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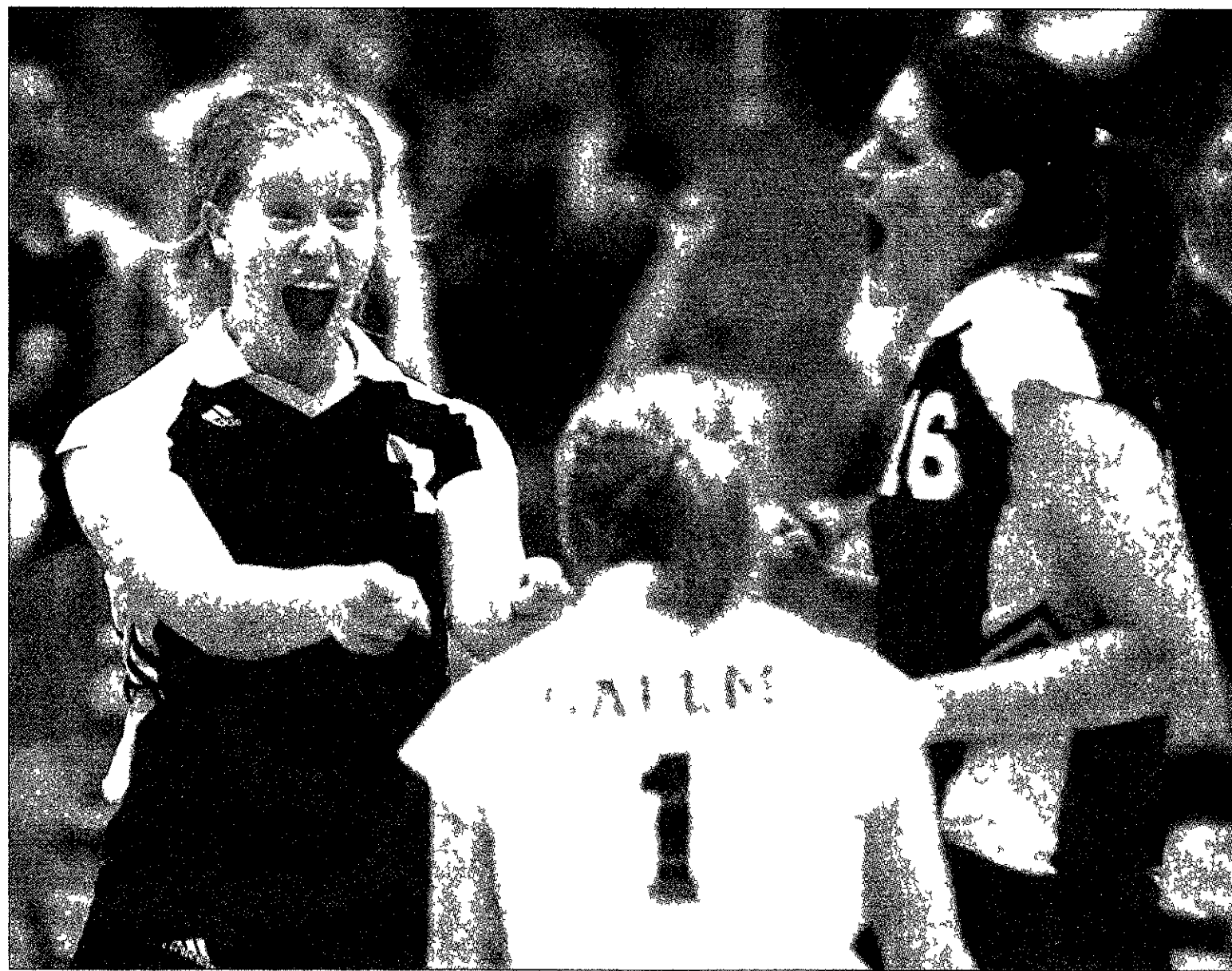
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Way to go

Salem's Nicole Mersch (left), Teresa Coppellie (right) and Courtney Seiler react after pulling even with Livonia Churchill in their Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball match Monday. Churchill won the fifth and deciding game to claim the Lakes Division title. For more, please see Page C1.

If bond passes, antiquated Starkweather's days numbered

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Starkweather Education Center in Plymouth is an alternative high school run by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

However, besides the obvious — teenagers walking the halls and in the classrooms — you might never figure out the elementary school built in 1927 is helping students working toward a high school diploma.

While Plymouth High School is the most modern high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational

Park after opening in 2001 and Canton and Salem high schools are receiving millions of dollars in upgrades, Starkweather still operates without some of the basics for high school students, including science and computer labs, cafeteria and library.

And, that doesn't include the fact the urinals in the men's bathrooms are at elementary-age height, as are the blackboards, many of which are so old and damaged they can't be written on anymore, and temperatures that many times exceed the outside

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Irene Ras climbs the narrow stairs to the second floor at Starkweather, the alternative high school serving the Plymouth-Canton school district. If next week's bond passes, the school would move to a renovated building at Central Middle School.

Turning the tables

New restaurant owners step out on their own

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

After spending half of his life working in his parent's restaurant, the tables have turned for Sedat Ramadani.

Ramadani, 28, recently opened Canton Family Restaurant at the corner of Hanford and Canton

Center roads. And his parents, the former owners of Richard's Family Restaurant in Livonia, now stop by to work in his place.

"They both really encouraged me to do this," said Ramadani, who opened the restaurant with his friend, Sam Amedi. "And even though

my parents have been very helpful, not working for anyone else has been the best."

Offering a classic American menu that has a "little bit of everything," the eatery opened in early January.

Ramadani and Amedi

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We are family. Selma and Sedat Ramadani (from left) Sheryl Krane, Heather Berman, and Sam and Val Amedi are owners and staff at Canton Family Restaurant.

Walker-Winter wins Blue Ribbon award

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

There will be plenty of celebrating at Walker-Winter Elementary School when students return from midwinter recess next week.

That's because the Canton school has been selected by the state Board of Education as a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School.

"We are very, very excited about yet another of our schools winning a Blue Ribbon award," said Wayne-Westland school board President Frederick Weaver. "It is a living testament to every teacher and every employee in that building who worked together and supported one another to come to this place."

Walker-Winter is one of 23 elementaries across the state to receive the Blue Ribbon award for 2006-07. It is the second Wayne-Westland elementary school to be honored. Edison Elementary in Westland received its Blue Ribbon recognition in 2003.

Established in 1982, the Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Program recognizes schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to educational excellence and significant academic improvement over five years. Schools must complete a comprehensive report of key criteria for school effectiveness that serves as a basis for an extensive assessment of their building and programs.

The Blue Ribbon programs selection committee chose these schools as meeting some very tough criteria in delivering quality education to their students," said state Board of Education President Kathleen N. Straus of this year's winners. "All these schools, their teachers, students, parents, and communities should be very proud of their accomplishment."

Straus went on to say that Michigan Blue Ribbon Schools are models of both excellence and equity. To be recognized, a school must demonstrate a strong commitment to educational excellence for all students.

Walker-Winter had to submit an application for the award, covering such things as academic achievement, school organization and culture and family and community partnerships with the school.

The school also had to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as required by the federal No Child Left Behind law and have a grade of A or B on the Michigan EducationYES! School Report Card. Walker-Winter has a grade of A.

"Personally, I'd like to thank the staff for their diligence and efforts, and I look forward to more and more Wayne-Westland schools reaching that honor," Weaver said. "I especially want to congratulate (Principal) Pauline Kouloubens. Her dynamic leadership has really worked well in the building and responded well to the teachers and students alike."

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Water rates likely to spike up again

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

About those water rate increases — prepare for more.

A sharp decline in Canton's housing boom has necessitated another look at the township's true-cost-of-service water rate study.

The comprehensive study, completed in late 2005, recommended a series of quarterly rate increases to be phased in from 2006-10.

The Canton Township board has agreed to update the study.

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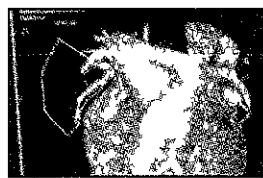
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Coming Sunday in Health



Technology can reduce diagnosis time of patients with chest pain

Correction

A story in the Feb. 18 Observer regarding the need for dry goods in the food pantry at the Plymouth Salvation Army should have pointed out potential donors can contact Tammy Moyer, (734) 453-5464. The Plymouth Salvation is located at 9451 S Main in Plymouth, just south of Ann Arbor Road.

Trinket or treasure?

Showroom of Elegance, 6018 Canton Center Road in Canton, will host its annual "Trinket or Treasure" event from 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. on March 3. The event provides the opportunity to find out if a jewelry item is truly a trinket

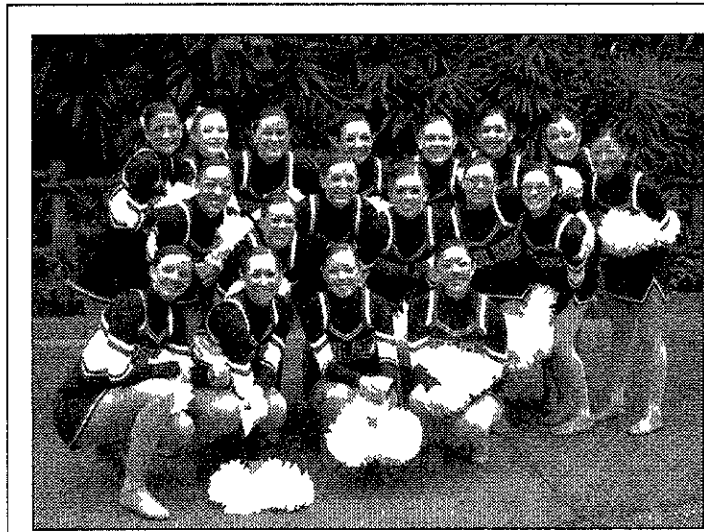
or a treasure. A certified appraiser will be on hand to make this determination for a donation of \$10 per item, all of which will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter. "It is an honor to hold this fund raiser for the Alzheimer's Association," said Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance. "It is a wonderful opportunity for us to support such an important charity." Alzheimer Association helps those dealing with the challenges of Alzheimer's disease. Appointments are advised and can be made by contacting Showroom of Elegance at (734) 207-1906.

Food drive

Curves of Canton (44248 Cherry Hill), Plymouth (44717 Five Mile), and South Lyon (25820 Pontiac Trail) will be participating in the Curves Food Drive to benefit local food banks. Last year, the Curves Food Drive collected 11 million pounds of food nationally for local communities all over the world. To celebrate the generosity of the community, Curves is waiving its normal service fee for any new member who brings in a bag of non-perishable groceries and joins between March 1-10. Last year more than 247,940 new members joined Curves during the food drive. Others wishing to donate may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves Monday through Saturday during business hours throughout the month of March. The Curves Food Drive promotion is always exciting," said Kim Scartelli, the owner of the Canton, Plymouth and South Lyon clubs. "We have a chance to help so many people at a time when the food banks are lowest, while we assist more women in reaching their fitness and weight loss goals. It's a win-win situation for everyone, and we're very proud to participate." For more information call Scartelli at (734) 453-0735.

Local poet makes show

Canton poet/photographer Cheryl A. Martin, M.A. juried



National honors

The Salem High School Rockette varsity dance team recently returned from the National Dance Team Championships in Orlando, Fla., where they placed 11th in both the jazz and pom-pom competitions.

enthusiastic pets and their owners to visit Heartland Health Care Center - Canton on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, please contact Pat Galinski at (313) 278-4428.

State of the township

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

The cost for the luncheon, which is open to the public, is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. The luncheon is being sponsored by Huntington Bank. Seating is limited and reservations are needed.

To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is March 2.

'Mom 2 Mom' sale

In anticipation of their upcoming Mom 2 Mom sale, the Canton Newcomers invites table renters to sell new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment.

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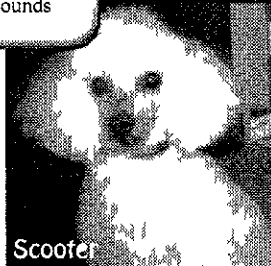
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NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

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Tuesday, March 6	9 a.m. - Noon	Organizational Meeting
	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
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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**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit **Bids for the Gallimore Elementary School Gym Floor and Cafeteria Table Replacement**.

Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Bids will be received until **2:00 P.M.** local time on **Thursday, March 14, 2007**, at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth-Canton Community School E.J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by McCarthy & Smith, Inc. There will be a mandatory **Pre Bid Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2007 @ 1:00 p.m.** at the offices of McCarthy & Smith at the address referenced above. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

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Cancer survivors (wearing the beads) make their way through the crowd at last year's Relay for Life event at Heritage Park in Canton. Organizers are holding a kick-off party on Wednesday for the annual event which is scheduled for May 19-20.

Cancer survivors ready to kick off another Canton Relay

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Janice Jacobs already had three important reasons to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Her mother, father and son have all battled different forms of the life-changing disease. But it wasn't until she was diagnosed with skin cancer in April 2006 did the relay take on even more significance. "I had thought I always understood until I heard those words being spoken to me," said Jacobs, who's been involved with the Canton Relay for Life since its inception nine years ago.

The 2007 relay is scheduled for May 19 and 20 but a kick-off party to get volunteers and participants excited about the annual event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. "We're getting fired up for the relay," said Jacobs, adding, "I'm doing fine and feeling great."

Jacobs, who is co-chairing the event, said cancer has touched so many lives in the community.

"It's totally amazing that it's

hard to find someone who hasn't known someone that's been touched by cancer," she said. "We need to find a cure and we need to find it like yesterday."

As the American Cancer Society's signature event, the Relay for Life is designed to raise money for cancer research as well as provide education about the disease.

This is about saving lives, said Jacobs, whose mother, Natalie, died of cancer in 1982. Her father, Frank, has bladder cancer.

"He's hanging in there, she said. "He's fighting." Saying that the relay is filled with emotion and hope, Jacobs said it was more painful to hear of her son's diagnosis than her own.

It's harder as a parent, she said.

Her son, David, 25, was diagnosed with cancer in Sept. 2005. With Jacobs being diagnosed just months later, she struggled with breaking the news to her child.

"I felt he already had enough to deal with, she said. "I didn't want him worrying about me."

Jacobs, who learned of the relay through an advertisement, said the event grows larger each year.

Last year, we had a couple thousand people, she said. "You don't realize how much this means to people until you've experienced it. The best thing is that we're providing education throughout the whole thing."

Those wanting more information on the event are encouraged to attend the kick-off party.

Participants will be able to learn more about the program, become volunteers, hear a survivor's story and register for the relay.

Registration is \$150 per team. Teams consist of 10-15 walkers.

There are three ways to waive the registration fee: participate in the organization's call-a-friend program, sign up an additional team of more than 10 people or secure a \$500 sponsor.

Even if you're unsure about your comfort level, this is the perfect time to come out, Jacobs said.

To RSVP for the kick-off celebration, contact Cheryl Gniewek at (248) 483-4348 or cheryl.gniewek@cancer.org.

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New owners find Bon Homme an 'appetizing' acquisition

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Sometime this spring, the five-star menu of Cafe Bon Homme on Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth will be transformed into Mombos, what new owner Charles Shattelroe describes as a tapas restaurant.

"We'll be serving appetizers, about 30-40 different selections," said Shattelroe, who is partners with two others in the venture. They'll be primarily Mediterranean and southwestern.

Small, easy to eat, quick. "We envision one side being just dining, with the other side more like appetizers and lounging, with soft music," he said. "As far as drinks, we'll primarily serve mambos, which is basically a margarita with different additives, wine and san-

gria. We don't believe we'll have a full bar."

Shattelroe, 43, a former Canton resident who now resides in Belleville, received the go-ahead from the City of Plymouth's Liquor License Review Committee and the City Commission Monday to proceed with the liquor license transfer from Cafe Bon Homme, which still needs to be approved by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Shattelroe, who also owns Canton Motorsports on Michigan Avenue, is partnering with former Plymouth Township resident Joe Washko, who at one time owned the MacDonald's restaurant on Ann Arbor Trail at Ann Arbor Road in Livonia, plus several others in Mexico. Currently a financial planner in Plano, Texas,

Washko, 42, said he and Shattelroe have been best friends since they were 12-years-old and classmates at Canton High School.

"We have more Mexican restaurants in Plano than in the entire state of Michigan, so we thought about a Mexican restaurant with a lounge," said Washko.

"We have some different ideas, which haven't yet been finalized."

Washko, who has been away from Michigan for 12 years, has fond memories of Cafe Bon Homme.

"I was a dishwasher at the restaurant when it first opened," Washko said. "It's just pure coincidence we now own it."

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4-H offers teens entrepreneurs club

Youth ages 14-19, who are interested in being their own boss, want to learn how to start their own business, want to gain leadership skills and enhance their resume, and enjoy making new friends are invited to a March 12 informational meeting of the 4-H Future Entrepreneurs Club.

Michigan State University Extension of Wayne County recently was awarded a participation in a pilot program of "Kids to Entrepreneurs."

The program is designed to provide fun, educational activities to increase the awareness of financial literacy and entrepreneurial education, to empower youth to utilize the skills they learn to

develop their own business, and to develop youth entrepreneurial leaders to strengthen Michigan's economic future.

The meeting will be at the Western Wayne County Extension office in the RESA Annex at 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne.

The 4-H Future Entrepreneurs will create their own business plan to present at a business expo at Exploration Days at Michigan State University in 2008.

Youth interested in the 4-H Future Entrepreneurs Club can contact Wayne County 4-H Educator Laurie Rivetto at (734) 727-7236 to find out more information or to sign up

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p.m. Work with data, toolbars, graphics and charts. Registration required.

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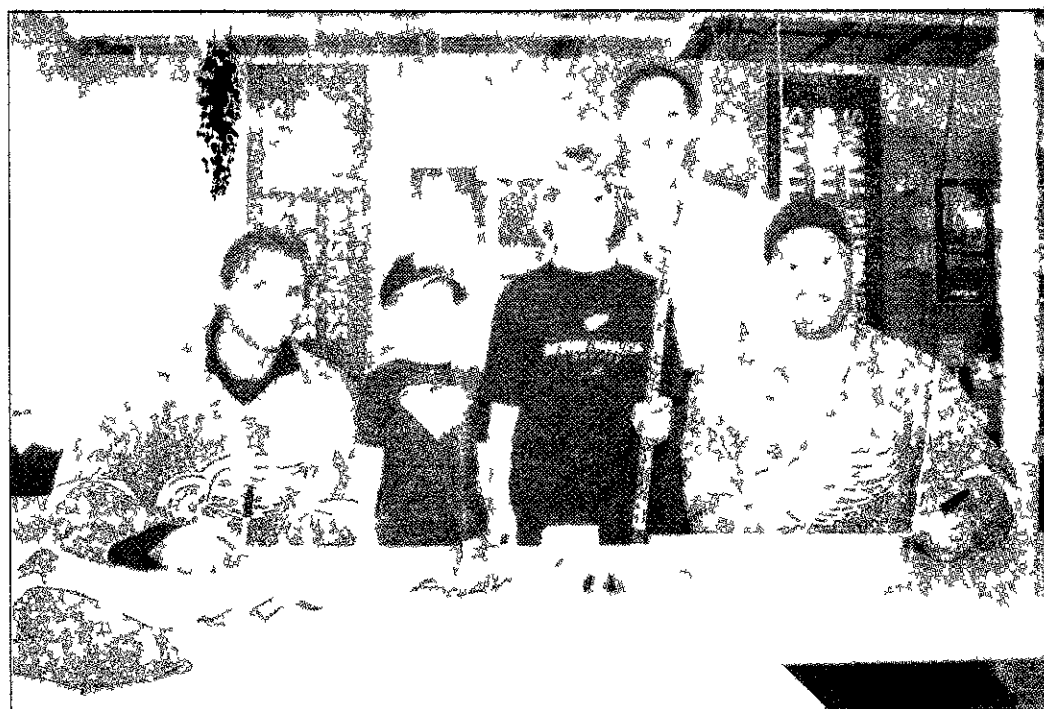


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Hockey town for a day

Detroit Red Wings Tomas Kopecky (left) and Johan Franzen came to Canton on Monday and signed autographs at IKEA. The players signed photographs and other items for a donation to First Step, a local organization that works to end domestic and sexual violence as well as providing a shelter facility in Canton. They also raffled off a game stick from each player and a Franzen Red Wings jersey. Here Alex Schnieder, 8, and Chandler Berlin, 12, show off their winnings. IKEA Canton store manager Mark McCaslin stands in the rear.

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Kathleen Drumm Boscardin

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Francis James Bremmer

Bremmer, 77, formerly of Livonia, died Feb. 19.

F

Doris M. Fier

Fier, 74, died Feb. 17.

H

George R. Huffmaster

Huffmaster, 76, of Oscoda, died Feb. 19.

K

Elaine B. Kumbier

Kumbier, 87, of Livonia, died

M

Ngela (Robbins) Magda

Magda, 32, formerly of Garden City, died Feb. 18.

Mary Elizabeth McGhee

McGhee, 82, of Neodesha, Kan., died Feb. 16.

N

David E. Nussbaum

Nussbaum, 59, died Feb. 19.

O

Orval A. Oppertthaus

Oppertthaus, 84, of Ortonville, died Feb. 16.

P

W. Oren Parker

Parker, 95, formerly of Rochester, died Jan. 29.

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Victor Rosa

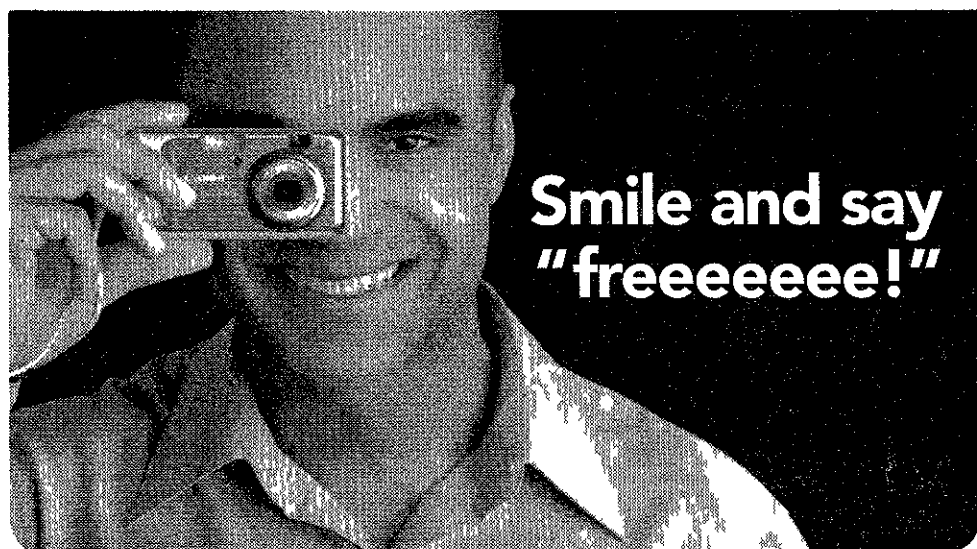
Rosa, 93, died Feb. 17.

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Mary Catherine Vierk

Vierk, 88, of Clawson, died Feb. 17.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A12.

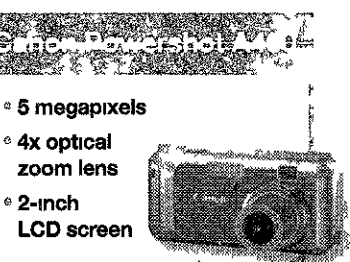


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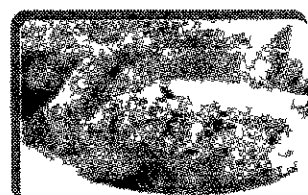
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RESTAURANT

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run the business with their wives, Selma and Val. Both couples live in Canton.

"We've talked about doing this for years and it's pretty much the four of us running the show," Ramadan said.

The interior of the restaurant has been changed from a red, green and white color scheme to shades of maroon and beige. The walls are decorated with paintings, ornate clocks and plaques. An oak partition, which divides the eatery's green booths, is topped with a series of plants. A glass case connected to the front counter displays additional greenery.

"We've gotten so many compliments on the appearance," Val Amedi said. "It wasn't cozy in here before because the colors were (weird) and there were pictures of King Kong and Wonder Woman on the walls. A customer even asked for the names of our paint colors because they are repainting their home."

Sadat Ramadan takes credit for decorating the restaurant -- among other things.

"I'm the decorator, the cook, the dishwasher and the bus boy," he said. "I'll do whatever

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it takes."

Including the two couples, the business employs about 13 people. The restaurant, which is open seven days a week, has already gained a steady stream of regular customers, Ramadan said.

Everything is really picking up so I'm very happy," he said. "This is the only thing I can see myself doing. I love it."

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Town hall meetings will focus on improving state's education

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Marc Corriveau got elected to the 20th District seat in the state House of Representatives, he said he wanted to take his cue from the residents of the district.

In the first weeks of his first term, Corriveau has scheduled a couple of opportunities to hear from residents.

Corriveau, (D-Northville) will host a town hall meeting 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Northville District Library to discuss strengthening education in Michigan, and he's bringing the superintendents of the school districts in his constituency in to talk about it.

It's one of three such meetings — the others would be in Plymouth and in Wayne — Corriveau hopes to conduct before April 1.

In light of some of the

things the governor said about Michigan's needing to diversify and seeing a way out of some of our problems, she pointed to education," Corriveau said. "I want to touch on that with the superintendents to get their thoughts on it, surrounding the whole idea whether education can be a method of economic development."

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski (Northville), Dr. James Ryan (Plymouth-Canton) and Dr. Greg Baracy (Wayne-Westland) are scheduled to be part of the town hall meeting. The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady in Northville.

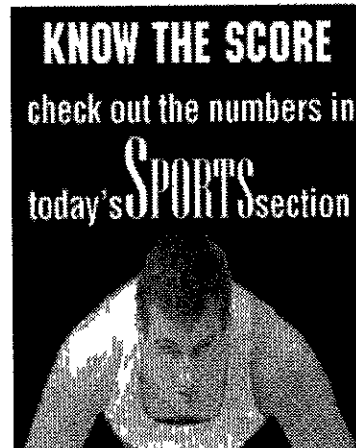
"The questions and answers are going to be from the audience, so I'd like to get people's thoughts on what they're thinking," Corriveau said. "My role is just going to be to facilitate the discussion and get people's opinions about whether this is something I

should focus on and, quite frankly, whether they're willing to pay for it."

Corriveau has also scheduled his first coffee hour, a chance for constituents to sit down with him and talk about the issues about which they are concerned.

The coffee hour is set for 7-8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the Dandy Gander Family Restaurant, 333 E. Main in Northville.

"I am looking forward to meeting more residents and sitting down to talk over a cup of coffee," Corriveau said. "I want to be a lawmaker who truly represents the people, and the best way to do that is to listen to what our residents have to say. I will take what I learn with me back to Lansing to help fight for our communities."

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WATER

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Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said revenue projections used for the true-cost study were grossly overestimated.

"The magnitude of the recession has hit us," he said. "We projected 1,000 to 1,200 new homes a year when last year we only had about 225. The revenue is not there, so something has got to give."

Each new home pays a tap-in fee for water service. The fees can range from \$6,000 to \$9,000 per each new housing unit.

When the study is updated, Faas is doubtful residents will see a decrease in charges.

"It's highly unlikely," he said.

The proposed increases vary for homes with and without sump pumps. In 2006, residents with sump pumps paid an extra \$13, while properties without them were taxed nearly \$20 more. The quarterly fees were expected to hover around the \$50-\$60 range by 2010.

Faas said it's unknown whether any increase will be tagged on to the current proposed increases or stretched out beyond 2010.

Canton resident Kristen Rielly has been vocal about the study's previous recommendations and said she's not looking forward to the updates suggestions.

People are not getting raises at work, insurance costs are going up and a lot of people are getting laid off," she said. "All of this extra money every quarter is (excessive)."

This year, the additional

charges are expected to hit \$18 for homes with sump pumps and \$25 for homes without them. Those numbers will rise to \$26 and \$32 in 2008. In 2009, the fees will increase to \$36 and \$43. By 2010, homes with sump pumps will pay about \$51 per quarter, while residences without them will fork over more than \$58.

Rielly, who lives in Sunflower Village and is the former president of its homeowners association, said the board needs to figure out another way to deal with the shortfall in expected revenue.

"Here they are giving themselves raises but want to charge us more," she said, referencing the board's decision to increase the salaries of trustees and the township supervisor. "I know their salary increases won't cover the costs of the (projected revenue), but it's upsetting."

Faas said the study update is a necessary evil.

Unfortunately, operating costs don't change, so the revenue needs to be made up somewhere, he said, adding that there's no indication 2007 will be better than 2006 regarding the housing market. "I don't know if we'll ever go back to 1,000 new homes a year."

Before the creation of the extra quarterly charges, the township hadn't raised water rates in three years and was absorbing higher operating costs.

You can only do that for so long," Faas said.

The results of the updated study are expected to go before the township board in April.

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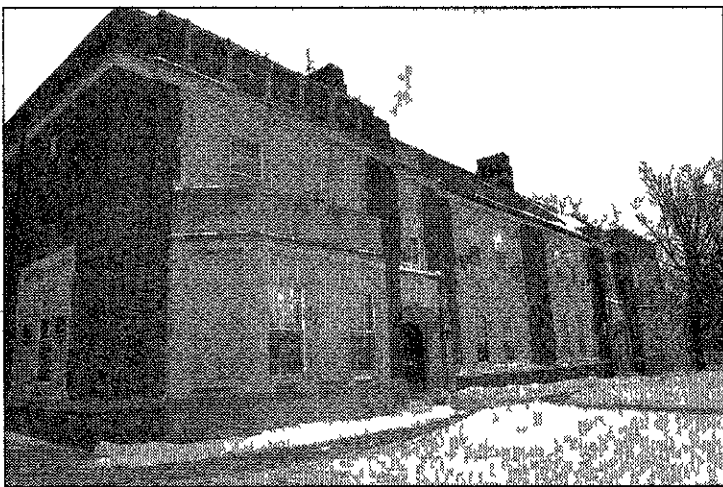
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thermometer because the building has no air conditioning.

