seven blocks, three kills) and Hannah Mills (16 digs).

The Chiefs will host Northville Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Phase III gymnasium.

'CATS ROLL

Plymouth's volleyball team improved to 17-17-4 overall and 3-6 in the WLAA's Western Division with a three-game sweep of Wayne Memorial Thursday night, 25-20, 25-19 and 25-13.

The Wildcats received strong performances from Chelsey Quinlan (eight kills and 11 digs), Rachel Heaton (16 digs and six kills) and Brittany Hengesh (eight kills and four blocks).

WRESTLING RESULTS

CANTON 44  
SALEM 15  
Division 1 District Semi-Final  
Thursday at Salem

152 pounds: Jeremy Epley (S) dec. Kiel Price 9-2; 160 Brian Brubaker (C) dec. Austin Root 8-2; 171 Sam Lepper (S) dec. Adam Powers 13-12; 189 Dan Wanshon (C) pinned Blake Abbey in 3:07; 215 Hussein Ajami (S) pinned Jon Webster in 3:04; 285 Luke Konsitzke (C) pinned Chase Moore in 1:10; 103 Donnie Watkins (C) won by technical fall 17-2 over Karl Allan; 112 Carl Lucke (C) dec. Kevin Bennet 10-4; 119 Phil Rollinger (C) pinned Grant Heidenreich in 3:34.

125 Steve Cox (C) dec. Nick Steiger 6-2; 130 Alex Kemp (S) dec. Josh Hurst 4-2; 135 Brent Winekoff (C) won by major decision over Kevin Hayter 19-9; 140 Corey Phillips (C) won by technical fall 15-0 over Johannes Olind; 145 Joe Sanders (C) dec. Mike Rasak 9-3.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton 26-3 Salem 7-10.

CANTON 62  
PLYMOUTH 12  
Division 1 District Final  
Thursday at Salem

160 pounds: Brian Brubaker (C) pinned

Scarantino in 3:40; 171 Vince Darolfi (P) pinned Adam Powers in 1:54; 189 Dan Wanshon (C) won by technical fall 16-1 over Davey; 215 Jon Webster (C) dec. Pomerson 6-1; 285 Donnie Laramie (C) pinned Frantz in 32 seconds; 103 Johnson (C) won by void; 112 Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Santino Besco in 2:46; 119 Ben Kosmalski (P) dec. Jeremy Fillipelli 7-6 in overtime; 125 Steve Cox (C) pinned Neville in 2:30; 130 Favot (P) dec. Josh Hurst 9-5; 135 Brent Winekoff (C) pinned Barackman in 2:54; 140 Zeidan (C) won by void; 145 Corey Phillips (C) pinned Rogers in 1:10; 152 Jo Sanders (C) won by void.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL  
WLAA Tournament  
Tuesday, Feb. 20  
First-round games

A) Stevenson at Northville 7 p.m.  
B) Wayne at W.L. Central 7 p.m.  
C) Salem at Canton 7 p.m.  
D) W.L. Western at John Glenn 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23  
Semi-final games

A winner vs. B winner 7 p.m.  
C winner vs. D winner 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 28  
Championship game 7:30 p.m.  
at Plymouth High School  
Loser's Bracket games  
Tuesday, Feb. 20

Plymouth at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 23

Livonia Churchill at Plymouth 7 p.m.  
MIAC games  
Friday, Feb. 23

PCA at Canton Agape  
at G.C. United Christian 7 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL  
Monday, Feb. 19

Northville at Canton 7 p.m.  
Salem at Livonia Churchill 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24  
WLAA Conference Tourney  
at W.L. Central TBA

PREP HOCKEY  
Friday, Feb. 23

W.L. Northern at Canton at Arctic Edge Ice Arena 8 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING  
Wednesday, Feb. 21  
Division 1 Team Regional  
Tournament at Saline

A) Canton vs. Saline 5 p.m.  
B) Franklin vs. Novi CC 5 p.m.  
A vs. B winners at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24  
Individual Regional Tournament TBA

BOYS SWIMMING  
Thursday, Feb. 22

WLAA Conference Swimming  
Prelims at Salem 1 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 23

WLAA Conference Diving  
Prelims at Salem 2 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 24

WLAA Conference Finals  
at Salem noon

GIRLS GYMNASTICS  
Thursday, Feb. 22

WLAA Conference Meet  
at W.L. Central TBA

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE  
Sunday, Feb. 18

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# Charger rally thwarts Rock cagers

Livonia Churchill dug itself out of an early hole and rallied to post a thrilling 58-56 overtime victory over visiting Salem Friday night.

The Chargers trailed by as many as eight in the opening half before cutting their deficit to 50-47 with seconds to play. That's when guard Andrew Vagnetti buried an NBA length three-point shot to send the game into the extra session.

Led by the inside play of Ryan Rosenick, Nick Seger and Brad Evans, the Chargers never trailed in the overtime to improve their record to 7-10 overall and 3-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. Salem slipped to 8-9 and 5-5, respectively.

Salem physically beat us up in the first half," said Churchill coach Jim Solak. "But those three guys — Ryan, Nick and Brad — attacked the glass and rebounded much better in the second half and in the overtime. That was the key for us."

"We played them tough the last time at their place. We hadn't been playing well, so I was extremely happy with the win tonight. Salem is a big, strong team and we were able to muscle up and hang on for the win."

The Rocks rode a red-hot perimeter game to a 28-22 halftime advantage.

"We made several threes in the first half, but that's a tough way to live," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They just out hustled us in the second half."

Rosenick led the winners with 22 points and 10 boards. Evans added 12 while Vagnetti contributed 10. Juniors Grant Stone and Ross Davis both netted 14 points for the Rocks.

Churchill drained 12-of-18 free throws while Salem went 8-of-12 from the charity stripe.

The Rocks will open the WLA conference tournament on Tuesday at Canton. Churchill will take on Livonia Franklin in a losers' bracket contest. Both games are set to



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy junior guard Trevor Zinn, pictured above during a game earlier this season, scored a team high 21 points in the Eagles' 55-54 loss to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

tip off at 7 p.m.

## INTER-CITY BAPTIST 55, PCA 54

On Friday in Allen Park, the Eagles battled the Chargers to wire before falling at the end.

Junior guard Trevor Zinn shined for PCA, netting 21 points. Matt Saagman also played well, contributing 13.

Jeff Yunk paced the winners with 16 points. Nick Packwood scored all 12 of his points in the first half.

This was probably our best game of the year," said PCA coach Dave Yost. "We were trailing most of the fourth quarter, but we made a nice comeback. We had some opportunities down the stretch, but we missed some key free throws."

With his team trailing 55-51, PCAs Justin Govan drained a triple with a second left.

However, the Eagles could not regain possession of the ball.

PCA netted just 7-of-17 free throws. The Chargers drained 12-of-21 from the charity stripe.

Inter-City led 14-13 after one quarter before the visiting Eagles fought back to knot the game at 26-all at the half. The Chargers carried a 40-35 advantage into the final stanza.

PCA played the final three minutes without Zinn, who fouled out.

They beat us by 30-something the first time we played them, so this shows how much better we've been playing lately," said Yost.

The Eagles return to action Friday when they take on Canton Agape Christian. The game will be played at Garden City United Christian Church.

## SALEM

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top-notch rebounder and interior defensive player.

The blue-collar Truesdell epitomizes the word: hustle and often accumulates more floor burns than points.

Burleigh is one of the team's most reliable guards off the bench and possibly its best ball-handler.

And the lightning-quick Marek frustrates opposing guards with his in-your-face defense and an occasional net-finding bomb from beyond the three-point arc.

When they were all sophomores, I saw that they had the talent to play on the varsity and I thought they'd all fit into our team chemistry as well," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We had some seniors coming back and some juniors coming up who had some talent, but I knew they needed some help, so I figured I'd bring the sophomores along and improve them for the future."

I had tried this before with individual players, but I had

never done it with this many players for such a long time. In the past, I may have jockeyed five or six players up and down between the junior varsity and the varsity, but this group stayed up on varsity continuously.

Looking back, Brodie considers his experiment a bonafide success.

This group has improved every year since their sophomore season — both individually and as a team," he said. "And our record shows that. We went from one win their sophomore season to six last season to eight this year, so far. A lot of it has to do with the experience they got their sophomore year. If they didn't have three years of varsity experience right now, they might not be quite as effective as they've been for us."

## EXTRA EFFORT

What does Marek remember most about that brutal 04-05 campaign?

The double practices, he said, without hesitation. "We'd practice with the varsity and the junior varsity, which was tough. I remember how tired

I'd be when I got home from practice."

I also remember how competitive the varsity practices were. We had to bust our butts in practice every day because we were battling the seniors for playing time and they didn't want to give it up."

Marek said the loss-after-heartbreaking-loss routine gave him a new perspective on things.

"More than anything, it made me appreciate our wins this season," he said. "I know we've only won eight games, which may not seem like a lot, but to us it's a very good year, a lot of improvement."

The practices were battles, Burleigh agreed. "The seniors didn't want to give up their spots to the sophomores, so they battled us all the way. It was very, very competitive, but it definitely made us all better players."

And, as a result, there have been a lot more feel-good Kodak moments for the Rocks this season.

And, more importantly, a lot more wins.

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# Jeong's late FT's propel 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's cheering section tested Plymouth junior guard Dan Jeong's concentration during the final seconds of Friday night's Western Lakes Activities Association contest in the Patriots gym.

He passed the test with flying colors.

With the game tied at 53-all and 10 ticks left on the clock, Jeong blocked out the fans' noise and drained the decisive free throws in the Wildcats' 55-53 victory.

Dan's one of those players you like to see at the line in situations like that," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "He's proven to be a pretty clutch shooter when he was on the JV team last year and this season on varsity."

Plymouth improved to 6-11 overall and 3-7 in the WLAA's

Western Division, but barely missed qualifying for the conference's post-season tournament. The Wildcats tied Walled Lake Western for fourth place in the division, but lost out in the tie-breaking system, which came down to point differential in the teams' two meetings this season.

Brandon Roberts paced the winners with 17 points. Jeong finished with 12 and junior guard Andy Price contributed six (two triples) off the bench.

Tyler Canyock led Franklin with 15 points while Ryan Matthey added 12. Sophomore Gary Cobb netted eight points, including a pair of monster slams that electrified the crowd.

Shortly after Jeong's free throws, Matthey was fouled on a drive to the basket. He missed the front end of a one-and-one and a Patriot last-second tip-in also missed the mark.

Plymouth overcame a 13-11 first-quarter deficit by draining five triples in the second stanza to carry a 28-24 lead heading into the third quarter. Franklin inched to within 42-40 with eight minutes to play.

Van Wagoner praised the play of reserves Kulraj Sandhu and Wes Shelton, both of whom gave the Wildcats several productive minutes.

The Wildcats were nearly perfect from the free-throw line, hitting 10-of-11. The Patriots, on the other hand, struggled at the charity stripe, twining just 11-of-22.

Both teams will compete in the WLAA's losers' bracket play beginning Tuesday night when Plymouth travels to Walled Lake Northern and Franklin visits crosstown rival Livonia Churchill. Both games are slated to tip-off at 7 p.m.

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## CANTON

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scoring 22 points. The 6-1 guard seemed to amp up his game whenever the Chiefs would threaten to seize the momentum.

Paye praised the play of his senior guard, Josh Butler, who he said made Storrs work for most of his points.

I think Josh does as good of a job defensively on Storrs as anybody," said Paye. "Even when Storrs posts up, Josh uses his strength to make it tough for him to score."

Other than Storrs, senior forward Bret Spencer (seven points) was the only Mustang to score more than four. Spencer's biggest make was a triple with 2:18 to play that put his team up 34-27.

Junior forward Neil Sharma accounted for more than half of the Chiefs' offense as he netted 16, including a pair of threes. Waidmann, who had to battle double teams all night, finished with six points and eight boards.

Canton played without starting senior forward Steve Paye, who sat out with a sprained ankle.

"We definitely missed Steve's strength inside and his rebounding," said Paye. "He's been averaging about 10 points and six rebounds the past few games, so it would have helped to have him in there. Hopefully, he's ready for the (WLAA) tournament next week."

Northville led 10-4 after a defense-dominated first quarter in which both teams' offenses tried to solve their opponents' defense.

The Mustangs led 15-11 at the break and 25-21 with eight minutes to play.

Canton's only lead of the night came with 3:22 remaining in the third quarter when Sharma buried a long three pointer to make it 20-18. Storrs answered, however, by scoring the next 11 points. When the dust had settled from his shooting spree, the Mustangs led 29-23 with 4:40 left.

Two Sharma free throws brought Canton to within 34-29 with 1:24 remaining, but Storrs re-upped the lead to seven with a pair of free throws with 35 seconds to go.

Both teams took care of the ball. Canton registered 13



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Canton's Josh Butler attempts to dribble around Northville's Alvin Storrs during Friday night's 39-31 Mustang win.

turnovers while Northville had 11 miscues.

Northville junior forward David Burke has a stellar defensive game, blocking four

shots. Storrs also shined at the defensive end, recording six steals.

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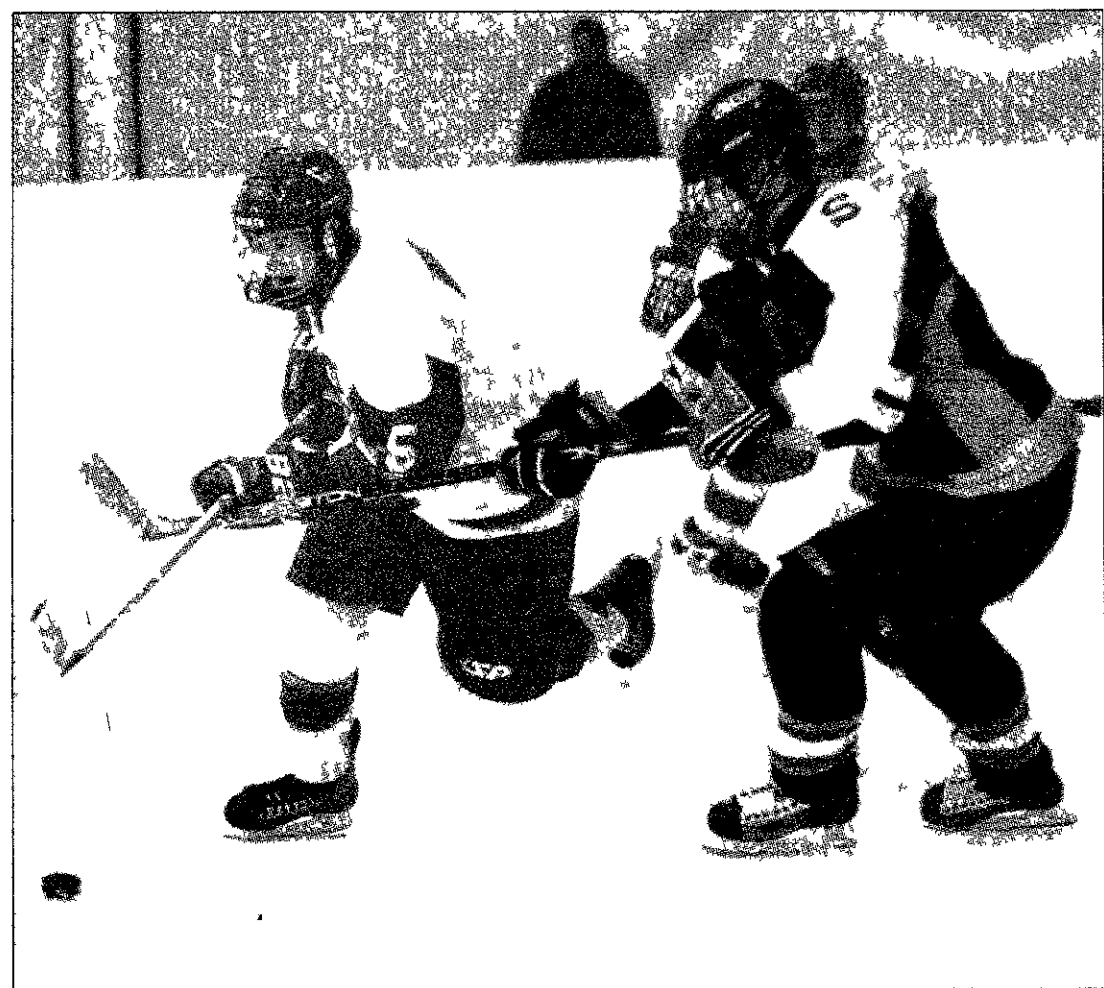
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Canton's J.P. LaFontaine (left) pictured above in a game earlier this season, was one of the catalysts of the Chiefs' recent three-game winning streak.

# Red-hot Chief icers fall to Western

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Friday night's 6-1 loss to Walled Lake Western aside, the Canton hockey team has offset a rough start to the season with a recent victory surge.

The Chiefs had reeled off a season-best three-game winning streak heading into the setback to the Warriors. Leading the charge has been the No. 1 line of Alex Lajoie, Brad Barath and J.P. LaFontaine, who have been the primary catalysts in the team's 8-12-2 season.

"I told the guys after the game tonight to not let one loss ruin some very good things that have been going on the past couple of weeks," said Canton coach Dan Abraham. "Because of the hard work it's been putting in, this team has been playing much better than it did earlier in the season. This is a very hard-working team."

Energized by goals from

'I told the guys after the game tonight to not let one loss ruin some very good things that have been going on the past couple of weeks.'

Canton coach Dan Abraham

Barath (two), Clark Albers and Justin Ward, the Chiefs upended WLAA Western Division leader Plymouth 4-3, on Tuesday night. The Wildcats knotted the contest at 3-3 with a goal 5:16 into the final period, but Barath tallied the unassisted game-winner with just 4:55 remaining.

"Our power play has been very good during our three-game winning streak," said Abraham. "We've scored quite a few power-play goals and we've been getting good goal tending out of Zane Birchler."

It appeared as if the Chiefs were well on their way to

their fourth straight win on Friday when Barath lit the lamp just 20 seconds after the opening face-off. However, the host Warriors tied the game at 1-1 all later in the period before scoring two more goals in the second to ice the win.

I think we were a little too high going into the game, said Abraham. Their goalie was pretty good, but we didn't test him like we should have.

Prior to the victory over Plymouth, the Chiefs ousted Livonia Franklin, 4-2, and Redford Unified, 4-1.

Birchler got the win in both games. Anthony Bonnett Lajoie (two) and Barath tallied goals in the win over the Patriots.

Canton, which is 4-4 in the WLAA, will host Walled Lake Northern in a league cross-over game Friday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton Township.

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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. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

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

## RUNNING CLUB

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

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

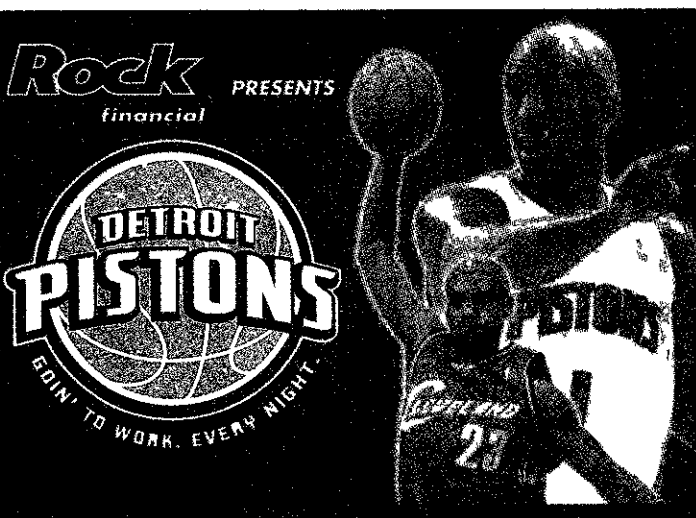
Varying distances are run ranging from 4-6 miles.

