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Voters shoot down school bond - again

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When the unofficial totals for Tuesday's school bond issue were posted on the giant screen in the Board of Education office Tuesday night, the murmur of optimism soon turned to silence as supporters of the \$62.1 million proposal were stunned at losing a bond proposition for the second time in less than a year.

Just as the silence was starting to get deafening, Superintendent Jim Ryan - looking tired and disappointed - tried to console the partisans.

"I know you're disappointed,

I can see it in your faces, your shoulders and in your posture," Ryan said. "But, you only can work as hard as you can work, and everybody stepped up and did a great job. We think it's a tough economy out there."

Despite a plan to make millions of dollars in improvements with passage of the bond, Michigan's economic doldrums may be the defining factor for Tuesday's 7,715-6,968 bond defeat.

"With what's going on with Ford, Chrysler, the entire auto industry, it's not a good time to ask for the money," said Mike Stacey of Plymouth, who is retired as of Thursday after taking a buyout from Ford

Motor Co. "The last bond (\$120 million in May) was too aggressive. This bond is probably correct, but it just came at the wrong time."

Eric Bettner, 38, of Canton Township has two boys attending Plymouth-Canton Schools and would like to see improvements, but said asking for more money in today's economy isn't the answer.

From Gov. Jennifer Granholm on down, and with the rate hikes in Canton about to go up, it seems every time we turn around we've got to spend another dollar, Bettner said. "I thought the last bond was outright excessive, this was certainly more pared down. But, with the

development here and families moving in on the decline, are we going to be the next Livonia and Northville schools down the road?"

According to the district, bond passage would have increased taxes 6 mills, costing the average homeowner - with a home market value of \$275,000 - \$83 a year.

Only one of six communities in the Plymouth-Canton Schools district passed the proposal. However, Canton Township voters - who had the most to gain with a new middle school that would end long bus rides for students to Central Middle School in



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There was plenty of room for John Birchler, the 60th voter in precinct 4, to cast his ballot. Only some 20 percent of registered voters showed up in Tuesday's school bond election.

PLEASE SEE BOND, A7

Surge of pride

Canton parents couldn't be more proud of son on his third tour of war duty

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

As politicians and political pundits debate the merits of President George W. Bush's plan to send an additional 21,000 American troops to the war in Iraq, the reality is some of those troops have been there for weeks and even months.

Just ask Robert and Judy Danville of Canton. They say their son, 20-year-old Brian Danville, was among the first soldiers sent to Iraq as part of Bush's "surge" strategy.

They got the news right around Christmas. At the time, Brian, a paratrooper in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, was home on leave after having served his first tour in Iraq (he also served a tour in Afghanistan). Two days after Christmas, however, he received new orders and his leave was cut short.

Robert Danville said his son knew he was going to have to head back to Iraq, but not for another month or so.

"I think Bush wanted to get the troops over there before he had to go before Congress (in January)," he said.

Though he certainly wasn't happy about the news, Brian Danville, a 2004 graduate of Salem High School and former captain of the wrestling team, took it in stride, according to his parents.

The minute they called him, he said it's time to go. He was calm about it, said Judy Danville, who is a substitute teacher in the South Redford school district.

Like most of the troops involved in the surge, Danville (a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division) has been sent to Baghdad. But that's about all his parents know. They've spoken to their son just a couple times since he returned, but he hasn't been able to tell them much.



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Richard and Judy Danville, shown here with their dog Hannah, look forward to the day their son, Brian Danville, comes home from Iraq.

PLEASE SEE SOLDIER, A5

Oakwood set for round two in battle to build hospital

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Four months after residents showed up in droves to blast plans for a major medical facility at the north west corner of Beck and Geddes roads, representatives from Oakwood Healthcare Systems have created

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Plan B. The proposed six-story, 800,000-square-foot hospital on 54 acres has been revamped to a four-story, 650,000-square-foot building on

88 acres. Oakwood submitted the new plans to township planning officials last week, according to Oakwood attorney Bryan Amann, and the hope is to go before the planning commission in April.

Amann said Oakwood officials have gone to great lengths to address the concerns that were raised by residents, particularly those living in the nearby Charing Cross and Central Park South subdivisions, which border the property.

"You have to give Oakwood credit. They didn't just go back to the drawing board. They got out a whole new drawing board," Amann said.

Oakwood representatives, who've also nixed plans for a parking deck, want to build the development in phases, beginning with a 130,000-square-foot medical office. They previously requested that the township alter a planned development district agreement for the land, which is owned by Singh Development. Oakwood wants to purchase the property from Singh, which has an agreement with the township to build single-family homes and apartments on the parcel. Residential neighborhoods sit to the north and west of the property.

At a heavily attended planning commission meeting in October, residents appeared most concerned about the idea of a large hospital, complete with a helipad for helicopters. They said ambulances would create a nuisance and felt the whole development would drag down property values.

Several residents, who said they did their

PLEASE SEE HOSPITAL, A7

Wal-Mart looking to snatch up Costco site

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Costco's exit could mean Wal-Mart's arrival on Michigan Avenue.

The Arkansas-based retail giant has informally expressed interest in the 18.76 acres that was previously slated to house a Costco warehouse.

Although Wal-Mart has not submitted any plans to the town-

ship, Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said talks have begun. "They are interested," he said, adding that any new Wal-Mart would probably be a supercenter.

Wal-Mart representatives were unavailable for comment, and did not return calls for this story.

Earlier this month, Costco killed its plans to build a 150,000-square-foot store on Michigan Avenue at Belleville Road. It also stopped plans to

build new stores in Woodhaven and Ann Arbor.

Costco has said the move was a prudent business decision because of the areas struggling economy.

After Costco's pull out, Canton Township board Trustee Karl Zarbo said other businesses quickly expressed interest in the site. There was multiple interest almost immediately, he said.

Zarbo, who said he wasn't able

to give the names of the other interested retailers, noted the site is a prime location that has gained attention.

"I don't know of anybody that's walked away yet," he said.

According to its Web site, Wal-Mart has 34 discount stores in the state and 45 supercenters. The average size of a supercenter is 185,000 square feet.

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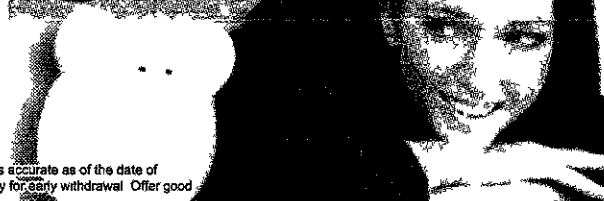
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Bowling fund-raiser

On March 4 at Super Bowl Lanes, 45100 Ford Road in Canton, will host a the annual Bowl for Kids Sake (BKFS), an event that supports key mentoring programs with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit.

Pro-level talent is not required. Bowlers of all ages are welcome to roll two games (free shoe rental included) in exchange for collecting pledges. The event is a chance for family, friends and teams of employees to cheer on one another and raise awareness of the benefits mentoring can bring to a child's life. BKFS participants that bring in the greatest amount of pledges have the chance to win prizes, including a night on the town, a digital camera or gift certificates. All bowlers will take home a Bowl for Kids Sake T-shirt, a memento of their efforts.

Bowlers can form a team of five or can be paired up with other groups. In order to participate bowlers 13 years and older need to collect a minimum of \$75 in pledges. Children 12 years and younger need to collect a minimum of \$25 in pledges. If people want to participate but not bowl they can volunteer at the event.

To participate bowlers can call Ruselda Johnson at (248) 569-0600 or visit www.bbbs-detroit.org.

Celebrity readers

The March is Reading Month celebration at the Canton Public Library will include several celebrity readers this year. Appearing March

8 at 7 p.m. to read selections from their favorite children's books will be State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, a Canton police officer, a Canton firefighter, and Detroit Lions quarterback Dan Orlovsky.

The program is free and open to children ages 4-12 with their caregivers. No registration required. Another March is Reading Month celebration is scheduled for 7 p.m., March 26 at the library.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 397-0999.

Chamber mixer

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and T.C. Gators Sports Page have joined together to host a special After Hours celebration 5-10 p.m. Thursday, March 15 at T.C. Gators, which is located in the Canton Corners Shopping Center at Ford and Lilley roads. This will be a great opportunity for you to enjoy dinner, drinks while networking with family, friends and coworkers. T.C. Gators will be offering food specials such as quesadillas, nachos, and fajitas as well as drink specials.

This event is sponsored by the chamber but open to the public so bring your family, friends and coworkers. T.C. Gators has generously offered to donate 10 percent of purchases made to the Canton Chamber of Commerce. This money will help fund some of our educational programs, expos and events, said Dianne

Cojei, president of Canton Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to food, drinks and networking opportunities, the Canton Chamber will be selling \$5 raffle tickets -- one ticket holder will win a \$500 vacation voucher. The raffle is sponsored by AFLAC-Todd Taylor, Canton Computers, Carlson Wagonlit Travel and State Farm Insurance-Tom Stahl. If you would like more information regarding this event, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 453-4040.

Passport applications

The Canton Post Office, 480 N. Canton Center Road, will be accepting passport applications noon-5 p.m. Sunday, March 11 to make it easier for travelers to comply with new federal requirements that went into effect on Jan. 23. The "passport fair" is being held on a Sunday to help people whose hectic schedules make it difficult to fit the errand in during the week.

Gwendolyn Farrell, Officer in Charge, said that customers often put off applying for their passport because they are afraid the process will be time consuming and difficult.

"Having a day set aside exclusively for passport applicants makes the process much quicker," she said. "Also, our clerks have extensive training and take refresher sessions to stay current on the most recent rules and regulations for passport acceptance. Customers can be confident that their application will be complete and accurate, and that makes the process much less stressful for them."

New federal regulations require all travelers (including U.S. citizens) to and from the Americas, the Caribbean, and Bermuda have a passport to enter or re-enter the United States when traveling by air.

Farrell emphasized the importance of bringing the appropriate documentation, a complete list of which can be found at www.usps.com/passport. She said most customers receive their passports within six weeks. However, the application can be expedited for an additional fee and the passport could be received within two weeks.

Below is a list of items customers should bring with them:

- Passport fee - \$67 adults, and \$52 for children younger than 16
- Execution fee - \$30 (all ages)
- Passport photos available on-site - \$15
- Fees payable by Cash, Check or Money Order ONLY

People must also bring two forms of identification: Birth certificate with official raised seal or naturalization certificate, current driver's license or state ID card.

Players are 'Footloose'

The Park Players present their production of 'Footloose,' based on the 1980s screen version starring Kevin Bacon, March 22-24 and March 30-31 with 8 p.m. performances in the Gloria Logan Auditorium for the Performing Arts inside



An international party

During the weekend of Feb. 9-11, 65 girls and 20 adults from the Plymouth Canton Cadette/Senior Girl Scout cluster (girls ages 11-17) gathered for a weekend of international fun and activities at Camp Linden. Ten troops chose to represent countries from around the world, offering food, music, information and displays for countries as varied as Jamaica, Russia and Scotland. The weekend, which was titled "Party Around the World," was in honor of an annual event called World Thinking Day, which offers Girl Scouts an opportunity to learn more about the world around them. The Plymouth Canton Cadette/Senior Girl Scout cluster participate in activities that reach far beyond the traditional crafts and badges. This year, girls will be traveling to England for a World Scout Jamboree; others will be cave exploring and white water rafting, and others will be visiting colleges and job-shadowing in New York City. For more information or to join the group, please call the Girls Scouts of Huron Valley Council at (734) 971-8800.

Salem High School

'Footloose' tells the story of city boy Ren McCormack who has to move to a small rural town in America where dancing is banned. Pandemonium strikes as Ren cuts loose and soon has the whole town on its feet.

Tickets are \$10 for all shows, all ages. Tickets can be purchased 2:30-5:30 p.m. Monday Thursday in the upper auditorium at Salem High School, or at the door one hour before curtain on performance nights.

Visit www.parkplayers.org or contact Kristen Quesada for more information by e-mail at quesadk@pcsc.k12.mi.us or by calling (734) 582-6836.

Court Justice to talk

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly will be the guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County on Saturday, March 10, at the Civic Center Library.

The public is invited to attend the event which begins at 12:15 p.m. A modest lunch will be offered. \$5 donation requested.

For more information, contact Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726.

Skilled volunteers needed

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

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

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. The sale will be held on Saturday, April 21 at the Summit on the Park from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event will also feature door prizes and more. For more information, please call (734) 699-7398.