That could all change if voters approve a \$62.1 million bond issue next Tuesday. If passed, the components of the bond include constructing a new middle school in Canton Township to replace Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. Central would then be refurbished to – in part – house Starkweather’s alternative high school.

“If the bond passes, we’d have our own library and books. Right now, students have to use the Plymouth public library or Plymouth High School, and that takes away from instructional time,” said Starkweather Principal Irene Ras. “We only have two computer labs that have 15 computers each, so we’re very limited as to how many kids can take a computer class or do research.”

English teacher Regina Wilburn of Canton has taught five years at Starkweather, and



Starkweather is one of the oldest buildings in the district, having been built as an elementary school in 1927.

a media center would be a dream come true for her students.

I would like to do more intense research projects, and a new media center would give us the equipment and tools to support that,” said Wilburn. “Now, we have to meet at the Plymouth public library, and if it’s first hour (9 a.m.), it doesn’t open until 9:30. And, a lot of times when we go there, the computers are in use by citizens of the community, and we

have to wait to use them.”

Students don’t have access to half of the available 30 computers at Starkweather when James Lockwood is teaching his computer class. However, Lockwood is also challenged in what he’s able to accomplish during his twice-a-week class.

We don’t have computers to do video editing, smart boards and as many options for publishing Web content,” Lockwood said. Students are being shortchanged because

they aren’t getting the outside introduction to computers across the content.”

Ras said if the bond doesn’t pass, life will go on at Starkweather – the way it currently is. However, passage of the bond issue would give needed resources to Starkweather’s enrollment, most of whom come from the three high schools at P-CEP.

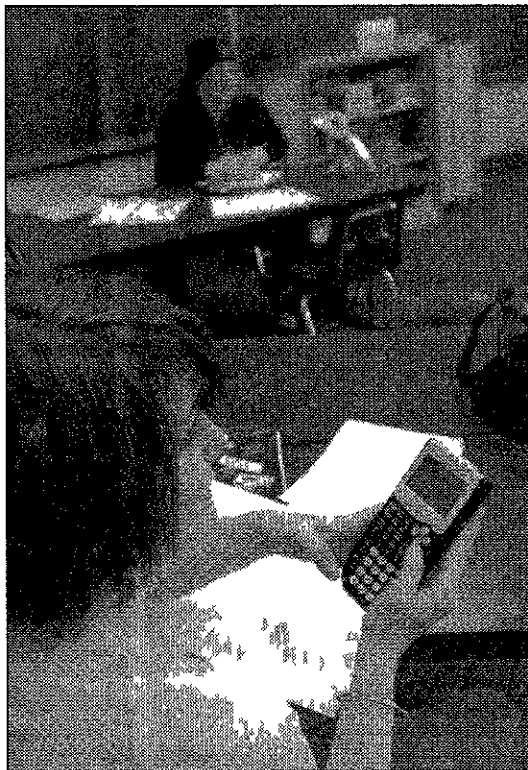
“If students aren’t making it over there, and the counselors and assistant principals know they need some place different to work, we’ll meet with the student and give them another opportunity, instead of failing their classes and giving up,” Ras said. “They come here with a clean slate. They tend to go to classes, do their homework and walk across that stage (at graduation) when the time comes.”

“They come with a lot of baggage, but they come to school every day, and for some that is a success because they’re doing it for themselves,” she said.

Seventeen-year-old Samantha Schulz of Canton spent three years at P-CEP before transferring to Starkweather for her senior year.

“It’s actually a lot easier for me because it’s smaller and the teachers have more time to give you individual attention,” Schulz said. “We do the best with the space we have, with no labs for science and no gym, compared to the park.”

“We don’t have a lot of computers and it’s hard to get one because there are classes being held, and in government class we had a project and had to go to the Plymouth library or Plymouth High School to use computers and books,” she said. “I’m not mad about it, but a little jealous compared to what they have at the park.”



Samantha Schulz and Jerica Acord work with graphing calculators in an all-female Algebra 2 class taught by Karen Abraham.

Ras has heard the objections by some campaigning against the bond – unruly teenagers will be roaming downtown Plymouth if Starkweather is moved to Central, and the school will encourage more students from outside the district to attend.

However, Ras said it will be quite the opposite from the current situation, where students leave the school during lunch because it doesn’t have a cafeteria.

“If we do move downtown, it will be a closed campus and the kids won’t go out for lunch, and they won’t be allowed to smoke,” Ras said. “You’d be surprised how respectful these kids are. The majority want to get through high school and move on.”

“We won’t open the school to more enrollment,” she said. “With alternative education, research has shown that small class sizes are beneficial. We

have classes of 15-20 students put any more there and you will lose half of them. It is a school of choice, but this semester 81 percent of our kids are from Plymouth-Canton.”

Along with building a new middle school and moving Starkweather to Central, major features of the \$62.1 million bond include adding additional classrooms at Pioneer Middle School, Salem High School and Field Elementary, constructing a gymnasium at Field Elementary, buying 13 new school buses, creating safety improvements, including security cameras at Plymouth-Canton Education Park, and academic-related updates to comply with state imposed graduation requirements.

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Purtan hopes to top \$1.8 million in Salvation Army Radiothon

Dick Purtan's goal for this year's 20th annual Salvation Army Bed and Bread Radiothon is the same as every year since the event began – to exceed the previous year's total.

Last year the WOMC-FM radio personality and his comedy crew pulled in \$1,808,440 to help feed and shelter the Detroit area's most needy residents.

Friday, Purtan will take on the challenge to beat that number by at least a dollar.

"I go into my worry mode on how we'll do next year, because every year we go up in the total," Purtan said in a December interview. "Every year it gets tougher and tougher to raise more money that we did a year before."

The 20th Annual Dick Purtan Radiothon will broadcast live 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday from the Oakland Mall in Troy. Donations can be made by calling (248)307-1043 and will go directly to The Salvation Army's Bed and Bread program.

By making a donation of \$10 a month, for a total of \$120 a year, or \$20 a month, for a total of \$240 a year, donors gain membership to the Bed and Bread Club.

Bed and Bread Club members are eligible for a Michigan tax credit and 100 percent of the dollars donated go to the program. Donors, who pledge \$240 or more for the year, will receive a limited-edition nine-CD box set including the "Best of Dick Purtan" show highlights from the past 20 years.

The Bed and Bread program brings food, shelter and services to countless destitute people within the metro Detroit community, providing them with their basic needs and assisting them to get back on their feet.

The program shelters 1,700 every night and has four Bed and Bread trucks – mobile feeding units that go out each day and serve over 7,000 meals to men, women and children in need.

"One of the most painful conditions that a human being can suffer is the feeling of hunger," says Dick Purtan. "I cannot imagine what it must be like to live without access to food – it's devastating for individuals and families and because of this, I try to do all I can to help."

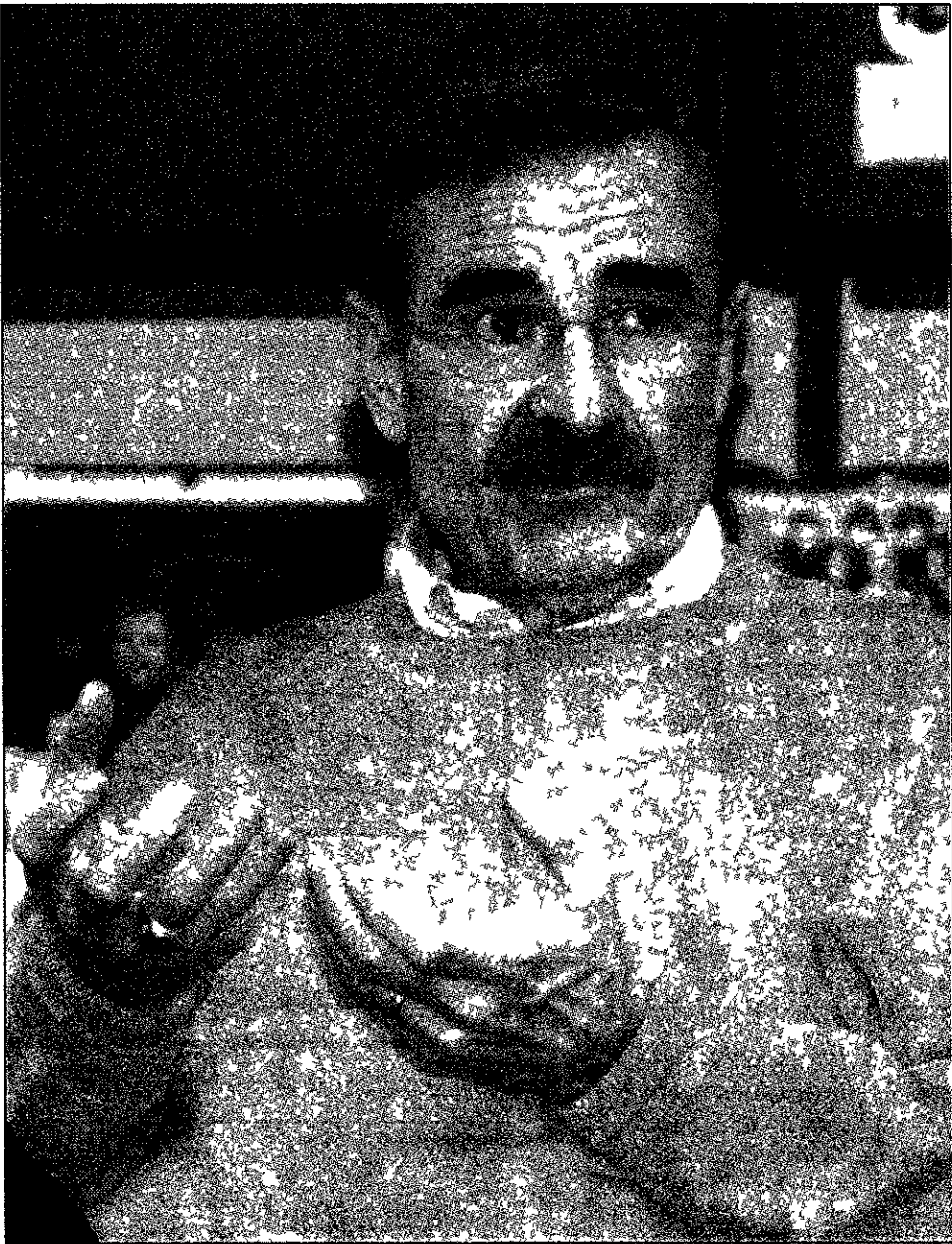
In the 20-years since the radiothon's launch, nearly \$14 million has been raised for the Bed and Bread program. The 20th Annual Dick Purtan Radiothon will include live performances by local and national performers and interviews with celebrities and sports figures.

Purtan said when the radiothon was started, he was looking for a charity that everyone could support.

"We wanted to be involved with a charity and we were throwing out different charities' names and it turned out that the one charity everyone had a positive opinion of was the Salvation Army," he said.

This year the need is particularly grave, as Detroit has been named the poorest large city in the United States.

If it weren't for the Salvation Army and this radiothon for the Salvation Army, how would these people on the streets of Detroit get fed? Purtan said. "We've now gotten to the point, Detroit is the neediest city in the country in terms of feeding poor people. A lot of people have to decide if they want food or they want shelter, it's come down to that in many, many cases."



Dick Purtan will host his 20th Radiothon for the Salvation Army Friday.

Schoolcraft hosts Workers in Transition seminars

If you've been displaced, downsized, bought out or asked to leave your job early, Schoolcraft College on Thursday, March 1, has help available. The first of three Workers in Transition sessions is scheduled for 5-6:30 p.m. in room 200 of McDowell Center.

A second and third are scheduled for Thursday, April 5, and Tuesday, May 1, at the same time and room. Attendees can enjoy free pizza before the each of the sessions begins.

The informational event is free and directed at displaced workers looking for new options. Career counselors will talk about where to look for a new job, salaries and training requirements for some of today's better careers, how to earn college credit for life experience, and how to apply for financial aid.

Registration is required and enrollment for each session is limited. For more information or to register by phone, call 734-462-4479.

Westland hosts state budget hearing

Hoping to get residents more involved in the state budget process, state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, has scheduled a public hearing to let Westland residents comment on Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed budget and, specifically, how it might affect Michigan State Police.

LeBlanc chairs a House subcommittee that deals with appropriations for state police. He also has been a Canton reserve police officer more than 18 years.

The public hearing – the first of three across the state – has been scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at Westland

City Hall, on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will preside over the hearing with LeBlanc.

"Our residents are affected by the decisions that are made during the budget process, but they rarely have any input into how the decisions are made – we want to change that," LeBlanc said, in a statement issued from his Lansing office.

It's important for our residents to ask any questions and express any concerns they have about how our state government works."

LeBlanc has vowed to fight to ensure that officers receive the funding they need to do their jobs, saying he has "the utmost respect for the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect our residents."

"Our state government is here to work for the people of Michigan, and I value our residents' input," he said. "I invite the public to attend this hearing and offer feedback on our state budget."

County issues salmonella warning

The Center for Disease Control is currently investigating a Salmonella Tennessee outbreak related to peanut butter in several states in the U.S.

The ConAgra Food Co. has issued a recall on Peter Pan Peanut Butter starting with product code 2111.

With the outbreak, the Wayne County Department of Public Health urges residents to report to their physician if they are experiencing any gastrointestinal (e.g., nausea, diarrhea, vomiting) symptoms related to the consumption of peanut butter.

For further information on refunds and related issues, please contact ConAgra Foods at 1-(866)344-6970 or you can go to www.conagrafoods.com. For up-to-date information related to this outbreak, you may also go to www.cdc.gov.

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OUR VIEWS

We want to hear your views on news

It's been a year since the subtle shift in how this newspaper covers the community began. We are still committed to offering lively community newspapers that arrive on your doorsteps Sunday and Thursday, but the Web offers immediacy that can't be ignored.

Readers who visit the *O&E* Web site at www.hometownlife.com now see daily news updates, many of which don't appear in the print version of our product.

We reported when schools were open one day and closed the next, and offered administrators a chance to explain those decisions. It's the kind of story that readers won't find elsewhere — the kind of connection to the community that other media outlets don't bother with.

Many readers have noticed the evolution of our Web product and we encourage those who haven't to check it out.

Finding the Canton edition is easy on our Web site. At the top left of the homepage is a directory. Click on the link to Canton, which is located in the section labeled Wayne County.

We are not only increasing our commitment to breaking news on the Web, we are also offering space for reader comments. Chatting up a story is a great way to let people know your views on a given topic and doing so couldn't be easier.

Just click on the link below a story, sign up to chat and log on to post a comment. If you aren't happy with a decision made by a local official, let them know in your own words. We want to provide a forum for the free exchange of ideas, but we need you, our readers, to make that happen.

If you know of news that can't wait until Thursday or Sunday or would like to offer your views on a story, give us a call at (734) 459-2700, and community editor Kurt Kuban will see to it.

Enjoy winter – in all of its splendor

It's cold, snowy and the first day of spring is more than a month away.

It seems as though winter will never end.

But there's a way to make it go faster — or at least make it feel like it's going faster.

Go outside. Take in the beauty of the season, experience its sights and sounds, and winter will melt into spring in no time.

Head to your local park for a walk in the woods, or don a pair of cross country skis or snowshoes and take to the trails. You'll see and hear why winter sports enthusiasts look forward all year long to the season's first snow.

The deep greens of fir trees, the earthy browns of tree bark, the brilliant red of cardinals and rich blue of blue-jays pop out against the all-white backdrop of winter like they do in no other season.

The sounds of birds singing and small brooks trickling are much more audible without the rustling of leaves and noises of active woodland animals that dominate other seasons.

Michigan is blessed with four beautiful seasons. Get out and enjoy the least appreciated of them.

Have a heart – volunteer, donate

Valentine's Day has passed, but don't wait until next Feb. 14 to have a heart.

Opportunities to donate money to a needy charity or volunteer time to a worthy cause outnumber the calories in a two-pound box of chocolate truffles.

Valentine's week is a good time to think about helping others. Donations to charities pour in at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and people look for ways to volunteer.

But as the new year gets under way, our attention turns to keeping resolutions to get fit and eat healthy, filing income tax returns and planning getaways to exotic vacation spots.

But there are people who need your help year-round.

Think of how you'd like to volunteer — visiting lonely seniors in nursing homes, tutoring at-risk youngsters learning to read, holding drug-addicted newborns in hospital nurseries, delivering warm meals to shut-ins.

Consider the organizations you'd like to donate to — perhaps those that give financial assistance to families who can't afford to heat their homes or feed their children.

Then be a sweetie and make that call or write that check.



Dan always made the best of winter weather.

LETTERS

Passing of a friend

I am 37 years old and a father of two boys, 8 and 11. Over the past 14 months we have been at the dinner table praying for a good friend who was battling esophageal cancer. We would take turns each night blessing the food and asking God to bless our friend Jeff Phillips, or Mr. Phillips. My sons would ask me all the time how Mr. Phillips is doing and will he get better? For months we told them that he would be OK and that our prayers were helping him get better.

Over the past several months it became apparent that Jeff Phillips would not survive his battle with cancer. My boys were starting to understand this but still prayed every night for him to get better and for a miracle. I would be asked by my youngest son Trevor, "Why would God let Mr. Phillips die?" My wife and I would tell him that God has a special plan for all of us and he needed Mr. Phillips to become one of his helpers.

When we broke the news to the boys that Mr. Phillips had passed away, they both just looked at us for a while trying to comprehend what we just told them. My youngest boy looked at me and said, "Mr. Phillips is in heaven now and is not in pain anymore." We told him he was right and we gave him a hug.

Everyone always asks the question when something like this happens, "Why do things like this happen to good people?" No one really knows the answer, but our belief in God and our faith allows us to get through times like this.

Jeff Phillips was a friend of mine. We met four years ago when our youngest boys started playing hockey in Plymouth. Our boys remained on the same team and became friends. We got to know Jeff and Sheryl very well and we were blessed to have new friends like them. They have a great family and are very close.

We lost a good friend. We may not see him anymore but we sure will remember what a great friend he was to all of us.

Jim McManus
Canton

Any real plan?

Well it's February and we are ready for the Plymouth-Canton school bond election on Feb. 27. Sounds strange, doesn't it? We had elections in August and November that would have been free for our school district and yet they choose to pay thousands of dollars for a special election in February. Not very good planning, it seems. Why do you suppose they would do this?

Why now? To use their own words, I guess it's because they had "no plans if the May 2006 bond failed." Or maybe because the survey firm they hired, and paid thousands of your dollars to, told them to "focus on getting out the yes votes." They have selected a time when they feel you won't be paying attention. In any case it makes no sense unless they are trying to slip one past us while we are trying to stay warm. Seems like a strange case of "planning" here as well.

It also seems the school district conclusions regarding growth are SIGNIFICANTLY different than those of the failed May 2006 bond. Now they only seem to need six new elementary classrooms, while they told us in May that they "need-

ed 28 classrooms. Seems like they weren't sure of their facts then, what makes us think they have their facts straight now? Sounds like more issues with planning.

Also in May they never told us they "needed" security cameras at the high schools and now they tell us it is an "educational need." Why wasn't this in the plan last May? What has changed? What will they do to pay for these cameras if this bond does not pass? Seems like they should have a plan.

I hope that before you give millions more dollars to this school board you will ask yourself if they have any real plans or they are just trying to get whatever money they can.

Mark Horvath
Canton

Buying American is complex

Mrs. Robichaud: I read your letter from Feb. 8 ("Buy American"). What does it really mean to buy American? I agree with you that "This area has always thrived because of the American automotive companies." Almost every day, the front pages carry a story about the health or activity of at least one of our auto companies. I have been hearing "buy American" when it comes to automotive purchases since the mid-seventies when I worked in a GM plant. I now work for one of the largest tool-and-die shops in the Detroit area that is still doing business.

I would like to suggest to you that a big reason why our Detroit economy is not healthy at this time is not because individuals might be buying foreign automobiles. It is because many supplier industries like the tool-and-die industry have been destroyed due to the fact that our auto companies have decided to not "buy American." I wish you could have been with us at work many times when we received word that the Big Three was putting the next tooling program overseas to be built. Or witnessed the bidding practices they have adopted to squeeze every last penny out of a bid until a desperate company drops its bid to the point of losing money just to keep their workers busy.

I am 51 years old and I am concerned that I might not be able to retire doing the work that I have done for 34 years. Recently, I have begun to question what it means to "buy American" when it comes to our auto companies. Did you know that the Honda Accord is made of more American-made parts than any other car in the world including those of our Big Three? It is also assembled right here in America. I would say they are keeping Americans working. Recently, foreign companies have been building plants and offices all over our country. I, too, am very concerned about the health of our auto industry here in the Detroit area. My livelihood depends on it. I am beginning to see that the concept "buy American" is much broader and more complex than what brand of car Americans buy.

Dan Kardel
Canton

No on school bond

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is completely out of touch with

economic reality in Michigan.

The board is asking for \$61 million based on increasing enrollment for the last 15 years. Any rational demographic analysis would project future enrollment estimates 5-10 years out, to see if a new building and facilities will be truly necessary.

Unfortunately, the board is living in the past and ignores current and future economic reality. Parents and taxpayers throughout the state know that their graduates are not finding jobs in Michigan and are leaving the state to find employment.

Our young people are the ones that are going to have families and need new schools, unfortunately, these young people are leaving Michigan and taking their new families with them. School enrollment will slow very soon and then decline in the next few years, leaving the district and the taxpayers to pay for mothballed buildings.

How many of you have tried to sell your home lately? I hope you don't have to! Housing values have dropped and taxes have risen. Not only is your school board asking for more money, hang on to your wallet because Granholm wants a chunk of it, too.

Wayne County has the highest number of home foreclosures in the state. If you can't afford your home, I'm sure you can't afford more taxes. How easy is it going to be to sell your home with a new \$60-million bond increase in your property tax bill (not to mention a 29-percent water bill increase)?

Michigan is a one-state recession. Every day, plants are closing, businesses are going bankrupt, auto sales are declining and companies like Pfizer are leaving the state. All this translates to a lot of job losses and people who can't afford any increase in taxes.

Finally, this Board of Education has a history of scheduling a vote when the retirees have gone south for the winter, so they don't even get a chance to vote, and this Feb. 27 is more of the same.

When you and I have to balance our family budget we cut costs and tighten our belt. We don't get to ask our employer (if we have a job) for more money.

We should expect the school board to do the same. Vote no Feb. 27.

Dan Holton
Plymouth Township

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

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources not banning hunting in Canton.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Elected leaders need to hear from citizens their priorities

It is easy enough to pick on politicians — and I certainly have done so, many more times than once

But we need to remember that they are human beings as well. Pause for a moment to consider the kinds of pressures our elected leaders in Lansing have to withstand during these tough times

Most of them — like most of us — have kids and spouses that need and deserve their time and attention. They have the kinds of worries — financial, career, personal — that afflict every one of us

But unlike us, they're in the Capitol, the pressure cooker of our troubled state, facing an extra set of burdens and responsibilities

Sure, they volunteered for this duty, but it's tough duty nevertheless. They are paid better than most of their colleagues in other states — \$79,500 a year — but most could do better elsewhere

They expect to have their performance criticized. But it's deeply unfair to make it personal, to assault their characters

New York Times columnist David Brooks, one of the most thoughtful and insightful folks around, detailed just why

in a recent column. In our democracy, lawmakers are compelled to spend their days maneuvering for trivial advantages that nobody will remember by dinnertime

"In our democracy, top officials lead frantic, overscheduled lives, with almost no time alone and with major decisions made by instinct during rushed limo rides from one forgettable event to another. They spend their days talking, and pretty soon they become human jukeboxes — their snippets of conversation are just chunks of oft-repeated material they have retrieved from the stump speech audio collection in their heads

"Our democracy, at least as it has evolved, takes individuals who are reasonable in private and it churns them through a public process that is almost tailor-made to undermine their virtues

"The process of perpetually kissing up to the voters destroys the leadership qualities the voters are looking for in the first place: tranquility of spirit, independence of mind, and a sensitivity to the contours and complexity of reality"

Amen!

We need to keep all that in mind, as we take a moment to consider in greater detail the pressures that face our governor and everyone else we've elected, especially the Legislature

The fact is that Michigan is in terrible trouble. Our economy stinks. Our state budget is awash in red ink, and big decisions about how to plug the holes have to be made within just a few months. Those decisions will have enormous consequences

The very future of our Michigan is up for grabs, as it never has been before. We can become 'Mississippi,' with, yes, low taxes — and poorly paid workers, a lousy education system, few state services and crummy economic prospects — plus cold weather

Or we can restructure our government: cut unnecessary spending, reform our tax system and find the revenue we need. The money we need — that is, to fund an investment



Phil Power

program in our durable, distinctive competitive assets like our universities, our 'North Coast' environment and the skills and brains of our people.

The special interests (what organization, after all, is not a special interest?) are already aroused and shouting. They are stirring up citizen unease about a 2 percent sales tax on services. The anti-taxers-no-matter-what are threatening recall campaigns

The din grows, the pressure rises. And our public officials are plunk in the middle of the pressure cooker

Meanwhile, in our state capital, in private, everyone acknowledges how complicated and how serious the choices are

Our public officials know full well that we are approaching a defining moment in Michigan's future. Most want to do the right thing, but many are reluctant to make the hard decisions if it means they risk defeat the next time around

What's needed is leadership — and the task of leadership is to find ways to put aside narrow partisanship and construct those small spaces in which lawmakers have some freedom of choice

Freedom, that is, to do what they know is right.

What would make it a lot easier for our elected officials to do their work would be if the public is given a chance to be heard from

By this I do *not* mean public opinion polls. Here's how America Speaks, a nonprofit organization promoting citizen involvement, puts it, "Unfortunately, polling is woefully inadequate for building a healthy democracy. Polls provide decision makers with aggregate data about citizens' opinions, but do nothing to identify or help build a collective view upon which decision makers can reasonably act

"They survey opinions without providing any way for people to learn or to be challenged. In the end, a public that has no opportunity to deeply engage with an issue (and only registers its opinions in snap judgments made to pollsters) will always be a ripe target for manipulation and influence

Right now, when our future as a state is teetering in the balance, we desperately need civic education and public engagement. After all, it's our Michigan, and our elected officials have a responsibility to consider carefully our thoughts and feelings, just as we have an obligation to be well-informed

There are lots of ways to do this. Reading the newspapers or surfing the Web. Going to town hall meetings. Writing to our elected representatives and senators in Lansing

Talking and telling — in coffee shops, malls, anywhere — of our hopes and fears for our Michigan and saying what we wish would happen to allow our children and grandchildren to continue to live here in our home state. That's truly the democratic process, as the Founding Fathers saw it. Now as then, it is a process whose time has come. Join it.

Phil Power is president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think and do tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed in his columns do not represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. He welcomes reader comment at ppower@hcnnet.com

Please governor, don't tax state's intellectual capital

Governor Granholm has proposed a new 2 percent tax on services ranging from haircuts to professional services

Residents must be aware that this is a 2 percent tax on every dollar, not a 'two cents' tax as some are marketing it

What's most troubling about this proposed service tax is that it serves as a disincentive for some of the state's

most highly educated, creative and intelligent service providers, such as architects, certified public accountants, attorneys, advertising and other creative businesses, as well as business consultants that aid Michigan's economy in advising companies how to work smarter and more effectively

These services are typically the domain of small to medium-sized company entrepreneurs who leverage their brain power, knowledge and education to bring value to Michigan's business, sports, entertainment and tourist communities

Can we tout education for the young people of this state and then tax them because they put their education towards establishing a company that provides a service requiring a high level of skill and intellect? Michigan can't have it both ways

Yes, professional service providers may "eat" the tax and not pass it along to their customers or clients, but they must still have an extra administrative

mechanism in place to track and pay the tax. Further, this is 2 percent less that companies will have to invest in new staff, technology and other future-looking upgrades

Moreover, the ripple effect will mean that service providers will be paying the tax on the services they purchase from other professional service providers they rely on to run their business: attorneys and CPAs, for example. It's a tax that will get you coming and going

Will large architectural, accounting, consulting and software engineering firms look to expand to Michigan if a service tax is part of the corporate welcome wagon?

Michigan already has a diminishing manufacturing base with repercussions that have touched nearly every business in this state. We don't need to be constructing additional road blocks that serve as barriers to new business or create an even greater chasm in our deeply partisan state politics

The new 2 percent service tax does not replace the much maligned — and rightly so — single business tax. That discussion is still ongoing and will require careful scrutiny, especially in light of the 2 percent service tax proposal. We need to stop the tax train before it leaves the station. Let's reroute business back to Michigan with a tax structure that supports and encourages commerce and the Great Lakes way of life

Ewa Matuszewski is a Rochester resident and the CEO and co-founder of Rochester-based Medical Network One



Ewa Matuszewski

LETTERS

Tax will hurt state

The governor's proposed service tax is going to be costly to businesses and the general public. It is going to cost more to do taxes for the small business person. It will raise prices of services. What happened to the governor's work on bringing in more business to Michigan like she claimed? How come she did not fight for Michigan when there were other businesses looking into Michigan? I consider Michigan a tourist state. It looks like this additional tax will hurt the tourist industry, too


This is beginning to look like a first step to having a service tax on everything like

Spain, Italy, Mexico, and other countries
David Hatch
Canton

Stop the bond

What a joke. The people would not pass it (the school bond) before so they keep spending more money trying to push it through. Now they want an election in February when they know a lot of people are away and many won't come out because of the weather. They need to be *stopped* again

John A Harrelld
Plymouth Township



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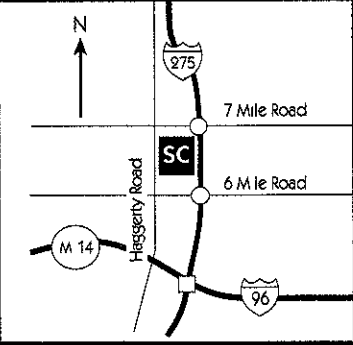
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Variable life insurance policy is a poor way to invest

On my radio show, a caller asked about buying life insurance. The caller stated they needed an additional \$250,000 of life insurance and their financial salesperson recommended a variable universal life policy.