For more information, send an e-mail to Bo@sprauer.com or call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.



## Shark attack

The Plymouth-Canton Sharks hockey recently completed an incredible streak of success by capturing a state-wide championship in Holland. Pictured (front row from left) are Nick Danis, Steven Sisolak, Hunter Oatman, Eric VandenBosch, Dillon Knight. (middle row from left) Jack Gifford, Michael Hampe, Andrew Angell, Jack Marentic, Nicholas Glud, Chris Knight, Jack Spencer, Lucas Winkler, Josh Kramer, Cameron O'Donnell. (back row from left) assistant coach Jeff Marentic, head coach Gary Winkler, assistant coach Gary Danis and assistant coach Dave Kramer.



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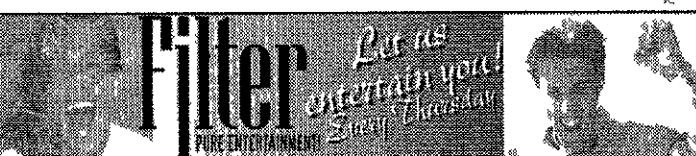
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## Comic books can be beneficial

The only thing that my 8-year-old son will read is comic books. Each week, his father takes him to a store that only sells comic books and he gets new ones. He reads and re-reads them, puts them into plastic baggies and keeps them in a special box. My worry is that when I was a child, my mother told me that it had been proven that comic books lead to psychological problems. My husband thinks that I am completely wrong. What do you know about the link between comic books and psychological problems?



### On Parenting

Terry Wilamowski

Sue, via e-mail

The "research" that your mother was referring to was probably from a book in the 1950s called *Seduction of the Innocent* by a psychologist named Fredric Wertham. In this work, the whole comic industry was blamed for the increase in juvenile delinquency and crime. Despite the author's assertions, there had been no actual research or findings that served as the basis for his conclusions. In the time since this book, which caused

quite a stir in its day, no connection between comic books and psychological or social difficulties have been discovered.

In fact, it is my opinion that reading comic books can actually be beneficial. Comic books promote the joys of reading, a feat that is not always easy to achieve. Secondly, they often tell fantastical stories with moralities of right and wrong and stimulate the imagination in ways that other mediums may not. Also, they provide an opportunity for children to develop organizational skills and a sense of responsibility (your son's collection seems to be well cared for). Finally, it sounds like the weekly trips to the comic store are a good bonding opportunity for your son and his father.

Of course, like any activity that your children want to undertake, parental guidance is necessary. Comic books, like movies and video games, are rated based on content. While many think of this medium as child focused, certain titles are for mature readers only. If you have any doubts, talk to the store employees, they can help you monitor the books that your son reads. When all is said and done, your son is excited about reading and this will stay with him if and when he loses interest in the "funny books."

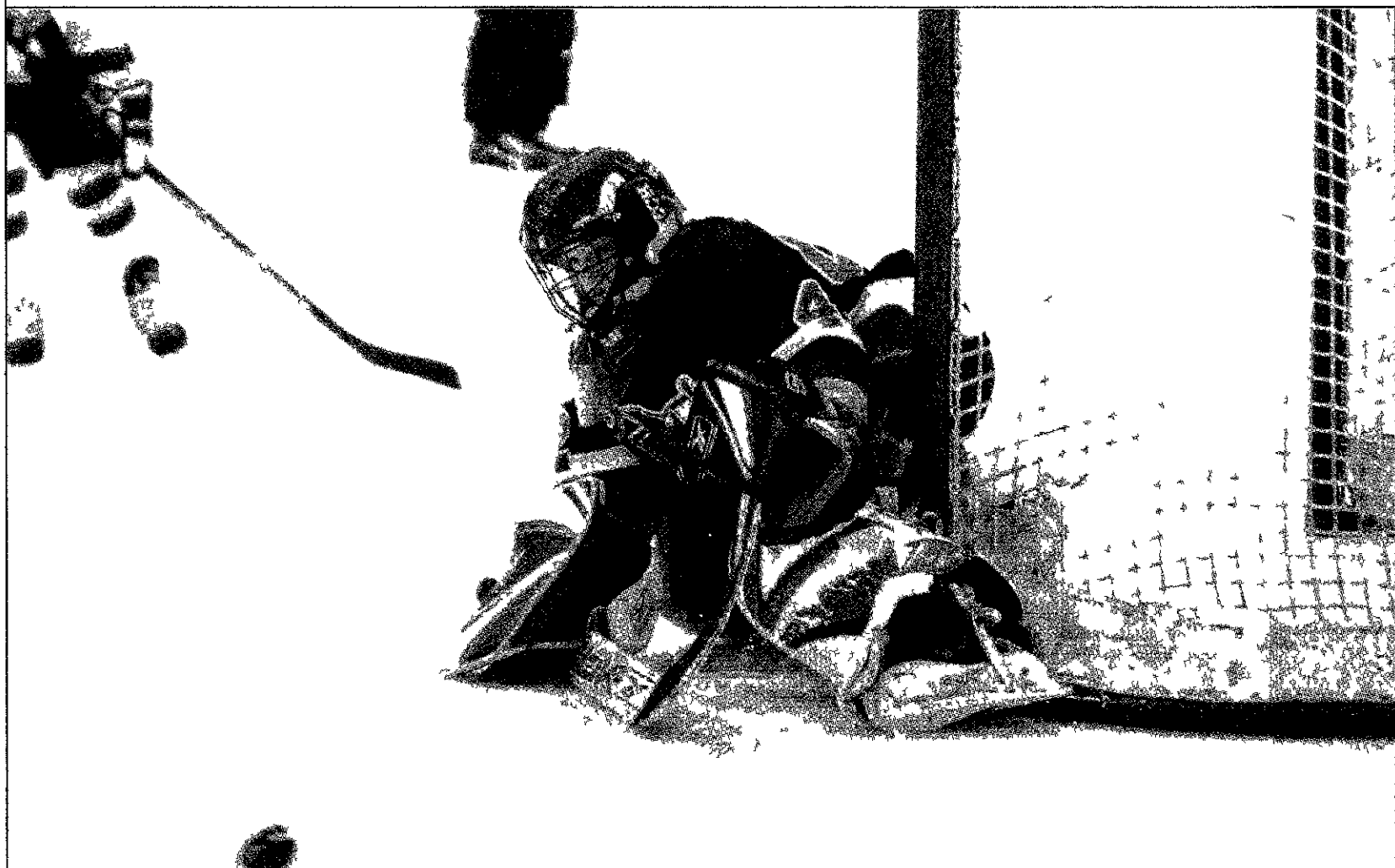
My two-and-a-half-year-old daughter is a pack rat. She saves every scrap of paper, every broken toy, every stick and leaf that she finds in the back yard. Whenever I try to get her to throw this trash away, she cries and begs me to let her keep it. I guess that I'm just a big softy because I always seem to give in. Is my daughter Obsessive Compulsive? Why does she want to keep this junk? How can I get her room clean when there is so much clutter? Help!

Diane, via e-mail

Well, Diane, the first thing that we need to establish is that the things that you or I might call "trash" and "junk" are "treasures" to your daughter. She has assigned value to these things and as such, they have become part of her. When you suggest (or command or plead or ) that she get rid of them, it causes her emotional distress. Think about how you would respond if someone had asked you to throw away your wedding photos or your prized Beanie Babies. Her distress is real.

Believe it or not, her pack-ratting behavior is not all that uncommon. It is just one of the many ways that children cope with the many stressors of their daily environment. Every child lives in a world that is almost completely beyond their understanding and control. This is a fundamental fact of childhood. As she grows, she will learn new coping devices and leave older ones behind. Most children do this in one form or another. Pacifiers, special blankets, favorite stuffed animals, superhero capes, etc. are all different types of these coping mechanisms. And all of these, like your daughter's pack-ratting, are completely within the normal range and, at this time, do not suggest the presence of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. Now, let's see what we can do to reduce the clutter. If you have been a regular reader of this column, you are probably familiar with my fondness for choices. This is another instance that I think will be best served by careful use of options. For example, the next time your daughter wants to bring in several items from the yard (yes, I know that this will probably be months from now, but bear with me), allow her to keep as many items as will fit into a shoebox. If she cannot fit all of the items in, let her decide which items to remove from her collection and which to include. In this way, her collection can change and grow, but the limit will be set by the container. To make this even more special, the shoebox can, and should, be decorated in the style of your daughter's choosing. The key is to not make it a power struggle. Allow her to choose whichever items she wants, as long as they fit into the box. This should help to reduce the overall presence of clutter as well as to convince your daughter that you respect her (and her collection). As time passes, she will move on to other things, but you may find it difficult to get rid of this treasure box.

Terry M. Wilamowski is a therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments can be sent to [terrywilamowski@yahoo.com](mailto:terrywilamowski@yahoo.com).



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Jackson Lytle, Plymouth Killer Sharks goalie, keeps an eye on the puck as it passes the net.

## IN THE GAME

### Hockey players overcome heart defects

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The Birmingham Titans lost the district pee-wee hockey game to the Plymouth Killer Sharks in late January, but both of the teams' goalies were winners. Their mothers never thought Patrick Adams and

**'Thirty years ago survival was far less. Not enough children have survived to know what to expect. There may be complications they might not be aware of. We need to stay involved.'**

Michele Lytle  
Mother of Jackson Lytle

Jackson Lytle would survive open heart surgery let alone play a variety of sports one day. The boys seem less interested in talking about early health problems than their time on the ice.

It was a fun game said Patrick Adams, a sixth-grade student at Detroit Country Day School. When the 11-year-old Birmingham boy isn't deflecting goals, he's on a tennis court or

baseball diamond.

Lytle is too busy playing hockey, baseball and drums to even think about the congenital heart defect he was born with until a fellow player asks, what's that on your chest? His mother, Michele, thinks the answer that follows is more common than believed. According to the Congenital Heart Information Network ([tchin.org](http://tchin.org)), it's estimated that one in 100 children born



Even though Jackson Lytle (left) and Patrick Adams play for opposing pee-wee hockey teams, the boys have a lot in common. They recently met again after a game at Birmingham Ice Arena.

in the U.S. every year has a malformed heart. Jackson's scar is from open heart surgery the 12-year-old Plymouth boy underwent at 28 hours old for a rare defect known as Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return. Jackson's older sister Megan was born with the same condition. Jackson was 2 or 3 when I wanted to find two children in a family with heart defects. There aren't a lot of children older than Megan because the technology didn't exist to repair it, said Michele Lytle, who went on the Internet looking for a support

PLEASE SEE PLAYERS, C3

## Catholic nun honored for years of service

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Sister Rose Marie Kujawa is all smiles even though she's still fighting jet lag after an 18-hour flight from the Far East. The president of Madonna University returned last Sunday afternoon from a 15-day trip to present master of business administration degrees to 60 students in China as part of the Livonia-based university's international program.

As academic dean, Kujawa was instrumental in paving the way for international studies and the export of Madonna's graduate program to



Sister Rose Marie Kujawa

Taiwan in 1989. The accomplishment is one of the reasons Kujawa, a Felician nun, is being honored at the Michigan Business and Professional Association's 11th annual Women and Leadership

in the Workplace Conference and Awards Luncheon, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Kujawa won the award for the education category.

"I was very honored when informed about the award a month ago," said Kujawa, 64. "We've obviously accomplished a great deal at Madonna University, but don't expect to be recognized."

A 1966 graduate and mathematics major of Madonna University, Kujawa became its sixth president in 2001. Some 25 years earlier, she developed and taught the first computer courses there,

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Sister Rose Marie Kujawa  
Madonna University president

but considers the international program one of her greatest achievements. Over the years, she has visited more than 25 countries to build ongoing educational relationships with England, France, Poland, Lithuania, Spain, Mexico, Egypt, Lebanon, Taiwan, China, and Japan.

"In China, we had a reunion of 120 graduates

One had just been elected governor in one of the provinces in southern China," Kujawa said. "We have over 400 graduates in mainland China, over 600 students graduated in Taiwan."

It's very interesting. Once you get to be known in the area, they spread the word (about the pro-

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AROUND TOWN

**Princess ball**  
The Northville Parks and Recreation Department hosts the Princess Ball 3 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Saturday Feb. 24 for girls ages 3 and older and their dads. The event takes place at the Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline in Northville. Register by going to the parks and recreation office, 700 W. Baseline. Cost is \$10 and each little princess gets a gift bag, cookies and crafts. For more information, call Cheryl Mudd, (248) 349-0203. Ext. 1411.

**Eat for Education**  
Eat for Education Taste Fest with Silent Auction will be hosted by Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia, 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Tickets are \$10 as a fund raiser for the school. Local restaurants and bakeries will serve signature dishes while the auction features hotel packages/weekend getaways/spa packages/etc. (734) 261-9540 or visit [academicpathways.com](http://academicpathways.com)

**Genealogical society**  
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets March 1 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell, with a help session starting at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Richard Hutchins, a Fowlerville author, will talk about "Howell Goes to War." The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

**Grief support series**  
Heartland Hospice offers a five-week series, "Living with Grief," beginning Thursday, March 1 through March 29 from 5-7 p.m. This program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. This free series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office, 3840 Packard St., 260 in Ann Arbor and is open to anyone in the community. For more information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator, (734) 973-1145.

**Academic Pathways preschool**  
Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia will host an open house from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 6. Enroll in classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3-year-olds and Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4-year-olds. Potty training not required. Certified teacher. (734) 459-6689 or visit [academicpathways.com](http://academicpathways.com)

**Lenten fish fry**  
St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 20700 Colgate in Dearborn Heights, hosts its annual all-you-can-eat Lenten Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. Feb. 23-Apr. 6. The event features baked and fried fish, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, cole slaw and dessert. Cost is \$8.50 for adults, \$4.75 for children under 12. For more information, call (313) 562-5356.

**Bocce for bucks**  
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's signature fund-raising event, Bocce for Bucks III, sponsored by Complete Infusion Services, offers patrons an opportunity to receive professional instruction on the sport from World Cup Bocce players. The event takes place 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township. Bocce for Bucks III features an afternoon of indoor bocce ball tournament play ideal for families and people of all ages, an Italian buffet, silent auction and much more. No prior

experience or equipment needed. Dress is casual and prizes will be awarded to the top teams. New this year is a private benefactor reception to be held 6 p.m. Sunday, March 25 at Park West Gallery in Southfield. Runds raised will help provide an innovative life-saving system. VNA's TeleHomecare program, used by VNA to educate and empower patients by checking their health between home visits. Tickets are available with the following benefits: \$100 Guest ticket. Receives bocce play, Italian buffet, dinner, beer/wine, desserts, silent auction and exit gift. \$150 Patron ticket. Receives all of the above plus expert bocce instruction from World Cup Bocce Players one hour prior to event start and \$200 Benefactor ticket. Receives all of the above plus invitation to Private Benefactor Reception. For sponsorship, advertising or ticket information for Bocce for Bucks III, call (248) 967-8324 or visit [vna.org](http://vna.org)

**Ewald scholarship**  
The H.T. Ewald Foundation is accepting applications for its 2007 scholarship program. Completed application must be postmarked by March 1, 2007. To be eligible, one must be a graduating high school student living in Metro Detroit and entering college full time in the fall. Scholarship recipients are chosen based on their overall scholarship record, leadership abilities, community work, character and financial need. To apply, one must send in an official H.T. Ewald Foundation Scholarship application, three or more letters of recommendation, a photograph, a minimum of 500 words autobiography and a complete high school transcript. Scholarships are awarded yearly in early August. The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$3,500 and the amount is based on the financial need of the recipient. The number of scholarships awarded varies every year. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years. For an application or more information, call the H.T. Ewald Foundation office at (313) 821-1278.

**Climb Detroit**  
Registration has begun for the first Climb Detroit fund-raiser to benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan. The event, a stair climb up 70 flights at the Marriott Detroit at the Renaissance Center, Michigan's tallest building, takes place Sunday, Feb. 25. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. The climb starts at 8:30 a.m. Climbers will be awarded by age group and fastest time. Pre-registration required by Feb. 20. Cost of the climb is \$35 with an additional fund-raising minimum of \$65 for the full climb and \$45 for the half climb. To register, visit [www.climbdetroit.org](http://www.climbdetroit.org) or call the ALAM office, (248) 784-2026.

**Winter garage sale**  
Sts. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church Ladies Auxiliary hosts its seventh annual Winter Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with a bag sale 3-4 p.m.) Saturday, Feb. 24 at Sts. Peter & Paul Banquet Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly (between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill) in Dearborn Heights. For more information, visit [www.spproc.org](http://www.spproc.org)

**Egg-citing science**  
Crack Open Egg-citing Science at the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum's March Sciencepalooza Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4. For March's Sciencepalooza, visitors can "eggsplore" the many uses of the egg. Sciencepalooza is a special-themed event held the first weekend of every month at the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum. Sciencepalooza



Choral magic

On Saturday, Feb. 10, the Plymouth-Canton High Schools Madrigal Choir and Chamber Choir achieved a "1" rating at the MSVMA High School Solo and Ensemble Festival. With this rating, these ladies and young men will progress to the State Solo and Ensemble Festival, which takes place March 30-31. These two groups will also combine and perform as the Festival Singers during the District Choral Festival on March 1 at Northville High School. Soloists Maggie Burr, Sandy Nahra and Lucy Han also received first division ratings during this weekend's festival.

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

Waste to Watts

The Ann Arbor Hands On Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit [www.aahom.org](http://www.aahom.org) or call (734) 995-5439.

VNA seeks volunteers

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's hospice program needs compassionate volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. In as little as two to four hours per week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free 15-hour comprehensive training program is provided. The next training session is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 24. All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. For more information or to register, call (800) 882-5720. Ext. 8361 or visit [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org)

Card party/luncheon

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

Hospice training

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

Literacy Council tutors

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

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Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age-appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan, including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no

cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net)

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

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

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month, including Book Club, Bunko Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbook, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at [cantonnewcomers.org](http://cantonnewcomers.org) or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site ([www.pckiwaniis.org](http://www.pckiwaniis.org))

Plymouth Newcomers

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

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman

Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee, but a small donation will be accepted. For information, call Lucy Rowley, 734-462-1768.