Sportsmen's Banquet

The Metro-West Steelheaders will hold their 22nd annual Sportsmen's Banquet at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Roma Banquets, 32550 Cherry Hill Garden City. There will be a silent auction featuring wildlife prints that are framed, matted, signed and numbered, and prizes like choice of firearm valued at more than \$1,250, an assortment of fishing and hunting supplies, charter trips and rods and reels. Tickets are \$35 each and include buffet meal and open bar. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and are available by calling Randy Emery at (734) 368-7360 (cell) or (734) 332-6044 or by e-mail at RandyEmery@aol.com. Proceeds go to MUCC Camp for Kids, Michigan rivers and lakes to support future fishing projects, and private organizations in their endeavors to make Michigan the place to enjoy the outdoors.

VFW fish

The VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street (Lilley) in Plymouth, will host fish fry Fridays from 5-7 p.m. every Friday though Good Friday. The cost of the all you can eat baked or fried fish is \$8 for adults, and \$5 for children. Dinner includes potato or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, and roll.

Computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering a Learn How to Edit Pictures course from 6-9 p.m., Feb. 28 at

Canton Computers. Canton Computers is located at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford Road. This is one of many computer training courses the chamber has been scheduled throughout 2007. These classes are open to both chamber members and the public. Cost of the seminar, which is being sponsored by Telcom Credit Union, is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To register, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Registration deadline is Feb. 23.

Music scholarships

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

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

The 2007-2008 Scholarship Application is available on our homepage at www.cantonfoundation.org. Applications are due March 2 by 5 p.m. to the foundation office.

Listen for amphibians

Volunteers are needed to participate in the Friends of the Rouge frogs and toads survey of the Rouge River watershed, which begins in March. Volunteers must attend one two-hour training workshop. There are four upcoming workshops.

■ Saturday March 3, 10 a.m. noon, Farmington Hills City Council Chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

■ Thursday March 8, 7-9 p.m., E.L. Johnson Nature Center, 3325 Franklin Road, in Bloomfield Hills.

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

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

At the workshop, volunteers will learn eight breeding calls from a CD that is provided. All materials are provided. Surveys are conducted independently on damp warm evenings, several times a month beginning in March and ending in July. This is a simple presence/absence survey in which participants identify what species are calling. Survey locations must be within the Rouge River Watershed in wetlands.

The survey is a fun opportunity to spend time with family and friends outdoors learning about local wildlife. Families, students, seniors, etc. are encouraged to sign up. Pre-registration for workshops is required by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing picoordinator@therouge.org. Please provide your full name, address, phone and e-mail and which workshop you would like to attend.

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Canton Township's annual Home Improvement Expo will take place this weekend at Summit on the Park. More than 120 exhibitors and vendors will be on hand to promote their products and services.

Home Improvement Expo has become community showcase

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Thinking about new kitchen cabinets, an updated bathroom or a new patio? If so, the township's sixth annual Home Improvement Expo may be for you.

The expo will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Canton Building and Inspection Services helps host the event.

With more than 120 exhibitors and a waiting list of additional vendors trying to promote their products at the event, Canton Building Official John Weyer said the expo is a home improvement paradise.

"It has become a great event that showcases our community," he said, adding

that it started as a one-day program with guest speakers. "It's a place to share ideas and let residents know what we do. It's opened up the interaction."

The two-day expo will feature exhibitors from various aspects of home improvement including roofing, pools, landscaping, garages, cabinets, tiling and remodeling.

Weyer said the expo focuses on home modernization and new products. Various subjects will be presented in how-to workshops and there will be opportunities for free prizes and raffles.

Canton Construction in partnership with the Michigan Carpenter's Union will raffle off a shed on both days. Other raffles will include picnic tables, planters, benches and an IKEA display. Proceeds will

benefit the Canton Community Foundation.

Amy Colligan, Canton communication specialist, said the expo is expected to attract more than 6,000 people, adding that a children's project center will be added to the mix this year.

There's something for everyone," she said. "All people need to bring is their curiosity about home improvement."

Weyer said township representatives will be on hand to answer questions about code compliance and permits.

The event, which is also being sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, is free and refreshments will be served throughout both days.

For more information call (734) 394-5200 or log on to www.canton-mi.org.

Party crashers

Claiming GOP deserted them, Stewarts join Democrats

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Some state House 20th District constituents have called former state Rep. John Stewart a Democrat in sheep's clothing, believing the Plymouth Township resident who was elected three times to the state Legislature as a Republican was really a Democrat.

There is no more wondering after Stewart and his wife, Beth, formally made the switch while attending Saturday's state Democratic Party Convention at Cobo Center.

It's the best opportunity for Beth and me to support the policies we believe in," John Stewart said. "When I was in the Legislature, I voted my district and voted consistently with the Republicans in the House of Representatives. However, when you look at what we believe in — public education and higher educa-



Stewart

tion — that has stronger proponents on the Democratic side. "The Republican Party has made efforts to push social moder-

ates out the door," he added. "I don't see the moderate wing of the Republican Party coming back for another eight or 10 years. The attitude of the Republicans is, 'We weren't conservative, or exclusive, enough. Get a reality check.'"

Beth Stewart, who lost a bitter Republican primary in August against Mark Abbo in an effort to succeed her husband, said it's the Republicans who have changed, not the Stewarts.

I haven't changed who I am or the things I believe in," Beth Stewart said. "The party I thought represented me doesn't anymore. They made it very

clear in the primary they don't want someone that is pro-choice and favors education and teachers. The Democrats have made it very clear that moderates are welcome."

John Stewart said the couple has attended several Democratic functions. "They have warmly welcomed us," John Stewart said. "They knew of the hell I've put up with and the game playing to undermine me for being a moderate. Now the rooster has come home."

John Stewart said he won't be running for any kind of office in 2007 or 2008 to concentrate on his private law practice, but didn't rule out future campaigns. Beth Stewart said her days in politics are over.

"I'm not going to run for anything except cover," she said.

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Power outage impacts more than 3,000 homes

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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It didn't take long for DTE to restore power to more than 3,000 DTE customers in Canton after an hour-long outage Tuesday morning.

While a circuit malfunction

on Sheldon Road is believed to have caused the outage, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said official results won't be available for a couple of days.

"We're tracking this pretty carefully and keeping our eyes open," he said.

About eight square miles -- in an area from roughly Haggerty to Denton, and from just north of Palmer south to Van Born -- were affected by the outage.

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Get jewelry appraised at charity fund-raiser

Showroom of Elegance fine Jewelry, 6018 Canton Center Road, will host its annual "Trinket or Treasure" event from 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., 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 only \$10 per item. All proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter.

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Lack of snow not to the liking of those who plow it for living

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

While their answers vary when asked if they're ready for the season to be over, local snow removal business owners agree that Michigan winters are nothing like they used to be.

Jacob Glover says time has taught him not to bank on heavy snowfalls. Glover of Canton owns Glover Excavating at 42764 Cherry Hill Road and said snow removal has been virtually nonexistent all winter.

The season is almost over but we have just barely gotten started, he said. For the past decade there seems to be a decline every year.

With the area's first major snow storm checking in a couple weeks ago and clearing up about 24 hours later, Glover said the snow removal

market isn't hauling in the big bucks.

"Basically, it's milk and bread money and maybe gas money," said Glover, who plows for businesses and churches in Westland, Belleville and Canton. "I've come to expect it now."

Brian Carpenter of Always Green in Plymouth said having contracts that require payment regardless of snowfall have been helpful but also pose their own problems.

"Some years it snows a lot and some years it doesn't, but I want people to feel like they are getting their money's worth," he said. "Let's face it, it doesn't snow anywhere near the intensity it used to. The severity and frequency of these little storms don't have as much of an impact."

Always Green, located at 610 Karmada in Plymouth, has customers in Northville,

Plymouth, Livonia and Canton. Carpenter said he was pleased to see the recent 8-inch snowfall.

"I'm happy something happened," he said. "It would be hard to make up for lost time but I would have liked to see it happen six to eight other times."

Carpenter, who's been in business since 1990, said he's optimistic more of the white stuff will cover the ground.

"It's not over yet," Carpenter said hopefully. "We could still get more storms so I'm not ready to take off my (snow plow) blade yet."

Earth Concepts owner Eric Kowalski says he's already looking past winter.

"Other states are having big snowfalls but it gets worse here every year," he said, referencing recent record-breaking snow storms in New York



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Brian Carpenter, owner of Always Green in Plymouth, says it doesn't show like it used to, which has hurt his plowing business.

In addition to snow removal, Earth Concepts, located at 46600 Cherry Hill in Canton, specializes in landscaping, lawn maintenance and patios.

Like Carpenter, Kowalski said he fears dismal snowfalls will have customers questioning their snow removal contracts.

You can bet next year (they'll bring it up), he said. "I'm just going to concentrate on summer."

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Brian Danville's mom and dad, Judy and Richard Danville, display the Red Falcons quilt, which they hold dear.

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"When we ask where he's at or what he's doing, he just says, 'You know I can't tell you, so don't even ask,'" said Judy Danville.

Before moving to Canton about a decade ago, the Danvilles lived in Redford Township. The couple, who will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this year, have three sons. They say their youngest son, Brian, was interested in joining the Army from a very early age. That only intensified after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, according to his mother.

As a mom, I never thought he was serious about joining up, until the recruiters started showing up during his senior year in high school," she said.

He did sign up and was off to basic training right around his 18th birthday. A year later, he was sent off to Afghanistan and then soon after to Iraq.

The Danvilles don't know how long their son will be in Iraq on this current tour, but they think it will be at least a year before he is able to come home. In the meantime, they pray for his safety, and hope to hear from him as much as possible. They say he calls every time he gets a chance, but they admit that isn't very often.

Robert Danville, a former employee of General Motors, who was disabled after being hit by a car at work in 1998, said the fact that the war hasn't gone as expected only makes it tougher on them as parents. So when they do hear from him, they cherish it.

In my physical condition, I probably watch way more news than I probably should," he said. Just hearing his voice and knowing he's OK, especially seeing what I see on TV, makes all the difference in the world.



Brian Danville, 20, is currently serving his second tour in Iraq and has also been to Afghanistan. He is a 2004 graduate of Plymouth Salem and former captain of the wrestling team.

Despite having to deal with the fact that their son is in harm's way on a daily basis, Robert and Judy Danville said they couldn't be more proud of him.

You will never find two parents who are as proud of their child as we are of Brian," Robert Danville said.

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March is Reading Month and that means lots of special activities planned at the Canton Public Library.

Salute Dr. Seuss on March 2 at 1 p.m. with a drop-in program for kids ages 3-5. Programs on March 8 and 26 at 7 p.m. will feature celebrity guest readers from our community.

And all month long, first graders from area schools will visit the library and learn about the programs and materials available.

Teens will get the opportunity to meet author M.T. Anderson, winner of the 2006 National Book Award for his work *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing*, on March 14.

And our book discussion for the 2007 Everyone's Reading selection *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age*, takes place on March 8 at noon. See the newsletter for other Reading Month events or check our Web site at www.cantonpl.org.

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■ MS Word I March 6, at 9:30 a.m. Learn basic word processing skills. Registration required.

■ Lunch and a Book Discussion March 8, at noon. Discuss Everyone's Reading 2007 selection *Arc of Justice* by Kevin Boyle.

■ Reading Month Celebrity Readers March 8, at 7 p.m. Drop in and hear local celebrities read their favorite books.

For kids ages 4-12:

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Growth Works a lifeline for young people

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Growth Works has a proud tradition of serving young people in the Plymouth-Canton community and beyond, helping in such areas as substance abuse and behavior problems. Students, volunteers and others who make it all possible gathered Feb. 15 at Fox Hills Country Club west of Plymouth for the organization's 18th-annual recognition dinner.

When youth David Grassley first came to Growth Works, he didn't think he belonged there. "Growth Works was very beneficial to me," he said at the awards dinner.

Grassley, now enrolled at Northville High School, was earlier expelled from Canton High School. He and his mom appreciate Growth Works and shared that at the dinner.

"I think it'll help me out forever with my decision-making skills," said Grassley, who also thanked his parents. "You guys did a lot for me and I'd really like to thank you."