The salesperson told them the great advantages of a variable universal life policy are the fact that they could make stock market investments and those investments would grow tax-deferred. The sales pitch was that if the stock market did well, they would have a greater return on their investment than in a traditional life insurance policy. The caller wanted to know if this was a good way to purchase life insurance.

My advice to the caller was to avoid variable universal life insurance policies. On the whole, I do not believe that investments should be made in



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

life insurance contracts. Life insurance is a means of covering risks. As far as I am concerned, whenever you try to combine insurance and risk management into one product, you get the worst of both worlds.

In a variable universal life policy, not only do you pay high fees for the life insurance, but you also pay very high fees for the underlying investment options. Whenever I review a prospectus for an insurance product, such as variable universal life, there is almost always one common thread and that is high fees.

The same investment option purchased outside of a life insurance policy typically will have substantially lower fees. In addition, in these types of policies, you have limited investment options.

One other benefit that the salespeople like to talk about on variable universal life policies is the fact that your investment gain grows tax-deferred. On the whole, there is nothing wrong with deferring your taxes into the future. However, in these types of policies, they do not tell you the whole story. Yes, you do defer the tax consequences, however, by deferring your taxes, you are actually increasing your taxes substantially. When money is withdrawn from a life insurance policy, it is taxed at your ordinary income tax bracket. On the other hand, if this money would have been invested outside of a life insurance policy,

the money would have qualified for long-term capital gains treatment.

Capital gains taxes are typically half of what you would pay as ordinary income tax and, in some situations, by deferring your taxes you more than double them. Thus, the so-called advantage of letting money grow tax-deferred in this situation is a negative.

The financial salespeople also tell you that if you need money from your policy as opposed to canceling the policy, which in turn would cancel your life insurance, you can borrow certain amounts of money from your policy. Unfortunately, they do not tell you that there is a cost to borrow. My philosophy is, why should you borrow and pay interest on your own money? It doesn't make sense. Therefore, by using a life insurance policy as an invest-

ment, you lose flexibility.

One last note regarding these types of policies that the salespeople do not want to tell you the penalties involved. If you need to cancel the policy before a set period of time, you are going to take a severe financial hit.

My recommendation to the caller was to purchase term insurance for their life insurance needs. Term insurance is the least expensive type of insurance and, as far as I am concerned, for the great majority of people, the best. With term insurance, you can buy life insurance for a period of time — five, 10 or even 30 years. Thus, you can buy a policy for 30 years and have that premium set in stone, unlike these variable types of policies, where the premium can fluctuate.

There is a price war when it comes to term insurance, and

many of the insurance companies are undercutting their prices. Therefore, it is easy to shop around and receive competitive bids with regards to term life insurance. If you have an agent, have he/she give you a bid or you can use the Internet to compare prices.

My recommendation in buying a life insurance policy is that you only use companies that are rated A or better.

With regards to the caller, they also informed me that they are eligible to invest in Roth IRAs. Roth IRAs allow money to grow tax-free. Therefore, I recommended that with the difference between the premiums on the variable policy vs. what the premium on the term policy would be, that they could invest that money in a Roth IRA, thus allowing that money to grow tax-free.

In this situation, the caller was able to buy the amount of life insurance they needed and have money to invest in a Roth IRA, that money would grow tax-free as opposed to tax deferred, a win-win for the caller.

The only person that does not benefit from this is the financial salesperson. The salesperson not only receives a commission when the policy is sold, but every year they receive what is known as a trailer. A trailer is a deduction from your money going to the salesperson who originally sold you the policy.

For as long as I have been in the investment world, I have always encouraged investors to not invest in life insurance policies. Life insurance is a means of covering risks and is not for investment purposes. That is why I am not a fan of the variable policies that combine life insurance and investing.

In addition, I am also not a fan of return of premium policies that have become popular with term insurance. My reasoning once again is that the extra premium that you pay for a return of premium term policy can be better invested. In addition, I believe that in many of the return of premium policies, they are nothing but gimmicks.

If your death is going to cause someone to lose out financially and you do not have the resources to compensate for that loss, life insurance is an excellent way of covering that risk. On the other hand, if you are saving for your retirement, a vacation or whatever, life insurance is a horrible investment to achieve those goals.

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).

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Working on art

DIA conservator battles dust, jackhammers during renovation

BY GREG KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Barbara Heller can deal with the dusty footprints that track across the mats on the marbled floor. And the occasional vibrations that slightly ripple through the walls aren't a problem. But when the guys started jackhammering on the roof at 2 a.m., she had to stop it.

I've only stopped work once,' she said. But she had reasons for concern.

Heller, a Birmingham resident, is the chief conservator at the Detroit Institute of Arts. If you have been there in the past few years, you might have noticed that the museum is in the midst of a titanic renovation and expansion, the largest such project since the original building was opened in 1927.

The museum is adding 57,650 square feet, putting new facades on the north and south wings, renovating the Farnsworth Street lobby and converting the North Court into new gallery space, among many other changes. All this amounts to a lot of hammering, sawing, clanging, banging, grinding, chopping and dropping of various items.

It's up to Heller to ensure that none of that affects any of the nearly 60,000 works of art in the museum's collection.

"I was worried about the Diego Rivera frescos," she said. The issue there, however, was the shaky old freight elevator. "I contacted a firm and they put in three vibration monitors."

The frescoes are priceless, as are most of the other works of art that can be damaged by vibrations, floating dust, humidity, temperature and bright lights — all of which are byproducts of construction.



Barbara Heller shows one of the statues taken off display for cleaning.

"It's a challenge, but it is something that we have been working on since 1996," she said. That's when plans were made for the major renovation at the DIA.

Although the building was hailed as the model of how to design an art museum when it was built, times have changed since the doors opened in 1927. The mechanical system became a maze of interconnected ducts. The renovations include installation of one air supply system that will serve all three museum buildings. That will also make it easier to control the dust.

Dust is a real threat. Remember, one doesn't toss a Bernini sculpture into the sink for a quick rinse. Hence, the floor mats. The museum floor

is lined with special mats that grab and hold dust from shoe bottoms.

Other precautions are in place as well. When workers had to cut, place and sand a new section of marble on a wall, they erected a plastic tent



Thomas Dickerson restores a Louie XV frame in one of the conservation rooms at the DIA.

over the site. Whole galleries under construction have been sealed off.

"We have micro-climates," Heller said. That simple display case housing precious items has a controlled temperature and humidity.

"It's technical and scientific," she said, "a mixture of art and science."

In a way, the steps taken to protect the artworks are an extension of the everyday job of the conservators at the

museum. Working in rooms out of site from the public, they stitch in missing pieces of fabrics, restore wooden picture frames, stabilize fragile paintings and clean marble and limestone sculptures.

The construction project actually has aided that process. "So many things have been taken off view (during the construction) we are finally able to work on them," Heller said.

It's a careful process, she noted. Standing in a main

DIA NUMBERS

- 1885 – year founded
- 1887 – year Vincent van Gogh painted Self-Portrait. In the DIA's collection, this was the first van Gogh to be placed in a museum in the United States.
- 1927 – year current building opened
- 60,000 – approximate number of works of art
- \$297 million – approximate amount raised so far in the capital improvement campaign
- \$158 million – cost of the current renovation and construction project
- 57,650 – number of square feet being added
- November 2007 – projected completion date

gallery, she pointed to one of the paintings. The painting is priceless and has to be treated with extraordinary care. Even its frame is a work of art.

It's worth thousands of dollars, she said, per foot.



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FEBRUARY

Love's Secrets
7 9 p.m. Thursday Feb. 22 at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Road north of Six Mile Livonia The discussion examines Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical Deus Caritas Est God is Love Call (734) 425 5950 ext 203 to obtain your copy of the encyclical

Recovery program
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

In Northville launches Celebrate Recovery a Christ centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts habits and hang ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors) meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional) 7 p.m. praise and worship 8 p.m. small group discussion 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and desserts) Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374 7400 For information visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

Christ on trial
Drama to uncover Biblical evidence that will be analyzed eye witnesses share accounts of their encounters with Jesus began 7 p.m. Feb. 21 and continues 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening during Lent except for

Maunder Thursday April 5 when Simon Peter testified concerning Jesus disruption of social mores at Salem United Church of Christ 33424 Oakland Avenue Farmington Call (248) 474 6880 Christ on Trial examines evidence that demands a verdict Who is this Jesus for you?

Religious simulcast
Renowned author and Bible teacher Beth Moore speaks to tens of thousands of women across North America in a live satellite simulcast based on her new book Get Out of That Pit Saturday Feb. 24 2007 Morning Star Church is presenting a program in conjunction with the simulcast 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the church 28563 Pardo Garden City Tickets are \$15 and include lunch For more information or tickets call (734) 367 3029

In a special message titled Straight Talk About God's Deliverance Moore will discuss the fact that deliverance is for everyone no matter how long you've been down whether you think you deserve it or not From her own personal experience Moore shares the healing to be found in Jesus and will present a message of hope

Lent and Easter services
In His Steps a six part sermon series during Lent on Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning Feb. 25 to April 1 Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m. April 5 communion is around a great table in the shape of a cross to remember the last meal of Jesus with his disciples Community Good Friday Service noon April 6 7:30 p.m. Good Friday April 6 an evening service focusing on the Passion Narrative and Jesus' final

moments and Easter Sunday Son Rise Service at 8 a.m. Worship Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. for children (childcare for four year olds and under at both services) April 8 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476 8860 or visit www.nardinpark.org

Tenebrae
An evening of reflection and hope Song of the Shadows is an inspiring and prayerful musical piece commemorating the passion of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ with the choirs of St. Damian and St. Edith parishes and orchestral ensemble 6 p.m. Sunday Feb. 25 at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Livonia Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted to offset production costs Call (734) 464 1222

Vesper services
The Council of Orthodox Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts the first in its 2007 series of Lenten Vespers services 6 p.m. Sunday Feb. 25 at Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church 18100 Merriman Livonia call (734) 422 0010 The general public and Orthodox Christians are invited Refreshments will be served after ward All proceeds from the service will be used for COCC charities and projects For more information contact the Very Rev. Michael Matsko Holy Transfiguration Church Livonia at (248) 476 3432 or mmatsko@twmrr.com Livonia The president of the COCC the Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent Orthodox Church Redford presides at the service The COCC Inter Orthodox Choir will sing the responses during the service The COCC conducts its series of Vespers services annually during the five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent March 4 at St. Stephen of Dechan Serbian Orthodox Church 14235 E. 11 Mile Warren call (586) 7731940 March 11 at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral 18405 W. Nine Mile Southfield call (248) 569 4833 March 18 at St. Michael Orthodox Church 26375 W. Chicago Road Redford call (313) 937 0970 and March 25 at St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church 23300 W. Davison Detroit call (313) 533 3437

Seminar helps parents prepare children for success at school resist pressures to use drugs and join gangs achieve high self esteem and pride in their African American heritage Church phone is (248) 569 2972

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

Clergy conference
Facing End of Life with Compassion a clergy conference featuring presentations by local and national leaders at the forefront of palliative and end of life care and breakout sessions 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday March 8 at Macomb Community College South Campus Building K 14500 East 12 Mile Warren Cost is \$30 per person or \$25 per person for a team of three or more from the same organization breakfast and lunch included The clergy conference is part of a larger event Compassion Sabbath 2007 an interfaith initiative to provide clergy and religious educators tools for addressing the spiritual needs of the seriously ill the dying and their families As part of the St. John Health and the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life collaborative project on palliative and end of life care the event provides faith leaders with the resources needed to better minister to the seriously ill and dying Palliative care addresses management of symptoms such as pain nausea and shortness of breath with an emphasis on quality of life throughout the course of a chronic debilitating or life threatening illness For more information and to register for Compassion Sabbath 2007 call J 888 440 7325

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

Seminar
Faith Baptist Church in Royal Oak hosts a seminar Being Joyful in Tough Times with Duane Cuthbertson director of Growing Together Ministries 7-9 p.m. Friday March 9 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday March 10 at 3118 Greenfield Road Royal Oak Topics include Experiencing Joy That Is Full Coping With Our Hurts Changing Bitterness to Joy and Curing Our Hurts No charge but a free will offering will be taken For information call (248) 288 6415

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

Organ concert
Featuring Tom Trenney 5 p.m. Sunday March 11 at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville There is no charge for the organ concert but a freewill offering will be taken For information call (248) 374 7400 Trenney is Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham He won the First Prize and Audience Prize in the American Guild of Organists National Competition in Organ Improvisation last year

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VICTOR ROSA

Age 93 February 17 2007 Beloved husband of Rose Dear father of Allen (Linda) Edwin (Sandra) and Dennis (Barbara) Grandfather of Douglas Brian Susan Garlick Melanie Nicholas and Michelle Memorial service at a later date in Negaunee MI For further information call Querfeld Funeral Home 313 561 0002 www.querfeldfh.com

ANGELA (ROBBINS) MAGDA

Age 32 of Coldwater formerly of Garden City died on Sunday February 18 2007 in Coldwater She was born on June 30 1974 to Robert & Kathy (Mika) Robbins Services for Angie were held on Wed. February 21 2007 in Coldwater Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society Please visit www.dutcherfh.com to share a message in the family's online guestbook Arrangements by Dutcher Funeral Home

DORIS M. FIER

Age 74 February 17 2007 Loved and missed by Bob Gunthner Loving mother of Chris Fier Kim (Larry) Casey and Scott (Leslie) Fier Awesome Grandma D of Shawn Megan Chad Billy Jennifer Jonathan Sarah Ryan Brad Erin Evan Tylei and Carson Great grandmother of Emma Preceded in death by husband Billy Fier Will be missed by Terry and Willie Brandon Bobby and Linda Gunthner and David Gunthner Memorial visitation Friday 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:30 a.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road Livonia A family suggested memorial to The Salvation Army

W. OREN PARKER, PhD

Teacher of scene design for many years in the drama department at Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh and author of a classic textbook on stage design died Monday January 29 2007 at a hospice here after a brief illness He was 95 Among his many survivors is his brother Ken Parker of Traverse City "Scene Design and Lighting" was first published in 1963 for use in college community and high school drama programs The United States Institute for Theatre Technology has rated the book a classic In 2001 the USITT established an award for scene design in Prof. Parker's name Prof. Parker was professionally active with TV's "Song for Sale" which required new sets for each new song introduced He also designed sets for the Pittsburgh Opera Prof. Parker was an outstanding high school and university athlete He made the first team in football for four successive years at Rochester High School and was captain his fourth year He was also made captain of the all conference team in his final year In track he set the school record in the broad jump a mark that held for several years At the University of Michigan he won three letters in gymnastics a sport he began to learn in Rochester under Sandy Ennis



DAVID E. NUSSBAUM

Age 59 February 19 2007 Beloved husband of Deborah for 10 years Loving father of Dawn (Mike) Daniels Melissa Harrison Courtney Truitt Meghan (Keith) Hanna and Dustyn Truitt Cherished grandfather of John Marah Lynn Keith Allison Keegan Luke Kyle Quinton Ruth and the late Tyler Dear son of Lillian Nussbaum brother of the late Ronald (Liz) Nussbaum uncle of Lindsay Adrienne Michael and nephew of Elizabeth Lindsay David was Maintenance Director for 33 years at Marycrest Manor in Livonia under supervision of Sr. Mary Innocent (Chief) In lieu of flowers donations to the family will be used to create a Memorial Garden in David's memory Memorial Mass Saturday 11:30 AM (Visiting 11 AM) at St. Gerald Catholic Church 21300 Farmington Road Farmington Arrangements entrusted to THAYER ROCK FUNERAL HOME www.thayerrock.com

MICHAEL J. MICHALSKI

February 20 2007 of Wayne Beloved husband of Maureen Dear father of Marc W. Drew J. and Cassandra E. Dear brother of Patrick (Jeanie) Ellen Greg Eugene and Steven Beloved uncle to several nieces and nephews Dear son of Geraldine Visiting Friday 3-9pm Funeral service Saturday 11:00am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 34567 Michigan Ave. Wayne

GEORGE R. HUFFMASTER

Of Oscoda formerly of Dearborn Heights died February 19 2007 at 76 years of age Beloved husband of June for 46 years Dear father of Terry (Gary) Goodson of Dallas GA Bob (Kathy) Peterson of Walled Lake Tammy Koski of Oscoda Mark Huffmaster of Oscoda and Tracy (Timothy) Wright of Oscoda Brother of Maureen (Bob) Juergens of Canton Also survived by ten grandchildren two great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews Mr. Huffmaster retired from General Motors as a millwright and also worked as a carpenter He enjoyed hunting fishing and loved going to his cabin in Houghton Lake along with spending time with his family and grandchildren Funeral services will be 1:00 PM Friday February 23 2007 at the Oscoda Chapel of the Buresh Bennett Funeral Home The family will receive friends Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM Internment at Pinecrest Cemetery Rev. Timothy Azzam officiating Memorials suggested to the Seton Cancer Center c/o Tawas St. Joseph Hospital Tawas City Michigan

KATHLEEN DRUMM BOSCARDIN

Born February 28 1916 in Detroit Michigan she graduated from Birmingham Baldwin High School and Eastern Michigan University (then Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti MI) At Eastern Michigan she was inducted into Theta Lambda Sigma sorority which later became the Gamma Zeta chapter of Alpha Xi Delta the national sorority that figured prominently in her life She was appointed the first woman principal in the Enfield Public Schools in the State of Connecticut Mrs. Boscardin is survived by her son W. John Boscardin of Monroe Township NJ her daughter Kathleen Morrison of Carmel CA three grandsons W. John Boscardin Jr. of Santa Monica CA Andrew Boscardin of Seattle WA and Ian Morrison of Carmel CA a daughter in law Margaret Boscardin of Monroe Township NJ a step granddaughter Melissa Neumeyer of Plainsboro NJ a granddaughter in law Christy Boscardin of Santa Monica CA a great granddaughter Julia Boscardin also of Santa Monica CA and two nephews James and Mark Reid of Bloomfield Township MI A memorial service will be held in Enfield CT at a future date In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Alpha Xi Delta Foundation 8702 Founders Rd Indianapolis IN 46268 joboscard@aol.com

MARY CATHERINE VIERIK

Age 88 died on February 17 2007 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak surrounded by her loving family Mrs. Vierik was born on March 25 1918 in Ohio to the late John and Mary Gaby She was very patient and caring towards others even allowing family members to live in her home when they needed a start At times there were three family members in their home in Detroit Her daughters marveled she never raised her voice in all of her years of raising her family Mrs. Vierik was the housekeeping manager at old Holy Cross Hospital She loved Diet Mountain Dew always giving her empty bottles to the Clawson school children for their fundraisers She enjoyed baseball crafts crochet and was an avid reader Mrs. Vierik had a green thumb and loved gardening especially roses She enjoyed cutting back roses to start new plants Her favorite recent pastime was sitting in her living room in her rocking chair and watching the world through her window Mrs. Vierik is survived by her daughters Rosie (Mitch) Wisniewski Tina (Rich) Kempisty Marilyn (Ed) Wozniak and Cooky Vierik 11 grandchildren 22 great grandchildren a sister Veronica Dzuris She is predeceased by her husband Leo Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at Guardian Angels Church Clawson Internment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery Detroit Michigan Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors 248 435 0660

ORVAL A. OPPERHAUSER

February 16 2007 in Atlantis FL Age 84 of Ortonville MI Founder of Hydra Zorb Co Auburn Hills Beloved wife of Ann T. and the late Ruth Dear father of Glen (Patti) Step father of Douglas Dodge (Sheila) Frederick Dodge Sally MacKinnon (James) and Robert Dodge (Sarah) Also survived by 12 grandchildren Brother of Earl (Ann) Ray (Sally) Lois Habermeyer (George) and the late Cal (Rosemary) Keith and Jean Memorial service Thursday (today) 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward (btwn 13 & 14 Mile) Memorial tributes to Lawrence Technological University c/o The Orval Oppert-Hauser Memorial Fund 21000 W. Ten Mile Rd. Southfield MI 48075 or The Multiple Sclerosis Society 21311 Civic Center Dr. Southfield MI 48076 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

FRANCIS JAMES BREMMER

Age 77 of 907 East Blodgett Street Marshfield WI died on Monday February 19 2007 at his home with his family at his side Francis was born on April 30 1929 in Chili WI At the age of 17 he entered the Army Air Corp which became the United States Air Force Francis served in the Air Force for 28 years During that time he did tours in Germany (1947) Philippines (1965-1966) Vietnam (1969-1970) and Korea (1973-1974) In 1974 he retired as a Senior Master Sergeant After retirement Francis moved to Canton, MI where he taught at Robichard High School in Inkster MI for 2 years after which he took over the ROTC program at Livonia Churchill High School where he spent the next 16 years During his time at Churchill he also organized the youth color guard for the Detroit Tiger baseball games assisted with extra curriculum school events and coached girl's softball After retiring from the Livonia School system in 1992 Francis and his wife Dorothy traveled until they bought a home in Marshfield WI where he lived until his death Survivors include his wife Dorothy of 55 years his seven children Diane Denesha Thomas Bremmer Terrance (Suzy) Bremmer Colleen (Paul) Coile Pamela (Michael) Brownell La Vern (Linda) Bremmer and Cheryl (Tim) Flynn Nine grandchildren Elizabeth Jennifer and Chris Jaime Katie and Justin John Francis Celeste Ann Marie and Samantha He was preceded in death by his father Louis Charles Bremmer (1971) mother Anna Agnes (Welch) Bremmer (1978) and a brother Louis Roman Bremmer (1978) Mass of Christian burial will be Thursday February 22 2007 at St. John's The Baptist Catholic Church in Marshfield WI In lieu of flowers memorials are to be sent to St. John's The Baptist Scholarship Fund for Marshfield Area Catholic School students at 201 West Blodgett St. Marshfield WI 54449 Rembs / Kundinger Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements Condolences may be sent online to www.rembsfh.com

ELAINE B. KUMBIER

was born October 17 1918 in Saginaw Michigan to Emil Karl Kumbier and Esther Pohlmann Kumbier She graduated from Arthur Hill High School in 1936 After working for several years she enrolled in the Teacher Education program at Central Michigan College and graduated with a B.A. degree After teaching for several years in the Caro Michigan public schools and while taking graduate courses at the University of Michigan she moved to the metro Detroit area to assume the post of Elementary School Vocal Music Coordinator for the Livonia Public Schools There she was largely responsible for developing a district wide vocal music program that served thousands of elementary students over more than three decades conveying to them her love for music and inspiring them with her enthusiasm During that time she completed work on a Master's degree in Music Education from the University of Michigan When the Livonia music program was decentralized she moved into sixth grade teaching serving consecutively at Roosevelt Marshall and Grant Schools where among other accomplishments she instituted and developed a distinctive program in the humanities for elementary students Miss Kumbier retired from teaching in 1983 During her retirement years she maintained an active and engaged correspondence with many people she had met in the course of her extensive European travels She was also a member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia and a regular participant in the Michal Handworkers Circle Miss Kumbier was preceded in death by her brother William Karl Kumbier She is survived by her sister in law and long time friend Norma Kumbier her niece Mary (Kumbier) Seymour and her husband Stephen Seymour her nephews William A. Kumbier and Timothy Kumbier and his wife Mary one grandniece Alana and seven grandnephews David Alec Ben Zack, Eric Kirk and Karl and one great grandniece Kelly Jane Visitation will be held at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main Plymouth Michigan on Sunday February 25 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm Funeral services will be held at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia Michigan at 10:30 am Monday February 26 following visitation at the church from 10:00 to 10:30 Internment will take place at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Saginaw Michigan at 2:00 pm that afternoon

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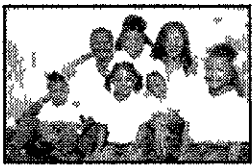
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McCotter calls Iraq resolution 'immoral'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

During a House floor debate, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Lavonia) Feb. 15 delivered an impassioned speech calling a resolution against sending 20,000 additional troops to Iraq "impotent" and "immoral." Making allusions to British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler and a resolution by Illinois Democrats in 1863 opposing the Emancipation Proclamation, McCotter argued that the resolution would undermine troop morale and embolden the enemy.

Debate on the non-binding resolution began Wednesday.

On Friday the House approved the resolution 246-182. On Saturday, the Democrats in the Senate failed by four votes to get the 60



McCotter

votes needed to bring the House resolution to the Senate floor.

U.S. Rep. Fred Upton (R-St. Joseph) broke ranks with his party Wednesday by announcing that he would support the resolution, which has been picking up support among other Republicans. Seventeen Republicans joined the Democratic majority in support of the resolution. All six Michigan Democrats support the Democratic-sponsored resolution.

In the Senate, seven Republicans voted with the Democratic majority.

The resolution passed in the House reads:

1) Congress and the American people will continue to support and protect the

members of the United States Armed Forces who are serving or who have served bravely and honorably in Iraq; and

2) Congress disapproves of the decision of President George W. Bush announced on Jan. 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq.

As the fifth ranking Republican House member, McCotter took a lead position in the debate to present the Republican leadership's opposition. In the past, McCotter has consistently supported funding for the war in Iraq and is a supporter of the war effort. However, he has been critical of the Bush administration's prosecution of the war and particularly of its failure to build support from the rank-and-file population.

In his remarks opposing the resolution, McCotter restated his concerns about Bush's han-

dling of the war.

"Despite the hard-earned lessons of our nation's former successes in doing so, this administration utterly failed to comprehend and implement the fundamental principles of reconstructing a defeated and belligerent nation. Importantly, this does not preclude reconstructing Iraq now," he said.

He argued that Iraq was not in a civil war and that violence was contained to the limited areas where Bush plans to deploy additional troops.

McCotter quoted Winston Churchill and Abraham Lincoln to bolster his arguments.

He concluded by saying, "I cannot in good conscience support this resolution, which is injurious to the cause of our nation's victory and, in consequence, is patently immoral."

Upton argued in his support of the resolution that Iraq was

in a civil war.

"It is real anarchy. And, in fact, the Iraqis don't want us there. Nearly 80 percent of them in Baghdad say that American troops provoke more violence than they prevent. And those same polls show that Iraqis overwhelmingly want U.S. troops gone within a year. In fact, we know that a majority of both sides, Shia and Sunni, believe that it's OK to kill our troops."

"So much for being a liberator. In other words, we're viewed as part of the problem, not the solution."

The anti-Iraq war political organization Moveon.org was planning to deliver letters to members of Congress at noon today (Thursday) and hold a rally at district offices. The group plans to deliver letters with the message "You're the Decider" to McCotter's office on Laurel Park Drive in Lavonia.

HFCC sponsors criminal justice job fair

According to a recent poll of young Michiganders, nearly half say they will have to leave Michigan to pursue a career. However, there is some good news for at least one segment of the job market for those who want to stay in Michigan.

According to Richard R. Brown, HFCC Job Placement officer, the ninth annual Henry Ford Criminal Justice Job Fair is an example of HFCC's long tradition of preparing students for jobs and careers in the local market.

HFCC will host its annual Criminal Justice Job Fair 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the Andrew A. Mazzara Administrative Services and Conference Center, 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Criminal justice program students and graduates from HFCC, Madonna University, the University of Detroit Mercy and the University of Michigan-Dearborn are invited to attend. Admission is free.

More than 20 employers will attend the HFCC Criminal Justice Job Fair, including representatives from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and corporate and retail security.

Employers attending include the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Customs & Border Protection, the U.S. Probation Department and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Other employers attending are the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of Corrections, the Milan Federal Correctional Institution, the Brownstown Township Police Department, the Dearborn Police Department, the Dearborn Heights Police Department, the Southfield Police Department, the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety, the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

Also attending will be representatives from Community Treatment Center, Inc., Fairlane Town Center, the Henry Ford Healthcare System, Greentown Casino and Target Corporation.

HFCC offers associate's degree and certificate programs in criminal justice/law enforcement, corrections/probation and parole, and security/private investigations.

"The job fair lets students know the requirements for employment in this field," said Dan Kearney, HFCC criminal justice program instructor. "It will provide information to current and prospective students about the many career paths available in the criminal justice field and enable them to make informed decisions regarding careers in law enforcement."

For more information about the job fair, please call Richard R. Brown, HFCC job placement officer, at 313-845-9860. For information about HFCC's criminal justice programs, please call Dan Kearney, criminal justice program instructor, at 313-845-9714.

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"For the men and women of the Downriver Facility, it's like pitching a perfect game," said County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "Everyone should be proud of their efforts to ensure a quality operation that protects the environment, while delivering real value for our residents."

The facility is Michigan's second largest sewage treatment facility, serving 13 Downriver communities with a combined population of over 200,000. The facility has seen over \$300 million in improvements since 1994, and new upgrades of approximately \$40 million more are planned over the next five years.