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May for moms and their children, newborn kindergarten at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

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

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in the American Revolution. Members participate in community work, involving veterans, hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley Zalesky Post #112 meets at the 100 F Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

The Plymouth American Legion, Passage, Gayde Post #391, conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township. All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890 for more information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth, Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329 or visit Web site [mothersandmore63@onebox.com](http://mothersandmore63@onebox.com)

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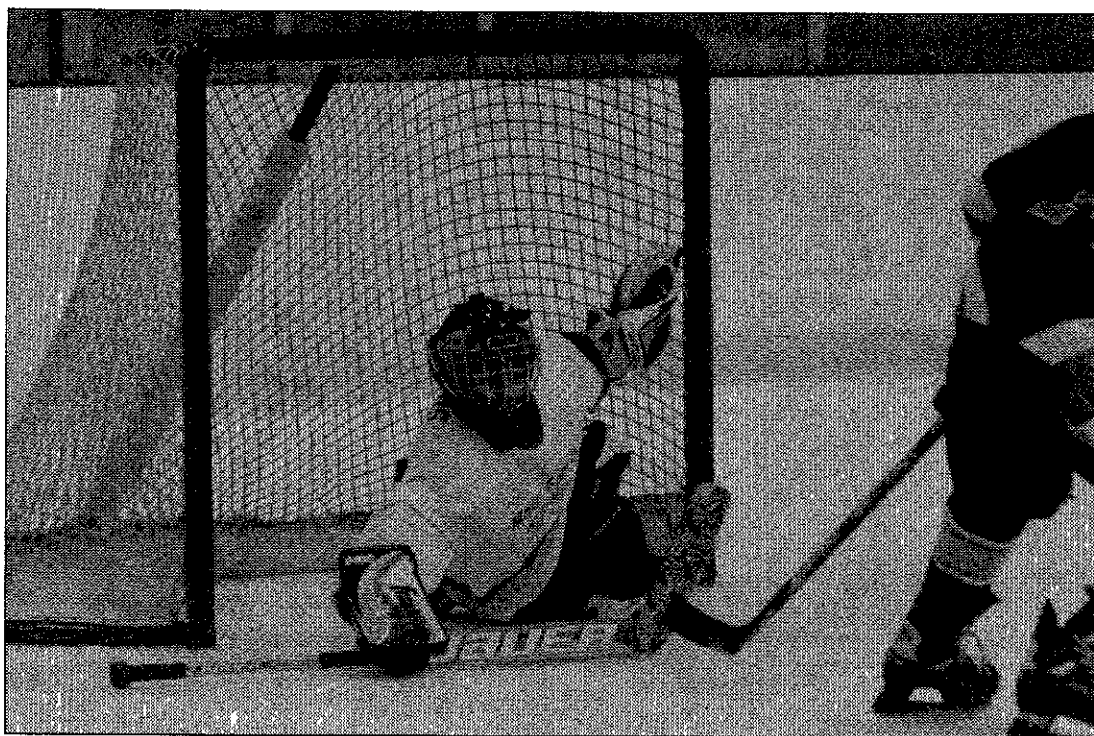
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Patrick Adams in action as goalie for the Birmingham Titans

## PLAYERS

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group and found Patrick's mother, Maureen Adams. Patrick's Atrial Septal Defect wasn't rare, but the two women connected.

Patrick's pediatric cardiologist referred us to U of M for a certain procedure that was in Phase 2 of clinical trials, said Maureen Adams. I couldn't find any information on it that's when I hooked up with the Internet group and learned what questions to ask. We chose not to have the experimental procedure and instead went with regular open heart surgery.

As part of an informal local support group, the two mothers shared their knowledge about congenital heart defects, but hadn't physically seen each other since 2000 when Gov John Engler signed a procla-

mation to declare Feb. 14 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day. Then the women learned their sons would be facing each other on the ice.

We're so fortunate to have two healthy young men, said Michele Lytle.

Both women continue to participate in e-mail discussions on tchin.org. The Children's Congenital Heart Information Network is a national organization that provides educational information, support, financial assistance, and resources for families of children with congenital heart defects and acquired heart disease, adults with CHD, and the professionals who work with them.

Thirty years ago survival was far less," said Lytle. "Not enough children have survived to know what to expect. There may be complications they might not be aware of. We need to stay involved."

"We sent letters, e-mails and faxes to include congenital heart defects in a proclamation to declare February American Heart Month by George W. Bush in 2004," added Maureen Adams. "It's about awareness. After the hockey game one of Patrick's teammates said he had the same surgery. We didn't know that until the hockey game."

The subject usually doesn't come up unless they're in swimsuits, said Lytle, yet it is the number one defect.

This spring, Jackson, 12, is joining the track team at West Middle School in Plymouth. He'd like to stay in touch with Patrick who was 3 years old when he underwent open heart surgery.

It felt kind of weird meeting him, said Jackson. I didn't know him, but I think I knew him.

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## Woodworkers show off projects

The Michigan Woodworkers Guild holds its 25th annual Showcase of Custom Woodworking Show noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the Livonia Senior Activities Center, 15218 Farmington Road, between Schoolcraft (I-96) and Five Mile, Livonia.

Parking and admission are free.

Woodworkers from Michigan, the midwest and

Canada will exhibit their woodworking projects. This is not a craft show. Wood projects built from various types of wood and depicting furniture from different time periods will be on display.

The wide range of tools that Guild members use such as scroll saws, lathes, routers, table saws, band saws and high speed hand carving tools help artisans achieve their

ultimate goal.

Established as a nonprofit organization in 1981, the Michigan Woodworkers Guild is comprised of more than 300 men and women woodworkers. Anyone wishing to join the Guild and learn more about woodworking is encouraged to attend the show. For more information, call (313) 278-2150 or send e-mail to sanchezart@aol.com.

## College presents female version of 'The Odd Couple'

Michael Fisher of Garden City and Matthew Vortruba of Redford are playing their parts to make the Henry Ford Community College Theater program production of *The Odd Couple* a hit.

The curtain rises on the female version of Neil Simon's comedy Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 22-25, and March 1-4, at Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center

on HFCC's main campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

For information or ticket reservations, call (313) 845-9817.

Fisher plays Manolo Vortruba of Redford is production assistant who also is

in charge of lighting.

According to Brian Tarasiewicz, the show's director, the female version of *The Odd Couple* follows the same premise as the original with the divorcing, depressed neat freak Florence moving in with the confident yet messy, beer drinking, sports-loving Olive and conflict, hilarity and nuttiness ensue.

## ON CAMPUS

## AFD Foundation scholarships

Two students from Canton and one from Plymouth were among recipients of \$1,500 scholarships announced by the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers.

Kurtis Edelbrock of Plymouth is a sophomore attending the University of Michigan Dearborn majoring in political science and philosophy. A Salem High School graduate, he was two-time winner of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters annual competition. His scholarship was submitted by Professional Insurance Planners of Farmington Hills. His sponsor is D&B Grocers Wholesale of Livonia. He is the son of David and Robin Edelbrock of Plymouth.

Timothy Finch of Canton is a sophomore attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor majoring in biology. A Canton High School graduate where he received the 4.0 Award of Merit, he served as treasurer and secretary of the Canton Student Congress. His

scholarship was submitted and sponsored by Frito-Lay of Plymouth. He is the son of Frank and Kathy Finch of Canton.

Amruta Mundade of Canton is a senior at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor majoring in anthropology with a sub-concentration in medical anthropology. A Salem High School graduate, where she was ranked first of 615 students, she was student council president and played on the tennis and volleyball teams. At U-M, she is among the top 15 percent in her class. Her scholarship was submitted by Farmer Jack of Taylor and her sponsor is Kar's Nuts of Madison Heights. She is the daughter of Avinash and Sarla Mundade of Canton.

## Hillsdale College

James Burns, a junior accounting major at Hillsdale College, was named to the Dean's List for the 2006 fall semester.

Burns is the son of Stephen and Amy Burns of Plymouth. He is a 2004 graduate of Catholic Central High School.

## Lake Superior State University

Two students from Canton and one from Plymouth were among students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. To make the list, students must achieve a 3.5 grade-point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

The two Canton students were junior biology major Peter Bonneau and freshman criminal justice major Kara Klupacs.

Brian Tetreau, a sophomore from Plymouth majoring in criminal justice, also made the list.

## Howe Military School

Cadet Melvin Sillmon, an 11th-grader at Howe Military School in Howe, Ind., and the son of Anna and Melvin Sillmon of Plymouth, made the Headmaster's List by attaining at least a 3.0 B average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Sillmon has attended Howe Military School since January 2006.

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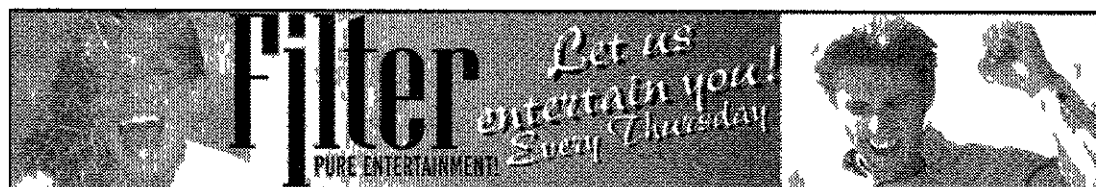
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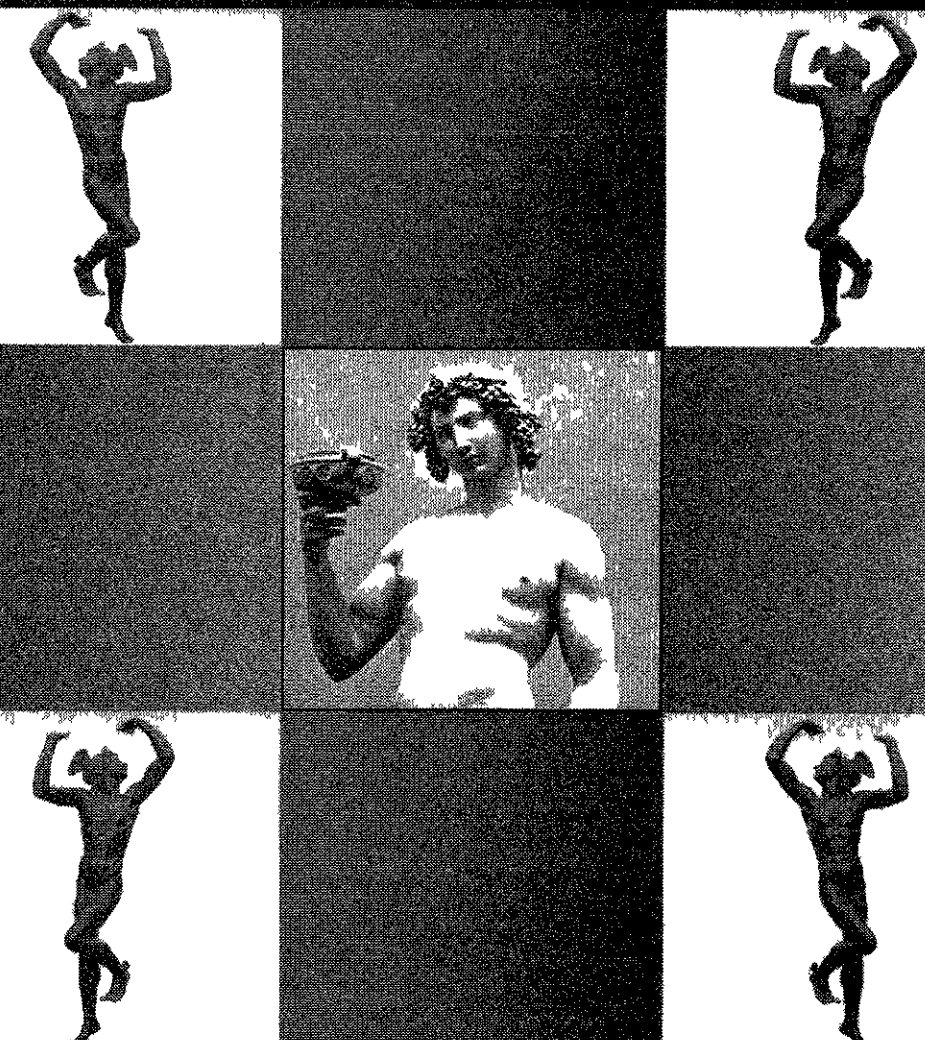
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## HONOR

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gram) themselves In Taiwan, one of the first graduates was a community organizer who was able to get a \$1 million grant There are many fine things like that that have happened”

A service learning exchange program allowed students to learn practical skills in schools and hospitals in Mexico, as well as observe, understand and appreciate the culture One of the values of the Felician nuns, who follow the teachings of St Francis, is to have a respect for all people

Through the Service Learning program, students participate in a variety of ways in the community The program teaches them that they can make a difference by providing services such as after-school tutoring at All Saints Parish in south-west Detroit

I truly believe students should not be educated for the sake of personal development only,” Kujawa said

I hope through the Service

Learning program they see the opportunity to be of service in a new way prior to attending Madonna University’

Madonna University is not only growing programs around the world, but on campus in Livonia In 2009, the new Science and Media Center opens north of the administration building to accommodate not only recently instituted programs of forensic and environmental science, but *Madonna Magazine*, a cable show that gives media students real life experience, whether behind the camera or on set It will be one of the first green buildings to be built in Livonia

“We have our own international world here in Livonia with over 200 students from 43 countries It makes a difference for students to ask questions of those from Nigeria or Japan,” Kujawa said

“One of the accomplishments is the growth over the 30 years I’ve been here It went from a college of barely 1,000 students in the 70s to 4,600 today with 70 undergraduate programs, 25 master level choices and we’re giving

serious consideration to doctoral programs,” said Kujawa, who in 1991 chaired the committee for Madonna to become a university

“My vision is clearly aligned with Madonna University to continue to be a strong, quality university, not only serving southeast Michigan, but continue to affect people from all countries, wherever we’re called to serve”

Along with Kujawa, the event recognizes other women leaders, including Sandra Pierce, president and CEO, Charter One Bank, Terri Lynn Land, Michigan Secretary of State, Cynthia Tauog, vice president of Community Health and Senior Services, St John Health System, Desiree Cooper, columnist, *Detroit Free Press*, and Shirley Stancato, president, New Detroit, Inc Mary Jo Pulte of Uno Chicago Grill in southwest Michigan receives the Small Business Achievement Award

Tickets for the event are \$75 for MBPA members, \$95 for non-members, and include workshops and luncheon

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advertising opportunities, call (888) 277-6464, ext 149, or visit [www.michbusiness.org](http://www.michbusiness.org) Group discounts available for the event

Edward Deeb is especially excited about the theme of this year’s event — Taking Care of You, Takes Care of Business Workshops include yoga, a panel discussion on women taking control of their careers, and maintaining wellness and balance Last year, about 650 women attended the event

“People take better care of their cars than themselves,” said Deeb, CEO and president of Michigan Business and Professional Association and Michigan Food and Beverage Association, and a Bloomfield Hills resident

“The whole thing is to be sure the women are healthy and run the gamut New this year is an interactive session between the workshops on restoring balance — The Yoga Connection I think the women are going to love to see how they can relax and be better prepared to do their jobs”

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## SINGLES

### MISC. SINGLES

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#### Monthly dance

The Wayne Westland chapter of Parents Without Partners sponsors a singles dance on the second Saturday of every month at the Dearborn Elks Club at 25000 Michigan Ave 9 p.m. 1 a.m. Disc jockey cash bar \$6 members \$8 nonmembers Public invited Information Pat (248) 478 8977 or Diana (734) 751 7386

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■ Men’s Bible Study - 6 30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday March 1 2007 commencing at 6 00 p.m. to consider size and placement variances for a sign requested by Bosch 15000 Haggerty Plymouth Township and a request for a two foot variance for a six foot high fence at 40562 Pinetree Drive The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall 9955 N Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department at 734 354 3208

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006 of the State of Michigan, as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday March 5 2007 in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road at 7 00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

**T-MOBILE ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT**  
CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 6 02S AND 11 02B RELATIVE TO ALLOWING CELL TOWERS IN THE R 1 THROUGH R 5 ZONING DISTRICTS AS A SPECIAL LAND USE

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday March 1 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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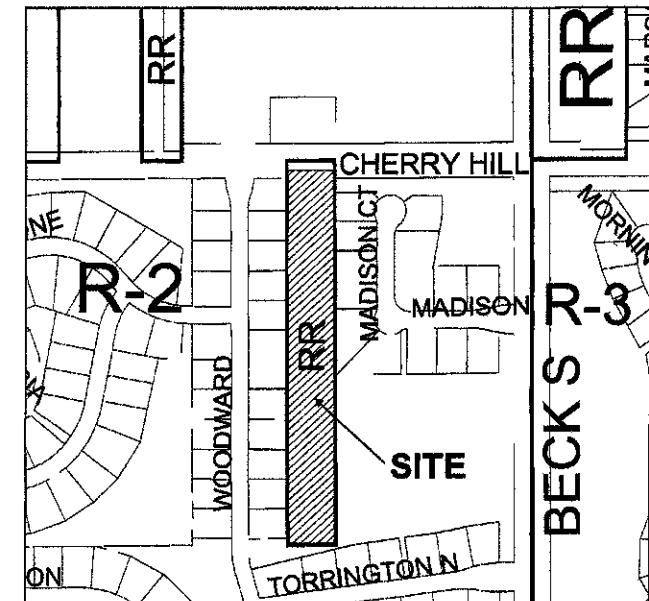
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday March 5 2007 in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road at 7 00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

**MCLENNAN REZONING** CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 077 99 0002 000 (47675 CHERRY HILL) FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R 2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL Property is located south of Cherry Hill and west of Beck Road



McLennan Rezoning 077-RZ-018

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Vic Gustafson Chairman

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA MARCH 8, 2007

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY MARCH 8 2007 AT 7 00 PM The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S CANTON CENTER ROAD CANTON MI 48188 The following Agenda will be discussed

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call Randy Blaylock Jim Cisek Cathy Johnson Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson

Acceptance of Agenda

- 1 Wilham and Jennifer Moore 47500 Hanford Canton MI 48187 for residential property located at same address north side of Hanford between Beck and Ridge Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00 Section 26 02 side yard setbacks Zone R 1 Parcel 029 02 0006 301 (Building)
- 2 Bryan L Amann of Bryan L Amann PLLC 355 North Canton Center Road Canton MI 48187 representing Whitehall Realty Co of Del Taco 27750 Middlebelt Road Suite 100 Farmington Hills MI 48334 for commercial property located at southeast corner of Ford Road and Oakview Drive, south side of Ford Road between Oakview and Morton Taylor Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 6 00 Section 6 10 variance from required 100ft setback from residential and Article 4 00 Section 4 01 number of stacking spaces for drive through restaurant Zone C 2/CBD overlay Parcel 057 99 0001 008 (Planning)
- 3 Bryan L Amann of Bryan L Amann PLLC 355 North Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 representing Fairways West Neighbors, LLC 201 Woodward Canton MI 48188 for residential property located at south side of Cherry Hill Road between Beck and Denton Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00 Section 26 02 b lot dimensions (lot width to depth ratio) Zone Parent Parcel currently RR Lots are R 2 Parcels 077 99 0002 000 (Parent Parcel) 077 02 0291 000 (Lot #291) 077 02 0292 000 (Lot #292) 077 02 0293 000 (Lot #293) 077 02 0294 000 (Lot #294) 077 02 0296 000 (Lot # 296) (Planning)
- 4 Curtis G Griffin II of Lighthouse Construction 6623 Lafontaine Drive Plainwell MI 49080 representing Paul Switzer of Texas Corral Grill and Saloon 1001 White Hawk Drive Crown Point IN 46307 for commercial Property located at 43750 Ford Road north side of Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 6 00 Section 6 10 E 6 e, relative to use of LED lighting on the building Zone C 2 Parcel 040 99 0004 702 (Planning)

Approval of the JANUARY 11 2007 Minutes

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5 00 PM on the date of the hearing All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188

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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 to 9 30 a.m. and appointments scheduled as follows

The regular Board of Review schedule

Tuesday March 6 2007 from 9 30 a.m. to 6 00 p.m.  
Thursday March 8 2007 from 3 00 p.m. to 9 00 p.m.  
Monday March 12 2007 from 9 00 a.m. to 6 00 p.m.  
Tuesday March 13 2007 from 3 00 p.m. to 9 00 p.m.  
Thursday March 15 2007 from 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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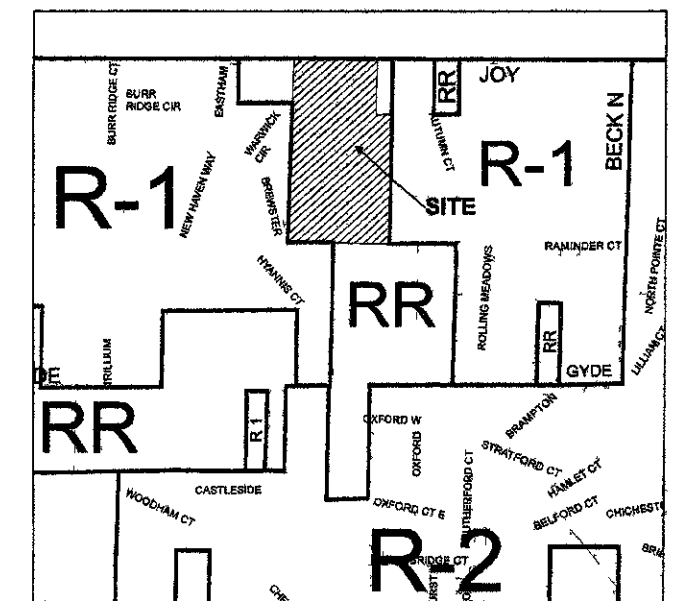
### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday March 5 2007 in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7 00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan

**PLYMOUTH/CANTON SCHOOL FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT** CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NO 017 99 0009 001 Property is located south of Joy Road and west of Beck Road

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday March 1 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review



Plymouth/Canton School MLUP 006-MLP 004

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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## REUNIONS

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

### REUNIONS

#### Berkley High School

##### Class of 1987

A 20 year reunion is planned for Nov 24 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422 0087 or e-mail info to kim.silasophia@gmail.com. Reunion web site is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.