This year's honorees include:

- Lisa Fikany of Grosse Pointe, Care Management Organization, community, Ennis Center for Children, Detroit
- Sarah Kingsley of Grosse Pointe, CMO, community, Ennis Center for Children, Detroit

- Marsha Bianconi of Westland, CMO, community, executive director for Conference of Western Wayne-Livonia
- "I am truly honored," Bianconi said. "It has been a privilege to work with these people. I can't tell you how dedicated the staff of Growth Works is."
- Garrett Hren, CMO, youth, Dearborn
- Antwon Jackson, CMO, youth, Romulus
- Johnathan Woodrum, CMO, youth, Romulus
- Rob Olson, chemical dependency, youth, Canton
- David Smith, CD, youth, Livonia
- David Grassley, Youth Assistance Program, youth, formerly of Canton
- Orby Huffman, Pioneer Work & Learn GED, formerly of Belleville
- Braeden Wilson, Schoolcraft GED, formerly of Van Buren
- James Cobb, Schoolcraft GED, Northville
- Hannah Russman, Schoolcraft GED, Dearborn
- Justin Cam, attended Schoolcraft, Dearborn
- Frank Hubert, attended Schoolcraft, Romulus
- Brad Hickman, attended Schoolcraft, Canton
- Chris Lewis, attended Schoolcraft, formerly of Westland
- Wolverine Human Services, community, Novi

R. E. Wollack, president and CEO of Wolverine Human Services of Vassar, Mich., accepting.

Dale Yagiela, Growth Works executive director, gave a brief overview of services, noting the CMO handled some 600 young people court-referred from 17 western Wayne communities. The Conference of Western Wayne is a close partner in that, he said.

There's also a new residential program in chemical dependency for adolescent males. "This is a real step forward," Yagiela said, also noting the ongoing success of adult outpatient treatment.

There's school support for the South Redford and Inkster districts, as well as space shared with other agencies in the Canton Human Services Center and the Schoolcraft College "Links to Success" which helps young people continue schooling.

Yagiela lauded Growth Works board members, including Stephen Harper, current president, who's served 25 years on the board.

Young people from Growth Works not receiving awards were also invited to the Fox Hills dinner, and Yagiela said he'd like to see them honored next year and beyond.

That's the challenge that you guys face," he said.

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Developer sues citizens group over Maida Woods

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Developers filed a lawsuit last week claiming that critics of their proposed Maida Woods subdivision trespassed on their property, slandered them and conspired to stall the project.

The suit, filed by attorney Stephen Wasinger for Royal Oak-based developers Kentmoor LLC, claims that damages could surpass the \$2 million mark.

T. J. Andrews, a Traverse City attorney representing a citizens group that opposes the project, blasted the lawsuit as an attempt to muzzle critics.

This is awful. This is outrageous and frivolous, and there is no basis to the allegations," she said. "These people have a right to speak, and you're not supposed to sue people for speaking. It seems to be intended to shut them up, and this is not what the legal system is for."

Andrews indicated that a countersuit may be filed by the citizens group — the Westland Homeowners Committee for Environmental Conservation and Smart Growth.

"Of course they will defend these allegations vehemently and vigorously," she said.

Wasinger filed the suit in Wayne County Circuit Court

just two days after the Westland City Council voted 6-1 to postpone a site plan for the 36-home development, proposed for the south side of Palmer Road between John Hix and Hannan.

The council delayed its decision until a state administrative judge rules on a challenge by the citizens group, which is contesting a wetlands assessment by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as potentially flawed.

Kentmoor LLC's lawsuit names citizens Jim Rubasky, daughter Jacqueline Rubasky, Donald Hasse, James Luckett, a citizens-hired environmental consultant Eugene Jaworski, and his firm J&L Consulting Services. It also names the homeowners committee as a whole.

The suit contends that Kentmoor has been repeatedly advised by Westland officials that the development complies with all city ordinances.

Developers have said they should be allowed to move ahead with their site plan, saying they believe the state administrative judge will, ultimately, rule in their favor. They contend that the delay unfairly costs them money.

The suit accuses defendants of a scheme to delay and frustrate the development and

claims that citizens are essentially seeking to deprive Kentmoor of the opportunity to use and develop its property within the law.

As part of the alleged scheme, the suit contends that citizens trespassed on the property, slandered Kentmoor with public statements and made false claims that the project would harm the environment.

Developers have said their site plan complies with a wetlands report from last October that cited 1.5 acres of state-regulated wetlands on the 14-acre site. The citizens group is challenging the environmental assessment.

Andrews said the citizens group has every right to challenge the wetlands study. Moreover, she said she believes the council had the authority to postpone the site plan until the state administrative judge rules on the issue.

Council members James Godbout, Cheryl Graunstadt, Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer, Dewey Reeves and Robert Stottlemeyer voted to postpone the site plan. Council President Charles Pickering, predicting a possible lawsuit, had sought a decision on Tuesday.

The lawsuit does not name the city or any of its officials.

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homework before buying their homes, said they wouldn't have moved into the area had they known Oakwood was set on building a hospital at the intersection. They say the land is currently zoned for residential use, and the township's master plan also lists it as residential. To build the hospital, Oakwood would need a special land use permit, because it is an institutional use similar to a school.

Oakwood representatives plan to meet with residents in small groups to discuss their second take on the project. A Web page with detailed information concerning the proposed development is also in the works, and should be available soon on www.oakwood.org.

Canton resident Susan Torgersen lives near the proposed hospital site and said using that land for anything other than residential purposes doesn't sit right with her.

"The plans have improved somewhat but it's still a hospital," she said, adding that she will closely follow the status of Oakwood's proposal. "Even though the new plans are more residential friendly, it's not a residence."

From the look of the second plan, Canton Township board

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said it's clear Oakwood has done its homework.

"They are trying to do all the right things this time," said McLaughlin, who serves as the board's liaison on the planning commission. "It's a much-improved proposal, but residents (in that area) have every legitimate reason to be very alert and concerned."

McLaughlin said "nerves are raw" any time new development is proposed.

"Everyone fears change, but I totally understand why they are anxious," she said.

Amann said the new proposal fits the area and doesn't intrude on neighboring properties. A 130-foot wide "mega berm" is slated to be installed at the west end of the project, landscaping is planned for the outer edges of development, access could only be granted from Beck and Geddes roads and a decorative pond would sit at the edge of the intersection.

Even if Oakwood gets the green light for the project, the development's expansion could be stalled for five years or more based on the state's regulation of new hospital construction. If and when it is built, Oakwood officials say they plan to move their hospital beds from Annapolis Hospital in Wayne to the new facility.

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Here's how the \$62.1 million Plymouth-Canton schools bond proposal fared in Tuesday's election.

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Plymouth Twp	1,920	2,657
Northville Twp	122	179
Superior Twp	47	120
Salem Twp	8	27
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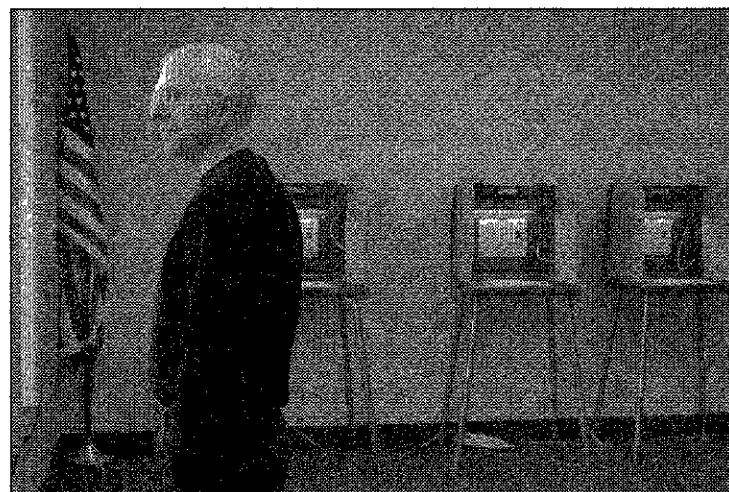
Plymouth – failed to pass the measure with enough margin to overcome a resounding defeat by voters in Plymouth Township.

Canton voters passed the bond 4,208 to 3,846 and gave some life to supporters until Plymouth Township's numbers came in, defeating the measure by a 2,657 to 1,920 margin, which sealed the bond proposal's fate. Plymouth voters turned down the measure 1,063 to 886, Northville Township defeated it 179-122. Voters in Salem and Superior townships also voted against

the bond issue by wide margins.

One of the biggest effects from the bond loss is the failure of the district to recapture the \$2.3 million to reimburse the general fund for land on Cherry Hill Road, just west of Canton Center Road, in Canton Township for a new middle school. District officials had until April 1 to regain that money to put back into the general fund, which now will face tougher scrutiny as the Board of Education this month begins its budget review and plans for the 2007-08 school year.

"It's really significant," said Ryan, who noted budget discussions by the school board will begin March 12. "We've



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Precinct 2 poll worker Gary McLaren looks out the window, perhaps looking for voters. Shortly after noon, only 17 voters had cast their ballots.

kept the cuts away from the classroom and academics as much as we can, but now, unfortunately, things like class size will be on the block, and field trips in total.

Board of Education Secretary Judy Mardigian said without the improvements and additional classrooms afforded by the bond, the stewards of the district will have to make some tough budget decisions.

"We'll be dealing with

overcrowded conditions for quite a while," Mardigian said. "I see the population growth continuing, and we're not going to be able to manage this."

"The \$2.3 million was critical, and will have to be made up through operational budget," she said. "It can be done, but you'll have to make cuts to offset it, and we've tried to avoid doing that."

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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 McClendon 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.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JUDY MARDIGIAN Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER GRANT SUBMISSION FOR
LOWER ROUGE RIVER TRAIL BRIDGES, ETC.

On Tuesday March 13, at 7 p.m. in Board Meeting Room 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 the Board of Trustees will consider

SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND FOR FUNDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES PLUS SIGNAGE, ALONG THE LOWER ROUGE RIVER TRAIL NORTH OF MICHIGAN AVENUE IN CANTON.

All citizens including persons with disabilities are welcome to attend the public hearing to discuss and comment on the project. Requests for information should be directed to Bob Belair assistant township engineer 734 394 5154.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-
February 20, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday February 20 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro Rick Pomorski Dave Medley Julie Olesko Mike Rorabacher Other: Miles Hammond Jr (Merit Commission) **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as amended deleting Item 1 Growth Works & Human Service Center Update Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION** **TOPIC Item 1 Growth Works & Human Service Center Update Deleted Item 2 Executive Director's Update** 30 Day Plan Communications, Training & Development, Human Resources Leadership Team, Ordinance Enforcement Update Fire & EMS Regionalization Update Future and Ongoing Projects. A full copy of the Board Study Minutes can be viewed at the Clerk's office. **Other** Supervisor Yack stated there will be a Board Meeting on February 27 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor Board Room 1150 Canton Center S Canton, Michigan 48188. **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. – Thomas J Yack Supervisor – Terry G Bennett Clerk –

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

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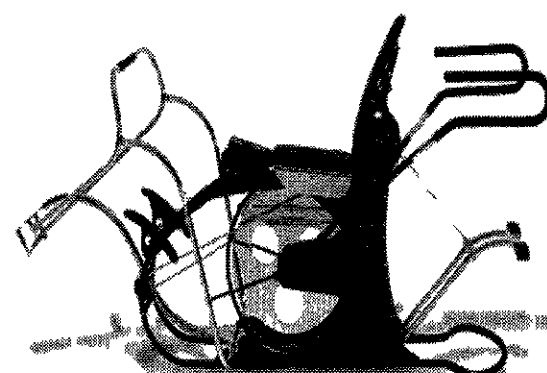
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OUR VIEWS

No third shot for school bond

Maybe the third time would be the charm for the Plymouth-Canton school district in its pursuit of a bond issue to, among other things, repurpose Central Middle School for use as the district's alternative high school.

We just don't think there should be a third time.

The district's bond proposal went down to defeat at the hands of the voters, not by a huge margin, but by enough — 7,715-6,968. It's the second time in less than a year voters have denied the schools, May's \$120-million, two-part proposal also went up in flames.

Surveys said the last one asked for too much in the way of niceties, "wants" rather than real needs. The district retooled the proposal, took out bells and whistles such as a new theater and athletic facility improvements perceived as unnecessary by voters, and rushed it back onto the ballot, scurrying to recoup \$2.3 million it needed to reimburse the general fund for money it borrowed to purchase middle school property in Canton.