Attorney blasts Maida Woods vote, says litigation is next

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An attorney has threatened legal action after a Westland City Council majority voted Monday to postpone a decision on a site plan for the Maida Woods subdivision on the city's southwest side near Canton. "There will be litigation - how and when we're still discussing," said Stephen Wasinger, attorney for Royal Oak-based developers Kentmoor LLC.

His remarks came after the council voted 6-1 to delay its decision until a state administrative judge rules on a challenge by a citizens group, which is contesting a Maida Woods wetlands assessment. The group - the Westland Homeowners Committee for Environmental Conservation and Smart Growth - has contested a state environmental review that cited 1.5 acres of regulated wetlands on the 14-acre site. The group believes the wetlands area may be larger.

Developers, however, believe the judge will uphold the wetlands report, issued in October by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. They believe their proposed 36-home development, on the south side of Palmer Road between Hannan and John Hix roads, meets all legal requirements.

The DEQ is on our side in this issue, Wasinger told the council during a Monday night meeting.

Council President Charles Pickering split from his six colleagues, saying developers deserved a vote. He has said the city's past practice has been to approve a site plan and then have developers seek the permits they need from the state and county.

I feel we have a legal obligation to make a decision," Pickering said.

But council members James Godbout, Cheryl Graunstadt, Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer, Dewey Reeves and Robert Stottlemeyer chose to wait on the state administrative judge's ruling - a move that could delay a vote for weeks or even months.

Wasinger told the council that, if the judge sides with the citizens group, developers would amend their plans. But, he said Monday, "It isn't fair to continue to delay this project."

The citizens group's attorney, David Lipski, had urged the council not to decide the issue until the judge's decision is issued.

Outside of council chambers, Wasinger blasted the council majority for delaying a project that developers believe will ultimately be approved.

There's no justification for this," he said. "It was a complete and arbitrary sellout of their responsibilities."

The council was elected to make tough decisions, he said, threatening that Monday's vote could cost the city - and ultimately taxpayers - money in court.

But residents who live near the proposed Maida Woods subdivision embraced the council's postponement of the decision.

We've never been against development, Westland resident Leona Duffy said, adding that the citizens group simply wants to ensure that the wetlands assessment is accurate.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

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ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES

For the design of Ridge Road (Ford Road to Warren Road) Grade Establishment Project including intersection improvements at Hanford Road as determined by Wayne County. The project length is approximately 1 mile.

Proposals may be picked up at the 2nd Floor Engineering Services at the above address. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction February 27, 2007, at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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Bilingual Fun opens up children to diversity in a fun atmosphere

By Tiffany L. Parks
STAFF WRITER

When Jennifer Manriquez left public teaching to be a stay at home mom, a void surfaced in her life.

But instead of heading back to the classroom, the mother of two maximized an opportunity that fell into her lap.

Manriquez, 33, is the founder of The Bilingual Fun Company, a Spanish language learning program for young children and their parents.

Although Manriquez has a master's degree in bilingual education and a bachelor's degree in education and Spanish, Bilingual Fun is something she stumbled upon.

"We have a bilingual home so when I had my daughter, our neighbors and friends started asking if I would help teach their children Spanish, too," she said. The interest was immediate and overwhelming.

When she and her husband, Mark, moved to Canton in 2003, Manriquez started having sessions in her living room. She said it wasn't long before they decided to move the classes, which infuse singing and crafts with the lesson plans.

"We were doing around five classes a week so it was a lot to run out of a home," she said. Sessions now take place at

THE BILINGUAL FUN COMPANY

Owner: Jennifer Manriquez of Canton

Location: First Baptist Church 45000 N Territorial Plymouth

Phone: (734) 748-3898

Web site: www.bilingualfun.com

Designed for children ages 18 months to 10 years old

Bilingual Fun was created to teach kids Spanish in a fun upbeat atmosphere

First Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Manriquez averages six to eight classes a week. Each class has between seven to 14 students.

Her two children, Emily Rose, 4, and Aaron, 2, participate in the program.

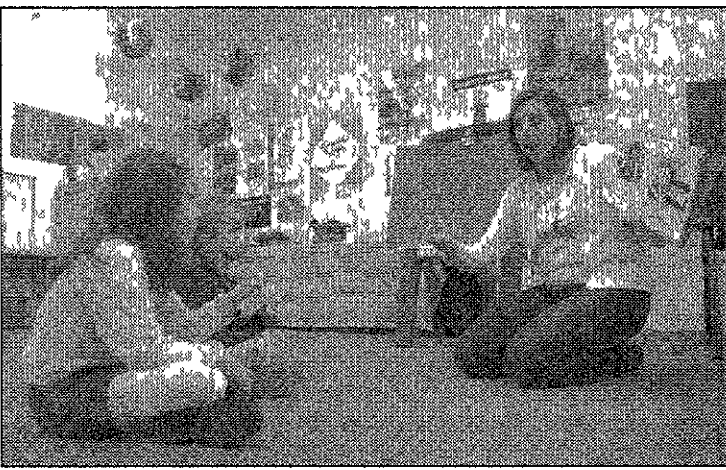
My husband brings our son like any other participant, said Manriquez, who used to teach Spanish to high school students.

Bilingual Fun has been featured in a *Good Morning America* segment highlighting women-owned businesses. The company has also been mentioned in *Redbook* and *Family Circle* magazines.

Plymouth Township resident Cindy Tillapaugh enrolled her 4-year-old daughter, Rachel, in the program two years ago.

"It's great to get children at a young age and open up their minds to diversity," she said. "When we are around the house, Rachel will start singing Spanish songs out of the blue. It's amazing what kids can pick up."

Tillapaugh, who's fluent in German and speaks some Spanish, said she believes in global thinking and wanted her daughter to know more



Bilingual Fun Company owner Jennifer Manriquez works with Emily Manriquez and Allison Tanana. Both girls are 4 years old.

than American culture. She also praised Manriquez's teaching methods.

"The classes are really fun because she bridges the barrier between just learning another language and actually applying it," she said. It's her own unique combination.

Manriquez hopes to introduce more languages into the company in the future.

I knew in some capacity I wanted to keep my foot in education's door but I wanted to be dedicated to my children," she said. "This was a natural and easy fit and it's really growing into something."

For more information on the company, log on to www.bilingualfun.com.

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INVITATION TO BID**

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON METERING & PRESSURE REDUCING STATION (located at Southeast corner of Ridge Road and Proctor Road)

The project is the construction of a new connection for Canton Township to the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department water system. Project includes a live tap of 60" water main, two reinforced concrete underground vaults containing a master meter and a pressure reducing valve and various appurtenances and all piping and structures to connect facilities to existing 16" and 8" township water mains in the vicinity.

Specifications are available at Michael L. Priest & Associates 40655 Koppernick Road Canton MI 48187 on Thursday February 22 2007. A non-refundable fee of \$85 dollars if picked up or \$95 if mailed will be charged for the bid packet. The phone number is (734) 459 8560. Bid documents are available for review at the Engineering Department on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building, FW Dodge Report Construction Association of Michigan Construction Market Data and at Michael L. Priest & Associates. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race color national origin sex religion age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

ORDINANCE NO. 0-07-01

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT TO WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE C 06 02 TO REVISE MINIMUM WATER RATES, THE MINIMUM SEWAGE RATES AND SINGLE RESIDENCES UNMETERED WATER RATES, PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY, PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OTHER INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS CLAUSE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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SECOND AMENDMENT TO COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-07-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE C 99-02 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WHICH ORDINANCE SHALL BE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 9, PART I, ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FOR A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH EMERGENCY INCIDENTS INVOLVING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS, UTILITY LINE FAILURES, ILLEGAL FIRES, FALSE ALARMS, BOMB THREATS, THREATS OF HARM TO ONESELF OR OTHERS, STRUCTURE DEMOLITION, EXTRICATIONS, STANDBY SUPPRESSION, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND SIMILAR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE C 99 02.

Section 9 010 Definitions of Chapter 9 Part I Administration of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth is hereby amended to read as follows:

Definitions. This section provides for definitions of the following terms: Release of Dangerous or Hazardous Substance or Material; Utility Line Failure; Illegal Fire; False Alarm; Bomb Threat; Threat of harm to Oneself or Others; Structure Demolition; Emergency Response; Expenses of an Emergency Response; Extrication; Standby Suppression; and Medical Assistance.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days or both in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings/prosecutions for violation of law penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

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This section provides that this Ordinance as amended shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C 07 02 considered for first reading at the February 13 2007 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday March 13 2007. The Ordinance in full is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 9955 N Haggerty Road Plymouth MI 48170 during regular business hours 8 00 a.m. to 4 30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Marilyn Massengill CMC
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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Marilyn Massengill CMC
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
Charter Township of Canton

The Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees on February 12 2007 adopted an amendment to the "code of Ordinances" Charter Township of Canton Michigan Appendix A Zoning pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments - 007-TXT-001
Article 6A, Signs, shall be amended as follows

Article 6A.11 Signs prohibited in all districts shall be amended to modify subsections 11 and 13 as follows

11 Any sign except traffic or other municipal signs as permitted in section 6A 09 (4) that is located in or projects into or over a public right of way publicly dedicated easement or publicly owned property.

In any proceeding for violation of this section the court may presume that the person business candidate committee or other entity displayed on the sign or the person business candidate committee or other entity to whom a phone number e mail address or event address displayed on the sign was assigned is the person business candidate committee or other entity that unlawfully displayed the sign. Violation of this section is a civil infraction punishable as follows: first offense \$200 fine second offense \$400 fine third or subsequent offense \$600 fine.

13 Placards posters circulars showbills handbills cards leaflets or other advertising matter except as otherwise provided in this chapter when posted pasted nailed placed printed stamped or in any way attached to any fence wall post tree sidewalk pavement platform pole tower curbstone or surface in or upon any public easement right of way or on any public or private property whatsoever. Nothing in this section shall prevent official notices of the township school districts or county state or federal government from being posted on any public property deemed necessary. All placards posters circulars showbills handbills political signs cards leaflets or other advertising matter posted pasted nailed placed printed or stamped on any right of way or public property may be removed and disposed of by the township without regard to other provisions of this chapter.

In any proceeding for violation of this subsection within a publicly dedicated easement public right of way or public property the court may presume that the person business candidate committee or other entity displayed on the placard poster circular show bill handbill card leaflet or other advertising matter or the person business candidate committee or other entity to whom a phone number e mail address or event address displayed on the placard poster circular show bill handbill political signs cards leaflet or other advertising matter was assigned was the person business candidate committee, or other entity that unlawfully displayed the placard, poster circular show bill handbill card leaflet or other advertising matter. Violation of this section is a civil infraction punishable as follows: first offense \$200 fine, second offense \$400 fine third or subsequent offense \$600 fine.

6A.17 Wall Sign Area Scale, shall be amended to add wording after the table as follows

Refer to Section 6A 23 Sign Bonuses to determine whether the building or tenant space qualifies for additional wall sign area.

Section 6A.23 Sign Bonuses shall be amended to clarify corner lot bonuses as follows

3 Corner lot/tenant space bonus. Buildings which are located on corner lots or tenant spaces which occupy end or corner units of a multi-tenant structure shall be provided 150 percent of the otherwise permitted total wall sign area for the applicable building or tenant space. The corner lot/tenant space bonus shall only be permitted when a sign is proposed on more than one wall of the building or tenant space.

Section 6A.25 Legibility and Design, shall be amended to modify the minimum lettering sizes for ground signs as follows

2 Ground Signs

e Lettering minimum required lettering sizes established as follows for ground signs shall apply to all lettering on any ground sign:

- 1) Sans serif fonts "block" style or sans serif lettering shall be at least 10 inches in size on any ground sign.
- 2) Serif fonts "script" or other serif lettering shall be at least 12 inches in size on any ground sign.

Minimum lettering size is based on capital or upper case letters. Lower case letters used in combination with capital letters shall be proportional in size based on industry graphic standards.

*** Insert the new graphic 6A 25 02 Ground Sign and replace with what is currently in code***

Notice is also given that this ordinance amendment will be effective seven days following the publication of said notice. Effective date March 01 2007. A complete copy of the ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Office of Planning Services 1150 South Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188. Additional information can be obtained by calling Planning Services at 734-394 5170.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk
Canton Township

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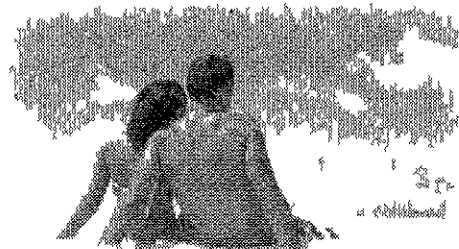
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WORTH THE CALL

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NICE GUY

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CALL ME

SBM 41 61 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 movie 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

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DWM 56 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

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SM 21 59 brown complexion intelligent independent seeking B/AF 24 33 intelligent who knows what she wants out of life ☎164113

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SWM 42 N/S plays the guitar looking to meet a W/AF 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

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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 ☎169623

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 ☎322912

GIVE ME A TRY

SM 44 educated open minded enjoyed 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

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SBM 44 5 9' 150lbs father enjoys gourmet tea live music much more Seeking spontaneous SWF 37 50 for friendship good times good talks and maybe more ☎152047

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

GOTTIME?

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

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TAKE A LOOK

DWM 46 59 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 ☎163994

ARE YOU MY LADY?

SBM 24 6 3 N/S D/D free seeks a SWF 24 38 slender attractive honest easygoing fun active for friendship romance and exploring life together ☎165862

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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

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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 motorcycling 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 62 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 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? ☎168300

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE

SM 51 5 11 185lbs enjoys the outdoors boating dining out music long walks etc Seeking honest caring SF who enjoys same activities for companionship 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 160lbs 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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There are some things you



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Tom Klurski is a Livonia firefighter.

Michigan students in fourth grade are eligible to compete in the second annual Our Historic Places essay contest sponsored by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN).

Essays must describe one historic site, at least 50 years old, located in the student's community. This may be a historic home, commercial building, school, house of worship, farm, cemetery bridge or other site. The essays must briefly describe the historic site, explain its significance to the local community, and discuss the importance of its preservation for both the student and future generations.

Entries are limited to 500 words (two typed or

Fourth-grade students discover 'Our Historic Places'

three handwritten pages). The essay contest deadline is March 2, 2007, with the winning essays announced at MHPN's 2007 conference at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, May 4-6.

Visit www.mhpn.org for complete rules and entry forms. Our essay contest is a hands-on opportunity to engage young people in discovering our state's history right in their own neighborhoods, explains Nancy Finegood, executive director of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. Through the process of researching and writing, students realize the important value of historic homes, buildings and other sites in the representation of their history.

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Chief cagers silence Rocks in WLAA tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
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For the first time in recent memory, Salem's basketball team was accompanied by its own chanting, revved-up student cheering section in Canton's Phase III gymnasium Tuesday night for the Rocks' first-round WLAA tournament game against the Chiefs.

However, Canton's Eric Thornton, Neil Sharma and Josh Butler made sure the blue-and-white clad Rock boosters didn't have much to cheer about.

Thornton poured in a career-high 15 points — including a soaring baseline jam in the third quarter — while Sharma added 14 points, nine rebounds and five steals to lift the Chiefs over the Rocks, 56-32.

Butler only scored four points, but his

shadowing man-to-man defensive effort held Salem's No. 1 offensive threat, Grant Stone, to just two first-half points.

With the win, Canton (12-6) advanced to Friday night's WLAA semifinal contest at No. 1-seeded Westland John Glenn. Salem (8-10) will host Walled Lake Western on Friday in a consolation-round contest. Both games are set to tip off at 7 p.m.

The Chiefs played perhaps their best defensive first half of the season as they held the visiting Rocks to 1-of-16 shooting during the opening 16 minutes and led 25-5 heading into the intermission. Salem's lone field goal was Ross Davis's driving layup with 2:30 left in the first quarter. The Rocks didn't convert another shot from the field until Davis connected on another driving layup with 6:05 left in the third quarter.

Butler and Ryan Langdon, who make up Canton's starting senior backcourt, each registered four steals and made life difficult for the Salem guards from the opening tip.

Salem finished the game with 22 turnovers, 20 of which came in the first three quarters.

Canton led 11-4 after one quarter before reeling off a 14-1 run in the second quarter to put the clamps on the victory. Chief senior center Ryan Waidmann scored six of his nine points during the decisive second stanza.

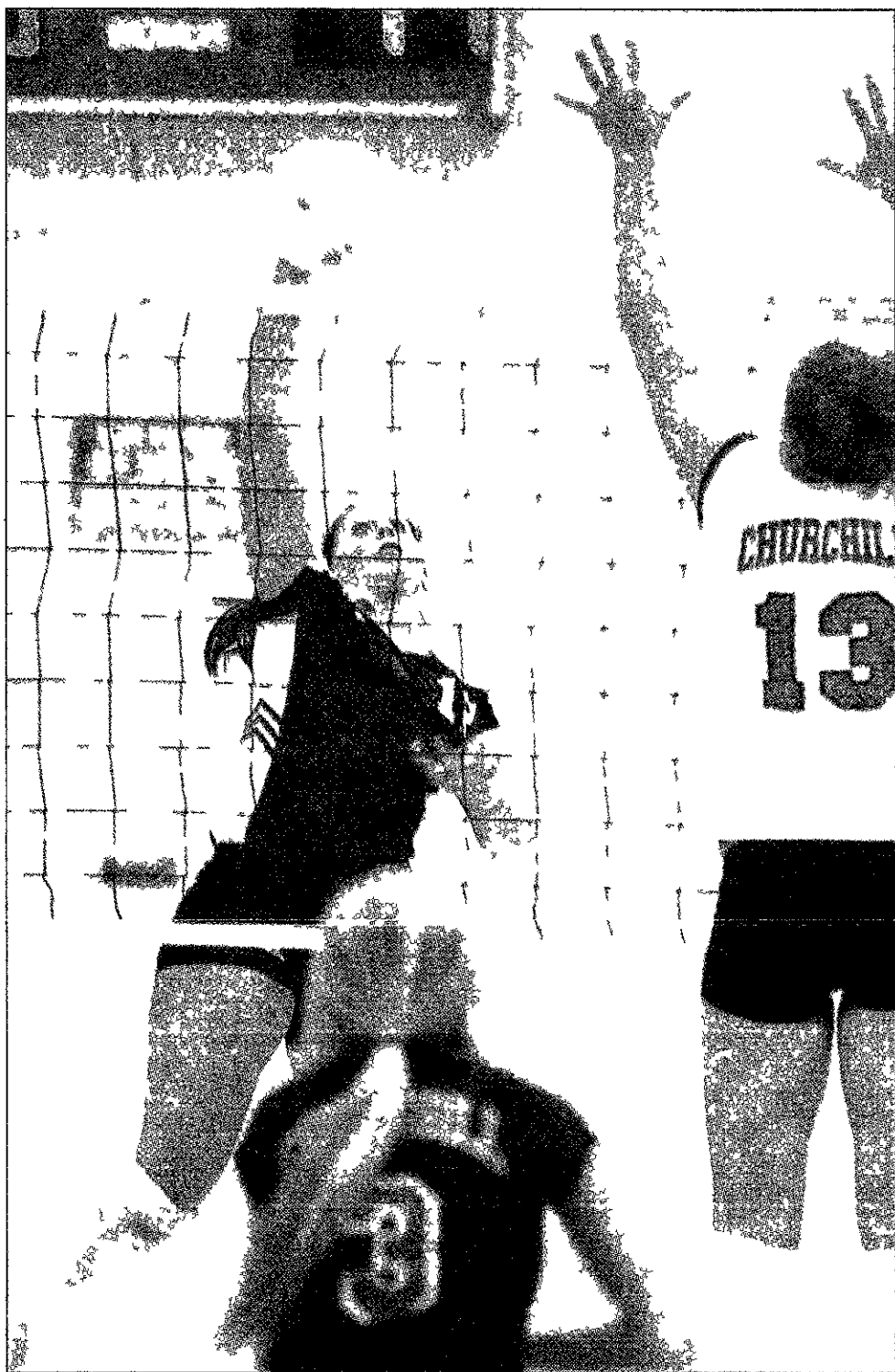
A goal-tending call — something rarely seen in high school games — was whistled on Davis late in the second quarter when he went high to knock away a Thornton lay-up that, in the referee's estimation, was already on a downward path to the cylinder.

Thornton's high-rising slam dunk came with 2:50 left in the third quarter. He secured a pass near the corner, exploded down the baseline and rocked a two-hander through the rim after three dribbles to extend the Chiefs' advantage to 33-10.

Stone led the Rocks with 12 points and six rebounds. Other than Davis (eight points and five boards), no other Salem player scored more than three points. Langdon complemented his strong defensive effort with six points.

Canton hit 20-of-53 field goals (37.7 percent) and while draining 15-of-19 free throws (78.9 percent). The Rocks canned just 11-of-42 shots from the field (26.1 percent) and 9-of-16 free throws (56.2 percent).

The Chiefs turned the ball over just 11 times.



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Salem's Lauren Kurtz eyes a kill against Churchill's Lauren Krupsky during Monday night's key WLAA Lakes Division contest at Churchill.



Salem's Teresa Coppiellie (center) rejoices along with teammates Courtney Seiler (left), Katrina Cope (right) and Lauren Kurtz (12).

To the limit

Churchill outlasts Rocks in five thrilling games to take the Lakes

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Salem's Teresa Coppiellie was a star among stars Monday night, but Livonia Churchill walked out of its own gym with a Lakes Division girls volleyball title.

The Chargers overcame Coppiellie's 33 kills and 15 digs with a hard-fought 25-20, 25-21, 22-25, 16-25, 15-12 triumph in a battle for first place.

State-ranked Churchill, getting 29 kills from senior outside hitter Lauren Krupsky and 24 digs from senior libero Kelly Archer, improved to 42-4-1 overall and 9-0 on the Lakes side of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The loss drops Salem to 35-7-1 overall and 7-2 in the division. Coppiellie, a 5-11 senior headed to Albany State (N.Y.), helped mount a

comeback in the third and fourth games with the help of fellow senior Lauren Kurtz, who finished with 19 kills.

The Rocks trailed 19-16 in the third game before rallying and going ahead for good, 21-20, on sophomore Jansen Falcusan's block.

Salem then dominated the fourth game as Coppiellie, who had nine kills, aced Chargers three straight times with serves for a commanding 13-5 advantage.

But things abruptly changed again in the decisive fifth game as the 5-10 Krupsky, headed to Central Michigan University, gave her team a boost with seven kills, including the game-winning tip.

"Amanda (Suder) is a good coach and she made an adjustment where they served us short and got us out

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Sidelines

Johnson lauded by MISL

The Major Indoor Soccer League announced Detroit Ignition defender Matt Johnson has been named the League's Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in Saturday's 16-10 victory over the Chicago Storm in front of a sellout crowd at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

After beginning Saturday's contest serving as bench coach for Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic, Johnson came in to tally two blocks while solidifying the backline against a well-balanced Chicago attack. At the 2:36 mark of the fourth quarter, Johnson assisted the eventual game-winning goal by Miodrag Djersilo to move the first-year club into second place in the MISL standings. In 12 games during the 2006-07 campaign, Johnson has scored two goals and added two assists for six points while registering 13 blocks. Johnson also received the Defensive player of the year award for the seven-day period ending on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006.

"Matt has been a huge contributor for us this season," Ignition President Greg Bibb stated. "He has been a leader on the field in the locker room and behind the bench. I am very happy he has received this distinction."

Canton Leisure Services events

■ 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. For more information, 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.

'Ben' there, done that

Kosmalski has seen it all during his three-sport career at Plymouth

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

On a late-October Friday last fall, Plymouth three-sport athlete Ben Kosmalski came face-to-face with something he's not accustomed to seeing: downtime.

The day earlier, Kosmalski's Plymouth golf team had played its season-ending match and the Wildcats' first wrestling practice of the season wasn't scheduled until the following Monday, which left Kosmalski in a less-than-ideal predicament.

"I went home after school that day and I was bored out of my mind because I had nothing to do," Kosmalski said, remembering one of the rare sports-free afternoons he's encountered the past seven months. "I'm not one of those people who likes sitting on the couch. That's why I like playing in three sports — there's always something to do."

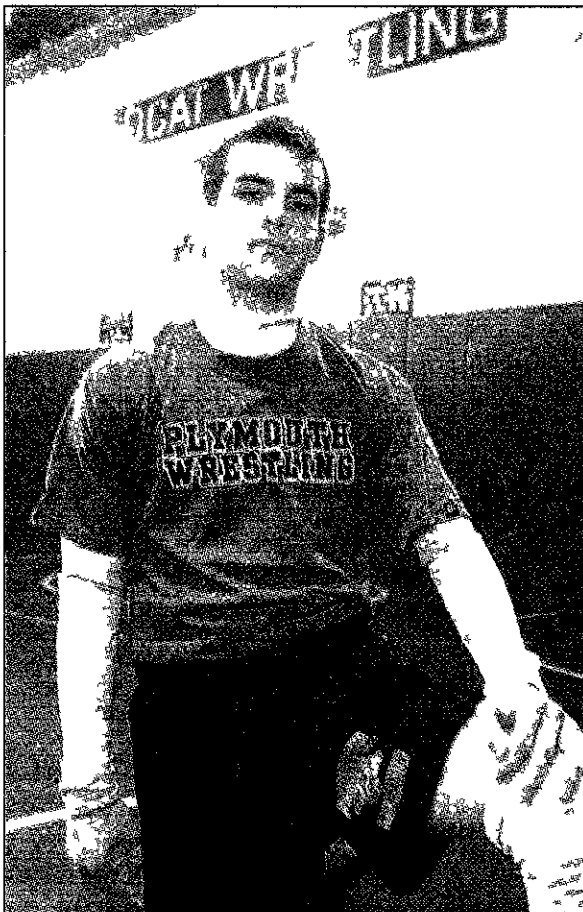


Prep Profile
NEVER A DULL MOMENT

Kosmalski's year-round sports trip begins in August when he cleans off his clubs and hits the driving range for the Plymouth golf team. He capped off a solid senior season last fall by firing an 81 at the Western Lakes Activities Association league meet at the challenging Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

About the time the leaves start dropping off the trees, Kosmalski

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Plymouth senior Ben Kosmalski is a three-sport standout for the Wildcats. He's earned multiple varsity letters in golf, wrestling and baseball. On Saturday, Kosmalski will be competing in the Division 1 Regional wrestling tournament in Novi.

10 PCEP matmen advance

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Ten local wrestlers are one step closer to the Division 1 individual state meet thanks to their stellar performances at Saturday's District tournament at Saline High School.

Six grapplers from Canton, three from Salem and one from Plymouth advanced to this Saturday's Regional competition at Novi High School. A fourth-place-or-better effort there will earn them a ticket to the individual state final at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 8-10.

Unbeaten 140-pound senior Corey Phillips paced the Chiefs' pack of advancers, which also included Donnie Watkins (103

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MATMEN

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pounds), Carl Lucke (112), Steve Cox (125), Brent Winekoff (130) and heavyweight Donnie Laramie

The Rocks trio of Regional qualifiers included Nick Steiger (125), Kevin Hayter (135) and Jeremy Epley (152). Plymouth's lone representative this weekend will be 112-pound senior Ben Kosmalski.

Phillips improved his record to 47-0 by cruising through the 140-pound brackets like a bull in a china shop. After receiving a first-round bye, he pinned Livonia Churchill's Josh Gustitus in 57 seconds in the quarterfinals before dropping Ypsilanti Lincoln's Brandon Farrell in the semis in 1:34. Phillips then put an exclamation point on his day by dominating Livonia Stevenson's Jon Reale with a 21-6 technical-fall triumph in the championship showdown.

Corey had a great day, said Canton coach Casey Randolph. He was on fire from his first match to his last. It was probably the most dominating performance of any wrestler in any weight class on Saturday.

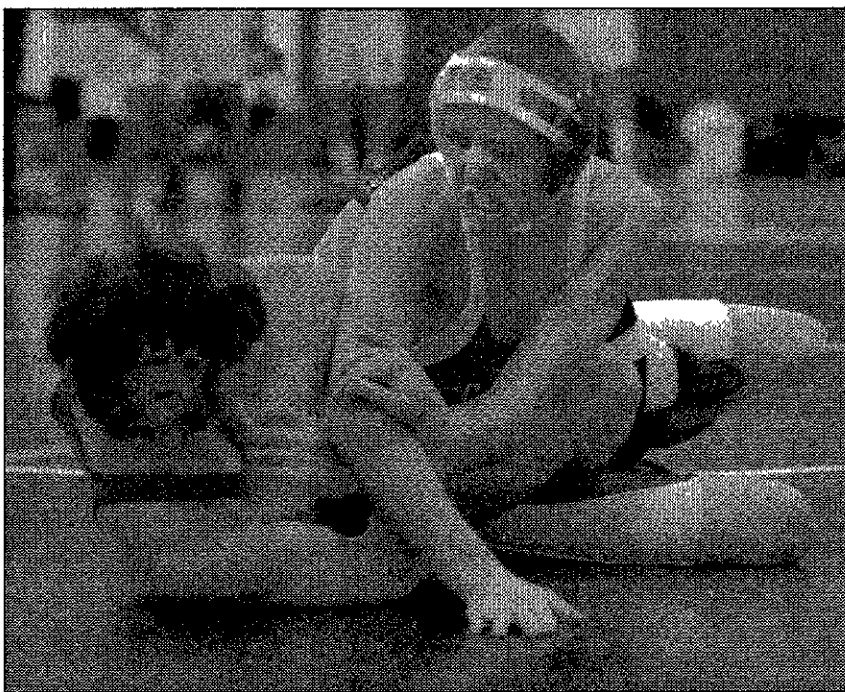
Both Watkins (43-2) and Winekoff (36-9) defied the odds by advancing to the Regional round in spite of their freshman status. Watkins made history when he became the first Canton ninth-grader to ever win a District title while Winekoff nearly won, dropping a 4-2 decision to Livonia Franklin's Jon Roos in the championship dual.