#### Bishop Borgess

##### Class of 1987

A 20 year reunion Sept 15 2007 at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

#### Dearborn Fordson

##### Class of 1977

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

#### Dearborn Edsel Ford

##### Class of 1967

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

#### Detroit Chadsey

##### Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for

Sept 29 at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Looking for January June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates contact Pat Gorski Zielinski (989) 366 9288.

#### Detroit Cody

##### Class of 1957

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites Livonia. Oct 5 2007. Cost is \$90 per person complete with dinner open bar memory book CD champagne toast and much more. This invitation is to all 50s graduates. Deadline is June 25. Call 800 859 9502 or email lorett@wideopenwest for details. Cost is \$90.00 per person complete with dinner open bar memory book champagne toast and much more.

#### Detroit Cooley

##### Classes of 1967, 1968

Reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday Sep 29 2007 at Laurel Manor Livonia. Discounted tickets before March 1. Contact Dave Junquist at (810)667 9131. Website www.geocities.com/cooleyreunions67. All classmates are encouraged to register for inclusion in memory book at www.classreport.org/usa/mi/detroit/cooley1967.

#### Detroit Denby

##### Class of 1957

A 50th reunion is planned for Sept 7 and 9 2007 at the Thomas Edison Inn Port Huron. Seeking lost graduates January/June classes. If you are not yet on the mailing list please email maroonfowl@aol.com or call (248) 642 0249.

#### Detroit Henry Ford

##### Class of 1967

A 40th reunion will be held 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday Sept 8 at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia.

Seeking January June and summer graduates from 1967. For information call Ellen (Nelhoff) VanderRoest at (248)684 7705 or email chuckandel.van@comcast.net.

#### Detroit Holy Redeemer

##### Class of 1957

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

#### Detroit Mackenzie

##### Class of 1957

Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct 19 2007. Call Eleanor at (734)425 8278.

#### Detroit Western

##### Class of 1962

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

#### Detroit Southwestern

##### Class of 1957

A 50 year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532 4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291 5450.

#### Epiphany Grade School

##### Class of 1966

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

#### Ferndale Lincoln High

##### Class of 1947 January and June

60th class reunion Aug 3 4 and 5 at

The Hilton Hotel on Crooks Road in Troy. For information or details contact Treva (Powell) Hamill 248 667 1601 bobtreva9@aol.com or Dick Reising 248 623 9060 dreising@sbcglobal.net.

#### Fordson High School

##### Class of 1969

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

#### Garden City High School

##### Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20 year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name address phone email etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367 0898.

#### Grosse Pointe North

##### Class of 1991

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

#### Ladywood High School

##### Class of 1967

A 40 year reunion is planned for June 9-10 2007. Headquarters at Courtyard by Marriott Laurel Park Livonia. Call Liz at (248)681 7768 or email LHS67@comcast.net for further information.

#### Livonia Bentley High School

##### Class of 1957

A 50th reunion Saturday June 9 at St. Mary's Cultural Center 18100.

Merriman Road Livonia. Doors open 6 p.m. dinner at 6:30. Cost \$45 per person due May 1. For information call Janice Sue Fernandez (734)427 1288.

#### Livonia Churchill

##### Classes of 1971-2007

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

#### Livonia Franklin

##### Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363 5679 or e-mail Kayniniu@aol.com.

#### Our Lady of Sorrows

##### Class of 1966

Aug 17 18 and 19. For more information call Pat Ormsby LaPlante at (248)476 0634.

#### Redford Thurston High School

##### Classes of 1957, 1958

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

#### Roseville High School

##### Class of 1956

A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information call Shirley at (586) 677 2709. Alice at (586) 792 7757 or e-mail at alijune1939@scbglobal.net or the hermans2002@comcast.net.

#### Royal Oak Dondro High School

##### Class of June-Jan of 1959

Seeking classmates for Aug 4 reunion. Include name address and e-mail address to Jean (Elliott) Palmer 248 435 7875. TJPalmer73@aol.com or Mike Soule 248 853 7483.

#### Southeastern (Detroit)

##### Class of 1987

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

#### Southfield High School

##### Class of 1977

A 30th Reunion on Sunday Sept 2 2007. For further information contact MDurz@aol.com or IleneSilvermanAbrinSHS1977@comcast.net.

#### St. Anthony Elementary

##### All classes

Reunion on Oct 6 2007 for the Detroit school at 25th and Vernor. Email mrkf4@yahoo.com or call (734)995 9243 for further details and to give your contact information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### Brama-Ward

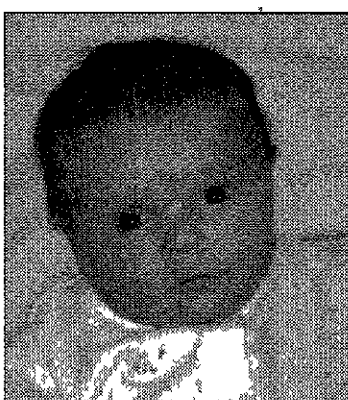
Melissa Brama and Chad Ward were married Nov 4, 2006, on the beach at sunset at the Sunset Beach Resort in Nassau, Bahamas. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Dianne Coverley.

The bride is the daughter of Cindy Briody of Garden City. She is a 1999 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and attended Grand Valley State University. She is an assistant manager at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Kokomo, Ind.

The groom is the son of Sam and Sherry Ward of Rossville, Ind. He is a graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is an assistant manager at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in West Lafayette, Ind.

Maid of honor was Chad's sister and Melissa's best friend Renae Ward. Best Man was Matt Toth, Chad's best friend from college. At dinner at Luciano's of Chicago in Nassau immediately followed the wedding attended by family members. The couple will honeymoon at a later date.

They will make their home in Rossville, Indiana.



#### Natalie Irene McCall

Duane and Lynette McCall of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie Irene McCall, on Jan 23, 2007, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Natalie weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces at birth and 21 inches long.

She has a sister, Abby Elizabeth.

Grandparents are Duane and Jill McCall of Dearborn Heights, Emily Clarke of Waterford and Ron and Joanne Clarke of Lake Orion.

Great-grandparents are Emery and Elizabeth Weiss of Mt. Clemens, Myrl Lehtinen of Waterford and Bud and Mary Lou Elenbaum of Pigeon.



#### Rutecki-Dainty

William Rutecki of LaVerne, Calif., and Barbara Rutecki of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Geneva Rutecki of East Lansing, to Ryan James Dainty of Mishawaka, Ind.

The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University and is currently teaching in East Lansing. The prospective groom is the son of Jim and Helen Dainty of Cookerville, Ind. He is a 2004 graduate of the University of Tennessee. He is a master of divinity student at the University of Notre Dame.

An Aug 4 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth followed by a reception at Plymouth Manor.

The couple will make their home in South Bend, Ind.

## How to submit announcements

Local engagement, wedding, anniversary and birth announcements run in the Sunday editions of the Observer. There is no charge to submit an announcement.

To obtain a copy of our forms for engagements, weddings, anniversaries and births email Hugh Gallagher at hgallagher@hometownlife.com. Or send the following information to Hugh Gallagher, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150.

For engagement announcements, include:

■ Names, addresses and cities for the bride, groom and both sets of parents.

■ Where bride and groom attended (or attend) high school and college and years graduated.

■ Where bride and groom are employed.

■ Wedding date.

■ Wedding location.

■ Daytime phone number and e-mail address in case we have any questions.

For wedding announcements, include:

■ All of the above, plus

■ Clergy's name.

■ Names and cities of all attendants.

■ Reception location.

■ Honeymoon location.

■ City where couple will reside.

If you have questions regarding your announcement, call (734) 953-2149.



#### Smith-Rider

Gerrard and Stephame Smith of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Smith, to Chad Rider of Canton.

The bride to be graduated from Plymouth-Canton Schools. She received a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan in 2003. She is employed as a pharmacist at Busch's Pharmacy in Saline.

The prospective groom is the son of Nina Rider of South Lyon. He is a graduate of South Lyon schools. He received a master of science degree in information systems management from Lawrence Technological University in 2001. He is employed as an MIS manager for Kalitta Air in Ypsilanti.

A wedding is planned for March 2 at St. Thomas' a Becket in Canton.

The couple will make their home in Canton.

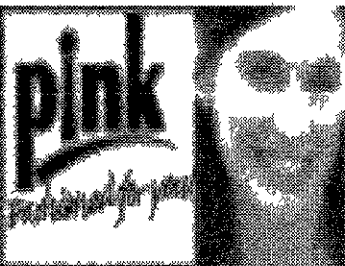


#### Ellen Grace Tomlinson

Jeff and Kelly Tomlinson of Florence, Ky., announce the birth of their daughter, Ellen Grace, on Dec 4, 2007. The Tomlinsons are former residents of Livonia.

Grandparents are John and Luanne Windley of Livonia, Len and Cindy Gallagher of Clarkston and Mark and Monica Tomlinson of Plymouth.

Great-grandparents are Pat Hope of Livonia, Ilsa deArmas of Redford and Pat Cardinal of Livonia.

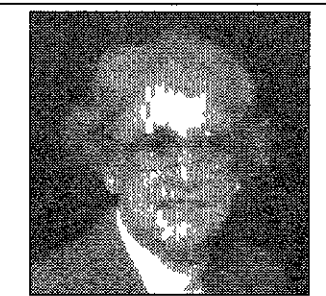


#### JOHN BAFFY

Age 66. February 13 2007. Beloved husband of Judith for 40 years. Loving father of William (Kelly) and Robert (Jennifer). Proud grandfather of Christopher. Survived by two sisters and many nieces and nephews. Former youth hockey coach and avid golfer. Private services were held February 16. Memorial donations to Angela Hospice.

#### CHARLES REED COLLINS

of Livonia died at his home Friday February 9 2007. Charles beloved son of Dr. Elwood R. and Linda R. Collins was born November 13 1970 in Detroit. Charles is survived by his parents sisters Dr. Janice Collins Miss Leslie Collins and Dr. Karen Collins Grady (Dr. Jeff Grady) and nieces and nephews Alexandra Spencer Eleanor Olivia Bennett and Avery. Services were held at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth with interment to take place at the family plot in Bad Axe. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion of Livonia. Post 32 3918 Newburgh Rd. Livonia MI 48150.



#### GEORGINA P. CONNELL

Age 88 of Plymouth passed away February 14 2007. Born June 28 1918 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Georgina moved to the Plymouth community in 1979. Retired from the Ford Motor Company as a registered nurse. Served as a flight nurse during WWII in the Army Air Corp. Member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Georgina loved to travel and her travels took her around the world. She also enjoyed the theatre and opera. She was extremely close to and proud of her large extended family of brothers sisters, nieces and nephews. She is survived by her sister Phyllis Robinson Feddis her loving nieces and nephews and their extended families as well as her sisters in law Jessie Brinson and Jean Brinson brother in law Edward David and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband James her sisters Alma Maher Lucille David, Theresa Luberto, and her brothers Adolph (Bus) Lenwood Martin, and James Brinson. Funeral service was held Saturday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church 47650 North Territorial Rd. Plymouth in lieu of flowers. Memorials may be sent to The Penrickton Center for Blind Children, 26530 Eureka Rd. Taylor MI 48180 9990 or to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Rd. Livonia, MI 48154 5010. Arrangements were entrusted to Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main St. Plymouth.



#### EDWARD J. HAHN, JR.

February 13 2007. Age 95 of Birmingham. Beloved husband of Nora and the late Marion. Brother of the late Eleanor Rich. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Services have been held. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Hospice charity of donor's choice. A Desmond & Sons (248) 549 3500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

#### MARGIE ANNE HOEGY

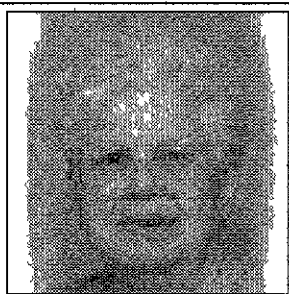
Feb 15 2007 (as a result of an auto accident). Age 67 of Grass Lake for mercy of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Louis. Loving mother of Melissa (Dan) Bass. Proud Nana of Abigail Dear Sister of Beverly (Ted) Regal Ron (Margo) Traub Bonnie (Mike) Tyler, and Donna (John) Asher. Loving aunt of seven nieces and five nephews. Visitation Tuesday 3-9pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). In State Wednesday 10am until 11am. Funeral service at Fa Ho Lo Camp and Conference Center Chapel Grass Lake. To leave a message of condolence please see:

vermeulenfuneralhome.com

#### DONALD K. HOFFMAN

Age 90. February 14 2007. Army veteran of World War II. A resident of Plymouth for over 60 years and member of Newburg United Methodist Church for over 50 years. Survived by his wife of 66 years Mary. Dear father of Sharon (Richard) Waack and Terry Holt and the late Donna Holt. Also leaves five grandchildren four great-grandchildren and one sister. Visitation at the Schrader Howell Funeral home, 280 South Main Street Plymouth. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday February 24 2007 at 2PM from Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia.

#### In Memory Of



#### In Memory of

##### GRACE A. LAWRENCE

Oct 25, 1919 Feb 19 1997

The years go by yet in my heart you shall remain forever young. Somehow with you the dew and the stars are wondrous things. The drag onflies have fairy wings. Flowers look upon you when you are near and the voice of the turtle rings in my ear.

Loving Wife Mother and Grandmother

Love Steve and your entire family

#### DOROTHY JEAN PHILLIPS

Of Brighton formerly of Birmingham. Passed away Thursday February 15 2007 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ann Arbor. She was born on March 19 1929 in Bay City, Michigan a daughter of John Littlejohn and Bernadine (Sterling) Philip. She moved to Brighton in 2003. Prior to 2003 she had been a resident of Birmingham for 30 years. Miss Phillips was raised in Bay City. Miss Phillips was the owner of the Village Snack Shop in Birmingham for many years. Miss Phillips is survived by her sister Helen R. Jones of Brighton. Dear aunt of two nieces two great nieces and two great nephews and three great great nieces. Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in Miss Phillips name are suggested to the American Red Cross Livinston County Chapter 1472 W. Grand River Howell Michigan 48843.

#### ROBERT PHOLLOCK

Age 92 and lifelong resident of Birmingham died on February 13 2007 at Mercy Bellbrook Assisted Living in Rochester. Mr. Pollock was born on April 23 1914 to the late Victor M. and Ethel M. (Meraw) Pollock. Mr. Pollock worked for the Detroit Edison Company retiring in 1979 after 45 years of service. He is a veteran of World War II where he served in the Army. Mr. Pollock was a member of Holy Name Church and was one of the founding parishioners. Mr. Pollock is survived by his daughters Kathleen Mary (Larry A.) McCurdy and Susan JoAnn (Carl H.) Schmidt grandchildren Kimberlee Sue (Timothy J.) Easterday John Michael McCurdy Melissa JoAnn (George J.) Zeeff Carl Robert, Elisabeth Anne, and Emily Elisabeth Schmidt. Great grandchildren Evelyn R. McCurdy and Gaia Anelle McCurdy. He is preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Virginia (nee Howell) and brother, Philip M. Pollock. Funeral was held at Holy Name Church 630 Harmon Birmingham Friday 10:30am. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Southfield. Arrangements were entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors.

#### OBITUARY POLICY

The first five billed lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags religious symbols etc.).

Deadlines: Friday 4:30 PM for Sunday. Wednesday Noon for Thursday.

Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

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Attn: Obits c/o Charollette Wilson

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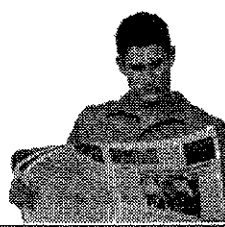




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## Pedophiles offer warnings

### Psychotherapist talks with sexual offenders

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

No one disputes psychotherapist Dan O Neil's comment that sex offenders are never cured. Five out of the eight men attending O Neil's Monday night group therapy session are pedophiles.

These men will be the first to tell you there isn't a day goes by that they don't struggle to overcome their urges. They're here because they were court-ordered, but say they want help after realizing the damage they've done to children. Most of them have been in therapy with O Neil for about one year. Initially, all minimized the harm they caused their victims.

Ted went into his 15-year-old daughter's bedroom one night to fondle her breasts. He received two years probation and a mandate to complete O Neil's Sex Offenders Treatment Program at the Birmingham Maple Clinic, an outpatient therapeutic resource for individuals and families in Troy. Here, the men pull no punches during the session as they try to expose the reasons for their behaviors.

O Neil has to eventually put a stop to their interrogation of Bill, a newcomer. The 38-year-old man says he was jailed for a year because of a letter he wrote to his 14-year-old niece, but won't reveal the contents. Ten years earlier he served time for another sexual assault. The men want to know the details so they can help

him understand that the victims will have to deal with issues of trust, fear, anger and confusion for the rest of their lives. Only then can he begin to change. But do pedophiles really change?

Eric says it's a lifelong process. He asks is a druggie cured, an alcoholic?