That part is gone, by the way. The district had to recoup that money by April 1, or it couldn't try again. Whatever happens, Plymouth-Canton officials have to find another way to massage that \$2.3 million hole in its budget.

District officials were also looking for \$62.1 million, which included \$31.2 million for a new middle school in Canton Township to replace an aging Central Middle School, and another \$13.6 million to refurbish Central for alternative education (replacing Starkweather Education Center), community education and a curriculum center.

It also included \$13.1 million for new classrooms and a gym, \$4 million for cafeteria improvements and just over \$1 million for new school buses.

District officials put together what they thought was an aggressive plan to inform the public. Supt. Jim Ryan did briefings and gave tours of both Central Middle School and Starkweather. Board members did their share of presentations.

In the end, what district officials simply couldn't do was fix Michigan's economy. Unless the district wants to pay another \$18,000 for another study (which would be foolish), we may never know for sure why voters said no this time.

But surely the struggles of the auto industry, which fuels a ton of business and provides thousands of jobs in this district, and announcements by companies like Pfizer that they're abandoning the area, didn't help.

It doesn't matter district officials believe they're operating as efficiently and austere as they can. Voters surely delivered the message Tuesday that, "If we have to tighten our belts, you have to tighten your belts."

Unless they wish to alienate their constituency even further, district officials would be wise to pull those belts in another notch.

Senate GOP must give budget details

Senate Republicans have rejected Gov. Jennifer Granholm's 2007 budget proposal that would combine budget cuts and an excise tax on services to balance the current fiscal year budget.

Sen. Majority Leader Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) says that Senate Republicans have found enough spending cuts to deal with this year's \$800 million state budget deficit without raising taxes or reducing the school foundation grant in the middle of the school year.

That's great news. Nobody likes to pay taxes. School officials will be delighted that their piece of the state pie will be preserved.

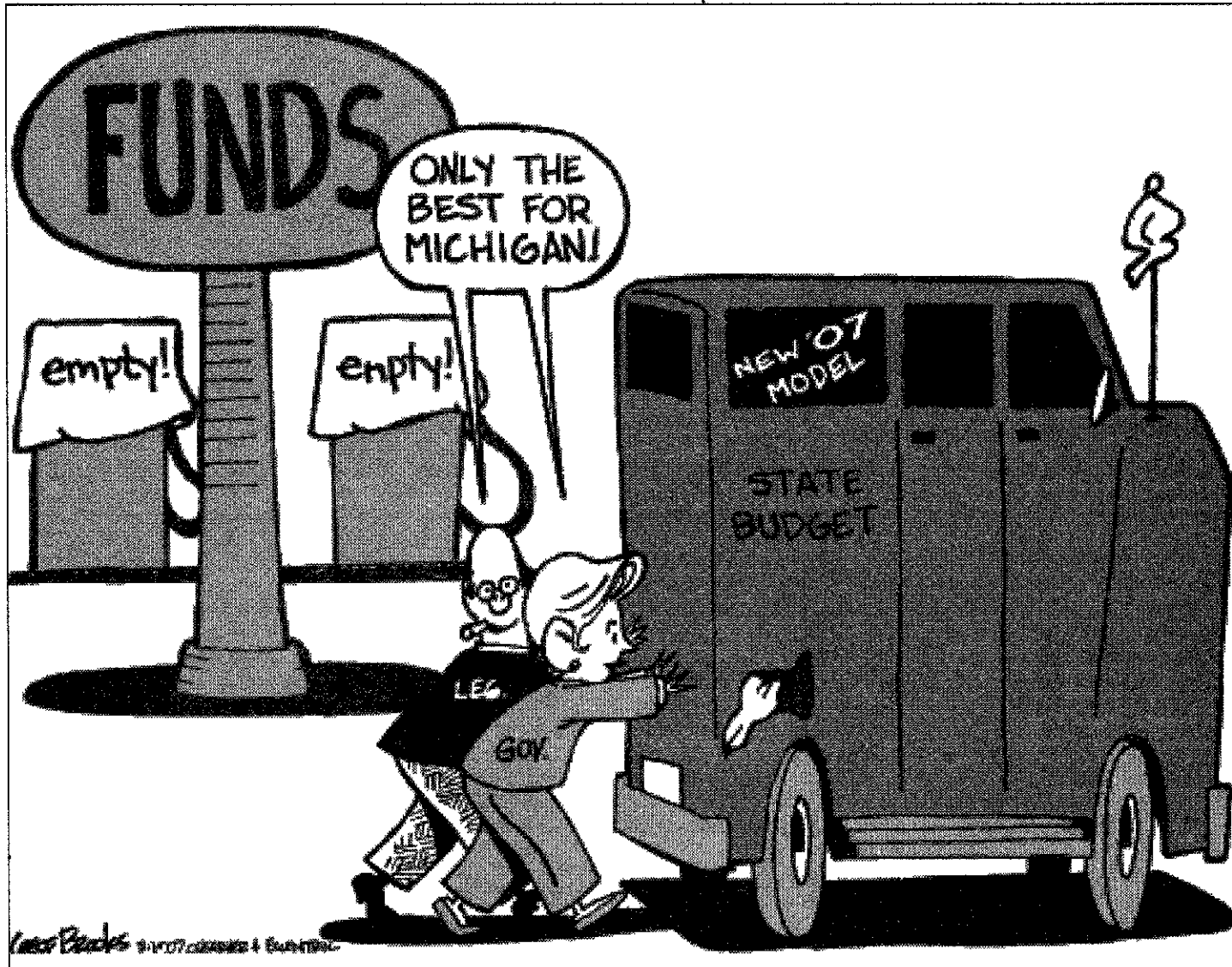
So where are these cuts going to be made? Health care and pension benefits for legislators? Trimming road and bridge projects? Dropping community grants for police and fire? Closing state parks? Bishop won't say. He doesn't want the proposal "negotiated in the media."

But the time has come to let the people of Michigan in on the secret. If the Republicans in the Senate say they can provide a more efficient, streamlined, less-expensive and responsive state government, then tell us how to do it. If they can eliminate unnecessary programs or privatize services at a cost savings, let's get the details.

The residents of Michigan have a right to know, understand and discuss whatever plans the governor or the state Legislature have for their tax dollars. Granholm has done her part, she's put forward an interesting and controversial plan for this year and next. It is now incumbent upon legislators from the governor's party and the opposition to work with the governor toward a reasonable compromise.

In an interview last week with the *Lansing State Journal*, Granholm said, "I put out the best plan that we came up with after a lot of hard work. The Legislature refuses it. They have to put out specifics about what they would find acceptable and then we negotiate. I'm not going to continue to put out different plans on the hopes that something will fly. They've got to tell us what they will do."

Now is the time. Let's hear the details.



LETTERS

Modern wagon train

The moving truck came today and I found myself starring in disbelief at losing yet another neighbor. With each piece being loaded onto the truck my sorrow grew. A mere nine years ago our neighborhood consisted of new homes and lots of dirt. Every neighbor was a new neighbor and new friendships abounded. Smiling faces were everywhere. A time when seeing a moving truck was greeted with anticipation. That was then. This is now.

Jobs in Michigan are disappearing faster than you can blink. Our residents are facing extraordinary circumstances that are beyond our control. In Wayne County alone more than 6,000 residents have their homes in foreclosure and that number is raising daily. Bankruptcy is at an all-time high. Our lives are spinning out of control and we are forced to play the hand we are dealt. So many dreams have been shattered.

So many families are no longer able to afford the basics, as gas and food prices steadily rise. This snowball is rolling into an avalanche, taking all savings, stocks, CDs, IRAs, our pride and energy with it. To sum it up: picking clean the carcass of what was once our life. Our Governor asks us to hold on and have faith, we can make a comeback in Michigan. These are meaningless words to thousands of residents who feel helpless and defeated.

We watch the modern wagon train leaving our state, trying to find a new promised land. Leaving behind all that you know and love, all the while praying you are doing the right thing for your family. I cannot help looking at my own home in a new light. How can this be happening? My emotions are raw. Is it my age that triggers such fear? Yet the knowledge is there. Will I too become part of the wagon train?

Donna Kenske
Canton

Support HEART for Women Act

Heart disease and strokes kill more women in Michigan than the next five causes of death combined. The harsh reality of this statistic is heart disease is not only the No. 1 killer of women in our state, but in the whole country. I could've been part of that statistic. At age 53, I suffered a massive heart attack while driving home from the office. My family was told I probably wouldn't make it through the night. Swift thinking on my part saved my life, but it was a rude awakening to discover that one out of three women die of heart disease every minute due to lack of education and appropriate health care.

That's why I am a strong supporter of the HEART for Women Act — bipartisan federal legislation aimed at reducing death and disability from heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases in women. The HEART for Women Act (www.heartforwomen.org) would improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases in women by educating both women and health care providers with prevention programs using the most effective treatments for women. The bill would also tighten Food and Drug Administration requirements for gender-

specific reported data on heart medication in clinical trials and expand WISE-WOMAN, a screening program for uninsured and underinsured women.

We have to stop thinking of heart disease, strokes and other cardiovascular diseases as a man's disease. They are killing our mothers, sisters and friends while there is so much more Congress could do. I urge our lawmakers to co-sponsor the HEART for Women Act and help us save lives. We don't want to be No. 1 anymore!

Susan Dubin
West Bloomfield

Give governor a chance

I am responding to your invitation to comment on the state of Michigan's economy. I find it astonishing that people (particularly many politicians) think that the state can forever continue to lose tax revenue, reduce taxes and yet provide necessary services to its citizens. Talk about a 500-pound gorilla being in the room!

Gov. Granholm has made many excellent proposals to address our economic situation, only to be discarded without serious deliberation by the Republican Legislature. It's time we gave her ideas a chance for implementation and success.

On the subject of taxes, I consider them a good investment in the quality of life. I wish to experience here in Michigan and to support our less fortunate fellow citizens. We are willing to pay our share, even if that means paying more.

My husband and I are life-long Michigan residents and MSU graduates.

Linda Curry
Livonia

Smokefree workplaces needed

The American Lung Association of Michigan (ALAM) wholeheartedly supports Michigan House Bill 4163 and Senate Bills 0109 and 0110 which call for prohibiting smoking in workplaces, including restaurants and bars.

In our effort to prevent lung disease and promote lung health, we believe that everyone is entitled to breathe smokefree air in the public arena. Why? The effects of secondhand smoke are devastating.

■ Exposure to secondhand smoke is the second leading cause of preventable death in Michigan. Between 1,400 and 2,500 adults, children and babies in Michigan die each year from exposure to secondhand smoke.

■ Children and adolescents exposed to secondhand smoke are at increased risk of asthma, ear infections, colds and pneumonia.

■ Secondhand smoke is a known cause of cancer in humans. In women, lung cancer kills nearly 70,000 per year, more than breast, cervical and ovarian cancers combined.

■ Secondhand smoke contains hundreds of toxic or carcinogenic chemicals.

■ Secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke.

■ Secondhand smoke causes about 3,400 lung cancer deaths in adult non-smokers in the U.S. each year.

■ Nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke at work are at increased risk for

adverse health effects.

■ Levels of environmental tobacco smoke in restaurants and bars were found to be two to five times higher than in residences with smokers and two to six times higher than in office workplaces.

We are working tirelessly to promote clean air, provide smoking cessation and prevention programs — especially keeping cigarettes out of the hands of children — and advancing the cause of women's lung health through our year-long, statewide campaign called Catch Your Breath.

We call on our state legislators to consider the health and well-being of all Michigan citizens by holding public hearings and voting on smokefree legislation. With the passage of such legislation, we can help improve lives, one breath at a time.

Raymond J. Maloni

CEO, American Lung Association of Michigan

Support Michigan

Our Michigan economy depends on the success of the American auto companies. The survival of your business, the survival of your job, the resale value of your home and the supply of jobs available for your kids after graduation, all depend on the success of Michigan's core industries — General Motors, Ford and their suppliers.

If you have bought a foreign vehicle, you have supported the economies of Japan, Germany, Korea, etc. You have sent Michigan jobs and Michigan wealth out of our country.

Even if the foreign vehicle is built elsewhere in the U.S. — Michigan jobs go to that state and the profits for a foreign company and economy. The lack of support for the Michigan auto companies is even forcing them to relocate operations and seek suppliers outside of our country.