Donnie is a quiet, confident kid who has remained level-headed despite all the success he's had as a freshman," said Randolph. He's very mature for his age — both emotionally and mentally. He takes to coaching very well.

Brent has been a little overshadowed this year by Donnie because of the weight-class differences, but he's definitely as talented as Donnie. The 130- and 135-pound weight classes he's been wrestling in all year are generally dominated by upperclassmen, so to do as well as he has is amazing.

The kid who beat Brent on Saturday is a former state-qualifier and he only beat him by a last-second takedown.

Canton's strong effort in the lower weight classes was enhanced by Lucke's third-place effort at 112 and Cox's runner-up showing at 125. "Carl's big win came against



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Canton's Steve Cox, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, advanced to this weekend's Division 1 individual Regional tournament by placing second in Saturday's District tournament at 125 pounds.

Stevenson's Tommy Myshock, said Randolph. "We thought it would be a one- or two-point match, but Carl won by major decision (11-2). He really wrestled well against a good wrestler."

We call Steve the Scrapper because he's not perfect technically, but he has as much heart as any kid out there. Steve had three great matches.

Rounding out the Chiefs' six-pack of qualifiers was Laramie, who improved to 40-5 with a pair of decisive wins before falling in the finals to Novi Catholic Central's Mike Martin, 4-1. Laramie's biggest win came in the semifinal round when he pinned rival Kyle Brown of Franklin in 2:40.

I'm very happy we were able to get six through to Regionals, but I'm a little disappointed we didn't get a couple more," said Randolph. "Considering we lost 10 starters from last year's team, it was a good day for us."

The Rocks' Steiger opened with a decisive 7-0 victory over Stevenson's Mitch Gonzalez before dropping down into the consolation brackets with a tough 7-4 setback to Catholic Central's Trevor O'Connor. He regrouped by ousting Ann Arbor Pioneer's Dan Crowley, 15-3, before edging Novi's Robbie Yusko and O'Connor, 8-2, to place third. Hayter's road to the Regionals

started with an impressive pin of Churchill's JonPaul Gaffke in 3:27. After losing to CC's Shea Hasenauer, Hayter rebounded to knock off Farmington's Kyle Muller, Franklin's Brian Runk and Northville's John Hebert to take third at 135.

Epley, a junior, improved to 35-10 by placing third at 152. Following an opening-round bye, the tall, slender grappler pinned Churchill's Allen Frantsen in 1:29 before dropping a hard-fought 10-5 decision to Franklin's Nate Turco in the semis.

Epley qualified for this weekend's action by outpointing Canton's Kiel Price and Ypsilanti's Alex Aldridge in the consolation brackets.

Kosmalski's fourth-place showing at 112 was incredible considering he was battling an energy-sapping case of the flu for most of the day. He opened by pinning Saline's Nick O'Neill in 48 seconds before taking an 8-2 decision against Stevenson's Michael Fobar.

The Wildcats' lone Regional qualifier overcame a semifinal loss to Franklin's Jared Pieknik by winning a thrilling 5-3 decision over Salem's Kevin Bennett to advance to the third-fourth-place match. Too weak to continue — but with a ticket to the Regional already in hand — Kosmalski defaulted to Canton's Carl Lucke.

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KOSMALSKI

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becomes a fixture in the Wildcats wrestling room. On Saturday, he shrugged off the effects of a flu-like illness to place fourth in the 112-pound weight class in the Division 1 individual District meet, thus qualifying for a berth in this weekend's D1 Regional meet.

A top-four finish on Saturday will catapult him into the D1 individual state meet March 8-10 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

HIS FIRST LOVE

Although he's a proven winner in both golf and wrestling, it's on the baseball diamond that Kosmalski truly sparkles. A three-year varsity player, the top-of-the-order hitter and sure-handed fielder has been one of the Plymouth baseball team's catalysts since pulling on his first black-and-white jersey in the spring of 2004.

Baseball is my favorite sport, probably because I've been playing it since I was 5," said the reliable middle infielder. "I'd really like to play it in college. After this season, I'm going to send out some letters and see what happens."

Kosmalski, who started playing travel baseball when he was 9, can't get enough of the sport during the summer months when he splits his time playing for the Michigan Braves, an elite travel team, and the Plymouth High School summer squad.

I love it — I play every day if I can, he said. "Overall, I'll play in at least 50 games over the summer. There were times last summer when I played for one team in the morning and the other in the afternoon."

LASTING IMPRESSION

Participating in wrestling never crossed Kosmalski's mind until his freshman year at Plymouth when a sophomore classmate of his suggested he give the sport a shot.

One of the kids in my Spanish class told me I should try it, so I did," he recalled. "Well, it turns out we both wrestled at the same weight (112) and I beat him in the first challenge match of the year. We were still friends, though."

Kosmalski's passion for the sport paralleled the almost-instant success he enjoyed in it.

One of the reasons I like wrestling so much is because how well you do in it depends on what you do — you don't have to rely on your teammates or anybody else when you're out there on the mat," he said. "Even though it's an individual sport, you still have to count on your teammates to get you through."

THE KOSMALSKI FILE

Name: Ben Kosmalski Jr.
School: Plymouth
Family: Parents — Ben Sr. and Cheri; and sister, Erica.
Family ties: Ben, Sr. is an assistant coach for Plymouth's baseball team; Cheri is a teacher at Plymouth and Erica is a member of the Wildcats' gymnastics team.
Has lettered in: baseball, wrestling and golf.
Kosmalski's favorite...
-Restaurant: Antonio's
-Teacher: My mom
-Sports movie: Rookie of the Year
-TV show: The Simpsons

things. But once you're out on the mat, it's all you."

DRIVE-THRU OFF LIMITS

Keeping the weight off during wrestling season isn't as hard as you might think for Kosmalski, who wrestles at 112 but tips the scales at around 135 during the golf and baseball seasons.

It's not too bad, as long as I don't do anything stupid," he says. "I don't eat fast food and I don't drink pop during wrestling season. It's not hard, though, because I really don't eat those things much even when it's not wrestling season."

NEVER TOO ILL TO WIN

Kosmalski's resolve was tested last Saturday when he started feeling the effects of a flu bug shortly before his opening-round match of the District tournament. As the day wore on, the bug started to put a headlock on him.

"I wasn't feeling well at all before the match I had to win to get into the third-fourth match," he said. "Somehow I got through it and won."

Then when they called my name to come down for the third-fourth match, I could barely make it down the bleachers. That's when I told them I couldn't continue."

Kosmalski's default left him in fourth place, which was good enough to advance to this weekend's competition.

Hopefully, I do well on Saturday and I qualify for the state meet the following week," he said, "or else I'll have a whole week off until baseball starts."

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Wildcat spikers fall to Franklin

Plymouth's volleyball team closed out its Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season schedule Monday night with a hard-fought four-game setback at Livonia Franklin 25-12, 25-21, 25-23 and 25-11.

The Wildcats were trailing at one point by six points in the pivotal game three before falling just short.

The loss dropped Plymouth to 17-18-3 overall and 3-7 in the WLAA's Western Division.

The Wildcats were led by Rachel Heaton (eight kills, 12 digs), Lindsay Jewett (14 digs) and Brittany Hengesh, who added 10 kills.

'Franklin played a great match, especially Liz Dempsey, said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. 'They're very athletic and they're very smart.



MARTY SCHEDEL

Fitting tribute

Canton's lone senior volleyball player Joellen Heldt, was honored prior to Monday night's Senior Night match against Northville. Heldt is pictured with her parents John and Jamie. The Chiefs dropped a three game match to the first-place Mustangs. Details of the match were not available as of Tuesday night's deadline.



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Salem's Teresa Coppiellie nails a spike past Livonia Churchill blocker Shari Zakalowski. Coppiellie finished with 33 kills and 15 digs in the Rocks' tough five game setback to the Chargers.

VOLLEYBALL

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of our rhythm, Churchill coach Mark Grenier said of the third game. The momentum changed and we didn't get it back. Fortunately, we regrouped in Game Five and played pretty well.

She (Coppiellie) played wonderfully. She hit the ball off our block and got the ball in different spots around the court. She did a nice job.

Kyndra Abron, a 6'2" junior committed to Michigan State, finished with 18 kills and three blocks. Setter Kelsey McKenzie had 37 assist-to-kills, while junior Jordan Kerr and senior Anna Marie Gatt combined for 19 digs.

This is the third time we've played them, Grenier said. "They (Salem) switched their lineup a bit with Coppiellie at the left front. They did most of the things they normally do, but they've gotten better as the season goes on.

Defensively we stopped them. We got a lot of touches at the net to slow them down. That's always been a point of emphasis. Defense and serve receive is always our calling card. You've got to play defense and have ball control in order to get things going offensively.

Salem's senior Libero Courtney Seiler finished with a team-high 26 digs, while

Falcusan had 52 assist-to-kills.

We were trying to stay away from their Libero (Kelly Archer), said Suder. We served away from her and I think it opened things up offensively and defensively with our blocking. We got more free balls.

Teresa (Coppiellie) was just unstoppable tonight. She's one of the best players in the state and she really showed it tonight.

With two more potential matchups looming during the next two weeks against Churchill, Suder said there are some things that need to be corrected.

Our hitting percent was not as good, she said. "We had four kids with 10 errors or more. That's essentially a full game that we gave them. There's room for improvement in that area.

"But overall I'm encouraged. Each time we've gotten closer and it gets us closer to where we want to be. I think this sets us up nicely for Saturday at (Western Lakes) conference tournament (at Walled Lake Northern).

Grenier was also looking forward to season-ending WLAA tourney along with next week's district tournament.

This is the fun stuff now, he said. This is what you wait for all season and what you play for.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL WLAA Tournament Friday, Feb. 23 Semi-final games Canton at John Glenn 7 p.m. W.L. Central at Northville 7 p.m. Consolation games W.L. Western at Salem 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 Championship game 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth High School 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 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 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 MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Feb. 22 (WHAC Playoffs-1st Round) Indiana Tech at Madonna 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23 MCCAA Semifinals at K-zoo Valley CC 5:30 & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 MCCAA Finals at K-zoo Valley 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Friday, Feb. 23 MCCAA Semifinals at Muskegon CC 5:30 & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 MCCAA Finals at Muskegon CC 3 p.m. MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE Sunday, Feb. 25 Detroit Ignition vs. Philadelphia KiXX at Compuware Sports Arena 4:35 p.m. TBA - time to be announced
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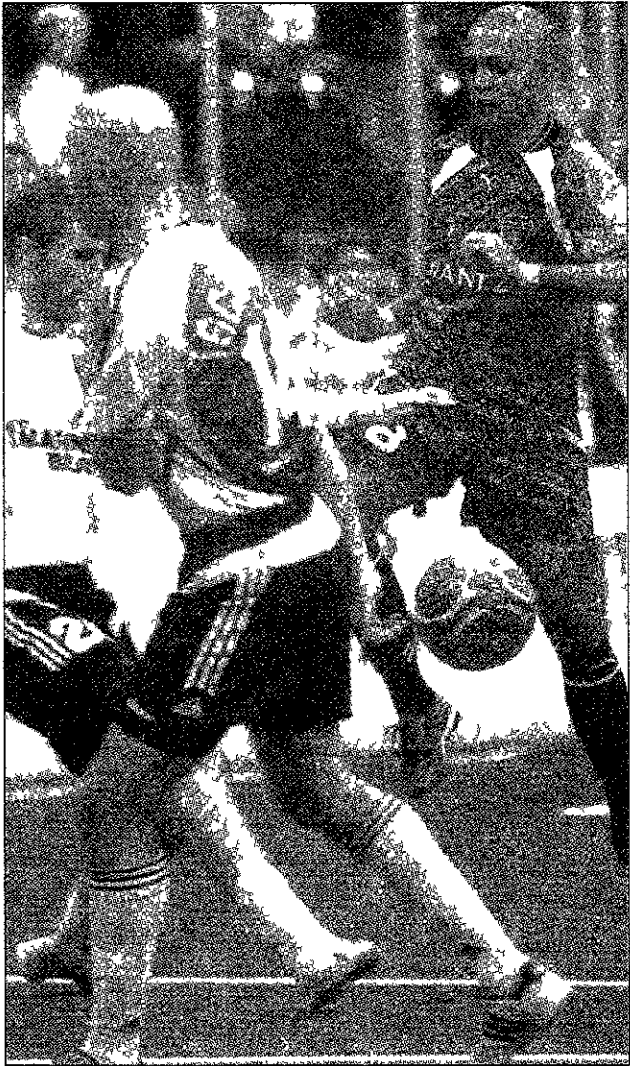
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Shooting for first

The Detroit Ignition's Ricardinho (right) pictured above in a match earlier this season against the Baltimore Blast has played a key role in the Major Indoor Soccer League team's rise to the upper tier of the standings this season. Following Saturday's 16-10 triumph over the Chicago Storm, the Ignition are in second place in the MISL standings, just one game behind the Philadelphia KiXX, who the Ignition host Sunday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Sunday's battle for first place will kick off at 4:35 p.m.



Different colors, same success

Four former members of the Canton High School Chiefette pompon squad are currently part of the Michigan State University pompon team that earned the inaugural 'State Collegiate Pompon' championship on Sunday, Feb. 11, at Eastern Michigan University. The former Chiefettes and current Spartans are (left to right) Elise Simpson, Amanda Paden, Kenya Talton and Lindsay Tomlinson (not pictured).



Never too cold for tennis

The Salem girls tennis team participated in the 'High School Tennis Day' at the Dow-Corning Tennis Classic on Feb. 3. A pair of Rocks — Tracy Lytle and Allie Carpenter — teamed up to reach the finals of the doubles competition. Pictured are (front row from left) Sharanya Kandagatla, Alex Lamb, Jaclyn Hoover, (second row from left) captain Liz McKinley, captain Tracy Lytle, Amanda Emmons, (third row from left) Allie Carpenter, Katelyn Kovalik, (fourth row from left) Melissa Giannini, Ashley Davis, Bethany Haller, (fifth row from left) Katie Fletcher, Leah Bridges, (sixth row from left) Ariel Rojo and Jenna Gambino.

Agape leaps over Washtenaw, 55-54

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton Agape Christian's Showla Olojo stands just 6-foot-1, but the high-flying senior plays much bigger. Washtenaw Christian found that out the hard way Tuesday night.

Olojo had a career night against the Wildcats, registering 14 points, 14 rebounds and a pair of blocks in the Wolverines' exhilarating 55-54 triumph in the Washtenaw Christian gymnasium.

The victory propelled surging Agape's record to 14-3. The Wildcats dropped to 13-4.

"Showla is only 6-1, but he can dunk with just one step, so he can get up there," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. He had his best game of the season tonight, no doubt. We're going to need Showla to continue to play well as we head down the stretch and in the District tournament in a couple of weeks.

While Olojo was the brightest star, he wasn't the only one for Agape, which also received strong efforts from Terrell Pierce (14 points), Jack Anleitner (eight points, six assists and seven rebounds) and Ty Majeski, who contributed seven points.

Washtenaw was led by Nick Livingston's 18 points.

Agape led 15-12 after one quarter, 33-27 at the half and 49-41 with eight minutes to play.

Our shooting went cold in the fourth quarter, as we only scored six points," said Anleitner. "They had the ball at the end, but I put Jack Anleitner on their key player and he made him take a tough shot."

Pierce secured the missed shot with 16 seconds left to seal the deal for the Wolverines.

"It's a nice win for us because they have a very good team," said Anleitner. "They're leading their league like us, so it was a game with two good teams."

The Wolverines canned 4 of 7 free throws while the



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Canton Agape's Terrell Pierce, pictured above in a game earlier this year, netted 14 points in the Wolverines' 55-54 victory over Washtenaw Christian Tuesday night.

hosts drained all eight of their shots from the charity stripe.

AGAPE 78, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 26. On Monday at Macomb, the Wolverines raced to a 25-10 lead after one quarter and never looked back.

Agape led 42-16 at the half and 64-22 at the end of the third stanza.

Tyler Majeski paced the winners with 16 points. Also making major contributions were Mark Mullett (14 points), Jared Miller (career-high 10) and Jack Anleitner (10). Justin Kuhnle led Macomb with 10 points.

The Wolverines were nearly perfect from the free throw

line, netting 13-of-15 attempts (86.6 percent). Macomb swished its only charity toss.

AGAPE 52, LIGHT & LIFE 38. On Saturday, the Wolverines earned a convincing victory on Homecoming night in a game played at Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

Agape trailed 12-11 after one quarter before storming back to take a 24-18 halftime advantage and 38-27 lead with eight minutes to play.

Jack Anleitner, who buried 9-of-13 free throws, led all scorers with 16 points. Others making major contributions to the winners' cause were Ty Majeski (12 points), Terrell

Pierce (10 points) and Jared Miller, who played exceptional defense against 2006 All-State player Aaron Layne.

"Jared held him to 11 points," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "Jared played a great defensive game. He gave up three inches to Layne, but he had him so frustrated that he ended up fouling out."

The Wolverines return to action Friday when they host crosstown rival Plymouth Christian Academy. The game is set to tip off at 7:30 p.m. at Garden City United Christian.

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'Cat cagers fall in '3-fest' to Knights

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It was raining threes in the Walled Lake Northern gymnasium Tuesday night as visiting Plymouth and the host Knights combined for 22 made triples.

In the end, though, the Wildcats came out feeling all wet as they suffered a heart-breaking 71-65 double overtime setback to Northern in a Western Lakes Activities Association consolation round robin contest.

Both teams stood at 6-12 following the game.

Led by Brandon Roberts' five triples, the Wildcats went 11 for 23 from beyond the arc while the Knights converted an amazing 11 of 20 try attempts.

Roberts finished with 24 points while Dan Jeong netted 16 (four threes). Jake contributed 13 and junior Garrett Reban chipped in with a pair of triples and six points.

Ryan Bahnmueller paced the winners with 19 points, 12 coming from three-point range and the other seven from the charity stripe. Steve Knurick (15 points) and Andy Tinkey

(10) joined Bahnmueller with double-digit scoring.

Northern led 20-13 after one quarter, 34-27 at the half and 44-39 with eight minutes to play. The Wildcats forced the extra sessions by outscoring their hosts, 18-13, over the final eight minutes.

Bahnmueller was clutch in the overtimes as he contributed one three-pointer and four free throws.

This was a good game to play in because it gave us a chance to face the kind of atmosphere we'll be facing in the District tournament in a

couple of weeks," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "They came out and hit four threes in the first quarter, so that kind of forced us to make some so that we could stay up with them."

The referees had a busy time blowing their whistles. Plymouth went 14-of-21 from the free throw line while the Knights drained 18-of-31.

Plymouth returns to action Friday when it hosts Livonia Churchill. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

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Handicap important component in league bowling

What is your league's handicap? It could be 70, 80, 90 or even 100 percent.

This has been a hotly debated subject for many years. The lower average teams seek a higher handicap. Conversely, those with the higher averages prefer it to be lower.

There have been many studies made during the past 25 years and the ABC and WIBC had determined that a league handicap of 100 percent would be the fairest overall. The studies and field tests showed a range of handicaps from 66, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100 and 116 percent. Of the lowest four categories, they showed no championships won by teams with averages below the median in the league.

At 100 percent, 70 out of 100 teams with averages higher than the median averages won. In fact, at 116 percent, the winners were evenly split at 50-50.

Based on these and other

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studies, the ABC and WIBC decided to recommend a league handicap of 100 percent. It has also been the recommendation of USBC to do likewise.

It is up to the discretion of the individual league to make its own choice based on the makeup of the teams and go along with it.

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At any rate, under 100 percent, if everyone bowls around his or her average, the high

bowlers will usually win the game because they are better at making clutch shots.

The USBC rulebook (rule 100g) states: (1) The percentage shall be 100 percent unless otherwise provided by league rule.

Leagues also may have the option of setting a cap on the amount of pins to be used by any team to prevent the likelihood of teams being out of any chance to win even if they bowl well.

Jason Maples of Livonia almost had his first 300 game last week in the Friday Night Trio league at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

After the first 11 strikes, his final shot resulted in a 7-10 split on a pocket hit.

Jason said he was a bit nervous going into the 10th frame, but he felt relieved after the game. He was happy his 298 helped his team to victory.

Jason sports a nice 204 average and is one of the counter persons at Country Lanes.

Dick Bond, a 65-year-old bowler from Belleville, bowled his second 300 game in a span of two weeks in the Wednesday Men's Senior Classic League at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

He had accomplished this feat only two weeks earlier in the Monday Senior Mens League in the same house. His series totals were 772 and 776, respectively. Bond now has six lifetime perfect games to his credit.

Greg Briden, a Livonia resident, rescued an old bowling ball that had been sitting in a friend's garage, just gathering dust.

He took it in to Todd Stuart's pro shop at Cherry Hill Lanes and had it re-drilled, so it would go long and finish strong for him.

It was just a few weeks later that Greg used it in his TBN Sunday Morning League at Skore Lanes. He opened with a 299 (the nine pin stayed up), followed with 274 and 277 for a grand series total of 850 with 31 out of a possible 36 strikes.

It was Greg's first 800 series, and he is still hoping for his 300.

Greg is a building contractor by trade, specializing in home improvements and resurfacing old bowling balls.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be contacted at (248) 477-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.

What a comeback!

Whalers overcome 5-goal deficit to down 'Hounds

Last Saturday night, the Plymouth Whalers were treated to a concert by the popular band "Barenaked Ladies" at the Steelback Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

The next night, the Whalers took on the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds and didn't need a million dollars after the first period. But trailing, 5-0, they needed some goals.

Mission accomplished in one of most exciting games of the season.

The Whalers chipped away at the deficit and trailed 6-4 after 40 minutes. Plymouth took the game over in the third period with four unanswered goals to win, 8-6.

Tom Sestito scored the game-winning goal with 2:58 in regulation to give the Whalers their first lead of the game. Sestito had the hat trick. Daniel Ryder scored two and A.J. Jenks, Sean O'Connor and Dan Collins scored one each for Plymouth.

"If this isn't a lesson in the importance of playing 60 minutes, I don't know where their (the Hounds' players) lesson will be," Sault Ste. Marie head coach Craig Hartsburg told the Sault Star. "We played for one period and then got sloppy. We gave up some goals that were questionable and we tried to find a way to get it done without working."

Here's what the Whalers players said about the wild game.

Sestito: In the first intermission, (assistant coach) Todd Watson told everybody to go out and get a hit. So we did that on our first shift and got a goal. On the fourth goal, it was a play that was a one-on-one with their 'D.

On the winning goal, I just wheeled out to the red line and I was all alone. It was a good thing O'Connor (Sean O'Connor) made the pass. I was thinking backhand, five-hole, but Neal's move has been working a lot so I tried that. It wasn't perfect, but it got the job done.

"Our goal was to be down by two goals going into the third period, so we made that happen."

O'Connor (who scored the Whalers' second goal and set up Sestito's game-winning goal) said: "On the second goal, the puck was put into the offensive zone. I came across the blue line slowly and fed the puck through to Jenks, because he was behind the defenseman. Nobody took me going to the net and I was wide open."

"Jenks slid the puck back to me and I had a one-timer. I had to shoot the puck between the defensemen's arm and his body to get it on the net, because he had a pretty good angle on me. Luckily, it

squeezed by him (Sault Ste. Marie goaltender Kyle Gajewski) and went into the far side of the net."

"(On the game-winning goal), I picked up the puck in front of the boards (in neutral territory). I looked up ice and realized I had a lot more time than I thought. I was originally going to give the puck to (Andrew) Fournier, because he was cutting across through the middle, but Tommy (Sestito) was about even with his defenseman and looked like he was about to beat him. So I gave him a nice saucer pass through the middle of the ice and let him skate into it."

The last word came from Sault Ste. Marie head coach Craig Hartsburg.

That's why they're one of the top teams in the league, Hartsburg said. "They revved it up a notch and we went down a notch. We had it in our hands, but we have to stay hungry to finish off a good team."

Plymouth (40-14-1-2) hosts Belleville on Friday and Oshawa on Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena. Game time both evenings is 7:05 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.



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Plymouth's Nicholas Rieckhoff (right) pictured above in a game earlier this season scored a key goal in the Wildcats' victory over Livonia Franklin.

Plymouth icers edge Patriots, 3-2

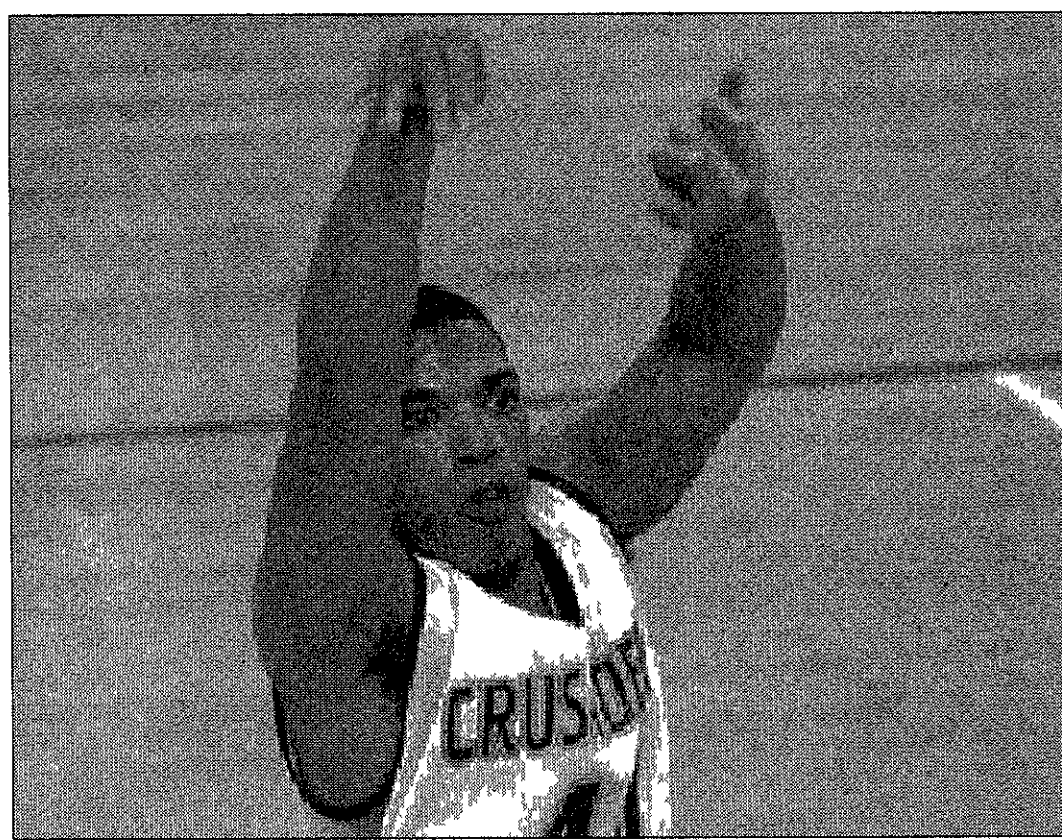
Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division champion Plymouth needed a third-period power-play goal Friday from Jason O'Guinn to beat host Livonia Franklin (3-16, 1-6), 3-2, at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

The Patriots slipped to 3-16 overall and 1-6 in the Western Division.

Franklin led 1-0 after one period on Dan Ostrosky's goal from Tyler Barnes and Stefan Witte at 2:17. Plymouth answered in the second period on goals by Nick Rieckhoff and Brandon Patterson (short-handed) before Franklin's Ben Kubiak tied it at 2-all with 29 seconds left on a power-play from Alexander Wypych and

Brandon Pump. Franklin's Austin Mesler stopped 29 of 32 Plymouth shots, while Wildcat netminder Justin Desilets made 27 saves.

"This was the best game that we have played all year," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "Everybody stepped up and played a great game."



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Canton graduate D.J. Bridges has been a key player in the Madonna basketball team's fine season.

Ex-Chief Bridges plays pivotal role

For the first time in Madonna University history, the men's basketball team will play a home playoff game, 7:30 tonight against Indiana Tech.

Madonna, the fourth seed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, finished the regular season with a mark of 12-18 overall and 8-6 in the conference following Saturday's 84-70 loss to host Concordia (17-13, 9-5) in the finale.

Leading the fifth-seed Cards was guard Anthony Bates, who hit 16-of-25 from the floor en route to a game-high 41 points.

The Crusaders fell behind 38-27 at halftime and were down by 22 points in the second half before mounting a late comeback bid that cut the lead to 10.

Junior forward D.J. Bridges (Canton) had another excellent game for Madonna, scoring 24 points and grabbing eight rebounds. Senior forward Derrick

Mudri scored just three points, but he led the Crusaders with 11 rebounds - 10 at the defensive end.

Tallying eight points each for the Crusaders were senior guard Charlie Henry (Plymouth Agape Christian) and senior center Doug Creighton (Redford Catholic Central).

Ocelots drill OCC

Josh Samarco and Nate Minnoy each scored 19 points as Schoolcraft College ended its Eastern Conference regular season schedule Saturday in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a 99-74 triumph over host Oakland CC at Highland Lakes Gymnasium.

Jerome Hutchins added 18 points and dished out seven assists for the Ocelots, who improved to 18-9 overall. Schoolcraft ended conference play at 13-5 in second place behind Flint Mott.

The Ocelots, who led 41-19

at the half, hit 15-of-31 shots from three-point range to win handily.

Korey Spates and Duncan Jones (Westland John Glenn) added 14 and 13 points, respectively. Minnoy also had a team-high eight rebounds.

Odgra Bobo led the Raiders, now 3-22 overall and 3-15 in the conference, with a game-high 34 points, including 19-of-22 foul shots. He also had a game-high 10 rebounds and dished out six assists.