O Neil says the re-offending rate is low with therapy, but there is no solid method, not even chemical or surgical castration, for changing or stopping pedophiles from fantasizing about children. There are more than 500,000 sexual offenders in the U.S., according to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (www.missingkids.com). O Neil says about 60 percent of them live in communities under supervision such as probation or parole.

Jack has to remember daily to assess his thoughts and actions. That's why the men feel it's important for parents to listen to their tips so that children don't become victims of a pedophile. When Jack asks Ted what he would tell mothers to keep their children safe, he says to trust their intuition.

When O Neil began working with disturbed children in 1975, he discovered a high percentage had been sexually assaulted within their family. He says, incest is underreported. Yet with treatment, the rate of re-offense is only about five percent. If a father assaults his daughter one time, touches her breast and it's not reported, he's going to do it



Psychotherapist Dan O Neil talks with pedophiles as part of the Sex Offenders Treatment Program at Birmingham Maple Clinic.

again and go farther.

O Neil sees a number of men who have assaulted a son or daughter. He believes anyone who has ever touched a child in a sexual manner is a pedophile. About 90 percent are situational offenders — a child care worker, father, stepfather, a father's bowling partner. He says they don't have a healthy adult relationship and are looking for a friend or buddy then sexualize the relationship. Sometimes their judgment is clouded by anger and not having control. Sexually assaulting the child gives them power. O Neil says these men are the bulk of sexual offenders, not strangers or preferential pedophiles fixated on children.

"My daughter blamed herself, me and her mom," Ted said. "If they suspect something, I would tell them to protect their kids. My wife knew and did very little."

Ted admits he would have denied his actions even if his wife had confronted him, but it might have stopped

him from sexually assaulting his daughter again. Communication is key to preventing and detecting sexual assault in children. Over and over, the men repeated that parents should listen to their kids. Rarely will a child make up a story about a sexual assault, O Neil said. Moms should at least consider the assault occurred.

When the 11- and 13-year-old daughters of Keith's girlfriend told their mother he'd sexually assaulted them, she didn't believe it even though she'd been molested by her father. O Neil said denial is not unusual. When a child is sexually assaulted, they can develop a blind spot as an adult and have to be especially vigilant. They may seek out these kind of guys that are predators if not resolved through therapy or by breaking the secret.

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Psychotherapist Dan O Neil says parents have to remain vigilant even though reports of sexual assaults have dropped significantly in the last 10 years. Whether it's due to longer periods of incarceration, treatment, the institution of the sex offender registry, or better education of children, pedophiles are still out there. He estimates about 20 percent of sexual offenders are women.

You can't spot a pedophile, said O Neil who runs the Sex Offenders Treatment Program at the Birmingham Maple Clinic in Troy. They come in all colors. I'd worry when they're taking a kid out to dinner usually alone. They pick timid kids, kids who are needy, some with problems at home.

I'm always suspicious of males who are always around kids. I used to be an elementary school teacher. I've had predators who were teachers. Pedophiles don't look weird. They can be effeminate or masculine, can act like a pervert or be very religious. Everybody's a suspect.

The Jacob Wetterling Foundation offers tips on keeping your child safe on its Web site [www.jwf.org](http://www.jwf.org). Here are a few of them.

Talk about family rules. Tell your children not to go with any adult who asks for their help. Adults should ask other adults for help, not children. Most of the people in the world are good, but some are not. Stay away from dangerous situations and behaviors, not certain kinds of people just because they're strangers. A child is most likely to be sexually exploited by someone they know or have seen.

Reassure and regularly communicate with your children at all stages of their lives. Communicating only in times of crisis doesn't encourage children to come forward with needs and concerns in everyday situations.

Tell a child if they're separated from a parent or caregiver in the mall or anywhere else to find a mom who has children and tell her they're lost. Never leave the building with anyone except a parent or caregiver.

Report any unusual activity that you witness related to children or adults. If your intuition tells you something is odd or wrong, it probably is. Trust your instincts and tell your kids to do the same. To prevent risky situations look for these red flags:

- Adults who want to spend time with your child in isolated situations
- Children who suddenly withdraw from other children and want to spend more of their time with a particular adult
- Children who are receiving unexplained gifts, cell phones, event tickets, clothes, etc.
- Adults who take children to special places where they do not take other children or adults
- Adults who spend long periods of time alone with a particular child in private place (ex: long trips, overnights, secluded parks/buildings)

## WARNINGS

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The young girls told a counselor at school. Keith, his girlfriend and her two daughters were all cuddling in bed when he rubbed the inner thigh and kissed the belly of one child, then stroked the bottom of the other. O'Neil says it's important to set boundaries. Even the very youngest of children should sleep in their own bed. And all children should be given instructions about good and bad touch.

Mark inappropriately touched the private areas of his 15-year-old stepdaughter. He is one of the men who says he's changed.

"I came here with a 'me' mentality," Mark said. "The sessions opened up my eyes."

"It's putting myself into somebody's shoes, knowing it can cause pain, so I can feel what they feel so my anger isn't channeled the wrong way," said Eric, who blames his mother and childhood bullies for his exhibitionism. He was overweight as a child, so he targeted kids the same age as those who bullied him earlier in life. His mother created a lot of anger in him by constantly beating him up mentally. Through treatment, he found out a low percentage of sexual crimes are about sex.

Eric says he's not a pedophile and has a relationship with a woman. He was convicted of indecent exposure. Before that, he had investigated kiddie porn. He tells parents not to let children go into a public bathroom alone.

I followed him into the bathroom and exposed myself. I didn't believe I was hurting anybody, never touched anybody, Eric said.

Darrin, who raped a woman in Las Vegas, asks if Eric were a father at what age would he let him go to the bathroom by himself. Fifteen was the wrong answer. O'Neil mentioned the case of 15-year-old boy who was raped in a bathroom the week before.

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# Too much cardio can be harmful

Jim from Canton e-mails asking for the pluses and minuses of a cardio workout.

Jim, there is no doubt that a good cardio workout is a cornerstone of an effective weight loss program. But, if you are trying to build muscles, don't overdo it!

One of the main culprits in muscle loss can be over-dieting. It suppresses hormones like thyroid and testosterone. But overdoing cardio workouts can be even more damaging than over-dieting when it comes to hormone suppression!

If you do too much cardio, you

are essentially lowering hormone levels that allow you to build muscle and burn fat. That is why too much cardio can be a dead end, causing dramatic loss of muscle mass!

A good rule of thumb is to try to get in four 45-minute cardio sessions a week. If you go over that, your muscle building goals might be compromised.

A recent study looked at a group of women weighing an average of

135 pounds. It utilized four kickboxing routines: upper body jabs, lower body kicks, a combination of jabs and kicks, plus a conditioning routine. That routine consisted of jumping jacks and simulated rope jumping.

Participants burned the most calories performing a combination of kicks and jabs. Calories were burned at a rate of 6.5 to 8 calories per minute, totaling 450 calories an hour! That is the equivalent to an hour of jogging.

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

Jill from Warren e-mails and is looking for a new aerobic exercise to improve her workout routine.

Jill, you might want to kickbox your way to better health! A non-contact kickboxing routine is sufficient to improve physical and cardiovascular fitness.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### FEBRUARY

#### Workshop

Dealing with Unexpected Loss presented by Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 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. Focus is how caregivers can provide a sense of hope in the healing relations with care receivers.

#### Feldenkrais class

Michele Schoel, physical therapist, begins a six-week Feldenkrais class. 6-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at Astarte Yoga Studio, 21894 Farmington, one block south of Nine Mile. Cost is \$55 for series, \$10 prepaid per class or \$11 per class on walk-in basis. Visit [www.feldenkrais.com/method](http://www.feldenkrais.com/method) for details on Feldenkrais or call Schoel at (248) 752-0661.

#### HMR program

Free orientation for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Health Management Resources (HMR) weight management program. Noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at the Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark. The program includes in-depth lifestyle education, personal coaching and medically supervised treatment. To register, call (734) 655-1783. HMR orientations are also held weekly at the hospital.

#### Suicide prevention forum

The Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency will sponsor a suicide prevention forum. 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at Youthville Detroit, 7375 Woodward. Detroit Forum focuses on suicide awareness, intervention and education for youth ages 13-19 and features a clinical specialist, a young per-

son who attempted suicide and has been in recovery, and activities to help equip youth against suicidal feelings and behaviors. The event is free. Youth under 11 years old must be accompanied by an adult to participate. Suicide is responsible for some 200 deaths each year in Wayne County and is the third leading cause of death for 10- to 19-year-olds in Michigan. For suicide intervention, crisis counseling or information about mental health services, call (800) 241-4949.

#### Half hour to health

Dr. Daniel Laframboise, chiropractor, presents the Half Hour to Health Workshops at 6:15 p.m. in his office at 18444 Farmington Road, Livonia. Feb. 20 topic is How to Make Your Spine Seven Times Stronger. Feb. 27th How to Increase Your Immune System 300 percent and March 6 The Best Kept Health Secret. Receive new information on health breakthroughs that can change your life. Like how to harness three times more of your natural energy and much more. No charge. Seating limited. To register, call (248) 474-5252.

#### Cultural competency program

Deadline for registration is Feb. 20 for the Oakwood Healthcare System Transcultural Strategic Taskforce seminar on cultural competency. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen. Dearborn. The event is open to physicians and health care professionals and features best practices for culturally and linguistically appropriate care. Featured speaker Robert Like, MD, is a leader in delivery of patient-centered, culturally competent care from the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Registration fee: \$125-\$75. Oakwood

staff and physicians. To register, call (800) 543-WELL.

#### Thyroid/Adrenal Ailments

6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21. Dr. Carol Fischer, D.C., presents Fixing Thyroid/Adrenal Ailments. Naturally at the Alfred Noble Library, Livonia. Do you have cold hands/feet, tired all the time, weight issues or depressed? Discover simple, natural solutions. No charge. To register, call (734) 425-8588.

#### Quilt exhibit

Jacquelyn Johnson Dawson displays lively colorful quilts based on stories of life, love, joy, music, art, illness and death. The public is cordially invited to attend an artist's reception. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Nancy Fox Art Gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi. Show continues to April 30. Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Providence Center for the Healing Arts, located in the Assarian Cancer Center, provides a variety of programs to promote emotional, mental and spiritual well-being for cancer patients, their families and the community. For more information, contact Lori Taylor at (248) 465-5455 or send e-mail to [Lorraine.Taylor@providencestjohnhealth.org](mailto:Lorraine.Taylor@providencestjohnhealth.org).

#### Body connection classes

Prenatal Yoga, sprinkled with Nutrition series, begins Friday mornings, Feb. 23. Diabetes Connection: Education and Support. Thursday late afternoons, beginning March 1 at Body Connection, Royal Oak. For more information, cost or to register, call (248) 390-4150 or visit [www.bodyconnectionna.com](http://www.bodyconnectionna.com).

# Tips to prevent frostbite when temperatures drop

Due to recent sub-zero temperatures, the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center has seen an increase in serious cases of frostbite and frostbite-related injuries. Frostbite is damage to the skin and underlying tissues caused by prolonged exposure to extreme cold.

The most commonly affected areas are ears, nose, cheeks, hands and feet, says Pamela Pucci, a registered nurse educator, U-M Trauma Burn Center. Children, the elderly and those not dressed for extremely cold temperatures as well as those with poor circulation are at a greater risk.

Pucci urges anyone who must be outside for longer than 20 minutes at a time to exercise extreme caution and offers these simple steps to prevent frostbite:

- Dress in warm layers with a waterproof outer layer and boots as well as scarves, hats and gloves.
- Avoid getting wet and remove any wet clothing immediately.
- Drink plenty of water and

eat regularly.

■ Avoid alcohol, smoking and caffeine as these can lower resistance to frostbite.

■ When traveling, monitor fuel levels closely and always keep blankets, shovels, matches, and other emergency supplies in vehicle.

Wind chill has been a factor in a number of the frostbite cases we've seen in the past week," said Pucci. "Wind can cause frostbite to set in much more quickly so extra caution should be exercised on windy days."

Frostbite, which can affect the skin in as little as 20 minutes, causes loss of feeling and color to the affected area. If you detect symptoms of frostbite, do not rub or massage the affected area as this may produce further tissue injury. Instead, run warm – not hot – water over affected areas if you suspect you have frostbite. If skin has a white tint and no sensation, seek immediate medical attention.

For more information, call (734) 396-9666 or visit [www.traumaburn.org](http://www.traumaburn.org).

# Breast cancer patients wanted for acupuncture study

Henry Ford Hospital is conducting a study to test the effectiveness of acupuncture for reducing hot flashes experienced by breast cancer patients receiving hormonal therapy. Researchers hope that the traditional Chinese practice leads to a new treatment option for patients.

This study has the potential to dramatically decrease the incidence of hot flashes in hormone-treated breast cancer patients, said radiation oncologist Eleanor Walker, M.D., the study's lead investigator.

An alternative form of treatment with minimal or no side effects is needed to improve the quality of life for these patients.

As part of the study, Walker works with acupuncturist Beth Kohn. Patients can choose to participate in the study at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit or the Henry Ford Medical Center, Novi.

**'This study has the potential to dramatically decrease the incidence of hot flashes in hormone-treated breast cancer patients.'**

Dr. Eleanor Walker  
Henry Ford Hospital

Breast cancer patients who are treated with chemotherapy and/or hormonal therapy commonly experience hot flashes and other symptoms of premature menopause. An estimated 65-percent of breast cancer patients experience hot flashes, and in many cases the symptoms are severe.

Hormone replacement therapy – estrogen and progesterin – is used to treat hot flashes in many women. However, HRT is not used in breast cancer patients who have hot flashes because of evidence that it

poses a high risk of cancer recurrence.

Walker said, the antidepressant drug Effexor is one of the most common therapies for treating hot flashes in breast cancer patients. Prozac and Paxil also have shown to be effective. These drugs work to control various neurotransmitters in the brain, some of which are believed to be associated with hot flashes, including opioids. Acupuncture releases endorphins in the body that may affect opioid levels. But many breast cancer patients don't take Effexor either because of its side effects – sexual dysfunction and nausea among them – or because they don't want more medication on top of what they're already receiving, Walker said.

Seventy of the 140 patients enrolled in the two-year study will be randomly assigned to receive acupuncture for 12 weeks. The other

half will receive Effexor over the same time period. Data will be collected at quarterly intervals in the first year. Researchers will test the effectiveness of acupuncture for reducing hot flashes and if it has fewer side effects than Effexor.


Eligible participants are pre- or postmenopausal breast cancer patients receiving hormonal therapy with either the anti-estrogen drug tamoxifen or arimidex, patients who experience 14 hot flashes a week, patients who completed chemotherapy, and patients on hormonal therapy for at least four weeks.

Henry Ford researchers Walker, Robert Levine, Ph.D., and Alba Rodriguez, Ph.D., were awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to conduct the study.

To enroll in the trial, call (313) 916-3938.

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### FIBROMYALGIA IN WINTER

Winter compounds the problems of living with fibromyalgia. The cold, limited daylight, the gray landscape, the burden of boots and overcoats, the worry whether the car will start, or the road will turn icy and dangerous affects all of us.

If you have fibromyalgia, the effect doubles. Winter does more than heighten your concerns and deepens any tendency to becoming depressed. Winter also brings an additional obstacle to your exercise program.

In fibromyalgia, daily exercise is as important as any medication. Some physicians rank exercise as the treatment of choice. In winter, you face snow, cold and ice that can make a walk around the block impossible. In Michigan, road conditions can change suddenly for the worse, making the gym or pool dangerous to access. Putting a treadmill in your basement often represents an alternative too bleak to consider.

An escape to Florida, Arizona, California or the Caribbean is ideal, but unrealistic. Instead, you are left to make do until mid-March. Then Michigan generates sufficient warmth and heat to allow you to return to a regimen of daily exercise and an inviting environment.

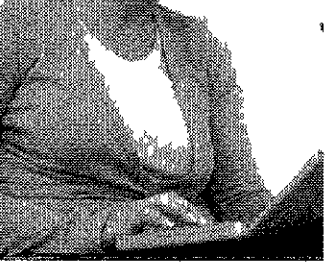

One way to prevent a worsening of your condition now is to limit your weekend with as many activities as possible. Put on hold the idea that the weekend is a time you must catch up on chores and responsibilities. If winter is no joy, you need to find joy in winter.

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# Elegant competitor

Bloomfield woman preparing to defend her world champion ballroom dance title

BY SHARON DARGAY  
COMMUNITY LIFE EDITOR

In rehab nursing, Kay Ford is known as "the velvet hammer" because of her thorough, get-it-done demeanor.

But on the ballroom dance floor, Ford is smooth as silk, whether quick-stepping in 2 1/2-inch heels, gliding to the Viennese waltz or making precise, dramatic tango moves.

"I'm a competitive person with myself and a perfectionist," said Ford, who will be 69 in March, the same month in which she will defend her world championship title in International Standard ballroom dancing. "I'm very dedicated to learning and that's different than just going out and dancing. It's a way of life. I'm serious about it."

"I wanted to be a dancer all my life."

Although she danced ballet on pointe and took a little tap when she was growing up in the Saginaw area, she put her dreams on hold to major in broadcasting at Michigan State, marry her husband, Robert, raise three children, take on a second career in nursing at age 32, attain a master's degree and start her own rehab nursing business, working with patients injured in vehicular accidents, their insurance carriers and doctors.

While still maintaining her nursing caseload, Ford, now a grandmother, started ballroom dancing 15 years ago and has steadily moved through its ranks from bronze to gold level, winning titles along the way. She dances in pro-am competitions with her teachers, Igor Litvinov, Professional International Standard champion, and John Abrams, four-time U.S. American Rhythm dance runner-up.

#### FOUR STYLES

Ford competes in two of the four ballroom dance styles: International Standard and American Ballroom. American

#### MICHIGAN DANCE CHALLENGE

**What:** Kay Ford of Bloomfield Hills will defend her title in the International Standard senior division of this ballroom dance competition.

**When:** Sessions at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29; 9 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 30; 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31.

**Where:** Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

**Tickets:** \$15 for daytime sessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and for Thursday evening session; \$30 Friday evening and \$40 Saturday evening.

**Order tickets:** Send a cashier's check or money order made payable to Michigan Dance Challenge to P.O. Box 2177, Royal Oak, MI 48068. For more information, call (248) 561-7711, e-mail markbrock@comcast.net or visit [www.michigandancechallenge.com](http://www.michigandancechallenge.com).

Rhythm and International Latin are the other two categories. The international styles came from Europe and are the forerunners of American ballroom.

Litvinov, who lives in New Jersey and competes professionally with Yulia Ivleva, coaches Ford in International Standard, which consists of tango, waltz, foxtrot, Viennese waltz and quickstep. Abrams dances with Lena Sidielnikova out of the studio he co-owns in Milwaukee, Wis., and teaches Ford American Smooth ballroom, which includes tango, waltz, foxtrot and Viennese waltz. She's also working with him on lifts.

Oh my God, it's like flying. The first time I did one was last June. I had so much fun. I did little bitty lifts and now I have to do big ones. I have to trust him. I don't have any fear. He's very strong," Ford said.

John flies here from Milwaukee and that's how I've been able to do American ballroom. He comes in once a month and I take 15 lessons from him. He has a theater production in Wisconsin in June and I'm going to be a stripper. We're trying to get me away from being this sophistic-

cated standard dancer. We're even talking about perhaps doing a rap because we're trying to get me to be very different.