Michigan residents who drive foreign vehicles are damaging their own economy and needlessly jeopardizing their own financial future.

At the Detroit Auto Show, General Motors won Best Car of the Year and Best Truck of the Year. Our Michigan auto companies have products that can compete with the best in the world. When you buy or lease your next vehicle, support your own economy.

Jack Orava

Bloomfield Hills

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QUOTABLE

"Obviously, the American people are against the escalation. You've got the bipartisan Iraq study against it, Colin Powell against it, the military leaders against it. March 19 will be the (fourth) anniversary of the Iraq War...."

Robin Reading of Highland, who organized an anti-war protest at the Livonia office of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

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Removal of county-owned dam would improve fishery

In the early weeks of January, when the thermometer had readings below freezing, I went down to a spot I know on the Lower Rouge River in Canton with my fishing pole. I just happened to be with Canton environmental engineer Bob Belar, who has led many of the township's efforts to clean up the Rouge River, and a photographer, which you might say is a fisherman's best friend — in this case, *Observer* staffer Bill Bresler.

I had told them both about the rainbow trout I caught a couple of years ago at this same spot. They, like many others I've told since then, were filled with doubt about the tale.

Most people just can't believe that trout, which only inhabit clean running streams, could survive in the Rouge River.

As fate would have it, I made my first cast, and a nice-looking rainbow trout hit my little spinner. With my companions looking on in disbelief, the 8- to 10-inch trout leapt from the water several times before I landed and released it. I cast my line out about 10 more times, landing one more rainbow and losing another that shook the hook loose. Fortunately, Bill was there to take some photos, so this wasn't just another fish tale.

Well, the story doesn't end there. When I got back to the office, I e-mailed the photo to some people I know that are involved with Rouge River related activities. You might say the photo kind of took on a life of its own from there. Within a couple of days, I received e-mails from a bunch of other people, including officials from Wayne County, wanting to know if it was really true. The next week, I went to a Canton Township board meeting, and Belar had put the photo in a Power Point presentation about how some of the township's environmental efforts are starting to pay off in a cleaner Rouge River. I've even heard a rumor that Tom Yack might mention it in his upcoming State of the Township address.

There is a specific reason that these trout are able to live, and it is in a pretty small area of the river. The spot just happens to possess the right conditions for their survival. Unfortunately, anglers probably aren't going to catch them elsewhere in Canton.

But I think this story tells a lot about the amount of interest that some people have about the ongoing restoration efforts of the Rouge River, particularly the recreation possibilities that it could offer. An improved fishery is certainly a major goal of not only Canton officials, but those from every community within the Rouge watershed, including Wayne County officials.

If county officials were really as serious as they say about improving the Rouge River fishery, particularly in the Lower Rouge River, they would get serious about removing the Lower's only dam, which is located under the Wayne Road bridge in the city of Wayne.

While it is a somewhat small dam, it creates a barrier for fish to move either upstream or downstream. In essence, it blocks fish that make their way up the river from the Detroit River from getting to smaller headwaters that exist in Canton and further upstream, which are vital breeding areas. Not many people know this, but the river does have a limited run of salmon and steelhead, but only the largest of these fish can get over the dam at Wayne Road. All other species of fish,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton *Observer* editor Kurt Kuban displays a rainbow trout he caught in early January on the Rouge River.

including pike, bass and forage fish, can't get past the dam.

Many groups, including Friends of the Rouge and even officials with Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environmental Quality, have advocated the removal of this dam for some time. The dam was built in 1913 and no longer serves any practical purpose. The DEQ doesn't even have it listed in its file of Michigan dams. And in the DNR's most recent fish survey of the Rouge watershed, biologists refer to the dam as "especially devastating, isolating the watershed from the Detroit River (and Lake Erie ecosystem)."

The time has come to remove this dam. The question is who should pay for its removal. Look no further than to its owner — Wayne County Parks.

Unfortunately, I was at a recent meeting of the Rouge River Remedial Action Committee (RRAC), which is also advocating the removal of the dam, and a Wayne County official said the county has no money for the project at this time. I had to scratch my head. What about the Wayne County Parks millage that county voters just re-approved for the third time in 2005? The 0.25-mill brings in about \$11 million per year.

I've always said that the parks millage money should be spent to improve Wayne County Parks properties, and not fund local projects like swimming pools and ice rinks in Detroit, skate parks in Wyandotte, a recreation center in Van Buren, or soccer fields in Wayne — as it has done in the past. Many political figures have also criticized the parks millage, most notably Yack, because it is seen as a way to reward political allies.

County officials say they have come up with a merit-based, point system on which projects will be funded, but there are always going to be complaints from communities that get left out.

In May, county officials will begin to deliberate about what projects should be funded through the millage during budget discussions. I'm hoping the removal of the Wayne Road dam is part of those discussions.

Most of the people I've spoken to said removing it would not be very costly, and the payback would be tremendous because it would improve the fishery throughout the entire Lower Rouge sub-watershed, which includes Canton, Wayne, Westland, Dearborn and other communities. The county also owns much park land along the Lower Rouge, and an improved fishery would create more recreational opportunities in the Lower Rouge Parkway.

If nothing else, the response to that photo of the rainbow trout I caught has told me there is a tremendous interest in fishing opportunities in the Rouge River. Hopefully Wayne County Parks officials are listening.

Kurt Kuban is community editor of the *Canton Observer* and an avid fisherman. He can be reached via e-mail at kkuban@hometownlife.com or by phone at (734) 459-2700.

Bipartisan cooperation only way to find a solution for Iraq

The House of Representatives recently debated the Iraq war and cast a vote on a nonbinding resolution expressing opposition to President George Bush's new troop strategy. I voted against this resolution. Here's why.

The vast majority of Americans are of two minds when it comes to Iraq. We want the war to end as soon as possible, but we want to be supportive of the brave men and women who are fighting for our country in Iraq. We want our troops to come home, but we want them to return in victory, not defeat.

The war has taken a wrong turn. Mistakes have been made and the status quo is not acceptable. We need a new direction in Iraq that results in the Iraqi government taking responsibility for the security of their country.

The vast majority of Americans and their representatives in Congress agree with these statements. We also need to acknowledge that important things have been accomplished in Iraq.

Our military deposed one of the most brutal dictators the world has ever known. Saddam Hussein was a menace to his own people and a threat to our friend and ally, Israel. With Hussein gone, the Iraqis now have the opportunity to benefit from the freedom of democracy. It's time for them to seize this historic moment and forge ahead with democracy.

The war is unpopular, but those of us in elected office need to act responsibly and understand that the stakes are high for America.

With the election behind us, it's time for partisanship to end and for the statesmanship to begin.

Nonbinding resolutions that have no bearing on whether additional troops will be sent to Iraq are counterproductive. They will not bring our troops home quicker. And they will not defend our long-term national security interests in the Middle East.

The Democrat majority needs to work with Republicans and President Bush to find bipartisan solutions for Iraq. Our troops, who sacrifice so much, deserve no less.

I am offering my conditional support to the Bush plan to send additional troops to Iraq in hopes of ending the sectarian violence in Baghdad. It's time for the Iraqi government to step up to the plate. If we can help them do this with a troop surge, it might be the quickest and best way to secure a victory in Iraq and bring our troops home.

My support for the president's new Iraq plan is conditional, not carte blanche. My patience is growing thin with the war. We need to see real progress on the ground soon.

After the surge is complete and 90-120 days have passed, we will need to re-evaluate our options if progress has not been made.

Everything should be on the table at this point. But as we move forward, one thing is certain: Democrats, Republicans and the president must put America and our soldiers first and leave the politics behind.

Bipartisan cooperation is the only way to solve the problem of Iraq.

Joe Knollenberg is the representative from Michigan's 9th Congressional District.

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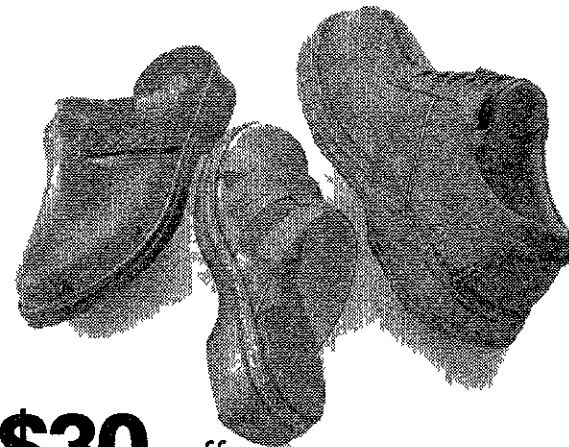
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Taxpayers should take advantage of tax refund

I believe your goal should be to maximize your net worth, not lower taxes. However, I also believe it is not more patriotic to pay more in taxes than you have to. That being said, as we enter the tax preparation season for 2006, it is important to take advantage of every tax deduction available. There is one deduction that many people will qualify for, but will unfortunately fail to take — a refund based upon the Telephone Excise Tax.

Last year, the government stopped collecting excise tax on long-distance calls. In addition, the government authorized a one-time refund of the excise tax for monies collected between March 2003 and August 2006. Unfortunately, according to the Internal Revenue Service, more than 10 million taxpayers who have already filed their returns have



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not claimed this credit.

My philosophy is you and I as taxpayers should take every deduction and credit available to us. Although the refund is not a substantial amount of money, it's still your money. If you're entitled to it, you ought to take it.

Basically, if you had long distance phone service between Feb. 28, 2003, and Aug. 1, 2006, you are entitled to claim the refund. There are two different ways for you to claim this refund. The first is to take the actual amount of the federal excise tax that you paid

between Feb. 28, 2003, and Aug. 1, 2006.

If you have your phone bills for that period of time, you can claim the refund by completing IRS Form 8913. If you are like most people, though, you do not save your telephone bills. But there is an alternative. The IRS has established a standard amount based upon the number of exemptions you claim on your tax return. If you claim one exemption, you are entitled to a refund of \$30, two exemptions, a \$40 refund, three exemptions, a \$50 refund, and four exemptions, a \$60 refund.

To claim the refund based upon the standard amount if you file Form 1040, the refund will go on Line 71. If you file Form 1040A, the refund amount would go on Line 42, Line 9 if you file Form 1040EZ. Remember, you do

not have to itemize your deductions to claim this refund.

Unfortunately, our tax law is long, difficult and confusing. In addition, it is always changing. Therefore, you cannot assume that what you took as deductions last year will be the same deductions this year. Therefore, particularly for those who do not use a professional to help them prepare their tax returns, it is important to review some of the changes in the tax law that could affect you. I believe one excellent place to look at the tax law changes is the IRS Web site: www.irs.gov. As surprising as this may sound, the IRS Web site is easy to use and contains a wealth of information, including forms that you may need.

I recognize that many people who have refunds like to file

their tax returns as soon as they can, however, never forget that one of our goals in completing tax returns is not to hear later from the IRS. Therefore, I always encourage taxpayers to take their time when it comes to taxes to make sure their returns are accurate.

Over the years I've been asked whether a taxpayer increases their audit risk by filing an extension. The answer is no. There is no additional risk of an audit by filing an extension. Your audit risks increase if your returns are filed inaccurately or sloppily. Therefore, I always recommend that before you file your return, you check the mathematical accuracy and also make sure that your Social Security number is correct. One last note, never forget to sign your tax return. Too many taxpayers send in their returns unsigned.

When it comes to taxes, remember that they are complex and therefore if you do receive a notice from the IRS, do not assume that it is correct. The IRS makes mistakes and it is known for sending out many inaccurate statements. The key is not to ignore the IRS, but rather to review the letter and if the IRS is wrong, you need to reply and provide it the necessary information to correct the mistake. The worst thing you can do is ignore the IRS. I can guarantee you if you ignore it, it won't ignore you.

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).

Class helps caregivers in planning for future

Parents and caregivers can plan now to help ensure loved ones with developmental disabilities are cared for in the future during a special seminar called *After I'm Gone* on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at the Arc Detroit Building at 51 West Hancock. "After I'm Gone" features presentations on estate planning, property rights transfers, insurance issues, social security, and other items vital to planning for

the future.

The "After I'm Gone" Project is funded through a grant by the Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

For convenience, two sessions are being offered. The afternoon session starts at 1 p.m. The evening session starts at 6 p.m.

If you are interested in attending, call Arc Detroit at (313) 831-0202 weekdays during business hours.