Lawrence Ricks and Nick Roberts chipped in with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Ocelots opened MCCA quarterfinal playoff action Wednesday at home against 18-10 St. Clair CC. The winner advances to Friday's semifinal at Kalamazoo Valley.

Last Thursday, Schoolcraft defeated Macomb CC in a makeup game on Thursday, 99-66.

Macomb falls to 18-9 and 10-8.

ATTENTION Wayne County Residents

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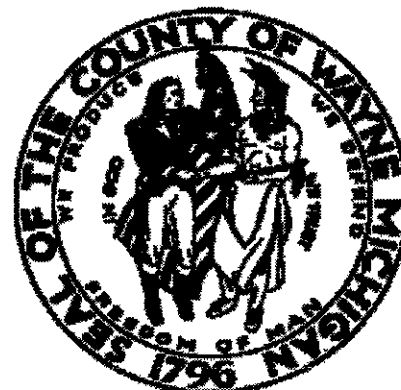
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CONSENT CALENDAR Item 1 APPOINTMENTS TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin that the Canton Board of Trustees approve the appointment of James Malnowski Anthony Rosati and Donald Nash to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a two year term to expire March 1 2009 Motion carried by all members present

Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING THE PARADE OF HOMES (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to grant special event status and to approve installation of signs advertising the Parade of Homes Motion carried by all members present

Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR ST DAMIAN SCHOOL'S MOM TO MOM SALE (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs for St Damian School's Mom to Mom Sale Motion carried by all members present

Item 4 AUTHORIZE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS FOR CANTON LEISURE SERVICES EVENTS (CLS) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the placement of signs for Leisure Services events in accordance with the Canton Township Sign Ordinance Motion carried by all members present

Item 5 APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE (CLS) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the re appointments of Chris Edwards Doug Weber Hans Neuroth and Lynda Neuroth to the Council for Community Excellence to serve three year terms effective immediately running through December 31 2009 Motion carried by all members present

GENERAL CALENDAR Item 1 CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR WTUA LOWER ROUGE EXPANSION (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for special use for WTUA Lower Rouge Expansion Motion carried by all members present

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for WTUA Lower Rouge Expansion WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor Mr Aaron Sprague has requested special use approval for the WTUA Lower Rouge Expansion to be located on Haggerty Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road identified as tax EDP# 099 99 0001 705 and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor Mr Aaron Sprague to conduct the special use for the proposed WTUA Lower Rouge Expansion subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township

Item 2 CONSIDER ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS (SIGN REGULATIONS) (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the zoning ordinance text amendments (007 TXT 001) Motion carried by all members present

The Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees on February 12 2007 adopted an amendment to the "Code of Ordinances" Charter Township of Canton Michigan Appendix A Zoning pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments (007-TXT-001) WHEREAS, the Township has proposed amendments to Appendix A Zoning of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton and WHEREAS, the requested changes would be in conformity with the general development objectives of the community reduce ambiguity and assist with interpretation of the ordinance by the Community Planner and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the amendments

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the amendments to Article 6A of Appendix A -Zoning of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as follows

Zoning Ordinance Amendments - 007 TXT 001 Article 6A 11 Signs prohibited in all districts shall be amended to modify subsections 11 and 13 as follows

11 Any sign except traffic or other municipal signs as permitted in section 6A 09 (4) that is located in or projects into or over a public right of way publicly dedicated easement or publicly owned property In any proceeding for violation of this section the court may presume that the person business candidate committee or other entity displayed on the sign or the person business candidate committee or other entity to whom a phone number e mail address or event address displayed on the sign was assigned is the person business candidate committee or other entity that unlawfully displayed the sign

Violation of this section is a civil infraction punishable as follows

first offense \$200 fine second offense \$400 fine third or subsequent offense \$600 fine

13 Placards posters circulars showbills handbills cards leaflets or other advertising matter except as otherwise provided in this chapter when posted pasted nailed placed printed stamped or in any way attached to any fence wall post tree sidewalk pavement platform pole tower curbstone or surface in or upon any public easement right of way or on any public or private property whatsoever Nothing in this section shall prevent official notices of the township school districts or county state or federal government from being posted on any public property deemed necessary

All placards posters circulars showbills handbills political signs cards leaflets or other advertising matter posted pasted nailed placed printed or stamped on any right of way or public property may be removed and disposed of by the township without regard to other provisions of this chapter

In any proceeding for violation of this subsection within a publicly dedicated easement public right of way or public property the court may presume that the person business candidate committee or other entity displayed on the placard poster circular show bill handbill card leaflet or other advertising matter or the person business candidate committee or other entity to whom a phone number e mail address or event address displayed on the placard poster circular show bill handbill political signs cards leaflet or other advertising matter was assigned was the person business candidate committee or other entity that unlawfully displayed the placard poster circular, show bill handbill card, leaflet or other advertising matter

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6A 17 Wall Sign Area Scale shall be amended to add wording after the table as follows

Refer to Section 6A 23 Sign Bonuses to determine whether the building or tenant space qualifies for additional wall sign area

Section 6A 23 Sign Bonuses shall be amended to clarify corner lot bonuses as follows

Corner lot/tenant space bonus Buildings which are located on corner lots or tenant spaces which occupy end or corner units of a multi tenant structure shall be provided 150 percent of the otherwise permitted total wall sign area for the applicable building or tenant space

The corner lot/tenant space bonus shall only be permitted when a sign is proposed on more than one wall of the building or tenant space

Section

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan held on the 13th day of February 2007 PRESENT Members Bennett Ladoj McLaughlin Yack Zarbo ABSENT Members Caccamo Kirchgatter

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Clerk Bennett and supported by Member McLaughlin WHEREAS Act 31 Public Acts of Michigan 1948 (First Extra Session) as amended ("Act 31") provides through the procedures of building authority financing a means for the acquisition construction and financing of public buildings and facilities and the necessary sites thereof together with appurtenant properties necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof for the use and benefit of incorporating municipalities and WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of Act 31 the Charter Township of Canton the Charter Township of Northville the Charter Township of Plymouth the City of Plymouth and the City of Northville (collectively the "Incorporating Units ") have previously adopted Articles of Incorporation and have established the 35th Judicial District Building Authority (the "Authority") with full powers under Act 31 to acquire and construct such buildings and facilities for use as a court facility by the 35th Judicial District of Michigan (the "Project ") and WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of Act 31 the Authority has issued its 1999 Building Authority Bonds (the "Prior Bonds) the proceeds of which were used to acquire and construct the Project and WHEREAS the Authority has been informed it is possible to refund the Prior Bonds through the issuance of refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds ") and achieve interest savings which will result in reduced costs for the operation of the Project and the Incorporating Units and WHEREAS a contract (the Refunding Contract) has been prepared and must be entered into by the Authority and the Incorporating Units prior to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds and WHEREAS it is to the advantage of the Incorporating Units to allocate the principal amount of the refunded bonds among the Incorporating Units for purposes of Section 265 (b)(3)(C)(ii) of the Internal revenue Code of 1986 as amended and WHEREAS it is reasonable and necessary that the Township undertake to comply with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c(2) 12 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT 1 The Township Board hereby approves the Refunding Contract in substantially the form on file with the Township for the refunding of the Prior Bonds The Supervisor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the Authority the Refunding Contract approved by this resolution 2 The Township Board does hereby approve ratify and confirm its covenant in the Refunding Contract to levy ad valorem taxes against all taxable property in the Township to the extent necessary to meet the obligations of the Township thereunder in the event revenues from other sources are insufficient for any reason whatsoever Any such taxes levied to pay the cash rentals under the Contract shall be limited as to rate or amount in the manner provided by law 3 The Township Board shall take all actions within its control and it shall not fail to take any action as may be necessary to maintain the exemption of interest on the bonds issued by the Authority for the Project from gross income for

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specified in this Refunding Contract may be prepaid as provided in the Contract 7 All provisions of the Contract not inconsistent herewith and particularly all covenants relative to the payment of and security for the Prior Bonds made by the Incorporating Units thereon shall remain in full force and effect and shall apply with equal effect to the Refunding Bonds authorized hereby it being understood that upon issuance of the Refunding Bonds the Prior Bonds will be defeased and the Refunding Bonds shall be substituted therefore and shall be outstanding in their place and stead 8 Nothing herein contained shall in any way be construed to prevent additional financing under the provisions of the Act 9 The obligations and undertakings of each of the parties to this Refunding Contract shall be conditioned upon the successful accomplishment of the proposed refunding and therefore if for any reason whatsoever the Refunding Bonds are not issued, then this contract shall be considered void and of no force and effect, provided however that in such event all costs and expenses shall be paid by the Incorporating Units in accordance with existing commitments to the Authority and the Authority shall not be obligated for such costs and expenses 10 The Authority and the Incorporating Units each recognize that the holders from time to time of the Refunding Bonds will have contractual rights in this Refunding Contract and it is therefore covenanted and agreed by each of them that so long as any of the Refunding Bonds shall remain outstanding and unpaid the provisions of this Refunding Contract shall not be subject to any alteration or revision which would in any manner materially affect either the security of the Refunding Bonds or the prompt payment of principal of or interest thereon The Incorporating Units and the Authority further covenant and agree that they will each comply with their respective duties and obligations under the terms of this Refunding Contract promptly at all times and in the manner herein set forth and will not suffer to be done any act which would in any way impair the Refunding Bonds the security therefor, or the prompt payment of principal of and interest thereon It is hereby declared that the terms of this Refunding Contract insofar as they pertain to the security of the Refunding Bonds shall be deemed to be for the benefit of the holders of said Refunding Bonds 11 This Refunding Contract shall remain in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date hereof or until such lesser time as the Refunding Bonds issued by the Authority are paid at which time this Refunding Contract shall be terminated and the provisions of the Contract relative to disposition of the financed facilities shall be carried out In any event the obligations of the Incorporating Units to make the payments required hereunder shall be terminated at such time as all of the Refunding Bonds are paid together with all interest and penalties and other obligations hereunder 12 This Refunding Contract shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective parties hereto their successors and assigns 13 This Refunding Contract may be executed in counterparts

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the 35TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING AUTHORITY by its Commission and the CHARTER TOWNSHIPS OF CANTON NORTHVILLE and PLYMOUTH and the CITIES OF NORTHVILLE and PLYMOUTH MICHIGAN each by their respective legislative body have each caused their name to be signed to this instrument by its duly authorized officers and its seal to be affixed hereto the day and year first above written In the presence of 35TH JUDICIAL BUILDING AUTHORITY Item 9 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT - MEMBERSHIP DUES - MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2007 MEMBERSHIP (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for 2007 membership dues in the Michigan Municipal League Increase Appropriations Fund Balance Appropriation #101 000 699 0000 \$10 959 Increase Appropriations Membership Dues General Government #101 200 805 0000 \$10 959 This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$1 689 080 to \$1 700 039 and the General Fund budget from \$26 820 414 to \$26 831 373 Motion carried by all members present Item 10 AWARD CONTRACT FOR PORTABLE TOILETS FOR 2007 SEASON (CLS) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to award the contract for portable toilets for the 2007 season to Johns Sanitation Inc of 24700 Milford Road South Lyon MI 48178 in the amount of \$6 648 Funds are available in account #101 270 818 0000 (Parks Contracted Services) and 584 756 818 0000 (Pheasant Run Golf Club Contracted Services) Motion carried by all members present Item 11 AWARD BID FOR 2007 LEISURE SERVICES PUBLICATIONS (CLS) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for layout and design of the 2007 editions of the Discover Brochure to Black Bear Media located at 14643 Village Ct Plymouth MI 48170 in the amount of \$6 300 00 This budget amendment increases the Recreation Division budget from \$2 054 283 to \$2 061 779 and the General Fund budget from \$26 831 373 to \$26 838 869 Motion carried by all members present Item 12 PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL FOR THEATER TICKET PROCESSING FEES FROM SABO (CLS) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve a purchase order for Seat Advisor Box Office located at 3094 Groton Street Suite 103 San Diego CA 92110 for ticket transaction fees in the amount of \$25 000 from account number 101 760 818 0000 Village Theater Contracted Services Motion carried by all members present Item 13 CONSIDER ANNUAL PATROL LAPTOP SERVICE AGREEMENT (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the Patrol Laptop Services for March 2007 through February 2008 with Motorola in the amount of \$5886 account #207 301 818 0000 (Cost Center P00049 0000 0000) Motion carried by all members present Item 14 CONSIDER PRINTERS FOR DISPATCH AND DETECTIVE BUREAU - DRUG FORFEITURE PURCHASE (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the purchase of a RICOH Aficio 3045SP business machine from IKON in the amount of \$8700 I move to approve the purchase of an HP LaserJet 9040n printer from MicroSource 655 Fairfield Court Ann Arbor MI 48108 in the amount of \$4090 Further I move to approve the following budget amendment for this purchase Increase Revenue Forfeitures - Drug Enforcement 207 000 655 0000 \$ 12 790 Increase Appropriations Drug Enforcement Program 207 301 744 0000 \$ 12 790 This budget amendment increases the FY 2007 Police Budget from \$14,650 255 to \$14 663 045 Motion carried by all members present

Item 15 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 40 PORTABLE RADIOS - 911 SERVICE (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 40 EX 600 XLS Motorola prep radios model # AAH38KD9DU6N through a State Bid Contract from ComSource Inc 2130 Austin Dr Rochester Hills MI 48309 in the amount of \$33 340 Funding to come from 911 Service Funds Capital Outlay Police Account # 261 346 977 2060 (Cost Center P00049 0000 0000) Motion carried by all members present Item 16. AUTHORIZATION FOR FIRE PERSONNEL TO ATTEND SCHOOL OF FIRE STAFF & COMMAND. (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the tuition expenditure for three lieutenants Glenn Dunn and Caruso to attend the School of Fire Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University at a cost of \$2600/each for a total of \$7800-funding to come from Fire Training Account No 206 336 952 0000 (Cost Center P00055 0000 0000) Motion carried by all members present Item 17 CONSIDER INCREASING PURCHASE ORDER FOR RANGE BUILDING CEMENT FLOOR REPLACEMENT (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to increase Purchase Order #62786 for the replacement of the floor at the Range Building in the amount of \$8 855 to cover the cost of unanticipated repairs Funding to come from Police Maintenance of Building/Grounds account # 207 301 930 0000 Motion carried by all members present Item 18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DNR RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED HUNTING CONTROLS (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution as proposed by the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HUNTER SAFETY SECTION WAYNE COUNTY CANTON TOWNSHIP HC 82 07 001 - Hunting with a firearm unlawful in sections 7 8 16 17 18 19 20 21 28 29 30 31 32 and 33 T2S R8E except as follows Hunting with a shotgun Hunting with a rimfire rifle or handgun 22 caliber or smaller Hunting with a conventional (smokeless powder) handgun single or multiple shot using straight walled cartridge only Hunting with a muzzle loading rifle shotgun or black powder handgun Discharge of a firearm for target shooting while using a recognizable target Motion carried by all members present Item 19 APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO LAND CONTRACT DATED JUNE 2, 2005, CANTON DEVELOPMENT LLC., PURCHASER (CLERK) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the "Addendum To Land Contract" dated June 2 2005 tax ID# 71 134 99 0014 000 which extends the Land Contract six months until August 2 2007 I further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the Charter Township of Canton Motion carried by all members present Item 20 FIRST READING TO AMEND

PART 1, CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, ON HUNTING REGULATIONS (CLERK) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to introduce and table the first reading of the amendment to the Code of Ordinances Canton Charter Township Michigan, Chapter 46 Article IV Division I Section 46 202 and Chapter 46 Article IV Division II, Subdivision II section 46 243 of the Hunting Area Control and Possession / Discharge / Generally Publication on February 22 2007 The second reading will be on February 27 2007 with effective date and publication of March 8 2007 Motion carried by all members present

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT TO OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETYORDINANCE CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV ENTITLED OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETY, AT DIVISION 1 SECTION 46 202 ENTITLED "HUNTING CONTROL AREA" PROVIDING FOR INCREASED AREAS PROHIBITED TO HUNTING IN THE TOWNSHIP AND AMENDING PART 1 CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV ENTITLED OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETY AT DIVISION 2 ENTITLED "WEAPONS" SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED FIREARMS SECTION 46 243 ENTITLED POSSESSION POINTING OR DISCHARGE GENERALLY PROVIDING FOR NEW PROVISION PROHIBITING DISCHARGE OF FIREARM WITHIN 150 YARDS OF CERTAIN DEFINED BUILDINGS PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS SECTION 1 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 46 202 HUNTING AREA CONTROL Ordinance Chapter 46 is hereby adopted to amend Part I, Chapter 46, Article IV, Division 1, Section 46-202 entitled "Hunting Area Control" to read as follows. Sec 46-202 Hunting area control (a) Definitions All words and phrases used in this section shall be construed and have the same meanings as those words and phrases defined in part 435 of Public Act No 451 of 1994 (MCL 324 43501 et seq) (b) Hunting is prohibited in the Township in areas listed below subject to the conditions set forth hereinafter (1) Canton Township part of Section 6 Hunting with or the discharge of a firearm except at a target range recognized and approved by the township board is unlawful in the south 1/2 of Section 6 T2S R8E (2) Canton Township Section 4 Hunting with or the discharge of a firearm except at a target range recognized and approved by the township board is unlawful in Section 4 T2S R8E bounded on the north by Joy Road on the east by Canton Center Road on the south by Warren Road and on the west by Beck Road (3) Canton Township eastern portion Hunting with or the discharge of a firearm except at a target range recognized and approved by the township board is unlawful in that part of the township east of Canton Center Road (4) Canton Township part of Section 6 and Sections 5 and 9 Hunting with or the discharge of a firearm is unlawful in the north 1/2 of Section 6 and in Sections 5 and 9 T2S R8E except as follows a Hunting with or the discharge of a shotgun loaded with shot not larger than no 6 is permitted from October 20 to March 1 b The discharge of a firearm is permitted all year at target ranges that are registered by the township clerk (5) Hunting with a firearm is unlawful in Sections 7 8 16 17 18 19 20 21 28 29 30 31 32 and 33 T2S R8E except as follows a Hunting with a shotgun b Hunting with a rimfire rifle or handgun 22 caliber or smaller c Hunting with a conventional (smokeless powder) handgun single or multiple shot using straight walled cartridge only d Hunting with a muzzle loading rifle shotgun or black powder handgun e Discharge of a firearm for target shooting while using a recognizable target The prohibitions contained in this ordinance shall not apply to peace officers or members of the armed forces in the discharge of their duties (c) Violations Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor SECTION 2 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 46 243, POSSESSION, POINTING OR DISCHARGE GENERALLY Ordinance Chapter 46 is hereby adopted to amend Part I Chapter 46 Article IV Division 2 Subdivision II Section 46 243 Entitled Possession Pointing or Discharge Generally shall be amended to read as follows Sec 46-243 Possession, pointing or discharge generally (a) Pointing or discharging without malice It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally without malice point or aim any firearm at or toward any other person Or to discharge any firearm while so aimed (b) Discharge upon or across certain places prohibited It shall be unlawful to discharge a firearm within the township except at an approved range [It shall be unlawful to] (1) Discharge a firearm within 150 yards of an occupied building dwelling house residence or cabin or any barn or other building used in connection with a farm operation without obtaining the written permission of the owner renter or occupant of the property (2) Discharge any firearm upon any platted land or within 150 yards of any public or private school property (3) Discharge any firearm upon or across any public road or highway within the township (c) Discharge by person under 17 years of age It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 17 years to discharge a firearm unless under the direct supervision and control of and accompanied by a parent legal guardian or adult authorized by the parent or legal guardian to have direct supervision of the person under the age of 17 It shall be the responsibility of every parent legal guardian or other person having the physical custody or charge of any minor under the age of 17 years to control the minor and prevent him from violating or attempting to violate any provision of this subdivision SECTION 3. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE The balance of Code of Ordinances Part I Chapter 46 except as herein amended shall remain in full force and effect All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance SECTION 4 VIOLATION AND PENALTY Any person corporation partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than \$500 00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or both in the discretion of the Court SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY If any section subsection clause phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof SECTION 6 CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed if possible in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto SECTION 7 REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS. Portions of the Code of Ordinances Part I Chapter 46 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect SECTION 8 EFFECTIVE DATE The Ordinance becomes effective on the ____ day of ____ 2007 after publication of the second reading This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board meeting called on the ____ day of ____ 2007 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON By TERRY BENNETT Its Clerk Introduced 02 13 2007 Published 02 22 2007 Adopted Effective Upon Publication Item 21 FIRST READING AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES" ARTICLE II DIVISION 2 SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED "RATES AND CHARGES" SECTION 74 81 74 82 74 83 AND 74 84 AND AMENDING DIVISION 3 THEREOF ENTITLED "SEWER CONNECTION AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL" SECTIONS 74 131 74 132 AND 74 133 (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to introduce the first reading of the AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES" ARTICLE II DIVISION 2 SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED RATES AND CHARGES" SECTIONS 74 81 74 82 74 83 AND 74 84 AND AMENDING DIVISION 3 THEREOF ENTITLED "SEWER CONNECTION AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL" SECTIONS 74 131, 74 132 AND 74 133 with publication on February 22 2007 and table for Second Reading on February 27 2007 Motion carried by all members present CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT TO UTILITIES ORDINANCE CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I CHAPTER 74 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED UTILITIES" ARTICLE II DIVISION 2 SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED RATES AND CHARGES, SECTIONS 74 81, 74 82 74-83 AND 74 84 AND AMENDING DIVISION 3 THEREOF ENTITLED SEWER CONNECTION AND

SEWAGE DISPOSAL SECTIONS 74 131 74-132 AND 74 133 PROVIDING FOR A NEW WATER SYSTEM EQUITY CHARGE A NEW TAP AND METER CHARGE AND A NEW WATER CONSTRUCTION CHARGE TO ELIMINATE WATER CONNECTION APPLICANT TAPS TO PROVIDE FOR WATER TAP SIZES FOR MULTI UNIT DWELLINGS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGES AS SUCH CHARGES ARE BILLED TO THE TOWNSHIP BY DETROIT WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT AND THE YPSILANTI COMMUNITIES UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FOR NEW SEWER SYSTEM EQUITY RATES TO ELIMINATE SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW MINIMUM INSPECTION FEE TO ELIMINATE THE WATER CONNECTION CHARGE AND TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW TAP & METER CHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW MINIMUM SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATE FOR CUSTOMER WITH TOWNSHIP SUPPLIED WATER METER FOR THEIR NON TOWNSHIP SUPPLIED WATER SOURCE, TO PROVIDE FOR A SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE TO BE BASED UPON WATER METER SIZE TO PROVIDE FOR A SEWER LEAD INSPECTION FEE TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED INDUSTRIAL WASTE CHARGE (IWC) RATES, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES TO PROVIDE FOR SERVICE CHARGE AND PROCEDURES FOR DISHONORED CHECKS OR E CHECK" FOR PAYMENT OF WATER AND SEWER DISPOSAL BILLS TO REVISE ACTS WHICH CONSTITUTE TAMPERING OR REMOVING WATER METER TO PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM SEWER CONNECTION SIZE AND CLEAN OUT AND MANHOLE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED RESPONSIBILITY AND PROCEDURE AND CREATION OF TOWNSHIP POLICY FOR REPAIRS TO SEWER LEADS IN AN EASEMENT OR PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION II RATES AND CHARGES. Ordinance No. 30 is hereby adopted to amend Part I, Chapter 74, Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II Rates and Charges to read as follows: Sec 74 81 WATER CHARGES GENERALLY (1) Consumption rates The consumption rate shall be as set forth in section 74 83 The minimum water bill per reading cycle or any part thereof shall be for a minimum of 5 000 gallons (2) Water system equity charge In addition to the consumption charge, a water system equity charge will be assessed which consists of a connection charge and a front footage charge as follows a Connection Charge The connection charge shall be set forth in section 74 83 Connection charge for unusual or other conditions shall be determined by the Township Board b Front footage charge In addition to the connection charge there shall be a front footage charge as set forth in section 74 83 However the front footage charge shall be waived in those instances where the township incurred no cost in the design easement acquisitions or installation of the water line along the frontage of the property and in those instances where the water line is installed as part of a special assessment district All water charges shall be paid in full prior to the actual installation Corner lots will be exempt from front footage charges on the lesser frontage road only (3) Tap and meter charge The tap and meter charge shall be set forth in section 74 83 (4) Water construction charge The water construction charge shall be set forth in section 74 83 (5) Water connection The minimum size for all water services is one inch Irrigation systems shall be connected to the meter via a one inch line Irrigation systems shall be connected to the domestic service in all cases except for developments or projects with a general or common area owned or controlled by a subdivision condominium or other legally constituted landowner association or its equivalent In those instances a separate irrigation tap shall be permitted (6) Tap sizes for multi unit dwellings A duplex is considered a two unit dwelling regardless of where located A one inch service shall be provided for each unit unless the duplex is part of a larger multi unit dwelling complex where the landowner association or its equivalent is responsible for payment for water usage In which case the developer may elect to either have a one inch tap for each unit in all buildings, or a two inch tap for each building but not a mix of 1 inch and 2 inch tap sizes within the development (7) Fire lines Fire lines will have a Township issued meter for detecting water usage other than fire suppression Fire lines will have backflow preventor devices and shall be approved by county for cross connection prior to installation Fire lines serving fire suppression systems shall connect directly to the public main Domestic services shall not connect to fire lines The charges for such fire lines shall be as set forth in section 74 83 The township will supply the meter detection unit and inspection after installation of the meter by a contractor Construction plans shall be submitted to the township engineer for approval prior to installation 8 Duplexes A duplex is considered a two unit dwelling regardless of where located A one inch service shall be provided for each unit unless the duplex is part of a larger multi unit dwelling complex where the landowner association or its equivalent is responsible for payment for water usage and then a two inch service is allowed (9) Attached Condominiums The developer of an attached condominium development has the option of providing a one inch water service for each dwelling unit or one two inch or larger water service for each building The development must be consistent but not a mix of 1 inch and 2 inch service sizes within the development If one inch services are provided for each dwelling unit within the attached condominium development then a separate irrigation tap and meter must be installed for irrigation of the commons areas The detailed engineering plans submitted for review must include the proposed water service sizes Once the engineering plans are approved for construction the water service sizes cannot be changed without approval of the township engineer (10) Classes of water and sewer accounts There shall be the following classes for water and sewer accounts a Residential Class: Dwellings used primarily as a domicile such as single family homes detached condominiums duplexes and the like where each dwelling unit is serviced by one meter including irrigation systems that service their common areas b Multiple Classes: Multiple dwellings such as apartments condominiums townhouses and the like where one meter services more than one dwelling unit c Commercial Class Establishment involved in a commercial enterprise business or service including social, charitable governmental religious or educational functions including irrigation systems that services their common areas Sec. 74-82. Sewer charges generally The rates and charges shall be as follows (1) Sewage treatment rates. The charge for sewage disposal shall be computed and paid on the basis of 100 percent of the water consumption used except residential class customers will be granted a sewer cap set forth in Section 74 83 for sprinkling system and irrigation usage during summer usage months Summer usage month period is defined as May 1 through September 30th An industrial waste charge (IWC) will be added to commercial and industrial users based on meter size and where applicable, industrial surcharges will be applied as such charges are billed to the township by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department and the Ypsilanti Communities Utilities Authority The rates shall be as set forth in section 74 83 (2) Minimum sewer bills The minimum sewage disposal bill per reading cycle shall be as set forth in section 74 83 plus other applicable charges In the case of a bimonthly bill the minimum sewage disposal charge shall be as set forth in section 74 83 per unit plus other applicable charges (3) Sewer system equity rates The sewer system equity charge shall consist of the following a Connection charge A connection charge, which shall be as follows The connection charge shall be set forth in section 74 83 The connection charge shall be based on water meter size Connections charges for unusual or other conditions shall be determined by the Township Board b Front footage charges In addition to the connection charge there shall be a front footage charge as set forth in section 74 83 per front foot of property service by the sewer line However, the front footage charge shall be waived in those instances where the township incurred no cost in the design easement acquisitions, or installation of the sewer line along the frontage of the property, and in those instances where the sewer line is installed as part of a SAD All sewer charges shall be paid in full prior to the actual installation unless otherwise provided by the township board Corner lots will be exempt on the lesser frontage road only (4) Minimum Inspection Fee A minimum inspection fee as set forth in section 74 83 shall be collected Inspection fees on larger connections shall be determined after review of construction plans and based on actual inspection time (5) Special storm sewer projects In all storm sewer projects initially financed by the township the cost assessed to and paid back by each property owner shall be determined pursuant to the following equations a Cost = (26 + (0 5 Flow)) (Distance) (1/2)Percentage of Cost (%) = (26 + (0 5 Flow)) Distance/(26 + (0 5 Flow)) (Distance)Assessed Cost = Percentage of Cost (%) Total Project Cost b In the equation in subsection (5)a the terms are defined as follows

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Meter Size	Bi Monthly Customers	Quarterly Customers
1 meter or less	\$ 3 50	\$ 5 25
1 5	7 88	11 82
2 0	14 00	21 00
3 0	31 50	47 25
4 0	56 00	84 00
6 0	126 00	189 00
8 0	224 00	336 00
10 0	350 00	525 00

METER SIZE	RATIO FACTOR	METER & TAP CHARGES*
1	1 00	\$1 450
2 0	4 00	1 900
3 0	9 00	2,700
4 0	16 00	4,200
6 0	36 00	7,500

METER SIZE	RATIO FACTOR**	WATER SYSTEM EQUITY CHARGE
1 or less	1 00	\$1 519
2 0	4 00	6 077
3 0	9 00	13,673
4 0	16 00	24,308
6 0	36 00	54 694
8 0	64 00	97,237