"Igor thinks that John's teachings are getting me to be more theatrical."

#### LONG-DISTANCE DANCER

Every month, Ford flies to New York and then drives to New Jersey to meet with Litvinov and Ivleva. During her 2 1/2-day stay, she takes 15 lessons. At home, she practices without a partner and studies her homework.

There are 42 steps to learn in just the waltz alone, Ford says, showing a dance pattern Yulia had drawn for her. They gave me three like this with the name of the step, the sequence, the alignment. You can see it's a very scientific thing.

They also quiz her about dance, asking questions about weight distribution for particular moves and proper foot placement.

"I was honored when they accepted me," she said. "It's a lot of work to have an out-of-town student. You've got to have resources, motivation and be able to sustain it. Now they are trying to save me money by

meeting me at the airport. It's very expensive to dance with two different men, but I'm able to do 15 lessons, five without stopping, because I'm physically pretty conditioned. The one gift I have is energy."

#### IN SHAPE

Abrams has encouraged Ford to begin stretching exercises to help with flexibility during lifts. Litvinov wants her to incorporate some ballet into her dance practice.

"If I could, I'd be a walker. I like to walk, especially if I have to think about problems with my patients," she said, adding that discipline, consistency, proper eating and "visualization of being a winner" are essential to success in competitive dance.

Avoid high-sugar foods, get rest, avoid caffeine and stay steady. You have to have endurance. And if you can't see yourself winning, you're not going to."



Kay Ford, 68 of Bloomfield Hills began ballroom dancing 15 years ago. She won a world title in a pro-am competition, dancing with her teacher, Igor Litvinov.

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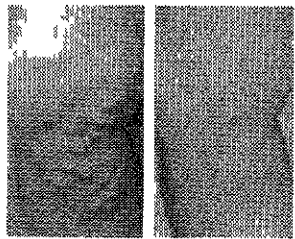


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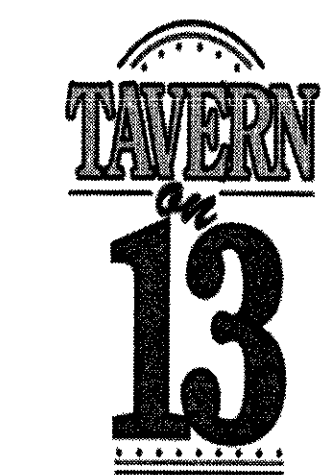
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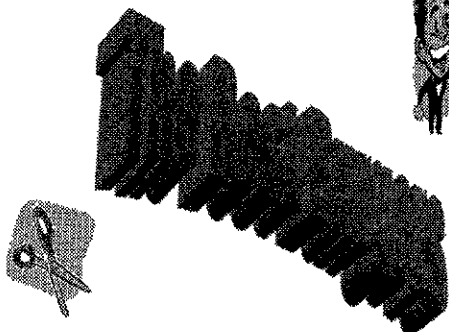
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## Community colleges help job seekers make right moves

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Four year colleges and universities aren't the only ones to offer career services to students and alumni. Community colleges are eager to help as well.

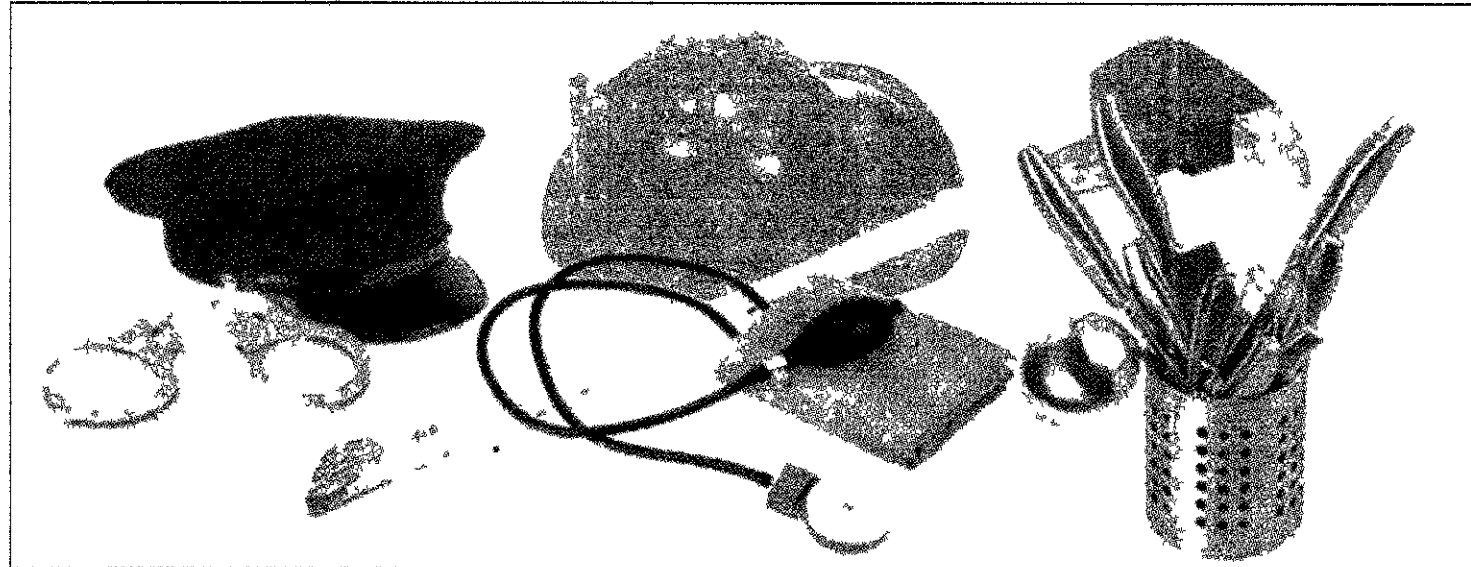
At Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Elaine Gerarge helps students and grads with resumes and finding jobs. She's the coordinator of student employment services in the Career and Transfer Center, based at the McDowell Center on campus.

Schoolcraft also has three part-time career counselors who see students weekdays on an appointment basis. For more, start online at [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu) or call the Career and Transfer Center at (734) 462-4421.

Job fairs are among ways Schoolcraft students and grads learn about employment opportunities. Students in culinary arts, nursing and related fields, and public safety do particularly well.

Our culinary people are highly sought after, said Gerarge, noting the center has printed and online information on such things as salaries and job outlook.

We try to match up the



resumes and the people with those jobs, she said. The career counselors are booked up, busy with appointments in which they talk to applicants about what they're looking for, and use testing.

"I see students on a walk-in basis," Gerarge said. She talks with them on how to e-mail or fax a resume. We also talk about job interviews, how to interview.

There's The Perfect Interview at Schoolcraft, in which students and alumni work on an interactive computer program to "interview" for a job at vari-

ous levels.

"It gives you feedback as to why the employer is asking these questions," she said. The Perfect Interview is popular with job seekers, who can play it back for feedback which they can keep.

It's very difficult, Gerarge said of the current job placement outlook in many fields. There may be 20-30 students for one position. "The competition is so tough," said Gerarge, who places students both on campus and off in jobs to build resumes.

The career counselors do

some work in the private sector, but Schoolcraft's main focus is on students and alumni. Entry-level jobs are sought, an internship, anything we can to get them started in their field.

Employers with job openings are encouraged to contact both Schoolcraft and Oakland Community College, which also offers career services to current students and alumni.

All five OCC campuses have career services, said George Cartsonis, college spokesman. "All of the campuses offer courses in career planning, he said.

Some students don't yet have clear career aims. "They come here to explore so those courses are very useful to them," Cartsonis added.

OCC's centralized career office is at the Auburn Hills campus under Willie Lloyd, director of placement services/cooperative education. Students and alumni get help with the job search, Lloyd said, including resumes and interviewing strategies. Like Schoolcraft, OCC has job listings, theirs at [www.oaklandcc.edu/place](http://www.oaklandcc.edu/place) ment, from which a job seeker

or employer can navigate. The general phone number is (248) 232-4147.

"There are some of our occupations that do extremely well regardless of what's happening in the economy," Lloyd said. The auto industry remains poor in terms of jobs, but culinary arts does well as do other fields.

"Our allied health programs do extremely well," Lloyd said, citing nursing, dental hygiene, X-ray technicians, ultrasound and related fields. Some who are displaced from the auto industry are looking to move into health care. Public safety is also strong at OCC.

OCC serves primarily students and alumni, but the Web site's accessible to outsiders and recently had some 470 job postings, mostly in the tri-county area. Lloyd finds some are surprised at the scope of career services offered by two-year schools.

I think in some regard they are. Not all students are just out of high school and some hold bachelor's or even graduate degrees. The average age of an OCC student is around 30, he said, and many have a strong sense of career direction and wish to enhance their skills.



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Full Time Corporate and Matching Gifts  
Officer Development Department

#### Qualifications

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- Minimum three years experience with the cultivation and solicitation of corporate donors
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#### Essential Functions

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If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a resume and cover letter to The Detroit Institute of Arts Organization Development and Human Resources Department, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202 email [HRJobs@dia.org](mailto:HRJobs@dia.org) by March 2, 2007 EOE



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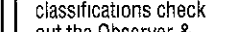
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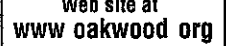
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# New Homes



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## Curb appeal-conscious homeowners' side with vinyl

(NAPSI) — Americans are spending more than \$200 billion on home remodeling projects each year, according to the National Association of Home Builders. This figure continues to climb as homeowners invest more in home improvements that increase curb appeal and boost real estate value.

Among the top priorities on homeowners' to-do lists is upgrading exterior cladding. In fact, siding replacement is an affordable project that comes with a high return. More popular than wood or aluminum, vinyl is the material of choice for re-siding projects, and many say for good reason. Vinyl is tough to beat for sheer endurance. It requires far less maintenance than more traditional materials and is now available in an unmatched variety of styles and colors. It can complement any style of house including Ranch, Victorian, Arts and Crafts or any other while maintaining the home's architectural integrity. Nevertheless, the number one reason homeowners and home buyers seek vinyl-clad homes is low maintenance. Painting and general upkeep of wood can be laborious and expensive. Vinyl siding retains its attractive appearance over the years with no need for painting or refinishing. And the up-front costs of vinyl siding won't break the bank as traditional materials can.

When selecting vinyl siding, first ask building professionals which manufacturer they prefer. The best bet is to choose siding made by trusted companies that have a history of producing high-quality products. Next, choose a style and color that best suit your home and neighborhood.

Some of the newer offerings to be aware of include shake style vinyl siding and insulated vinyl siding. Cedar Impressions® is a popular option by longtime manu-



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facturer CertainTeed. Molded from real cedar shingles, it has a natural wood texture that lasts for years and a low gloss finish that comes in a broad range of colors. Plus, it's virtually maintenance free and never needs painting.

Insulated vinyl siding is also peaking homeowners' interest. In

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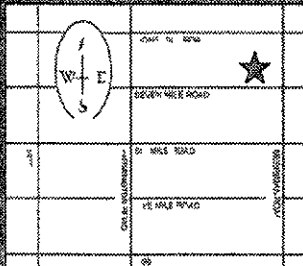
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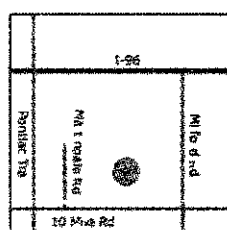
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Covington Estates consists of 57 homes in 3 available floor plans priced in the \$170,000s. "11 units sold the first week & we are expecting to sell out in the next couple of weeks," Veri said. "Since then we have just 7 lots left."

The Brookstone Colonial boasts over 1,600 sq ft & has 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. The Brookstone 2 Colonial is 1,624 sq ft w/4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. The 3rd plan, The Covington, 1,600 sq ft ranch has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.

Veri said buyers will be amazed at the home's affordability when they see the standard features built into the homes. Oak floors are used in the foyer, kitchen, nook and powder room. Granite countertops, Merillat cabinets, Delta faucets, double bowl stainless steel sink & tile comprise some of the kitchen and bath amenities. Ceramic tile is in both laundry rooms and baths. Ceiling lights illuminate the nighttime chambers. Oversized premium trim and interior doors are used as well as a 90% efficient Comfort Maker furnace, high efficiency 40 gal. hot water tank & R-30 attic insulation. Exterior is 100 percent maintenance free. The ranch & 1st floor of the 2 colonials are all brick. The 2nd floor of colonials is finished in vinyl siding. Overhangs on all 3 models are either aluminum or vinyl trim. Pella vinyl windows & glass block on basement windows finish each home. Standard features include sod, limestone address block, sidewalks, streetlights, city water & sewer, Coach lights outside, garage lends to a clear view of the home & garage in the nighttime.

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Veri said he can't get over the affordability of the homes. "We are working on slim margins. The main theme to this project was creating affordable housing. With full time employment, making about \$19 an hour, you can buy a house w/these features." Veri worked w/in house mortgage lender Mortgage Concepts & came up w/who mortgage down 30-year fixed rate mortgage which includes no closing costs, taxes & insurance for about \$1,450/month.

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# Enjoy the country charm of the Stewartstonian

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To the left of the vaulted entry, the vaulted living room and a large dining room are partitioned by a half-wall that adds to the spacious feeling throughout this plan. The walk through

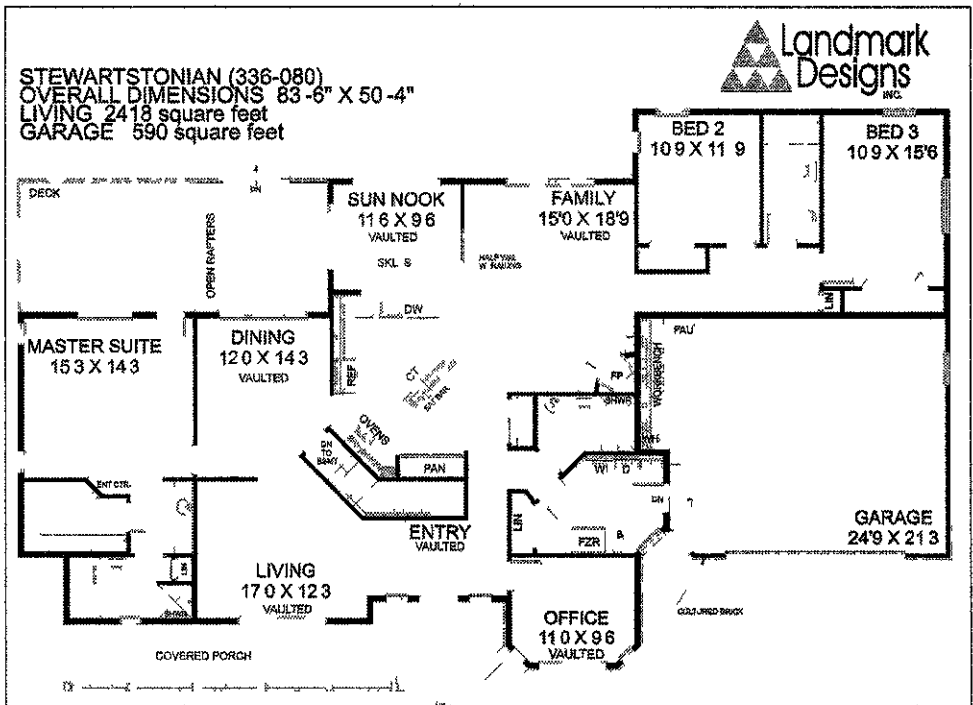
kitchen is centrally located, a fact that the cook in the family will surely appreciate. The dining room is on one side of the kitchen, while a vaulted sun nook on the other side will enhance any casual meal. In addition to the usual built in appliances, the kitchen features an island cook top with eating bar and grill, double ovens and pantry. A half-wall with railing separates the nook from a nice-sized family room with vaulted ceiling and corner fireplace.

The isolated master suite is quite roomy with personal access to the back deck. TV shelf, large walk in closet and private bathroom with separate tub and shower along with linen storage. A full bathroom divides the other two bedrooms and each has ample closet space. Empty nesters might want to use one for

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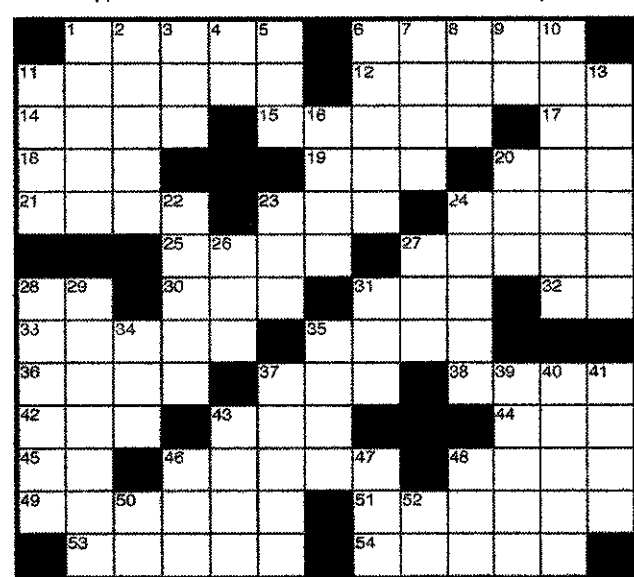
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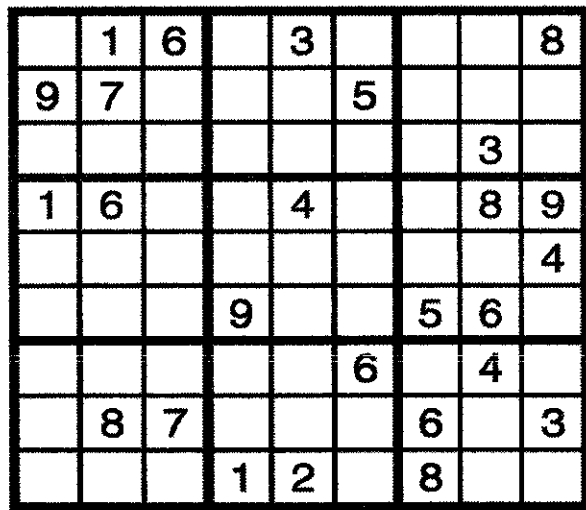
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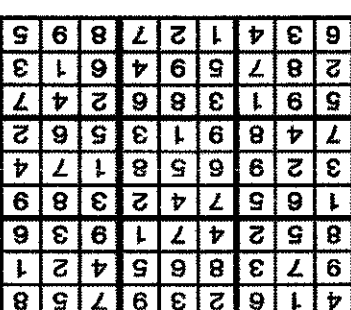
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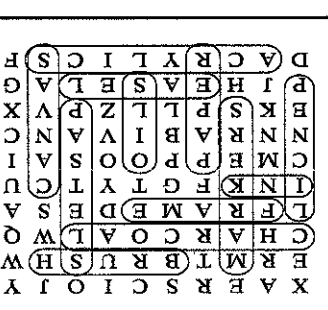
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313 218 5653 or 734 941 1500