20th annual Dick Purtan radiothon raises more than \$2.3 million

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, Motor City's 104.3 FM WOMC, Dick Purtan and Purtan's People joined forces for the 20th Annual Dick Purtan Radiothon on Friday, Feb. 23, live from Oakland Mall. The 16-hour event raised \$2,398,783.00 to benefit The Salvation Army's Bed and Bread Club program.

The Bed and Bread Club program brings food, shelter and

services to countless destitute people within our 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. The need this year has been greater than ever with Michigan's economic state and with recent bitter cold temperatures.

We are overwhelmed by the enormous show of support we have seen not only this year, but throughout the 20 years of this radiothon, said Major Norman Marshall, divisional commander of The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. "Over the years, we've faced enormous challenges and each time metro Detroiters have stepped up to the challenge showing us how compassion-

ate they are. You will never know how much your kindness is appreciated."

In the 20 years since the radiothon's launch, over \$16 million has been raised for the Bed and Bread program. Last year's radiothon brought in an amazing \$1,808,440.

Donations to The Salvation Army's Bed and Bread Club program can still be made by calling 877-SAL-MICH or by visiting www.salmich.org.

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VIRGINIA D. BEASON

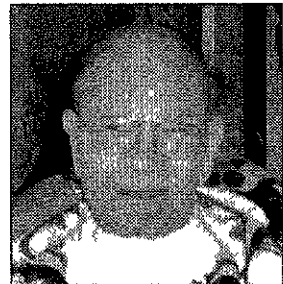
Age 46 years of Monroe, MI passed away suddenly Friday, February 23, 2007 at 11:26 AM in the Emergency Room at Mercy Memorial Hospital. Virginia was born February 12, 1961 in Garden City, MI the daughter of David D. and Gladys C. (Reid) Walker. Virginia was a 1979 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, MI. On December 1, 1979, Virginia married Robert E. Beason at the Church of God in Westland. Sadly, he preceded her in death on February 28, 1988. A homemaker and licensed cosmetologist, Virginia was employed by Denniston Cinema in Monroe for the past ten plus years. At one time, Virginia also worked at La Z Boy in Monroe. Virginia was very involved in volunteering at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and Elementary School as well as St. Mary Catholic Central High School. She also enjoyed bowling. Being very family-oriented, Virginia enjoyed decorating for the holidays and family gatherings. Virginia is survived by her loving children: Brian Daniel Beason of Monroe, MI and Amy Marie Beason of Newton Falls, OH. Her beloved parents, David D. and Gladys C. Walker of Westland, MI; her grandmother, Neomi Reid of Whitmore Lake, MI; a brother, David D. (Lynn) Walker of Westland, MI; two sisters, Cindy L. (Mike) Davis of Shelbyville, TN, and Beverly J. Morrison of Westland, MI; and three cherished grandchildren. In addition to her husband, Robert, Virginia was preceded in death by her grandparents: Carl Reid and Syllus and Flora Walker; and her in-laws, Jack and Jean Beason. Visitation for Virginia will be held Monday from 2 PM to Tuesday from 1 PM to 2 PM at the Bacarella Funeral Home, Monroe, MI, where funeral services celebrating her life will be held Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 1:00 PM. The Rev. Father Stephen Rooney, Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, will officiate. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Park.

John N. "Johnny" Bergman

Passed away February 25, 2007. Kinsey Garrett Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-4400.

JULIE M. CLARK

February 23, 2007, age 42. Beloved wife of Edward, loving mother of Jonathan and Sabrina, dear daughter of Donna and James Scramlin. Loving sister of Polly James Shannon (Tony) and Mayme (Nick) Services were held from McCabe Funeral Home, www.mccabefuneralhome.com



JOSEPH W. COLOMBATTO JR.

of Farmington Hills, Michigan, died on February 24, 2007 of lung cancer. His body was bequeathed to Wayne State University. He was born July 5, 1928 in Chicago, IL to Joseph Colombatto Sr. and Valeria Syguts. He moved to Detroit, MI at the age of 12, and attended Cooley High School. He graduated from the College of Engineering at the University of Detroit in 1950, and was drafted into the Army to Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD to work on the computers, ORDVAC, ENIAC, etc. He married Mickey (Doris Hoover) in December, 1950 at St. Brigid's Church in Detroit. He is survived by four children: Kathleen (Barry) Ackerman in Sebastopol, CA; Michael (Mary Ivory) in Chicago, IL; Carol (Bob) Atkins in Athens, TN; and Susan (Richard) Smith in Cape Coral, FL, as well as two grandchildren, Fawn Colombatto and Zachary Smith. He has two sisters, Dorothy (deceased), and Valerie (James) Brown of New Mexico. Joe worked for Clark Control for many years and then for other firms as a sales engineer. Retirement found him doing real estate for about five years and then he was a volunteer at the Farmington Hills Library and the Costic Senior Center, teaching computer classes for several years. He also was a lector for years at the church. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Fabian's Church at 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd., with a memorial mass following at 10:30 a.m., Sat. March 3rd. In lieu of flowers, please send gifts to the St. Fabian Church, the Farmington Hills Library on 12 Mile Rd., or the Michigan Cancer Society.

EDWARD H. DAVID

Age 82, February 24, 2007. Beloved husband of Mary and the late Lucille Dear, father of Priscilla, Roland (Cynthia), Michele (Fionnar) McMonagle, Mary Jo David (Gary Hicks), Eileen (Robert) David Lange, Nicole (Stephen) Schneider and Christopher (Eric Cohen) Loving grandfather of 13 great grandchildren of six. Stepfather of Melvin Michael. Mary Ann and Marlene Hill. Services were held. Memorials suggested to Fisher House Foundation or St. John Hospice Arrangements by Santeiu & Son.

JOHN F. GABEL

February 24, 2007. Loving husband of the late Joan. Dear father of Robert (Donna), Michael (Cecilia), Timothy (Amie) and Jennifer (James) Miller. Grandfather of Josie, Andy, Maggie, Joan Gabel, Louis DuBose, Katie and Joey Miller. Memorial gathering Monday 10:30 AM until time of service at 11 AM from St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 W. Chicago (at Inkster Road). Donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 734-522-9400.

VIRGINIA B. JACOBSON

Virginia B. Jacobson, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, died February 21, 2007 at Woodward Hills Nursing Center after a short illness. Virginia Bryant Bergen was born in East Orange, New Jersey, on March 3, 1928, the middle daughter of Elliot and Harriet (Trumbull) Bergen. She graduated from Gettysburg College in 1949 with a degree in French. In 1952, she married Denman Fridolf Jacobson, whom she first met at Gettysburg. They shared a great love in all their days together. The Jacobsons moved to Troy, Michigan, in 1957. Mrs. Jacobson was a member of St. James Episcopal Church. She volunteered in the library at Harlan Elementary School where she shared her life-long love for books. Ginny Jacobson was employed as a Sales Assistant at Katz Television for over 30 years, retiring in 2003 at the age of 77. Her friendships with Katz and in the ad business were many and abiding. Reading, big band music, and sports (her Tigers, Lions, and Wolverines) were a few of her favorite things. Mrs. Jacobson was preceded in death by her husband who died suddenly of heart failure at the age of 57. She is survived by her two sisters and their husbands, Mrs. Robert A. (Marion) Paterson and Mrs. Donald (June) Simonton; her two children, David and Karen; her son-in-law, Tony Barnes; and her grandchild, Christopher Jacobson. Barnes A. memorial service will be held Monday, March 5th at 11:00 a.m. at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham. The family will receive visitors there beginning at 10:00 a.m. Gifts in memoriam may be sent to the Virginia Bergen Jacobson Memorial at Gettysburg College Music Department, 300 North Washington Street #423, Gettysburg, PA 17325, or to the Fisher House Foundation (www.fisherhouse.org) which provides free lodging for low-income families of patients receiving medical care at military and VA hospitals.



DOROTHY JANE NORRIS JENSEN

Born February 11, 1920 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, raised in Rockford, Illinois, lived in Birmingham, Michigan, and ultimately Vero Beach, died peacefully surrounded by some of her family on February 18 at Florida Baptist Retirement Center, Vero Beach, Florida, where she had been a resident for seven years. Dorothy's entire focus throughout her life was centered on her family home and her many friends in Rockford, Birmingham, and Vero Beach. Her talents seemed endless: an expert seamstress who could copy designer dresses; needlepoint, knitting, gardening, music, dancing, cooking, and decorating — all achieved with mastery and grace. Her instant smiles and twinkle welcomed friends and strangers alike. She was a member of the Rockford Country Club, Junior League of Rockford, and Birmingham Village Women's Club in Birmingham, Community House, Oakland Hills Country Club, The John's Island Club, IRMC Auxiliary, and member of the first Presbyterian Church of Birmingham and Community Church in Vero Beach. She was predeceased by E.C. Clem. Jensen, her husband of 58 years, in 1999. She is survived by her four children: David Jensen of Birmingham, MI; Chris Loftus and Cathy Dusseau of Vero Beach, FL; and Jim Jensen of Benicia, CA. She was also the beloved "Grammie" to Meredith, Rivers, Burkitt, David, River, Kate, Dusseau, Whitney, Matthew, Rivers, Scott, Jensen, Lindsay, Dusseau, and 3 precious great grandchildren, Sam, Luke, and Joe. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent in celebration of her life to Florida Baptist Retirement Center, 1006 33rd Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960. The family extends their deepest gratitude for the love, care, and support of their mother these past years by the incredible staff of Florida Baptist. There will be a Memorial Service in the Grace Chapel of The Community Church of Vero Beach on Sunday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m. A guest book may be signed at www.seawindsfh.com/obit.php.

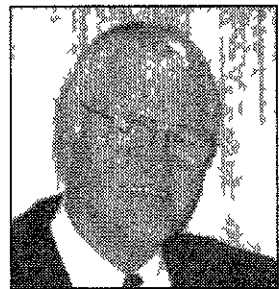


MARJORIE L. KIETZER

Age 85, February 27, 2007. Wife of the late Herbert H. Mother of Kathleen (Richard) Kamp, Claudia James Marjorie (Steven) Andree, and Elise (Robert) Zimmermann. Sister of Robert H. Lantz. Grandmother of Scott, Katie, Brian, Adam, Alison, Elizabeth, Stephen, Amy, and the late Aaron Kamp. Great grandmother of Nicholas, Gabriela, and Cole. Private memorial service later. Tributes may be made to Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, 3911 Beaubien Blvd., Detroit, MI 48201.

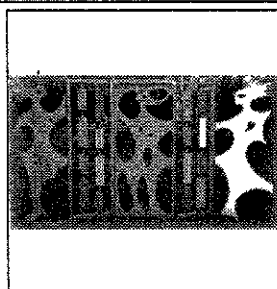
DONALD WILLIAM ROBINSON

Age 60, died on February 24, 2007 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was born on April 11, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan, to Katherine and the late Lauren Gerald Robinson. Mr. Robinson graduated from Seaholm High School. He later graduated from Denison University with a history major and Wayne State University Law School. Mr. Robinson specialized his practice in small business and family law. He always cared about his clients as people and was careful to write documents that were clearly stated and understandable. Mr. Robinson served in the army during the Vietnam Era. He was an Eagle Scout and served as a Boy Scout Leader and worked with the Indian Princesses. Mr. Robinson was very active in the community. He served as the Past President of the Mill Pond Homeowners Association where he was close with his neighbors. He was a member of the Ribston Pippins Sherlock Holmes Study Group. Mr. Robinson served many years on the Birmingham Historical Society where he was past president. He chaired the Memorial Day Tea at the Allen House for many years and was part of the group who worked to establish the Allen House as the Birmingham Historical Museum. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, his entire life and especially enjoyed acting as cashier at the bi-annual rummage sales. Mr. Robinson had a strong commitment to the Lighthouse of Oakland County where he served as a volunteer and he believed in the mission of Lighthouse and loved the people he worked with. Mr. Robinson was a great and witty writer, a talented cartoonist, and had a great memory for trivia. He loved playing chess, fishing with buddies, and especially enjoyed working on cars, which he started to do as a boy with his brother, Tom, and continued to do with his friends, Ed, Roy, Dean, Tom, and Larry. Mr. Robinson was a great family member who was a support to all of his brothers and sisters and his beloved mother, Katherine, and also to his wife, Karen. He was a family in Florida. He was also a great friend who never lost touch with the people who were important to him. Mr. Robinson was adored by his wife, Karen, and his children, Tom and Ann, who were the center of his life as well as his dear friends. Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife, Karen; children, Thomas A. (Frances Carley) Robinson and Ann Caroline Robinson (Martin Blenkinsop); mother, Katherine Robinson; brothers, Thomas (Molly) and Gerald Robinson; sisters, Marjorie Robinson (Pete Wise) and Joan (Bryant) Heberlein. Mr. Robinson is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and many close friends. Funeral services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Clawson Memorial, appreciated to Lighthouse of Oakland County, 196 Orchard Lake Rd., Pontiac, MI 48343-0508.