1 "Flow" is the amount off runoff generated by a specific parcel of property expressed in cubic feet per second 2 "Distance is how far a specific parcel of property is from the location of discharge to a county drain natural watercourse expressed in feet 3 The symbol denotes the summation of equation (1) for all properties in the drainage district (6) *Township not obligated to finance sewers* Nothing [in] this section shall be construed to require the township to finance any portion of a storm or sanitary sewer unless in its sole discretion such project would be deemed necessary and in the best interest of the township **Sec 74-83 Schedule of rates and charges** (a) *Water rates and charges* Water rates and charges shall be as follows (1) Consumption rate \$2 26 per 1 000 gallons a In addition to the consumption charge there shall be a water cost of service charge per reading cycle or portion thereof based on meter size (2) Water charges shall be as follows (a) *Tap and Meter charge* The tap and meter charge for township taps and applicant taps shall be based on meter size *Township completes the 1" tap to the main installs the stop box meter and MXU All taps 2" and above shall be completed by the applicant at the applicant's expense All meters 2 and above shall be supplied by the township and installed by the applicant at the applicant's expense (b) *Water System Equity Charge* The water system equity charge is based on the meter size The charge for unusual or other conditions shall be determined by the township board **Ratio factor is the ratio of the flow areas of

the water meter to the flow area of the 1" meter (c) *Water Construction charge* Minimum water construction charge \$150 00 times the meter ratio factor in the table above (d) *Water Front Footage charge* \$17 51 per foot of property serviced by the water line (e) *Fire Line Meter* There shall be installed on all fire line systems a detector check and a Township three fourths inch by pass meter The three fourths inch by pass meter shall be purchased from and inspected by the township and installed by the owner The charge for the three fourths inch by pass meter and township inspection shall be \$300 00 (b) *Sewer rates and charges* Sewer rates and charges shall be as follows (1) Sewage treatment rate \$3 30 per 1 000 gallons of the water used or per 1 000 gallons of metered sewage flow Sewage disposal charges for residential class customers with a one inch or less meter shall be capped at 60 000 gallons per reading cycle or any part thereof during summer months as defined in section 74 82(1) For residential class customers with water meters larger than one inch this cap shall be computed by multiplying the 60 000 gallons times the ratio factor listed in section 74 83(a)(3) 1 e for a two inch meter the cap shall be 60 000 times ratio factor of 4 0 = 240 000 gallons a In addition to the consumption charge for customers connected to the sanitary sewer system there shall be a wastewater cost of service charge per reading cycle or portion thereof based on meter size

Meter Size	Bi Monthly Customers	Quarterly Customers
1 meter or less	\$ 5 20	\$ 7 80
1 5	18 26	27 39
2 0	32 46	48 69
3 0	73 06	109 59
4 0	129 88	194 82
6 0	292 22	438 33
8 0	519 50	779 25
10 0	811 72	1 217 58

Meter Size	Ratio Factor*	Connection Charges
1" meter or less	1	\$ 2 864
2 0	4 00	11 455
3 0	9 00	25 773
4 0	16 00	45 819
6 0	36 00	103 093
8 0	64 00	183 277
10 0	100 00	286 371

*Ratio factor is the ratio of the flow area of the water meter to the flow area of a one inch meter

METER SIZE (INCHES)	RATES (\$/MONTH)
5/8	5 69
3/4	8 54
1	14 22
1 1/2	31 29
2	45 50
3	82 47
4	113 75
6	170 63
8	284 38
10	398 13
12	455 00
14	568 75
16	682 50
18	796 50
20	910 00
24	1 023 75
30	1 137 50
36	1 251 25
48	1 365 00

Bi Monthly Customers	Quarterly Customers
\$ 4 36	\$ 6 54

b In addition to the consumption charge and wastewater cost of service charge there shall be an additional fixed charge for customers with footing drains connected to the sanitary sewer system per reading cycle or portion thereof set forth as follows (2) Minimum sewage bill a Minimum sewage disposal bill if connected to the township water system per reading cycle \$16 50 plus the fixed charge for customers with footing drains connected to the sanitary sewer system b Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to the township water system per quarterly reading cycle \$123 75 plus applicable fixed charges c Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to the township water system per bi monthly reading cycle \$82 50 plus applicable fixed charges d If a customer has a township supplied water meter installed per Township specifications for their non township water source then readings from that meter shall be used for sewer charges in lieu of the minimum sewage disposal charge (3) Sewer front footage charge \$22 06 per front foot of property serviced by the sewer line (4) Sewer connection The sanitary sewer connection charge shall be based on the water meter size For new wastewater customers not connected to a public water system the connection charge shall be based on an equivalent water meter size for comparable users (5) Sewer Lead Inspection fee \$50 00 (6) Industrial waste charge (IWC) rates (7) *Industrial surcharge rates* The following industrial surcharges will be charged when billed to the township by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department a Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) in excess of 275 mg/l 0 271 b Total suspended solids (TSS) in excess of 350 mg/l 0 309 c Phosphorus (P) in excess of 12 mg/l 4 456 d Fats oils and grease (FOG) in excess of 100 mg/l 0 164 Sec 74 84 Water billings water meters (a) *Billing generally payment of bills collection of delinquent charges* Bills for water and sewage disposal shall be billed as directed by the township board All bills shall be payable on or before the due date A penalty equal to ten percent of any unpaid current charges shall be added to any bill not paid on or before the due date A dishonored check regardless of the reason for return is subject to a service charge per item This charge also applies to "e check payments returned from an electronic payment center If two or more customer checks or "e checks" are dishonored future payments may be required to be made by bank check or cash payment at the Canton Township Treasurer's Office Customers whose bills are unpaid on the due date may be forwarded a shut off notice and if the bills are not paid within 15 days after the date of the shut off notice the customer's service shall be turned off without further notice An additional charge of \$100 00 will be charged to the customer for involuntary disconnection and \$100 00 for reconnection Both charges must be paid prior to the resumption of service Charges for water supply and sewage disposal services as set forth in this article shall constitute a lien on the property served On or before October 1 of each year the township clerk shall deliver to the supervisor a certified statement of water and sewer disposal charges six months due and unpaid including a \$100 00 service charge The supervisor shall place such delinquencies including the \$100 00 service charge on the next general tax roll and the same shall be collected as part of the general township taxes (b) *Annual removal and reinstallation of irrigation meters* There shall be a charge of \$50 00 for shutoff and removal of irrigation meters and a charge of \$50 00 for testing and reinstallation of irrigation meters (c) *Shutoff and turn on service charge* If the township receives a request from a customer to discontinue service there shall be a \$15 00 shutoff service charge At such point when a request is made to reinstate the service there shall be a \$15 00 service charge for turn on (d) *Meter reading* Residential water accounts will be read quarterly Commercial accounts will be read bimonthly unless designated otherwise by the township board (e) *Service charge for resealing meter* A service charge of \$100 00 will be charged to reseat an open bypass on those meters that have bypasses Water usage that did not register on the meter during the open bypass period will be estimated based on previous usage and/or the usage of similar users (f) *Estimation of use when meter fails to register* The official water meter for billing purposes is the meter located inside the residence building or meter pit If a water meter fails to register as a result of a mechanical failure the township shall have the authority to estimate the quantity of water on which the billing is made until such time as the meter is repaired or replaced The estimated water use shall be based on previous usage and/or the usage of similar users (g) *Access to meter* The owner or lessee of the real property which is a water service customer shall provide access inside the owner or lessee's building to an authorized representative of the township for the purpose of examining repairing updating or replacing the water meter or other remote reading equipment so that such equipment is operating properly Failure to provide access inside the building to the township within seven days after the township has made a written demand to the owner or lessee for such access shall constitute a misdemeanor (h) *Tampering with or removing meter* Tampering damaging changing rerouting winterizing removing or by passing the water meter by persons other than township personnel is strictly prohibited and would constitute a misdemeanor **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO DIVISION 3 SEWER CONNECTIONS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL** Ordinance No 30 is hereby adopted to amend Part I Chapter 74 Article II Division 3 Sewer Connections and Sewage Disposal to read as follows **DIVISION 3 SEWER CONNECTIONS AND SEWAGE**

DISPOSAL Sec 74 131 Use of public sewers required (a) *Deposit of objectionable waste prohibited* It shall be unlawful for any person to place deposit or permit to be deposited in an unsanitary manner upon public or private property within the township or in any area under its jurisdiction any human or animal excrement garbage or other objectionable waste (b) *Discharge of polluted water to natural outlet* It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet any sanitary sewage industrial wastes or other polluted water except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with the provisions of this article (c) *Private sewage disposal facilities* Except as provided in this article it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy privy vault septic tank cesspool or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage (d) *Connection to suitable sewer required* The owner of all houses buildings or properties used for human occupancy employment recreation or other purpose situated within the township and abutting on any street alley or right of way in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public sanitary sewer of the township is hereby required at his expense to install suitable sewage facilities therein and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this article within 90 days after date of official notice to do so provided that such public sewer is within 200 feet of the property line Sec 74 132 Private sewage disposal systems (a) *Use generally* Where a public sanitary sewer is not available the building sewer shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with the provisions of this division (b) *Permit* Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system the owner shall first obtain a written permit from the county health department (c) *Design and specifications* The type capacities location and layout of a private sewage disposal system shall comply with all recommendations of the county health department No permit shall be issued for any private sewage disposal system employing subsurface soil absorption facilities where the area of the lot is less than 30 000 square feet No septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to any public sewer or natural outlet (d) *Discontinuance use* At such time as a public sewer becomes available to a property served by a private sewage disposal system as provided in this article a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with this article and any septic tanks cesspools and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be abandoned and filled with suitable material (e) *Operation and maintenance* The owner shall operate and maintain private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times at no expense to the township WTUA YCUA or DWSD (f) *Additional requirements* No statement contained in this division shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the state or county health department or state department of environmental quality (g) *Connection to public sewer required* When public sewer becomes available as provided in this division the building sewer shall be connected to such sewer within 90 days and private sewage disposal system shall be abandoned in accordance with county standards Sec 74 133 Building sewers and connections (a) *Permit for work involving public sewers* No person shall uncover make any connections with or opening into use alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Township Engineer (b) *Classes of building sewer permits* There shall be two classes of building sewer permits (1) For residential and commercial service and (2) For service to an establishment producing industrial wastes In either case the owner or his agent shall make application on a form furnished by the township The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans specifications or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the building official A permit and inspection fee for a residential or commercial building sewer permit and for an industrial building sewer permit shall be paid to the township treasurer at the time the application is filed In addition all applicants for sewer connection permits shall pay the applicable system equity charge front footage charge connection charge and all other applicable charges at the time the sewer connection permit is issued (c) *Payment of costs indemnification fees insurance license bond* The costs expenses indemnification fees insurance and license bond for building sewers and connections are as follows (1) All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner The owner shall indemnify the township WTUA DWSD and YCUA from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer The application fee inspection fee and review fee shall be prescribed from time to time by resolution of the township board (2) Each person other a homeowner applying for a sewer connection permit shall have insurance in a form approved by the township and with limits equivalent to or greater than the insurance policy limits established by resolution of the township board (3) For all residential service lead connections the owner or contractor shall cause to be issued a license bond in favor of the township in an amount determined by the township but not less than \$5 000 00 The license bond shall be prepared on the form prescribed by the township The initial license bond shall be issued to the township prior to issuance of sanitary sewer permits The initial license bond shall be renewed at least once each year It is the intent of the bond to guarantee that the owner/contractor shall faithfully observe and

s honestly comply with such ordinances rules and regulations, and amendments thereto as may apply to the installation alteration or repair of any building sewer or house lead and further that the owner/contractor shall keep all work undertaken within the period of such bond whether done by himself or someone for him free of defects due to faulty workmanship or defective materials for a period of one year from completion of such work This work is to be done at no expense to the township The township shall give the contractor written notice of corrections needed on the project and in the event the contractor fails to undertake the correction of the work as indicated in the notice within one week after the date of such notice the township may cause the corrections to be made and charge all expenses therefore to the contractor of the surety (d) *Separate building sewer required for each building exceptions* A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building except for those instances where the township determines that one of the following conditions prevails in which case a multiple connection may be allowed (1) Where one building stands in the rear of a residential building on an interior lot and no sewer is available or can be made available for the rear building through an adjoining alley courtyard or driveway and where both buildings are under common ownership (2) Where a complex of commercial establishments or multiple dwelling units are situated under a common roof and share common interior walls The interconnection of adjacent units by companionways or underground utility tunnels does not constitute sufficient physical connection to allow the use of a single building or house lead (3) Where an industrial complex consists of several adjacent buildings which are an integral part of an industrial process or production sequence and where all portions of the complex are under a common ownership In the event of sale of a portion of the complex a separate and independent building sewer or house lead will be required for each portion of the divided complex (e) *Use of old building sewers* Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found on examination and test by the building official to meet all requirements of this article (f) *Specifications building sewer* The size slope alignment and materials of construction of a building sewer and the methods to be used in excavating placing of the pipe jointing testing and backfilling the trench shall all conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and regulations of the township In the absence of the code provisions or in amplification thereof the materials and procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the ASTM and WEF Manual of Practice No 9 shall apply (g) *Elevation of building sewer* Whenever possible the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer sanitary sewage carried by such building drain shall be lifted by an approved means and discharged to the building sewer (h) *Discharge of surface runoff or groundwater to sanitary sewer* No person shall make connection of roof down spouts exterior foundation drains areaway drains or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer or combined sewer (i) *Specifications for connection* The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and regulations of the utilities authority or the procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the ASTM and the WEF Manual of Practice No 9 All such connections shall be made gas tight and watertight The minimum connection size for commercial buildings shall be six inches with a cleanout every 100 feet or a four-foot diameter manhole every 400 feet Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the township WTUA YCUA and/or DWSD before installation (j) *Size of the sewers* Any public sewer or sewer to be dedicated as a public sewer shall be sized to correspond to the requirements of the master plan but in no case shall such sewer be less than ten inches in diameter (k) *Inspection and supervision of connection* The contractor installing the building sewer shall notify the township WTUA YCUA and/or DWSD when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer The connection shall be made under the supervision of the township WTUA YCUA and/or DWSD (l) *Excavations* All excavations for building sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard Streets sidewalks parkways and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the township engineer and YCUA WTUA and/or DWSD (m) *Adequacy of treatment capacity* The township shall not allow any connection to the sanitary sewer unless there is sufficient capacity in the sewage works to convey and adequately treat the additional wastewater from the proposed connection (n) *Public and private sewers* Except as provided in this article all sanitary sewers serving more than one building shall be public sanitary sewers (o) *Manhole castings in concrete paved areas* All sanitary manhole castings which fall in concrete paved areas shall be isolated from the main slab with a four foot square cutout as illustrated on the sanitary manhole casting isolation detail (p) *Capping of plumbing connections* All plumbing connections to the sanitary sewer system shall be securely capped until such time as the basement has been backfilled and the house roofed over (q) *Repairs to Sewer Lead* Structural repairs to any damaged portion of the sewer lead located in the public right of way and/or easement shall be undertaken by the township with the written permission of the building owner for the purpose of minimizing the risk to public health and safety Ownership of and responsibility for the entire private sewer lead shall however remain with the building owner from the point of connection to the public sewer main to the building regardless whether the public sewer main is located in an easement and/or within the public right of way The Public Works Division shall maintain a written policy on repairs to private sewer leads that defines the types of damage that the township will and will not consider cost sharing of with the building owner The policy shall also define the maximum amount of cost sharing that a building owner would incur for a repair to a private lead located in the public right of way and/or easement **SECTION 3. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE** The balance of Code of Ordinances Part I Chapter 74 except as herein amended shall remain in full force and effect All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance **SECTION 4. VIOLATION AND PENALTY** Any person corporation partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than \$500 00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or both in the discretion of the Court **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY** If any section subsection clause phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof **SECTION 6. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE** This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed if possible in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto **SECTION 7. REPEAL** OF **CONFLICTING SECTIONS** Portions of the Code of Ordinances Part I, Chapter 74 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE** The Ordinance becomes effective on the day of 2007 after publication of the second reading This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the day of 2007 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** By TERRY BENNETT its Clerk Introduced February 13 2007 Published February 22 2007 Adopted Effective Upon Publication OTHER Supervisor Yack stated there will be a Board Study Meeting on Tuesday February 20 2007 at 7 00 p m Administration Building First Floor Board Room 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan *Motion by Zarbo supported by McLaughlin to move from open session to closed session at 8 35 p m Motion carried by all members present A closed session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday February 13 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan 48188 Supervisor Yack called the closed meeting to order at 8 35 p m to discuss pending litigation Roll Call Members Present Bennett LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Members Absent Caccamo (on Military leave) Kirchgatter *Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to move from closed session and adjourn at 8 40 p m Motion carried by all members present* - Thomas J Yack, Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk +*

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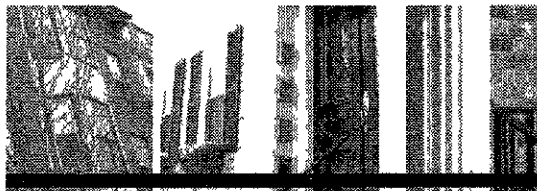
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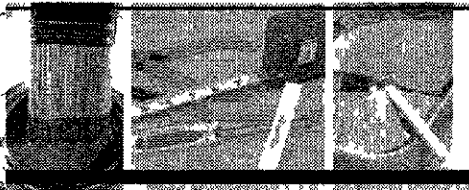
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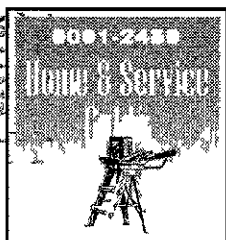
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CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR OPPORTUNITY



WORKWISE
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What creates the conditions for opportunity? Not selling, according to Lisa Aldisert, president of New York

City's Pharos Alliance Inc., which nurtures growth among small- to mid-sized businesses. She describes the selling mindset as "a focused state, making a match between your product and service and the need for a prospective buyer." You ask yourself, she says, "How can my peg fit into this hole?"

Networking doesn't necessarily create the conditions for opportunity either, because most "networkers" are reaching out to grab what's in your net rather than creating something of mutual benefit. Another negative is that many people you approach want to be in the driver's seat, retaining control over you, too.

MIND AND BODY

Beth Shaw, president of YogaFit Training Systems Worldwide Inc., in Torrance, Calif., built her business from her living room to \$3 million. She maintains that creating the conditions conducive to opportunity requires an attitude of openness. "Be open to any opportunity that comes your way," she says. "Put yourself in a state of being open. Your first response must always be a yes. This doesn't mean that you need to act on it right away. Be agreeable to the possibility."

Aldisert somewhat agrees, advocating

'expansive' thinking. "Your inspiration may have something that has nothing to do with your business," she states. "Sometimes you have to have physical movement to get unstuck. Take a walk around the block. People have epiphanies getting up from their desk and walking to the restroom." She says that movement can break through a constricted mindset, the one most business owners have because of their intense focus upon the daily pressures of running a business.

YogaFit's Shaw emphasizes the importance of "gut instinct and intuition" -- for herself -- and not focusing directly upon opportunity. The name of her business (and subsequent television program) crystallized during a bicycle ride in 1994. Shaw recommends using yoga, meditation, walking, cooking, a shower, a dream as a signpost, whatever it takes for you to "get into a flow state, where moving and breathing make body and mind become one. This makes you a lot more receptive to information coming from beyond yourself." She points out that the majority of good ideas don't occur in the office.

WHAT TO DO

Aldisert says the you must "pay attention and look for (opportunity). Pay particular attention to what people might call coincidences. These are repetitions of a similar theme appearing in different places, such as a conversation, reading or on the street, in a short period of time. Rather than networking as such, she suggests exchanging information by "planting seeds through a bit

of self-disclosure (not self-promotion or selling) through casual comments about what you do." These seeds may be slightly off the beaten trail of the purpose of your business.

Shaw uses the Map-Quest approach to creating opportunity, such as taking multiple steps to overcome the problem of "looking from your vantage point." Membership in a professional group will help you gain perspective from the outside of the business. Invite sources of inspiration to affect you.

Mark Metz, CEO of Optimus Solutions L.L.C., in Atlanta, says that large organizations in his industry go about creating opportunity by using a marketing research company. "We make decisions a lot quicker," he states. He listens carefully to "good customers," taking action "only when we hear two to three ask if we're providing this product or service. If the idea seems feasible, he hires an employee or two to test ease of delivery before investing large amounts of money. "By trying a bunch of opportunities, we'll have a few more failures, but we ask all of our employees to embrace change, because we change frequently." He emphasizes that "you take a lot of swings at



Opportunity generator Lisa Aldisert (l), president of Pharos Alliance Inc. in New York City and client Leigh Talmage, president of Asian conservation Corporation, Manila, Philippines, are all smiles at the thought of increasing opportunity.

the bat and get a lot more hits and more strikes. We're trying to hit a lot of singles." Obviously, he creates the conditions for opportunity by providing good service to customers and encouraging them to communicate with Optimus.

Does the method work? It's taken him from one conference room and two suites in a Wingate Inn in 1998 and borrowed furniture, returned to his church on Saturday nights, to \$220 million and 350 employees offering IT services from storage to networking.

Creating a structure for opportunity to emerge requires openness, attentiveness and mobility. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)

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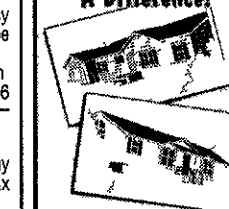
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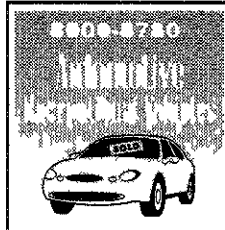
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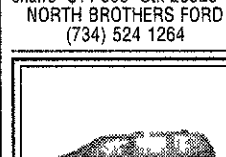
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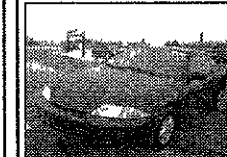
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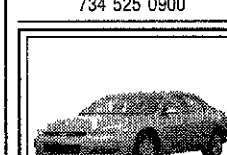


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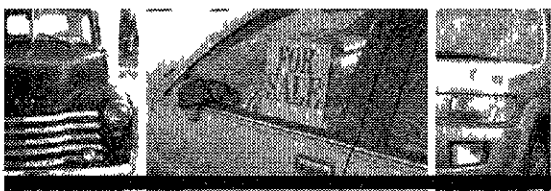
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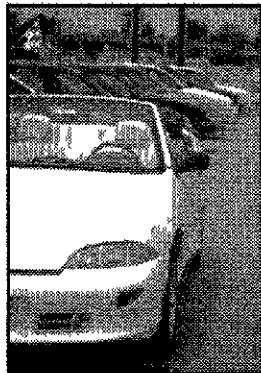
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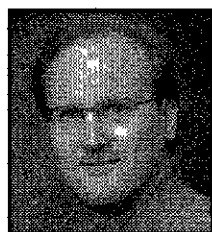
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CAReport



By Dale Buss



It's a good-enough car, for sure. But the 2007 Avalon also is an exemplary embodiment of the Toyota juggernaut that is muscling to the forefront of the global automotive industry these days. Some say that this is the best American car ever built by a Japanese manufacturer.

Actually, check that. Avalon may be the best American car from an American manufacturer, given that it was designed in Newport Beach, Calif., engineered by the Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor, and is built in Georgetown, Kentucky.

In any event, the new Avalon is a great expression of Toyota's dead-on feel for the American market, its deft use of understated styling, its U.S. design and development capabilities, its manufacturing base here, and its mastery of continuous improvement. Avalon's evolution over the course of 12 years from a mere "stretch" Camry -- kind of a product afterthought -- to a strong flagship for Toyota's entire U.S. car fleet has been something to watch.

And in the newest Avalon, Toyota has finally given U.S. car buyers yet another thing that they haven't had before: a truly game alternative to the company's full-size Lexus luxury vehicles at a decidedly mainstream price. Despite the fact that it is front-wheel drive, and that it seems smaller on the outside than its American competitors, the Avalon is capacious inside and robust in its execution of characteristics that make it quiet, easy and convenient.

Despite a tweak here and there for 2007, Avalon still doesn't generate any visual excitement, its most noteworthy design cue may be the high window lines that are reminiscent of the Chrysler 300. But the nondescript sheet metal wraps a truly remarkable package.

The 3.5-liter, 24-valve engine is smooth as silk



The 2007 Toyota Avalon is a contender for the best car built in America

and plenty responsive, meshed seamlessly by Toyota's usual aplomb with a five-speed automatic transmission. At 31 miles a gallon, Avalon's highway fuel economy is stand-out impressive for a full-size sedan.

Providing a comfortable ride for middle-market posteriors is the obvious priority of the finely tuned suspension, but Avalon doesn't even venture toward a Big Three-type marshmallow ride. The cabin purrs with quiet, if you know what I mean. Both front and rear passenger cabins are plenty ample. And I was able to cram a bunch of Home Depot stuff into the back of Avalon's capacious trunk.

Even in the details, Avalon makes you feel like you're in a Lexus. Its interior shows a bit of flair, including nicely integrated strips of maple-colored burl wood on the door and dash. The steering column both tilts and telescopes. Both front and rear seats have numerous adjustments that can make Avalon comfortable for just about any body.

And Avalon excels in an area that often helps separate truly well-designed vehicles from the pretenders: front-seat compartments. They are everywhere, but they are all useful and not at all intrusive. That includes the best little multi-purpose center-console holder that I've seen yet. It's got one slot designed specifically to hold a cell

phone, with a power outlet right next to it, a deep well with a felt bottom to hold wallets and keys, and none of that takes away from the cup holders or the armrest or the compartment that covers Handy for holding coins, there's even a floor on the hand well in the front-door handles -- where in most other vehicles you see an inconvenient hole.

I noticed a few flaws. The off-center speedometer was a pain to try to monitor through the steering wheel. The front-seat belts almost always catch on the seat back if you're trying to pull them forward with the door closed. And the two-section tail lights look discombobulated. But -- big deal.

Avalon would be a great candidate for political office. It's hard to find things to object to in this vehicle. And that is no mean accomplishment. The 2007 version of Avalon, little-changed from the car's complete overhaul two model years ago, is convenient, efficient, roomy, and comfortable, and presents only minor annoyances.

The 2007 Avalon is available in four trim levels: XL, Touring, XLS, and Limited. All are powered by the 3.5-liter engine, connected to a five-speed automatic transmission with a sequential-shift feature.

The version I drove, an XLS, was stickered at \$35,954 -- and that's a lot of car for a lot less than the price of a Lexus.

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Fire & Ice



Chef Jason Jones cooked up NOMI's champion chili

Chili and salsa spice up festival

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

In order to take the chill off winter, the Northville Chamber of Commerce hosted its 2nd annual Fire and Ice Festival on Jan. 27. In addition to ice sculptures, entertainment and special shopping promotions, the highlight of the day was a chili and salsa competition. Celebrity judges and festivalgoers sampled spicy concoctions from dozens of local restaurants and voted for their favorites. The Northville Township Fire Department won the Firehouse Chili Challenge for the second year in a row, while NOMI and Rocky's of Northville walked away with honors for best restaurant chili. When it came to salsa, Poole's Tavern and Sizzling Sticks came out on top. Here, the restaurant winners agreed to share their recipes in an effort to spread the warmth. "Chili and salsa are perfect additions to a winter meal," Bloom said. "They provide some great heat when you look outside and it's all snowy."

NOMI's CHILI

Winner - Judges Choice
NOMI Turkey Chili
Chef: Jason Jones

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 pounds ground turkey
- 1 pound white beans cooked
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- 10 tomatoes diced small
- 6 quarts chicken stock
- 3 tablespoons cumin

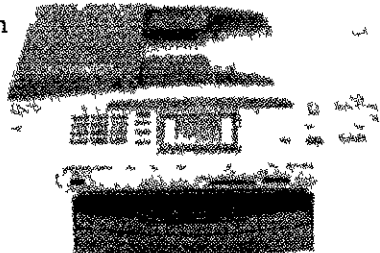


PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, D3 The crew at Sizzling Sticks won for best salsa people's choice

This multi-function printer impresses with features, price

The next time you go shopping for a printer, consider a multi-function model (also known as an MFP) instead of a standalone laser or inkjet. For about the same price, you can buy a device that not only prints, but also scans, copies, and faxes. Those capabilities aren't just for businesses anymore. I don't know of a household that couldn't benefit from having the tools to copy newspaper articles (ahem), scan bills for electronic filing, send the occasional fax, and so on. When my seven-year-old HP OfficeJet died recently, I went shopping for a more capable replacement. In short order I settled on a model that offered all the features I wanted (and then some) for a very affordable price: the Brother MFC-440cn. As a printer, the MFC-440cn relies on four separate inkjet cartridges, a potentially money-saving design. Many other printers employ three-color cartridges, when one color runs dry, you have to replace the entire thing, even if there's ink remaining.