**LIVONIA 1 MONTH FREE!**

3 bdrm ranch 1000 sq ft 2 full bath finished bsmt 2 car \$1100/mo

248 752 1777

**LIVONIA** 3 Bdrm 1 bath 2.5 car garage fenced yard All appliances Recently updated \$900/mo (734) 564 3951

**LIVONIA** 3 bdrm newly remodeled on wooded acre \$950/mo + dep No pets Sect 8 ok

734 453 2923

**LIVONIA** 3 bdrm brick ranch 2 bath 1900 sq ft fin bsmt appliances 2 car \$1700

D&H Properties 248 888 9133

**LIVONIA** Clean 3 bdrm 1 bath on 1/2 acre Immediate occupancy nice neighborhood \$950/mo + sec 248 467 6334

**LIVONIA** Completely remodeled 3 bdrm ranch New carpet a/c 1 car garage \$950/month 810 869 5402

**LIVONIA** N W 3 bdrm 2.5 bath all updated many extras caretaker living \$1585/mo Avail now 248 755 3125

**LIVONIA** Rent or rent to own All new inside Perfect 3 bdrm fenced yard garage \$995+ deposit 734 525 8646

**LIVONIA** Rent/option to buy 3 bdrm excc cond 1000 sq ft extra lg 2.5 car fenced yard c/a \$950/mo 734 612 8991

**LIVONIA** Ranch 3 bdrm 1.5 bath completely remodeled new 2.5 car garage & appliances Beauty in great neighborhood \$1250/mo

734 968 3911

**NORTHVILLE** Charming 1100 sq ft 2 bdrm home w/some appliances 19711 Clement

\$1075/mo 248 349 5237

**PLYMOUTH** 2 bedroom ranch Stove and fridge Pets negotiable \$750/month Call

**734 717 7643 734 717 3452**

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734 674 1685

**PLYMOUTH DOWNTOWN**

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734 453 8375

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3 bdrm 1.5 bath fireplace large fenced yard Avail immed

\$1095/mo (248) 735 5464

**PLYMOUTH** 4 bdrm 1.5 bath colonial 1600 sq ft with partially finished bsmt 2 car garage fenced yard All appliances stay \$1400/mo

**Agent Jim (734) 765 1081**

**REDFORD** 3 Bedroom A unit ranch bsmt \$825 mo 20587 Kinloch 8 Mile & Beach

248 476 6498

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**ROCHESTER DOWNTOWN**

Must see 3 bdrm bsmt all appliances fireplace garage \$1100/mo 248 666 6049

**Homes For Rent** (4050)

**ROYAL OAK & SOUTHFIELD**

2 bdrm hardwood floors appliances Large yard

248 368 6853

**WAYNE** 34231 John E/Wayne S/Mich 3 bdrm 1 bath 2 car garage bsmt \$900

734 709 7222 734 459 6361

**WAYNE** Immaculate 2 bdrm c/a all appliances finished bsmt garage \$850/mo + dep

734 728 3227

**WAYNE** Newly remodeled 3 bdrm full bsmt close to schools & hospital \$800/mo + 1 1/2 mo sec 734 421 8491

**WEST BLOOMFIELD AREA CREDIT NOT A PROBLEM!**

15 & Orchard Lake

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248 556 7800

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** Over 2000 sq ft 3 bdrm 2.5 bath 2 car bsmt W Bloomfield Schools 248 790 0296

**WESTLAND** Cherry Hill & Wayne Rd 3 bdrm brick ranch c/a fenced 1.5 car freshly painted References required \$900/mo 734 223 4939

**WESTLAND** Duplex 2 Bsmt w/3rd bedroom fenced yard private driveway Pets ok 750/mo

734 576 5434

**WESTLAND** 2 bdrm w/country kitchen lg fenced yard nice area Freshly painted pets wsgo \$700/mo 248 306 3333

**WESTLAND** Ford/ 275 area 3 bdrm brk ranch 1.5 bath fin shed bsmt clean C/A no pets \$975/mo 734 591 9163

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**Living Quarters To Share** (4120)

**INKSTER** Upper living area (3 rooms) Shared kitchen & bath room \$400/mo No deposit

Sec 8 ok 313 586 8876

**LIVONIA** Clean quiet spacious home Full house privileges laundry Private bath internet/cable Utilities incl \$395/mo

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**LIVONIA** Livon a Mall area single male will share 3 bdrm home \$360 incl utilities

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248 505 0645

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**FARMINGTON HILLS**

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WAS \$21,590

NOW **\$17,387\*\***

LEASE 24 MONTHS

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH

**\$205<sup>43\*</sup>** \$1167 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE

**\$247<sup>80\*</sup>** \$0 DUE

## ALL NEW 2007 EDGE SE



3.5 V-6, automatic overdrive transmission, AM/FM CD, air conditioning, power windows/locks, tilt, cruise. Stock #7T3049  
WAS \$25,995

NOW **\$22,939**

LEASE 24 MONTHS

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH

**\$241<sup>50\*</sup>** \$1422.09 DUE

\$0 DOWN

**\$283<sup>16\*</sup>** \$407.26 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE

**\$229<sup>90\*</sup>** \$0 DUE

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### 2007 FOCUS SE

2.0 L engine, automatic, air, power windows & locks, cruise, tilt, center console. Stock #7C1098  
WAS \$17,470

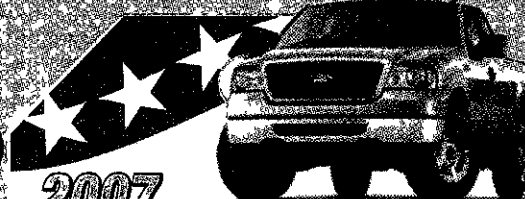
NOW **\$11,885\*\***

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH

**\$140<sup>76\*</sup>** \$1346.21 DUE

\$0 DOWN **\$169\*** \$316.10 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE **\$177<sup>60\*</sup>** \$0 DOWN



### 2007 F-150 SUPERCAB XLT

5.4 V-8, 4 speed auto O/D, air, trailer tow pkg, power signal heated mirrors, 7150 GVWR wheel locks. Stock #7T6138  
WAS \$32,995

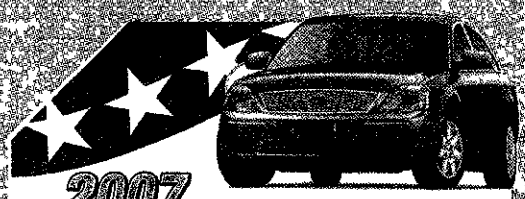
NOW **\$22,830\*\***

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH

**\$202<sup>31\*</sup>** \$1576.45 DUE

\$0 DOWN **\$230<sup>70\*</sup>** \$546.54 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE **\$245<sup>70\*</sup>** \$0 DOWN



### 2007 FIVE HUNDRED SEL

3.0 24V V-6 engine, 6 speed automatic, air, AM/FM CD, power windows/locks, tilt, cruise. Stock #7C7060  
WAS \$23,730

NOW **\$15,945\*\***

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH

**\$232<sup>79\*</sup>** \$1443.76 DUE

\$0 DOWN **\$261<sup>40\*</sup>** \$414.10 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE **\$272<sup>00\*</sup>** \$0 DOWN



### 2007 ESCAPE XLT

3.0 V6, 4 speed automatic O/D, power moonroof, 6 way pwr driver's seat, Audiophile 6 CD in dash, satellite capable sound, privacy glass. Stock #7T9012 WAS \$25,470

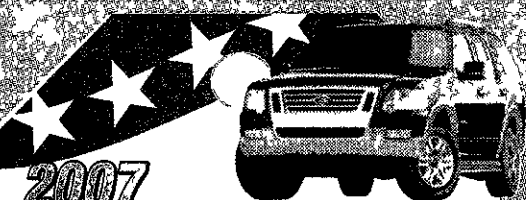
NOW **\$18,465\*\***

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH

**\$234<sup>35\*</sup>** \$1505.41 DUE

\$0 DOWN **\$262<sup>00\*</sup>** \$475.40 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE **\$275<sup>70\*</sup>** \$0 DOWN



### 2007 EXPLORER XLT 4 DOOR

4.6 V-8, 5 speed automatic w/OD trailer tow pkg, air, AM/FM CD, power windows/locks, XLT comfort group. Stock #7T5182  
WAS \$28,540

NOW **\$22,119\*\***

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH

**\$254<sup>61\*</sup>** \$1586.69 DUE

\$0 DOWN **\$283<sup>40\*</sup>** \$557 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE **\$299\*** \$0 DOWN



### 2007 EXPLORER SPORT TRAC XLT

4.0 V6 5 speed automatic, AM/FM CD, fog lamps, power windows/locks, step bar, 17" cast alum wheels. Stock #7T5017  
WAS \$25,795

NOW **\$21,432\*\***

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH

**\$265<sup>36\*</sup>** \$1418.49 DUE

\$0 DOWN **\$294<sup>10\*</sup>** \$388.70 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE **\$304<sup>00\*</sup>** \$0 DOWN



### 2007 MUSTANG COUPE

4.0 V6 5 speed manual trans, V-6 power pkg, air, ABS, AM/FM CD w/Shaker 500 Sirius satellite radio (6 mo service), power driver's seat, traction control. Stock #7C8024 WAS \$24,255

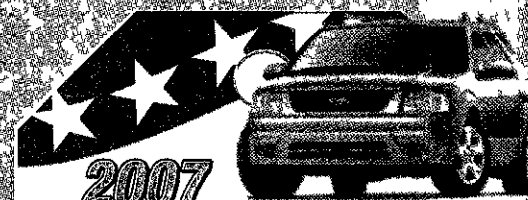
NOW **\$20,688\*\***

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH

**\$276<sup>57\*</sup>** \$1430.16 DUE

\$0 DOWN **\$306<sup>30\*</sup>** \$402.30 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE **\$318<sup>70\*</sup>** \$0 DOWN



### 2007 FREESTYLE SEL

3.0 V-6, automatic, traction control, AM/FM CD stereo, power windows/locks, 3rd row seat. Stock #7T1201  
WAS \$27,315

NOW **\$19,121\*\***

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH

**\$282<sup>20\*</sup>** \$1526.13 DUE

\$0 DOWN **\$311\*** \$496.70 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE **\$324<sup>90\*</sup>** \$0 DOWN

### "MANAGERS SPECIAL"

New 2006 F-550 Switch & Go Body  
12' 6" diesel, 12' landscaper body, drop box body

Was \$63,936 NOW **\$49,801\*\***

### "MANAGERS SPECIAL"

2006 Mustang GT Convertible Premium  
4.6 V8 5 speed auto trans, air shaker 1000 audio system, interior upgrade pkg, ABS, traction control. Stock #6C445

Was \$34,200 NOW **\$26,664\*\***

### "MANAGERS SPECIAL"

New 2006 E-250 Quality Coach Hi Top Conversion  
5.4 V-8, High Cap Air, power rec sofa, 13" TV, h seats, qual leather. Stock #6T2025

Was \$44,865 NOW **\$34,748\*\***

### "MANAGERS SPECIAL"

2007 F-350 4x4 DUMP  
5.4L V8 5 speed, auto, 40 gallon fuel tank, air, 13 000 GVWR, snow plow pkg. Stock #7T6203

Was \$40,530 NOW **\$31,632\*\***

### "MANAGERS SPECIAL"

2006 Ranger Supercab XLT  
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Was \$21,660 NOW **\$14,053\*\***

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\*36 month lease A Plan eligibility 10 500 miles per year w/approved tier 0 or 1 credit with lease renewal cash subject to program changes Expires 2 28 07 \*\*A Plan pricing plus tax title all rebates inc in price Expires 2 28 07

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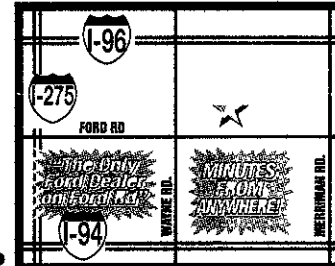
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Was \$34,215

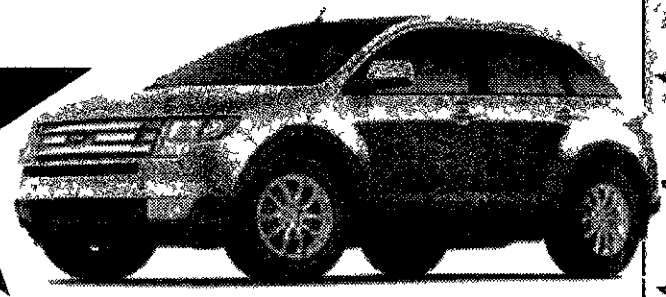
**NOW \$26,242<sup>25\*</sup>**

#### 24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

SIGN & DRIVE	\$1000 DOWN	\$2000 DOWN
<b>\$297<sup>00*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$232<sup>00*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$190<sup>07*</sup></b> per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$1554.27 DUE AT SIGNING	\$2569.47 DUE AT SIGNING

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4 wheel anti lock braking system (ABS) 3.5 L V6 Duratec engine W/6 speed auto trans power windows/locks remote entry air cond privacy glass speed control & tilt wheel advance trac w/RSC front & side impact air bags Stock #71790

Was \$25,995

**NOW \$23,999<sup>36\*</sup>**

#### 24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

ZERO DOWN	\$1000 DOWN	\$2000 DOWN
<b>\$304<sup>13*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$262<sup>00*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$220<sup>00*</sup></b> per mo
\$375.38 DUE AT SIGNING	\$1391.10 DUE AT SIGNING	\$2406.84 DUE AT SIGNING

### 2007 FOCUS 5 DOOR SES

Power side windows convenience group integrated fog lamps air 16 alloy wheels power locks 2.0L DOHC engine auto trans P205/50R16 BSW tires safety pkg anti lock brakes side impact air bags weather pkg heated seats power heated mirrors Stock #71858

#### 24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

SIGN & DRIVE	\$1000 DOWN	\$2000 DOWN
<b>\$191<sup>76*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$138<sup>07*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$95<sup>00*</sup></b> per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$1289.35 DUE AT SIGNING	\$2304.55 DUE AT SIGNING

Was \$18,875

**NOW \$13,761<sup>15\*</sup>**

Sips Gas  
27 City  
34 Hwy



### 2007 FUSION SE

2.3L I4 engine 5 speed auto transmission P205/60R16 all season tires air cond speed/tilt wheel power windows/locks perimeter anti theft system air bags driver & passenger 1st & 2nd row air curtains fog lamps 6 way power seat Stock #71951

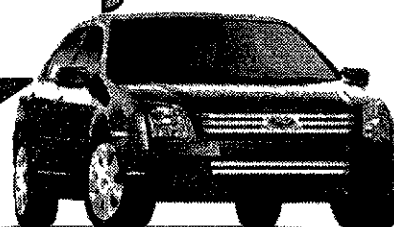
#### 36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

SIGN & DRIVE	\$1000 DOWN	\$2000 DOWN
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Was \$19,705

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3.0L 4V V6 Duratec engine auto 6 speed transmission 4 wheel ABS speed control tilt wheel front & side impact air bags P225/55R18 BSW tires chrome package chrome mesh grille 18 x 8 chrome clad wheels Stock #71548

#### 24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

SIGN & DRIVE	\$1000 DOWN	\$2000 DOWN
<b>\$318<sup>00*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$259<sup>00*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$217<sup>00*</sup></b> per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$1418.58 DUE AT SIGNING	\$2433.88 DUE AT SIGNING

Was \$24,725

**NOW \$18,530<sup>15\*</sup>**

5 Star  
Rated!



### 2007 ESCAPE XLT FWD

Power 6 way driver seat 16 aluminum wheels floor mats privacy glass duratec 2.3L I4 engine 4 speed auto O/D trans P235/70R16 A/S BSW tires power moonroof with shade mini OH console w/sunglass bin sun and sound rear cargo convenience group audipl/6 CD in dash/sat cap Stock #71376

#### 36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

SIGN & DRIVE	\$1000 DOWN	\$2000 DOWN
<b>\$270<sup>16*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$230<sup>42*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$202<sup>13*</sup></b> per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$1447.25 DUE AT SIGNING	\$2477.26 DUE AT SIGNING

Was \$24,275

**NOW \$18,273<sup>00\*</sup>**



23 City  
26 Hwy

### 2007 EXPLORER XLT

4.0L SOHC V6 engine 5 speed auto O/D trans, cargo area cover XLT appear P245/65R17 A/S OWL tires running boards 17" cast alum wheels roof rail cross bars conven group electrochromatic mirror MSG cntr w/2 lines and compass auto lamp headlights keypad XLT comfort Stock #71484

#### 24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

SIGN & DRIVE	\$1000 DOWN	\$2000 DOWN
<b>\$304<sup>54*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$239<sup>22*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$197<sup>11*</sup></b> per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$1576.57 DUE AT SIGNING	\$2591.98 DUE AT SIGNING

Was \$28,085

**NOW \$23,283<sup>50\*</sup>**



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### 2007 FREESTYLE SEL FWD

3.0L 4V V6 duratec engine continuously variable trans P215/65R17 BSW tires 5.19 ratio regular axle 50/50 3rd row split seat 60/40 split 3-passenger 2nd row 4 wheel anti lock braking system (ABS) power windows/locks remote keyless entry speed control/tilt column, safety & security package Stock #72000

#### 24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

SIGN & DRIVE	\$1000 DOWN	\$2000 DOWN
<b>\$331<sup>70*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$260<sup>00*</sup></b> per mo	<b>\$227<sup>11*</sup></b> per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$1459.96 DUE AT SIGNING	\$2475.36 DUE AT SIGNING

Was \$27,020

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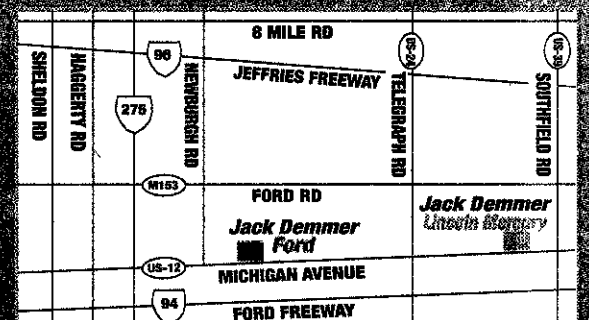
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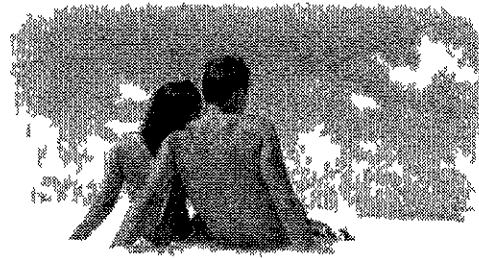
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SWF 66 5'6" 130lbs great SOH N/S enjoys life dining dancing music rent movies quiet times Seeking SW/H/M 67-75 N/S sincere and humorous ☎901376

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Attractive youthful widow 68 5'3" 135lbs brunette/brown shapely N/S seeks WM 55-70 prefers N/S in Livingston county or Oakland county areas for LTR w/anxiety of interests Seeks relationship/companionship and more ☎111193

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SWF 61 N/S homebody enjoys cuddling scary movies and antiques searching for a SWM 52+ with various interest and qualities ☎164114

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Attractive DWF late 40s Cancer N/S seeks special no games WM 45+ N/S for caring quality committed relationship Let's create sparks and watch them fly ☎59272

#### LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN

Attractive professional educated WF 55 5'2" slim N/S. Interest include movies concerts, comedy clubs jazz dancing dining out family tea Seeking WM 48-55 HWP for lasting loving LTR ☎973365