THOMAS N. CARMODY

Age 76, of Plymouth, passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. He was born on March 4, 1930 in Detroit to parents Donald and Ada Carmody. He later moved to the Plymouth Community in 1949. Mr. Carmody was Owner of CF Sales in Plymouth, where they specialized in packaging design. Some of his many accomplishments in life were that he served on the Michigan Aeronautics Commission for which he was a Charter Member. An accomplished pilot, flying gave him great joy. He served on the Advisory Committee at the Mettetal Airport in Plymouth. He was responsible for the many improvements we see today at the Mettetal Airport. He was very proud to serve as a recent past President of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. Prior to his presidency, he served on the public relations board. Survived by his wife, Betty. The love his life for past 52 years. His loving children, Debbi Carmody, Cindy (Chris) Cavanaugh, Tom (Susan) Carmody, and Philip Carmody. Also survived by his daughter, Michelle. Loving grandfather of Courtney (Rob) Persign, Mary (Mason) Goeman, Patric, Colin, Austin, Kayla, and Chelsea Carmody. Great grandfather of Carlyn Hunter, Liam, Caleb, Cody, Brother of Jean (Fred) Walker, Donald (Virginia) Carmody, and Patrick Carmody. Funeral from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, Saturday 11:00 a.m. Visitation Thursday 4-9 p.m. and Friday 1-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.



M. PAMELA STUMP

Michigan Sculptor and Grosse Ile resident M. Pamela Stump, also known as Pamela Walsh, died Monday, February 19, 2007. Stump was born in Detroit in 1928, attended Kingswood School, Cranbrook, on a four-year scholarship, graduated from the University of Michigan with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in 1950, 1951, and apprenticed under sculptor Marshall Fredericks. She founded the sculpture program for girls at Kingswood in 1969 and continued there as an award-winning teacher until her retirement in 1990. Leaving her mark through art, Stump's bronze sculptures can be seen in public spaces throughout Michigan and around the world. Many others are in private collections. She also taught all mediums of art to students of all ages through the Saginaw Museum and countless other special programs. She was an advocate for civil rights and peace and a women's rights champion. During the Detroit riots, she opened her home as a refuge for African American students at Oakland University. Pamela is survived by husband, Lt. Col. Richard T. White, and children, Kimberly K. Walsh (John Penney) of Ferndale, Sara G. Munro of Lake Orion, John K. Walsh II (Allison) of Orchard Lake, and grandchildren, Joe Emily and Anna Pamela. Pamela is predeceased by first husband, Lt. Col. David E. Walsh. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cranbrook Schools, earmarked Pamela Stump Sculpture Studio, Office of Advancement, Cranbrook School, PO Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801, or the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C. A Memorial Service will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, 25150 East River Road, Grosse Ile, Michigan, at 2 PM on Saturday, March 3, 2007. The family will welcome visitors before the service beginning at 1 PM. Arrangements were in the care of Potere Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



DORIS M. REHBURG

February 23, 2007, Age 77. Beloved wife of Mildred H. Dear mother of Michele Rehbarg, Carroll Elder (Paley), and William Mark Rehbarg (Suzanne). Grandmother of Kahili Smith, William A. and Kellie Rehbarg. Sister of Russell Duncan. Services have been held. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

LEWIS "RUSS" GIBSON

Age 69, of Punta Gorda, Florida, died February 23, 2007. Russ was born in Pineville, KY on May 31, 1937, the son of the late Roy Lee and Daisy Mae Gibson. Russ retired in 1994 after a 20-year career with the Florida Department of Transportation. Russ is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Carol, twin sons, Russell of Sanford, FL, Roy of Sanibel, FL, sister Wanda Abner of Pineville, KY, and their extended families. He was preceded in death by siblings, Sherman and Laura Ruby. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Russ may be made to TideWell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.



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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

FEBRUARY

Love's Secrets

7:30 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 Cafe (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 Maundy Thursday, April 5, when Simon Peter testified concerning Jesus' disruption of social mores at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Avenue, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6880. Christ on Trial examines evidence that demands a verdict: Who is this Jesus for you?

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 you got stuck, 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, Sun. 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 Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts the first in its 2007 series of Lenten Vespers services. 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 at Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0010. The general public and Orthodox Christians are invited. Refreshments will be served after ward. All proceeds from the service will be used for COCC charities and projects. For more information, contact the Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia, at (248) 476-3432 or mmatsko@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 Dechani Serbian Orthodox Church, 14235 E. 11 Mile, Warren, call (586) 773-1940. 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.

Church drama

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

Young people's ministry

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

Lenten services

Noon and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 and March 7, 28, 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 5, noon Good Friday, April 6 and 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 1 and Easter Sunday, April 8 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights, Call (313) 278-5755.

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Lenten concerts

12:35 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 8:15, 22:29 follow services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m. at Mariner's Church, 170 East Jefferson, at the entrance to the Detroit Windsor Tunnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on median on Jefferson at Woodward. For information, call (313) 259-2206.

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

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

Lenten retreat

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

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Carnival night

Family fun, 5:30 to 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 to receive a special prize. Punim Carnival is free to JCC members. There is a charge for non-members: \$1 for under age three. For information, call (248) 967-4030.

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Clergy conference

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Deadline for registration is March 12 Journey toward Peace with Christians Jews & Muslims An Interfaith Dialogue takes place 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday March 13 in the Roseanau Room Andrew Mazzara Administrative Services & Conference Center 5101 Evergreen on the campus of Henry Ford Community College Dearborn Cost \$15 Call (313) 317 1500 to register or obtain a flyer

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Seminar

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

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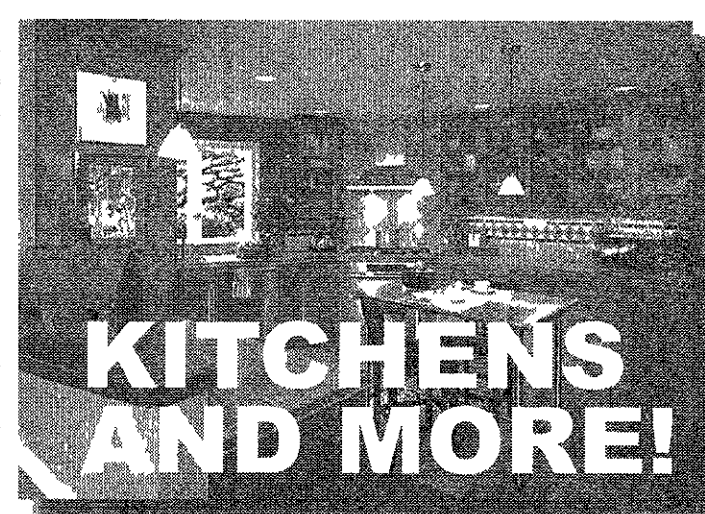
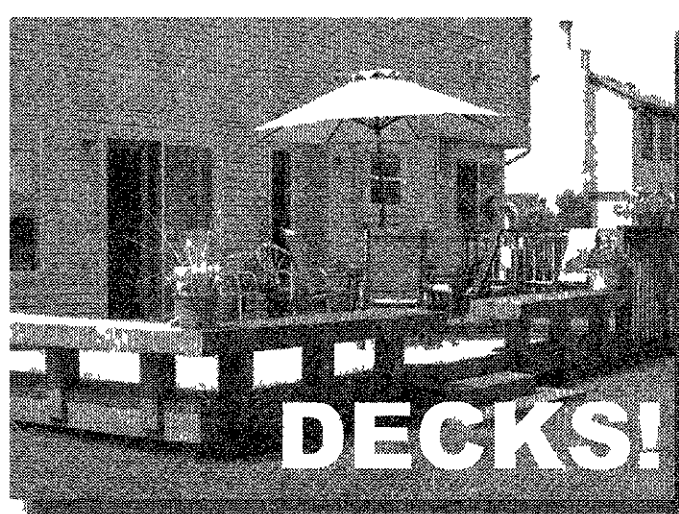
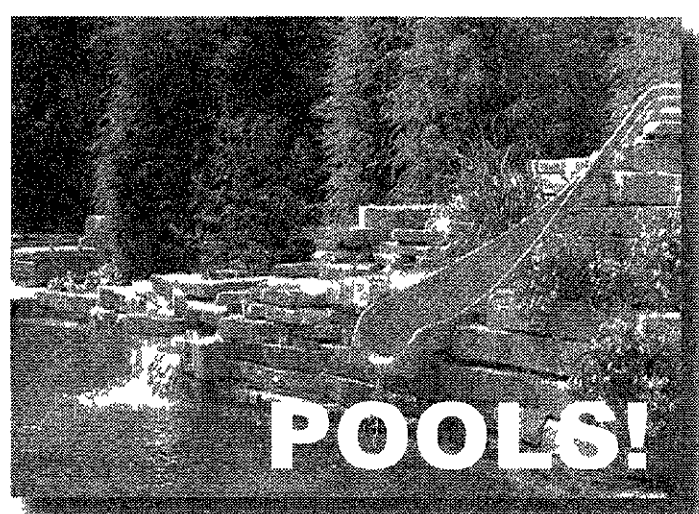


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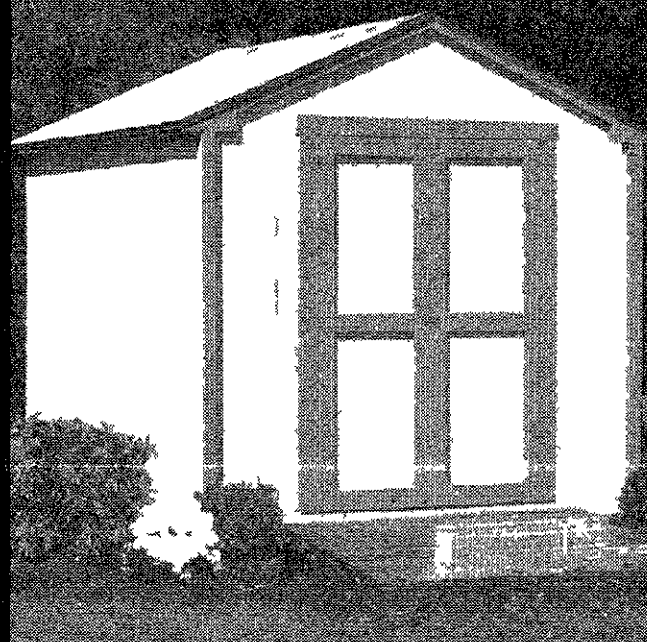
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2007 WLAA hoop final

Canton takes down Northville, 50-40

Sharma's 23 points lead Chiefs to first league title in 11 years

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If you compared this season's trio of Canton Northville basketball showdowns to a three-course meal, then Wednesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association championship game was the dessert.

And how sweet it was for the Chiefs.

Canton erased the less-than-appetizing memory of a pair of previous setbacks by harnessing the Mustangs' 50-40, before a large and jacked-up crowd in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

The Chiefs improved to 14-6 while Northville slipped to 18-2 heading into next week's Class A District tournament at Canton. It was just the third loss for the Mustangs over the past two seasons.

Junior forward Neil Sharma engineered the Chiefs' first WLAA league title since 1996 by pouring in 23 points, eight of which came during a momentum-seizing Canton run mid-way through the third quarter.

Within a two-minute span, the fearless 6-4 sharp-shooter hit nothing but net on two triples and a break-away layup to turn a nip-and-tuck battle into a 36-26 Chief cushion.

That was definitely the key point in the game for us because I think it put a little doubt in Northville's minds," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, referring to Sharma's hot streak. "I don't think they've been

behind much all year, especially in the second half. Getting a lead like we were able to do did a lot for our confidence. More than anything, it proved to the kids that they could play with Northville."