The MFC-440cn doubles as a photo printer, complete with memory card slots, a PictBridge interface port that's compatible with many cameras, and a two-inch color LCD for reviewing and selecting photos to print. It also has a special slot for feeding 4- by 6-inch photo paper, which you can use for borderless snapshot prints. That's in addition to a 100-sheet standard paper tray and an automatic document feeder that can handle up to 10 pages at a time (not a lot, but enough for simple home and home-business tasks). The MFC-440cn can also scan, copy, and fax. The Brother MFC-440cn in color. You may find yourself using the scanning features more than you think thanks to the inclusion of PaperPort, an excellent program that enables you to organize scanned documents into virtual filing cabinets. For me, the icing on the cake is the MFC-440cn's network interface. By connecting it to my router, every computer in my house can use the printer. Of course, it also has a standard USB interface for connecting directly to a PC. For such a feature-packed MFP, the MFC-440cn consumes precious little space. It measures just 7 1/2 by 15 7/8 by 14 5/8 inches, so it won't overwhelm your desk if you decide to place it there. At the risk of sounding like a commercial, all this can be yours for the estimated street price of just \$149.99. That's a bargain, but I scored an outright steal by shop-



PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2

Get ready for gardening

Classes help beginners plan for spring

Michigan soil might be frozen solid, but that doesn't stop gardeners from daydreaming. "We are so frustrated," said Bob Cairns of the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County. "You're inside so long that you start crawling the walls. You just want to get out there and do something. Even though you can't prune or plant just yet, Cairns said winter is the perfect time to

plan ahead, especially for beginners. Get some magazines, take a look at the view outside your window and think of what will look nice in the spring. Cairns suggested. In order to give beginners the seeds they need to grow green thumbs, the MGAWC is launching a series of free workshops called 'Introduction to Gardening.' This is for people who want to garden, but don't know where to start,' Cairns said. The series kicks off with 'Get Ready for Gardening,' 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Environmental Interpretive Center on the campus of The University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Advance Master Gardener Kathy Israel will cover basic gardening tips from preparing the

soil to finding the most suitable plants. The workshops continue with 'Get Ready for Gardening Part II' on March 28, and 'Container Gardening' on April 29. The series is part of the MGAWC's commitment to distribute current research-based gardening information to the community. 'This is something new that we're trying,' Cairns said. 'I don't know of any other local organization offering free classes like this. No pre-registration is required, he said. Just show up with pen and paper ready to take notes. For more information visit www.mgawc.org/programs, or call (734) 786-6860. For more gardening events, visit hometownlife.com.



ELLEN LEIGH NIEMISTO

Radiothon benefits Salvation Army Bed and Bread Club

If you don't mind, I need to tug on your coat about something. For the last 19 years, I have been involved with an incredible group of people whose sole mission is to make a difference in our city, in our community and in our lives. I speak of my friends at the Salvation Army. For the last 19 years, I have hosted the Dick Purtan Radiothon to benefit the Salvation Army Bed and Bread Club. This club is responsible for serving an astonishing 7,000 meals a day on the streets of Detroit. Think about that as you watch the wind chill fall. Every single, solitary day — 24/7, 365 — the Salvation Army Bed and Bread trucks take to the streets of Detroit feeding men, women, children — whomever needs to be fed, gets fed. No questions asked. No strings attached. In addition, the Salvation Army serves 1,700



Dick Purtan

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more meals every day at its various shelters around the area. It's an incredible effort that requires an Army to accomplish. As you can well imagine, this effort requires regular funding. The Salvation Army could teach us all lessons in fiscal restraint. For the last 19 years, the organization has stretched its budgets beyond expectations. Today, as it was when we started our Radiothon, \$120 feeds one person for an entire year! (Think of that the next time you check out at Kroger.) A mere \$10 a month feeds one person in Detroit for one year. Amazing. Beginning Friday at 6 a.m., I invite you to join me for the 20th annual Dick Purtan Radiothon. We will be broadcasting live from the Oakland Mall until 10 p.m. doing our best to raise funds for the Salvation Army's Bed and Bread Club.

This year, perhaps in the defiance of better judgment, we are offering a premium for anyone who donates at the \$240 level (that's only \$20 dollars a month and feeds two people for an entire year). If you are blessed and generous enough to help us at this level, we will send you a nine-CD box set of the Best of Dick Purtan that covers our last 20 years on Motor City radio. And every donation is tax-deductible. As a matter of fact, the state of Michigan has a special tax program just for the Bed and Bread Club. A \$200 individual donation ends up costing you \$48 after taxes. For a couple, a \$400 donation ends up costing you \$84. Now, I'm not a tax adviser (but I play one on the radio), so you should consult professional help before proceeding. Of course, any amount you can donate would

be appreciated. You can call (248) 307-1043 right now and someone will gladly help you. Or you can go to www.womc.com and donate online. Every penny raised stays right here in the Motor City and goes directly to the feeding and sheltering program — no administrative costs are taken out. Without your help and the dedication and devotion of the Salvation Army, there are thousands of people who would be hungry every day. These are people who are often forced to choose between food and shelter and that's a decision no one should have to make. It seems that every day the need gets greater. It seems every day the news gets bleaker. For 19 years, you have defied the odds and helped. I cannot begin to thank you for your kindness and generosity. Join Dick Purtan from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday for his 20th annual Radiothon to benefit the Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club — live from Oakland Mall and live on your radio at Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.

Reader gets quick response on recall service request

John Courtney writes I am a big fan of your Appliance Doctor column and have a lot of trust in your opinions and advice I installed and serviced Crosley-Bendix appliances as a young man in the early 1950s (remember the Crosley Shelvador and the Bendix Duomatic?) I own a Maytag dishwasher that was the subject of your Feb 8 column in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers I heard



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

about the recall on news broadcast the week of Jan 28 I found, online, the link to the Maytag repair site and filled out a form with model number, serial number, my name, phone, etc I was given a choice of dates to have it repaired and chose Feb 9 I received e-mail back from them confirming the appointment "On Feb 8, the parts arrived via Federal Express and later that day I received a phone call from Maytag to confirm that the parts had arrived and that A&E Factory Service would arrive the following day between noon and 5 p.m. At 11 a.m. Friday, A&E Factory Service called and said they would be at my house between 1

and 1:30 p.m. The serviceman arrived at 1:15 and installed a new door liner, wiring harness, insulation and seals. The process took about an hour. The whole process took about 10 days. I am completely satisfied. "Granted, Maytag manufactured an appliance that has a defect. And granted, although one fire is one too many, a failure rate of 0.006 percent is pretty low. I feel that Maytag's first responsibility is to correct their mistake. In my case, they did this in a very professional and timely manner. I don't think that the \$75 cash back reimbursement is going to be a big incentive for many to go out and buy a new \$400 dishwasher unless they

were on the verge of doing so anyway. So it is hard for me to agree with you this time that 'they will be laughing all the way to the bank.' You sure have brought up some very good counterpoints and you gave me food for thought. Even though I was a bit tough on Maytag with my column of Feb 8, I still stand strong in my views. In a few months from now, I will contact several retailers and inform you if they had any increase in Maytag brand dishwasher sales. One Maytag dealer I've already contacted thinks this dishwasher fire potential is somewhat of a joke. He compares the fire potential coming

from clothes dryers across this country to be much more severe than the possible fire from a dishwasher. A final thought — it was so nice to hear a positive service response to a consumer's need for appliance service. Stay tuned. Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600 ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

The correct tests can give a timely diagnosis

Another vet asked me recently if I had ever seen House, the TV series. I dismissively informed her I had not. She then smiled broadly and excitedly, saying that I simply had to see it. She said the main character, Dr. House, reminded her of me. I asked her how, and she gushed about how he was brilliant, which I immediately accepted as a valid observation. Then she continued about how he's obnoxious and arrogant and that everyone irritates him. In the few episodes I've seen, within a few minutes of each opening, House has figured out the answer that no one else in the world could ever guess. He'll berate the young doctors working with him for not thinking the right way, then will say it's a subpancreaticoduodenal arterial aneurysm, or some such thing, and will recommend an experimental drug, that's only been used on goldfish previously. Then the patient will crash, saved only by the quick work of his young doctors.



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

The answer that saves the life. Batting 333 is great in baseball, but not in medicine. From the few shows I have seen, House is only a genius when you grade on a curve. You could argue that doctors run too many tests anymore. My grandma was hospitalized for about eight days a few weeks before she died, and each day the battery of tests they ran found a new terminal problem. Tests on days six through eight seemed a waste of time. The other side of this would be that simple tests can get a diagnosis much more quickly, which House could do if he just ran these tests to start with. On a recent show, a young man had a toothpick through his intestinal wall, which took them the entire show to diagnose. Bloodwork? X-rays? An ultrasound? Simple reasoning with the results of these tests could have given the answer. But he held off, and the patient nearly died. Of course, if he had started out with the appropriate tests, the show would only be a half hour long, but that's not important here. The important concept would be that diagnostics help medical people know what's going on. Included in that group would be veterinarians. DOING DIAGNOSTICS. Few things frustrate veterinarians more than being hindered from arriving at a complete diagnosis by not getting to perform diagnostic tests, or having to wait to perform those tests until the disease has progressed too far. Too often we face a medical situation where we have to treat problems for what they look like, without the confirmation some bloodwork or X-rays could deliver. Two reasons define this problem, the first

being money. When an owner can't afford a workup, you can't do a workup. The other is a failure in educating clients as to what is available and about what each test can tell us. Most people think bloodwork sounds like a good idea, but it also can sound confusing. What do these tests show? Why does some bloodwork cost more than others? Bloodwork tends to be a general term for any test that involves blood or urine. Smaller tests, like a CBC, or complete blood count, can give clues about infections, anemias, even cancers based on the quantities and types of the cells. Full panels would also include a serum chemistry, which checks the health of many of the organs, and looks at the blood particles that keeps the animal functioning. A thyroid level, looking for metabolic disease, and a urinalysis, which gives a window into the basic operations of the body, are often included in major panels. INVALUABLE INFORMATION. The data attained from these diagnostics can be invaluable. When no disease is found, nuances of the blood can give an idea of what to watch for down the line. Perfect blood can allow the owner to exhale, and smile in relief. Radiographs, or X-rays, allow the vet to look at the organs, intestinal tract, and bones more clearly, again trying to find nuances that could mean a problem. Sometimes these nuances are pronounced, like a belly full of coins that require surgery. Sometimes the change is slight, like a subtly oversized heart in a cat's chest radiograph, or a mildly enlarged liver. Radiographs allow the vet to hone in on a problem, sometimes locating it without a full diagnosis. Ultrasounds often help get even closer to that

final diagnosis. These have become commonplace throughout human medicine over the last few decades, but remain too expensive for many veterinary clinics to maintain. Some clinics do ultrasound, with other vets in the area sending cases to them for referral testing. While both radiographs and ultrasounds give images of within the body, the ultrasound differs in as much as it shows the vet inside the organ. It would be like looking at a building, and thinking it looks big. You see the architecture, but what is the building used for? Warehouse? Apartments? Office space? Ultrasound allows viewing of the functioning structure of organs, not just their shape and density, which can give the diagnosis of why the organ is abnormal. Many other tests have their particular moments to be used, such as endoscopy, and skin scrapings, but bloodwork, radiographs and ultrasounds are the major players when it comes to getting early information to figure out what's wrong with your pet, or to just make sure your senior pet is doing okay. As with older people, regular routine bloodwork is a good idea for an older pet. Getting tests done early in the course of a disease can help to get problems figured out faster, and that usually means a better chance of getting problems resolved. Now someone mail this concept to House maybe then he'll stop irritating me so much. Hmm... maybe she was right about me. Dr. Brad Davis is medical director for the VCA Garden City 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135. Mail questions or comments there. He also hosts the nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk. Visit www.animaltalkradio.com and write to Brad@animaltalkradio.com.

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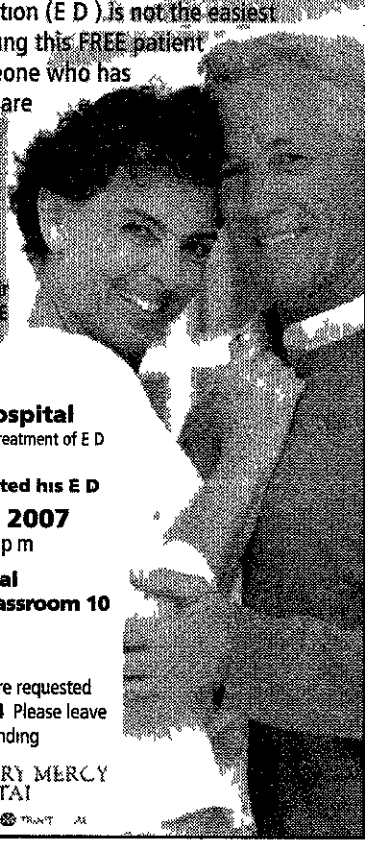
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ping online. PriceGrabber.com steered me to several vendors selling the MFC-440cn for just over \$100. Of course, this MFP isn't without its shortcomings. I had trouble with the network setup, though the thorough instruction manual helped me through it. I also found the printing to be a bit slow and the low-capacity input tray a bit annoying, as I frequently had to reload paper. But because my home-based business needs are modest, these aren't deal-breakers. There are other multi-function printers in this price range, including the Canon Pixma MP500 and Lexmark X7350. You should definitely investigate all the options before making a purchase decision. Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books including How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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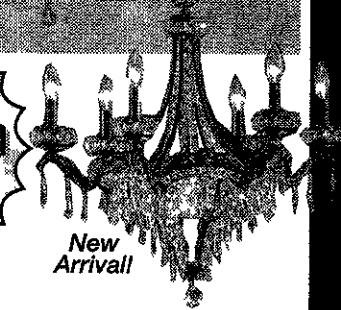
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- 2 tablespoons garlic fresh ground
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 bunch cilantro
- 3 jalapeno peppers diced and seeded
- 1 smoked turkey wing (optional)
- sour cream garnish

Heat pan and sauté ground turkey. At same time, put chicken stock in separate pot with one smoked turkey wing, then boil. When turkey is 75 percent cooked, add vegetables and seasoning to pan. (Do not add white beans at this time.)

When vegetables are cooked about halfway, add chicken stock to pot. Remove turkey wing and discard. Adjust seasoning and tighten with roux (melted butter and flour mixed together) if necessary. Add cooked beans and diced tomatoes. Fold them in well. Remove from heat and chill. Garnish with sour cream.

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Rocky's Chili

Winner - People's Choice
Rocky's of Northville Chili
Chef: Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz

- 5 pounds hamburger chili grind
- 1 pound tasso ham ground
- 1 pound andouille sausage ground
- 2 pounds chuck roast cubed and cooked
- 4 green peppers small dice
- 2 medium size onions small dice
- 1 quart of chopped tomatoes
- ½ cup prepared mustard
- 5 ounces chili powder
- 1 ounce Creole seasoning
- 1 quart rich beef stock

Saute peppers and onions and garlic in medium size heavy bottom pot. Add the burger, meats and all the spices and cook for 5 minutes. Add mustard. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes.

Taste and adjust seasoning.

Rocky's of Northville is located at

41122 W. Seven Mile Rd. Call (248) 349-4434 or visit www.rockysofnorthville.com

POOLE'S SALSA

Winner - Judge's Choice
Poole's Tavern Salsa
Chef: Matthew A. Jagusch

- 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
- 6 ounces jalapenos and juice
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 cup cilantro
- 3 quarts chopped tomatoes
- 2 cups diced onion
- 2 64 ounce cans tomato juice

In food processor, add garlic, jalapenos and juice, olive oil and cilantro. Blend well.

Mix remaining ingredients with blended garlic, cilantro and jalapenos. Squeeze in juice from 6 limes, cut in half.

Poole's Tavern is located at 157 E. Main Street. Call (248) 349-1715.

SIZZLING STICKS SALSA

Winner - People's Choice
Chefs: Juan and Dorian

Dry Spices

- 1 teaspoon garlic
- 1 teaspoon onion
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper

- 1 onion diced
- 3 green peppers diced
- ½ bunch cilantro chopped
- 8 cloves fresh garlic
- 2 cans fresh crushed tomatoes (16 ounce or 24 ounce size)

Saute onion and green peppers with fresh garlic for 5 minutes. Add one can of fresh crushed tomatoes with equal amount of water. Add all dry spices into tomato sauce. Cook for 25 minutes on slow heat. Add onions, green peppers, and cilantro into tomato sauce. Mix all together. Serve warm or cold. Serves 10 people.

Sizzlin Sticks Café is located at 144 Mary Alexander Court. Call (248) 380-9400.

Strong opinions lead to great wines

Stefano Inama is a talented, yet opinionated, Italian winemaker who believes that he should spend his time in the vineyard looking after his vines because that's the root of fine wine. If Inama does his job, the wines he makes will reflect the site where they were grown.

Inama's problem is that he's located in the northeastern Italian region known as Soave, east of Verona, where an ocean of mediocre wines have been produced by large cooperatives. Over the years, these wines have lost favor with American wine drinkers.

Fortunately for Stefano, his father Giuseppe believed in Soave's potential and in the 1950s began to purchase steep hillside vineyards, laden with ancient volcanic soils that grow quality grapes and produce wines capable of restoring Soave's reputation.

PROVING A POINT

To prove that the hills of Soave Classico are capable of great white wines, Inama began not with the indigenous variety, garganega, but with sauvignon blanc, a non-traditional Soave variety. Our sauvignon is like no other sauvignon in the world, Inama said. "It shows none of the grassy, pepper and gooseberry character like so many wines made from the variety. Inama's sauvignon exhibits great structure with exotic flavors of citrus, pineapple and passion fruit.

It goes to show that when the correct grape is planted on the right site, great wine is possible. Today, Inama makes a totally stainless steel sauvignon known as Vulcaia, a riper, barrel fermented wine called Vulcaia Fume and in special vintages, a late-harvest version known as Vulcaia Apres.

After this success, Inama returned to the classic Soave variety to make a top quality, traditional Soave from old-vine garganega that faithfully reflects the Soave terroir. "It is essential to have a unique environment, a grape variety



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

adapted to it and the passion and patience to master the site," Inama said.

INAMA WHITE WINES

■ Vulcaia 2003 (\$20) shows floral and mineral aromas, supported by ripe pear, pineapple and tropical fruit flavors. "Wine should first have a site identification and then the varietal," Inama emphasized. All classic wines take the name of the area — the terroir is then indicated. Lava over basalt soil gives this wine its minerality and offers a very personalized sauvignon blanc.

■ Vin Soave Classico 2004 (\$26) is 100 percent garganega from 30-year-old vines, made by a traditional method whereby the juice remains in contact with the grape skins for several hours. The wine is floral with mineral notes, full on the palate and delicious with seafood.

■ Foscarino Soave Classico 2004 (\$20) is fermented in neutral cooperage giving a complex, multi-layered impression that is rich but dry. It fills the palate from front to back and ends with an intriguing finish.

■ DuLot Soave Classico 2002 (\$26) is a single-vineyard wine boasting tropical fruit and honey from grapes matured on the vine and exposed to the sun. Barrel fermented in 25 percent new French oak, it's generous and rich with an almond note characteristic of Soave.

INAMA RED WINES

Wishing to extend production to red wines, Inama began a search for a great site in the early 1990s. By 1997, he had settled on an area known as Colli Berici, 10 miles east of Soave in the province of Vicenza.

WINE PICKS

As pointed out in our Focus on Wine column, Inama 2000 Oracolo has wow-power. The following California Cabernet Sauvignon wines were also impressive in a broad range of prices: 2004 Ray's Station North Coast Cabernet \$15 - good deal; 2003 St. Francis Sonoma County \$21; 2004 Sebastiani Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$30; 2004 Bennett Lane Napa Valley Maximus \$35; 2003 Girard Artistry \$40; 2002 Rodney Strong Sonoma County Reserve \$40 - age worthy; 2003 Silverado Napa Valley \$43; 2003 Sbragia Monte Rosso Sonoma Valley \$50; 2003 Wattle Creek Alexander Valley \$50 - age-worthy; 2003 William Hill Napa Valley

Reserve Cab \$52 - age-worthy; 2004 St. Clement Orropas Napa Valley \$55; 2003 Raymond St. Helena Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$55; 2003 Grigich Hills Napa Valley Estate-Grown \$58; 2003 Sbragia Rancho Del Oro, Howell Mountain \$75; 2003 Silverado SOLO, Stags Leap District \$75; 2003 Louis Martin Lot 1 Napa Valley \$100 - best ever from this winery.

Word to the wise: With escalating popularity of North Coast California Cabernets and a shorter crop in 2006, prices are bound to rise in the near future.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

■ Bradisismo Veneto Rosso 2001 (\$30) is 65 percent cabernet sauvignon, 25 percent carmenere and 10 percent merlot. A melange of black and red fruits, this wine shows good structure with mellow tannins - full, rich and delicious.

■ Oracolo 2000 (\$52) is the launch vintage for this 100 percent cabernet sauvignon. It's a truly lavish wine with aromas of violets and anise, flavors of blackberries, dark

cherries and currants, and concentrated with generous, supple tannins. After tasting hundreds of cabernets each year, many at twice and three times the price, our immediate reaction was "Wow!"

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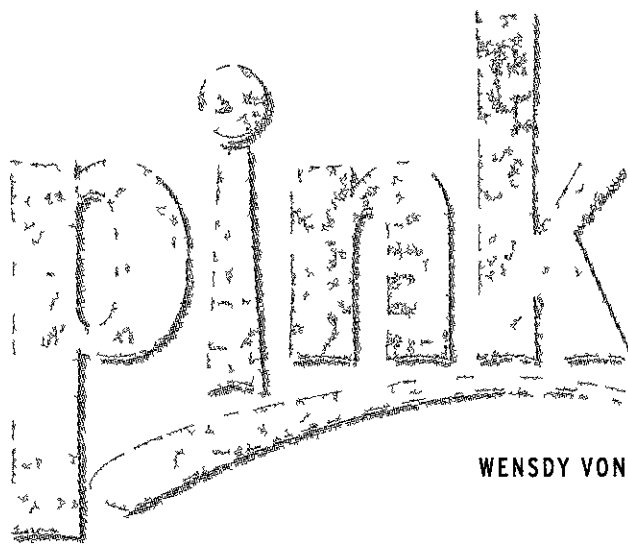
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MAC's new collection is just for dollfaces

Before Bratz and Disney's Princesses burst onto the scene, one doll ruled playtime for girls everywhere. From her tiny heels to her thick blonde mane, Barbie was unbeatable. Growing up in Rochester Hills, our house was filled with Barbie goods – dolls to dreamhouses, pink Corvettes to pools. My older sisters began the collection. I inherited it, with one complaint: Back then, the bendable-legged babe always seemed to be a blonde. In our house, there was one brunette in the bunch and she wasn't a Barbie at all. Sure, she fit into the fashionable attire, but she came from a *Charles Angels* collection. Raven hair alone secured her status as my favorite. I was going to look just like her someday.



Staff Writer Stephanie Angelyn Casola sports pink and green shades from the Barbie Loves MAC collection, new at MAC stores.

Now officially grown up, at age 30, I never managed to make it beyond a 5 1/2 inch frame. Bendable knees and a growing obsession with shoes are about all I have in common with the Mattel-made sensation. That's about to change. Girlie girls unite! On Feb. 13, MAC Cosmetics revealed a new line of Barbie-inspired lipsticks, glosses, shadows, shimmers, nail polish and more. The moment I saw that hot pink pony-tailed silhouette, I couldn't wait to see what the glam brand had in store. The hype had begun.

Richard Dickson, senior vice president of marketing for Mattel, predicted: Our collaboration will not only have the fashion and beauty community – but the world – ablaze this spring.

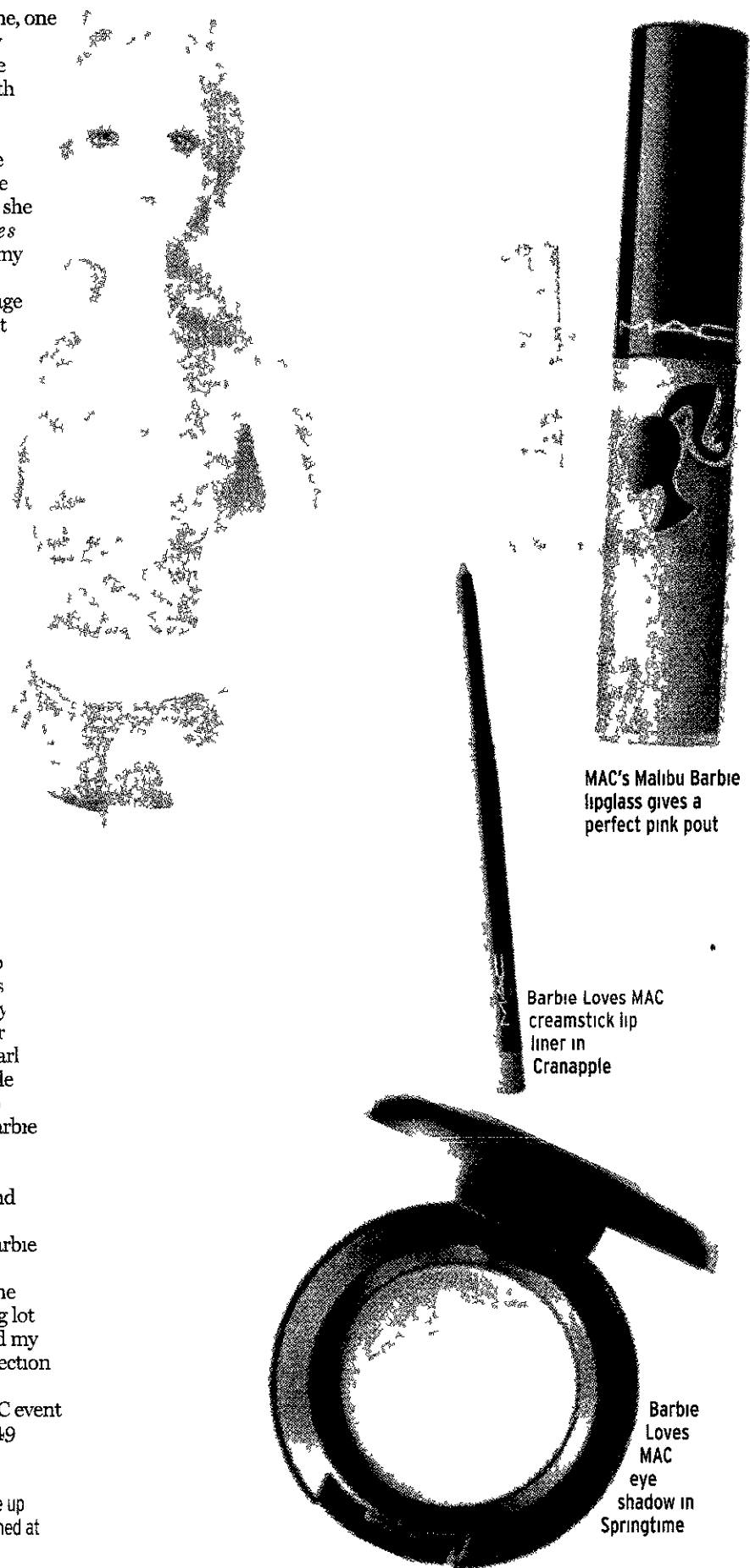
I was sold. I made an appointment. My MAC make-up artist chose to play up my brown eyes with vibrant greens like Springtime and pinks ranging from Playful to Steamy. For my pale face, she opted for a light mineralized powder base, and then flushed my cheeks in a combination of Pearl Sunshine powder and Fab blush. To get that unmistakable hot pink Barbie pout, she combined Cranapple cream lip liner with Rocking Chick lipstick and a coat of Malibu Barbie Lipglass.

In no time, I was all dolled-up. And I wasn't the only one to go ga-ga for this Barbie and MAC union. On Wednesday, the store was flooded with faithful customers who bought out the limited-edition Barbie dolls and a few key products in no time.

Lisa Blackie of Rochester Hills was the first in line at the MAC at Somerset store in Troy. She waited in the parking lot from 4 a.m. until they opened the doors. I love MAC and my two daughters love dolls, she said. Blackie called the collection 'very cool.'

MAC at Somerset will host a special Barbie Loves MAC event Feb. 22-24. Schedule an appointment by calling (248) 649-5700.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola has a long-standing love affair with make-up. She writes for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and can be reached at scasola@hometownlife.com or (248) 901-2567.



MAC's Malibu Barbie lipglass gives a perfect pink pout.

Barbie Loves MAC creamstick lip liner in Cranapple.

Barbie Loves MAC eye shadow in Springtime.

HFCC's Women's Luncheon

Henry Ford Community College will hold its 33rd annual Women's Recognition Luncheon 11:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, in the Student & Culinary Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn. The event includes a silent auction and lunch catered by the students and staff of HFCC's Hospitality Studies. An awards ceremony will honor three women for outstanding achievements helping women. Tickets: \$35, benefit the HFCC Student Emergency Fund, which provides financial assistance to help students stay in college. Register by Feb. 16 by calling (313) 317-4092.

Wow!

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Taking Care of Business

The Michigan Business and Professional Association will host its 11th annual Women and Leadership in the Workplace Conference and Award Luncheon 7:30 a.m. 2 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Taking Care of You Takes Care of Business will focus on how to balance career and personal



Donna Rockwell

life. Panelists include Dr. Donna Rockwell (pictured) of the Center for Creative Living, Katherine Lucas of Karma Yoga, and Sue Kaufmann of the Center for Education of Women. Tickets are \$75 for MBPA members and \$95 for non-members. Call 888-277-6464 or visit www.michbusiness.org.

What Men Know

Ever wonder what men talk about during those boys' only golf outings and board rooms? Find out as the Detroit Chapter of Women in Communication hosts 'What Men Don't Tell Women About Business.' Entrepreneur Chris Flett will talk about how women can claim their power in the workforce at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Shields in Southfield. Tickets are \$30 for WIC members and students, \$40 for nonmembers. Call (248) 652-1460.

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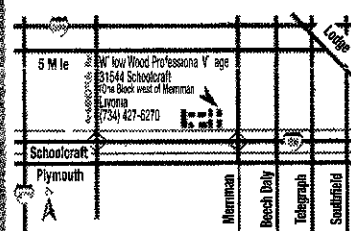


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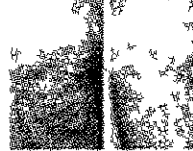
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