#### FIND ME

Attractive SAF 49 N/S 5'3" 110lbs slim build seeks WM 45-55 N/S for friendship and more ☎113901

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#### SOULMATE SEARCH

Slender attractive 57 yr-old JF looking for her soulmate any sincere successful JM between the ages of 54-64 please respond ☎589875

#### FRIENDS FIRST

WIAF 68 5'6" 145lbs healthy honest happy likes comedy films country cooking Looking for outdoorsy active man affectionate and warm-hearted to share the good things in life ☎139719

#### ARE YOU THE ONE?

SBF 56 BBW loves jazz concerts movies travel walks great conversation Seeking commitment minded mature loving man with similar interests for possible LTR ☎140023

#### ARE YOU MY MATCH?

SBF 34 5'5" average likes relaxing at home watching movies, seeking a SBM 34-50 professional outgoing and likes to have a lot of fun ☎166214

#### HI EVERYONE

SF 18 seeks nice easygoing guy who knows how to have fun and knows how to treat a lady Friendship first ☎142588

#### SEEKING A LADY?

SBF 56 5'4" 110lbs, slim build Sagittarius smoker honest sincere retired enjoys movies concerts, travel park walks seeks man 45-70 similar for friendship possible romance ☎118410

#### DO YOU LIKE CHOCOLATE?

SBF 54 5'9" N/S with great personality likes walking holding hands playing intellectual board games and Jazz music Seeks SM 50+ with similar interests for companionship romance possible ltr ☎155558

#### HERE I AM

Warm insightful creative SBF 53 enjoys music cooking art shows gardening going out woodlands walks and the finer things in life ISO like minded SM Sound like you? ☎161883

#### THE ONE

5'10" 51 year-old DWF seeking long term meaningful relationship with honest caring WM with good morals I am a BBW 300lbs+ N/S light drinker drug free clean and straight ☎956929

#### GET TO KNOW ME

Loving open minded SBF 60 145lbs attractive enjoys music dining concerts travel ISO honest compassionate SM 57-65 N/S Possible LTR ☎963760

### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

#### WORTH THE CALL

SM 46 active and fun enjoys snowmobiling 4-wheeling hunting quiet ties in movies drinks more Looking for an easy going fun loving open minded woman to share these ☎168638

#### NICE GUY

SWM 66 5'6" 150lbs manufacturers representative Libra N/S works out enjoys movies restaurants and summer festivals Seeking SWF 50 65 N/S Shirley please call back ☎708126

#### ENJOYS GOING TO CHURCH

SBM 27 6' 173lbs N/D N/kids slim build brown complexion glasses likes movies long walks Jesus cooking music bowling mexican food shyness seeks SB/HF 25-28 N/S for friendship possible romance ☎980453

#### SOUND LIKE YOU?

SM 40s 5'7" employed no kids well built sociable enjoys nights on the town good food good company movies cuddling and romance Seeking nice fun loving sincere lady to share something special ☎168094

#### LET ME LOVE YOU

WWM 54 5'11" 240lbs retired home owner smoker very easygoing likes sculpturing bike riding outdoors traveling holding hands Seeking SWF 40-60 average build employed honest affectionate for dating friendship maybe more ☎161249

#### HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR

SWM 6 med um built independent N/S seeks SF 22-60 N/S slim average build d/d free must be trust worthy honest and mature for companionship romance and more ☎148763

#### SERIOUS-MINDED GENTLEMAN

SB/CM 47 N/S hard worker marriage minded seeking a woman 35-55 who's compassionate down-to-earth christian a+ and enjoys the simple things in life No head games ☎165969

#### CALL ME

SBM 41 6'1" 170lbs truck driver looking for a nice sexy youthful lady to get to know chill with share some fun times in life ☎170237

#### JOIN ME?

SBM 46 enjoys all types of food relaxing at home cuddling watching a movies nice talks Seeking a special lady to share special times ☎171013

#### HARD-WORKING DAD

SM 35 looking for fun loving SF 18-40 N/S who knows how to enjoy life to get to know share good times and then who knows ☎162699

#### A SPECIAL GUY

DWM 58 5'10" handsome and secure seeks honest S/DWF w/sense of humor who enjoys travel candlelight dinners plays dancing concerts boating and movies Friendship/LTR ☎269646

#### SEEKING SOMEONE REAL

SM 21 5'9" brown complexion intelligent independent seeking B/A/F 24-33 intelligent who knows what she wants out of life ☎164113

#### ALL POSSIBILITIES

SWM 42 N/S plays the guitar looking to meet a WIAF 30-45 to spend quality time with watch a movie go on walks share fun and more ☎164517

#### A VERY SHY

40 y/o WM 6 tattoo artist dark/blue very strong funny would like to meet a woman 21+ honest confident and attractive for friendship romance possible LTR ☎165607

#### DO YOU LIKE OLDER GUYS?

Handsome BM 38 N/S seeking a laid back SF 18-25 N/S petite 5'5" who likes music jokes and being romanced ☎163616

#### MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES

Friendly affectionate warm respectful BM 43 N/S in search of a easygoing honest active woman with God in her heart, hwp for friendship romance and more No head games/drama ☎165436

#### SINGER SEEKS SINGER

SWM 52 in shape sober enjoys singing karaoke playing guitar animals the simple things Seeking SF 30-45 in shape no kids and a good country singing voice for friendship more ☎168597

#### WORTH IT

SM 76 5'10" 180lbs, dark hair enjoys boating travel a good night out on the town Seeking like minded lady to share these ☎169523

#### HI LADIES

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

#### CROTCH ROCKET

Attractive SBM 6 220lbs N/S occasional drinker 40-ish family-oriented likes dinner movies going to the gym crotch rocket motorcycles bike nights Seeking SF 25-40 HWP for friendship possible LTR ☎222912

#### GIVE ME A TRY

SM 44 educated open minded employed hard working looking for SF to get to know share fun times. I enjoy hanging w/friends bungee jumping flying planes, RC plane models much more interested? ☎166071

#### NEW TO AREA

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

#### LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

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

#### HOP TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

#### SHARP

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

#### GOT TIME?

SBM 46 6'3" average build seeks down-to-earth gentle honest SF 35-55 for dinner dates good conversation walks in the park or just hanging out watching a good movie ☎154257

#### ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE

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

#### LOVELY & READY

SWM 49 average build Italian heart of gold Virgo, N/S seeks WF 45-55 with a nice build ready for LTR Serious replies only Redford Area ☎660305

#### TAKE A LOOK

DWM 46 5'9" blonde/hazel N/S occasional drinker likes movies music dining out bowling and the simple things. Seeking a SWF 35-45 slender with similar interests for phone conversations and more ☎163984

#### ARE YOU MY LADY?

SBM 24 6'3" N/S D/D free seeks a SWF 24-33 slender attractive honest easygoing fun active for friendship romance and exploring life together ☎165882

#### TALL, MUSCULAR SWM

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

#### SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM 46 looking for that special persona for LTR someone who enjoys walks, movies sporting events cuddling at home Please be shapely independent and know what you want in life ☎692418

#### WORTH A CALL

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

#### LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM 49 5'9" 195lbs is nuts about nature enjoys the outdoors fishing etc. Seeks compatible SWF to have and hold ☎114846

#### ANGEL WANTED

SBPM 32 5'7" great SOH enjoys movies and cooking Seeking female 4-5'6" for fun times romance possible long term relationship age/race open All call returned ☎171644

#### CALL ME SOMETIME

Self-employed SM 51 5'11" 177lbs, blue eyes loves enjoys motorcycles the outdoors travel cooking music from modern rock to motown and much more ISO affectionate honest SF slim medium build Friendship/LTR? ☎146467

#### READY WITH A SMILE

Cute Italian male 55 6'2" 240lbs N/S shaved head/glasses loves photography comedy shows and making people laugh Seeking a SWF 40-55 N/S to make her smile ☎165658

#### TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF

Employed sincere respectful SM 27 well built attractive looking for down-to-earth shapely attractive sweet woman with good attitude and nice smile to share the good times in life ☎169916

#### THIS ONE'S FOR YOU

SWM 52 seeks SWF 36-54, fun loving commitment minded happy and sociable to share concerts sporting events travel nature walks camping simple fun interested? ☎166300

#### SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE

SWM 51 5'11" 185lbs enjoys the outdoors boating dining out music long walks, etc. Seeking honest caring SF who enjoys same activities for companionship friendship and romance ☎148012

#### FRIEND AND CONFIDANT

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

#### SERIOUS

SWM 71 N/S widowed 5'8" 150lbs young at heart enjoys outdoors cooking, dining out traveling seeks slim petite female 62 70 N/S ☎118483

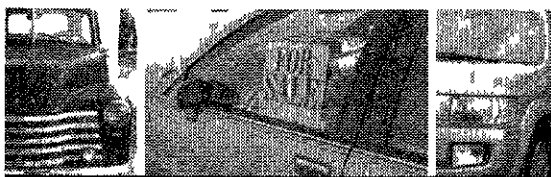
#### THE BASICS

SWM 66 5'9" slim build youthful 180lbs, seeks WF 40-61 N/S for friendship possible romance ☎116789

#### OPEN DOORS

SWM 60 5'6" long wavy/blue masculine build lumberjack likes the outdoors and physical activities seeks a SWF 57-65, N/S slender fit for companionship and more ☎165259





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The all-new 2007 Acadia is GMC's addition to the fastest-growing vehicle segment in the United States — the crossover SUV.

The crossover SUV is automakers' gift to younger parents who want the space and capability of a minivan, but don't want the soccer-mom stigma that is associated with it. It also attracts car buyers who seek power similar to a full-size SUV without the jerky handling of one.

That said, GMC is late to the crossover party. The Acadia is in direct competition with the well-established Chrysler Pacifica, Honda Pilot and Mazda CX 9 as well as its own cousin, the new Saturn Outlook.

However, it's an area GMC executives feel they have to enter to follow the trend of the ever-changing auto market.

"Acadia is a natural extension of the GMC brand," said John Larson, Pontiac-GMC general manager. "Its combination of smooth, responsive ride and handling and SUV versatility embodies GMC's Professional Grade philosophy. Acadia is a great-looking vehicle that will attract customers who've never visited a GMC showroom."

The Acadia features athletic styling with the signature raked GMC grille and dual halogen projector headlamps. The design is made sportier by a rear spoiler, polished aluminum roof rails, large 18-inch wheels and dual exhaust with chrome tips.

The Acadia shares its unibody platform with the Saturn Outlook and Buick Enclave, and is placed right in the middle of those two as far as size. The eight-passenger Acadia has a 267-horsepower V6 engine mated to a six-speed automatic.

This combo gives the Acadia an impressive 18 miles per gallon in the city and 24 mpg on the highway.

Its base model, priced at \$29,495, is a front-wheel drive. Pay around \$2,000 more and there's an all-wheel-drive system that varies power between the front and rear wheels depending on vehicle speed and road conditions.

"The responsive, precisely tuned chassis provides the driving experience of a smaller vehicle," Larson said.



The all-new 2007 Acadia is GMC's addition to the fastest-growing vehicle segment in the United States — the crossover SUV.

'And Acadia's aerodynamic design, efficient V6 and the new six-speed automatic work together to provide efficiency.'

If you need to tow a jet ski or snowmobile, there's the optional \$425 trailer package that can tow up to 4,500 pounds.

The Acadia comes with the standard set of airbags that are now the norm on crossover SUVs. There are dual front airbags for the driver and passenger, seat side mounted front-row airbags and full-length curtain airbags for all three rows of passengers. Additionally, first-row seat belts are designed to take up any slack and hold passengers in place as soon as a crash occurs.

Before you get yourself into a situation where the airbags need to be deployed, the Acadia's dynamic safety features are designed to protect passengers before a crash as well as during and after one.

The Acadia's strong structure and four-wheel independent suspension system enhance safety by providing a car like, stable ride and superb handling. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes, a StabiliTrak electronic stability control system, which helps prevent rollovers and GM's tire pressure monitoring system are standard.

Also standard is OnStar Generation 7, which incorporates the Advanced Automatic Crash Notification system. If a crash activates an air bag, the OnStar system automatically notifies an OnStar advisor who immediately calls the vehicle or emergency help. The Acadia also is equipped with OnStar Turn-by-Turn Navigation, a GPS navigation system that tells the driver directions via voice instructions.

There are three rows of seats in two configurations: standard second-row captain's chairs for two passengers, or an available split/folding second-row bench that seats

three. GM says the rear third-row bench seats three passengers. But it's a little cramped back there for adults. It should be enough room for three children, though.

And to make it easier to stow-and-go the kids, there's the Acadia Smart Slide feature standard. With a pull of a latch, the second-row seats slide flat and forward to provide a wide enough space for passengers entering and exiting the third row.

The Acadia surprisingly boasts more usable space than GMC's traditional full-size truck, the Yukon. Whether you order the bench or the captain's chairs, the center row seats can easily be stowed for maximum cargo space.

You can utilize 20 cubic feet of space with the third row in place and 117 cubic feet with the second and third rows both down. Many other SUVs and crossovers cannot come close to matching this load capacity.

But by having customers pay \$45,000 for a fully loaded Acadia, GMC is competing on shaky ground with some smaller luxury trucks, such as the Mercedes ML 350 and Volvo XC 90.

Kevin Koloian covers the auto beat for Avanti News Features. Write him at [mailto:kevinkoloian@excite.com](mailto:mailto:kevinkoloian@excite.com)

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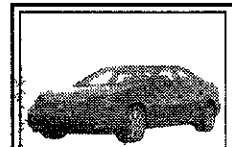
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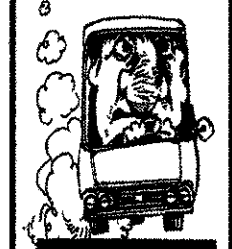
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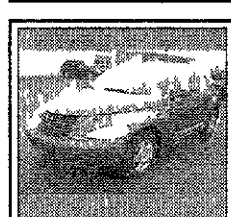
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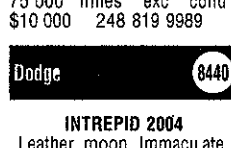


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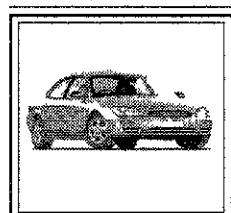


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**GRAND CHEROKEE 2004**  
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facto y warranty \$17,888  
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**WRANGLER 2006** auto air  
soft top 3K \$21,950 Stk  
P20042  
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**Lincoln (8560)**

**CONTINENTAL 2002** eather  
moon extra clean \$7,988  
**Fox Hills**  
Chrysler-Jeep  
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## Mercury (8600)

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fu y loaded \$8,995 Stk  
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**GRAND MARQUIS LS 2006** 3  
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**SABLE 2002** 114,000 h ghway  
miles fully loaded exc cond  
new tires bu gundy One  
owner \$3900 734 812 8194

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moon 38K \$12,488  
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## Mitsubishi (8610)

**MONTERO 2001** \$9,995  
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GROUP  
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## Pontiac (8680)

**AZTEK 2002** gold save air  
auto only \$5,995  
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**BONNEVILLE SLE 2001** auto  
air silver \$6,995  
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**BONNEVILLE SLE 2004**  
back power moon eathe  
ch omes \$13,995  
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**BONNEVILLE 1996** 3.6 ltr  
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\$3500 (248) 505 0645

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**GRAND AM 2005** \$12,995  
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**GRAND AM 2005** 23K fully  
loaded \$12,695  
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ar green \$3,695  
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**GRAND AM GT 1999** 4 dr  
back powe moon \$5,995  
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moon only \$5,998  
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black sha p Certified \$9,795  
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loaded \$12,495  
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miles SE GT From \$13,900  
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one owner \$12,995  
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**GRAND PRIX GT 2004** white  
auto ar Certified \$12,495  
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**GRAND PRIX GT2 2004** 4  
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pw 1 owner ps am fm  
stereo sunroof eather  
77,000 hwy miles heated  
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m night blue \$24,900  
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet  
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certified \$12,995  
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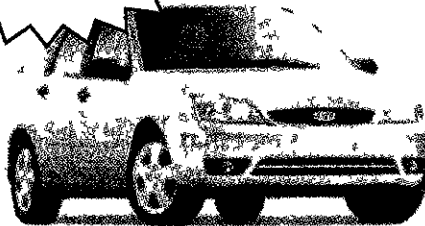
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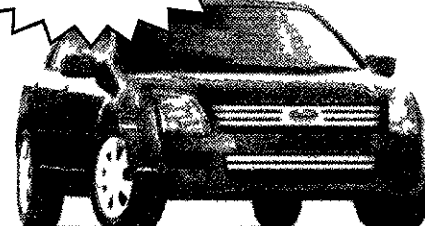
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**24  
Month  
Lease**

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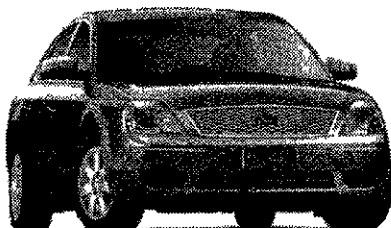
**\$230\*** Per Mo **\$303\*** Per Mo

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185 AVAILABLE

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Month  
Lease**

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**\$1000 Down Sign & Drive**

**\$262\*** Per Mo **\$339\*** Per Mo

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61 AVAILABLE

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Month  
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6 AT THIS PRICE  
76 AVAILABLE

**24  
Month  
Lease**

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Power Windows, Locks, Speed Control, Tilt, Hard Tonneau Cover

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**\$243\*** Per Mo **\$319\*** Per Mo

**BUY FOR  
\$20,441+**  
2 AT THIS PRICE  
12 AVAILABLE

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Month  
Lease**

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**\$283\*** Per Mo **\$364\*** Per Mo

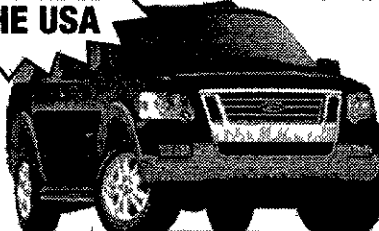
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1 AT THIS PRICE  
37 AVAILABLE

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Month  
Lease**

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4 AT THIS PRICE  
132 AVAILABLE

**24  
Month  
Lease**

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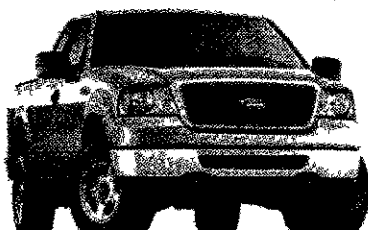
**\$262\*** Per Mo **\$338\*** Per Mo

**BUY FOR  
\$22,869+**  
6 AT THIS PRICE  
152 AVAILABLE

**24  
Month  
Lease**

**\$1368 due at signing All Fees Included!**

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**BUY FOR  
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15 AT THIS PRICE  
293 AVAILABLE

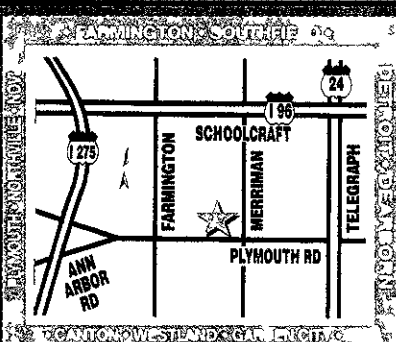
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Lease**

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