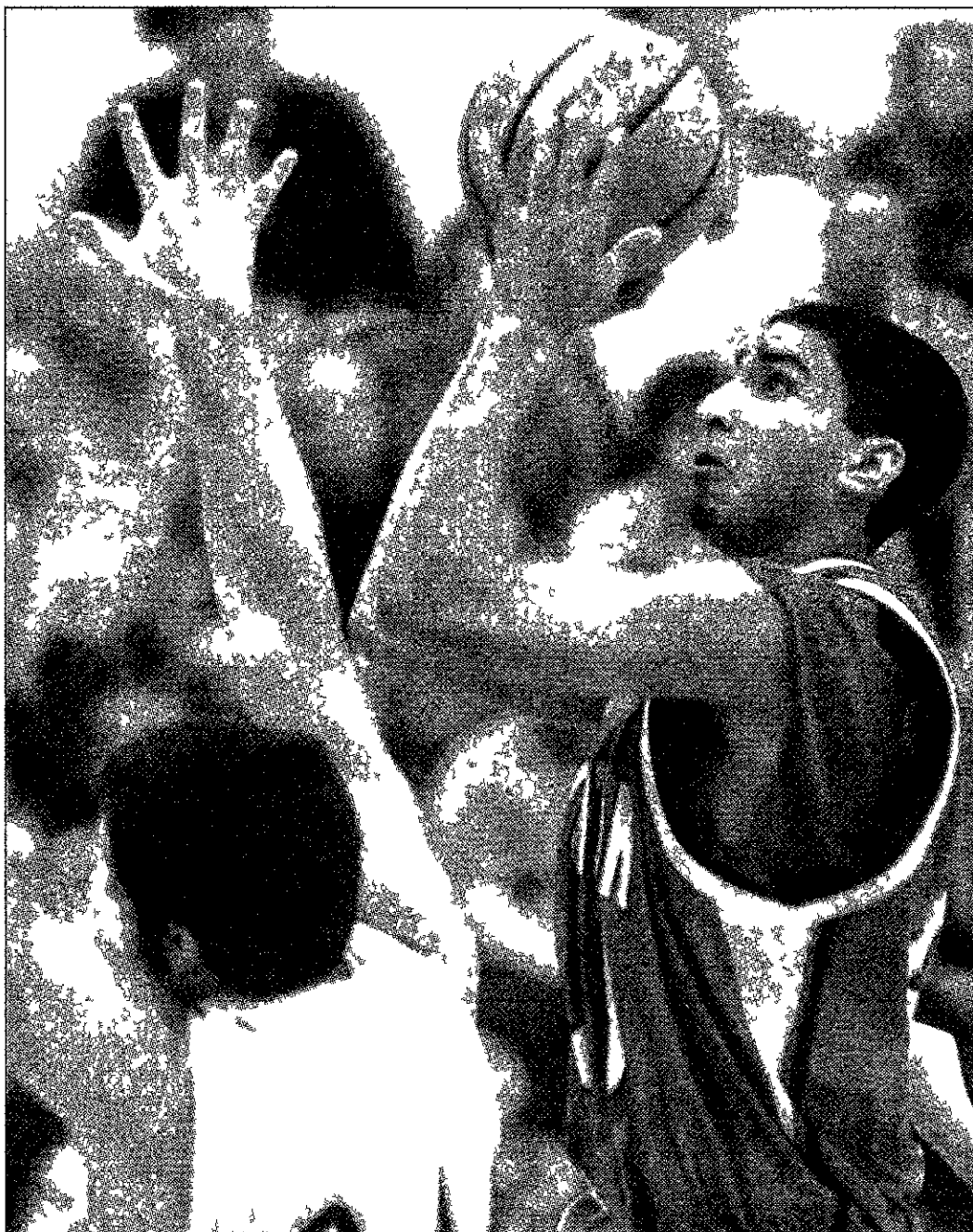
The most-glaring feat the Chiefs were able to accomplish Wednesday that they weren't able to do in the first two meetings was solve the Mustangs' menacing zone defense, which held Canton under 40 points in the two earlier games.

The key tonight was that we finally figured out how to break their zone," said Canton senior guard Ryan Langdon, who contributed four points, three rebounds, two steals and baseline-to-baseline hustle. They have a really good zone with all those tall guys, but we finally figured out how to get the ball inside. We added a couple of new plays in practice this week, and they worked.

Paye said his team's ability to bury a few jumpers helped, too.

"We were hoping to get someone hot on the perimeter to bring their zone out a little bit and open up the inside, and Neil was able to do that for us," he said. "Once they came out of their zone in the second half, they did a great job trapping us to get back into it, but we took care of the ball and hit our free throws."

As usual, Northville All League performer Alvin Storrs got his points — 25 to be exact. But Canton's defense — led by Langdon, Josh Butler, Ryan Wardmann and



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Neil Sharma (right) who scored a team-high 23 points, takes the ball to the basket during Wednesday night's Western Lakes championship game against Northville.

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B3

Five local wrestlers earn trip to D1 state meet

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Palace will be the next stop for five local wrestlers thanks to performances at Saturday's Division 1 Individual Regional tournament that were fit for a king.

Four Canton grapplers — freshman Donnie Watkins (103 pounds), sophomore Carl Lucke (112), senior Corey Phillips (140) and senior Donnie Laramie (285) — along with Plymouth 112-pounder Ben Kosmala, all qualified for the D1 individual state finals March 8-10 at the Palace of Auburn Hills with top-four finishes at Saturday's Regional competition at Novi.

High School

Phillips will carry an amazing 52-0 record into the Palace after he captured his third consecutive Regional title by ousting Westland John Glenn's Jim Wood, 10-3, in the championship match. Phillips advanced to the final by pinning Monroe's Kelly Poupard in 2:13 and upending Belleville's Steve Coak, 8-5 in the semis.

"Corey had his first close match in a while in the semis, but the outcome was never really in question," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "It was actually good for Corey to be in a close match because he needed to be pushed a little. Coak is a good, strong wrestler."

Phillips has been ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 in the state at 140 the entire season, said Randolph. Phillips has shared the top spot with Rockford's J.J. Johnson, who he may get to face in the state final. Ironically, Phillips and Johnson will be teammates next year at Eastern Michigan University.

Canton's two Donnies — Laramie and Watkins — also captured Regional titles on Saturday, giving the Chiefs a school-record three.

Laramie opened with a 9-4 decision over Temperance-Bedford's Alex Pavlika before pinning Dearborn Fordson's Youssef Doulani in 1:59 in the semifinal round. He then made short work of Lincoln Park's

Sean Lathrup with another sub-two-minute pin in the first-place bout.

"Donnie was phenomenal all day," said Randolph. "That's the best he's wrestled all year. Five of the top eight heavyweights in the state were at this Regional, which says a lot about Donnie's performance."

Watkins became the first-ever Canton freshman to earn a Regional title by dominating Wayne Memorial's Chad Dunn, 7-0, in the championship contest. He advanced to the final by pinning Wyandotte Roosevelt's Leon Shannon in 1:24 in the opening round before dismantling

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, B3

Ignition boots Philly, 22-12

The Detroit Ignition defeated the Philadelphia KiXX, 22-12, at Compuware Sports Arena on Sunday.

The win improved the Ignition's record to 13-9 while the KiXX slipped to 13-8. The Ignition is now within one-half game of first place in the Major Indoor Soccer League standings.

The game-winning goal, a two-pointer, was registered by defender Dru Callahan at the 2:19 mark of the final quarter of play.

Callahan put up his biggest offensive numbers of the season as the Eastern Michigan University graduate tallied three two-point goals to lead the first-year club to victory. The win moved the Ignition into sole possession of second place in the League standings.

This weekend will feature a home-and-home series against the Milwaukee Wave (11-11) with the first game being played at Compuware Sports Arena on Friday.

The Ignition and the Wave have split their four matchups during the 2006-07 campaign, including a 17-14 (OT) Ignition victory the last time they met on Sunday, Jan. 14.

Both contests can be heard live via Webcast at www.milwaukeevave.com.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Courtney Seiler has been one of the top defensive players in the Western Lakes Activities Association the past two years. She's also an outstanding student (3.79 grade point average).

Seiler digs her role as libero

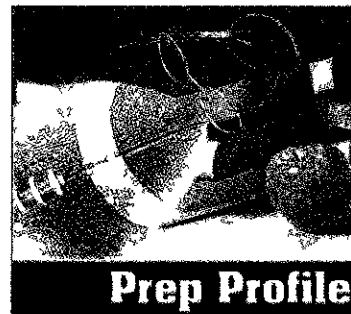
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Courtney Seiler's official position on the Salem volleyball team is that of 'libero,' an all-important back-row-only player who rarely leaves the court and always thinks defense first.

Unofficially, she's the Rocks' 'missile defuser,' the player who has the unenviable task of putting her arms or fists between an opponent's laser-like hits and the floor.

"It really doesn't hurt," Seiler explained, when asked about her up-close-and-personal meetings with speeding volleyball. "I guess when you've done it for a few years like I have, you get used to it."

Last week during the Rocks' disappointing — but thrilling — five-game setback to state-ranked Livonia Churchill, the senior regularly put her slender arms in the path of hits that rocketed off the palms of



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college-bound Chargers Lauren Krupsky and Kyndra Abbron, who hit the ball so hard that it often bounces several rows into the stands after it impacts the floor.

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While the Rocks' dynamic front-row hitters rightfully attract much of the highly successful team's spotlight, Seiler excels in the back-row shadows, turning potential kills into momentum-swaying digs.

During last weekend's

PLEASE SEE SEILER, B4

Sidelines

Olech honored

Kim Olech, a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School, earned honorable mention honors on the All MIAA women's basketball team following a stellar freshman season for Adrian.

A center Olech led the Bulldogs in scoring (9.5 points per game) and rebounding (8.8). She scored in double figures 12 times and had three double-doubles. Olech also registered a team-high 35 blocks.

Adrian finished 2006-07 campaign at 9-16 overall and 3-13 in the MIAA.

Michigan Lacrosse grand opening

Michigan Lacrosse the area's one-stop lacrosse store located on Goffredson Road in Plymouth Township will be holding a grand opening celebration Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Along with free give-aways and a raffle drawing, the day will feature the following schedule of events:

■ 10 a.m. - Lacrosse coaching clinic headed by international coach and referee Rick Szalma.

■ 11 a.m. - 'Offense for the Beginner' clinic led by PCS varsity lacrosse coach Mike Costello.

■ noon - 'Shooting' clinic offered by Novi Catholic Central lacrosse coach Dave Wilson.

■ 1 p.m. - 'Defense' clinic taught by Eastern Michigan University lacrosse coach Dwayne Hicks.

■ 2-2:30 p.m. - Boys youth shoot out.

■ 2:30-3 p.m. - Girls youth shoot out.

■ 3-4 p.m. - Boys high school shoot out.

■ 4-5 p.m. - Girls high school shoot out.

For more information, call (734) 459-1833, or visit www.michigan-lax.com.

Salem Rocks baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic is set for March 24 and 31. There will be two sessions each day — the first from 9 a.m. to noon, and the second from 1-4 p.m.

Sessions include training in baseball skills by the Salem varsity coaches and players. The \$25 registration fee includes lessons, T-shirts and a snack.

For more information or to register, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026, or send an e-mail to pcmyers@hotmail.com.

Story ideas welcomed

Have you or someone you know accomplished an athletic feat recently that is noteworthy?

Or do you have an interesting sports-related hobby or job? If so, contact Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright so he can let the community know about it in a feature story.

To contact Wright, call him at (734) 953-2108, or e-mail him at ewright@hometownlife.com.

Short-handed goals costly to Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

For the first 25 minutes of Tuesday night's pre-regional hockey game against Northville, Salem was the windshield. For the final 20 minutes, it was the bug.

After cruising to a 4-2 lead on Kris Brant's goal with 4:30 left in the second period, the Rocks yielded six unanswered goals — the last three of which were short-handed — and their hopes for a productive post-season were splatted by an 8-4 setback to the Mustangs in a game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The loss ended the Rocks' season at 7-16-2.

"We lost Tony Garbarino to an injury mid-way through the second period and that hurt us because he was one of the big

reasons we were able to take the lead," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "Give Northville credit — they kept coming at us and they fed off our power play. They got to more loose pucks than we did and they capitalized when they got the puck on their stick."

"It's tough to recover when you give up three short-handed goals like we did."

After Northville jumped to a 1-0 lead on Ross Riehl's lamp-lighter 3:16 into the game, the Rocks rebounded to take a 2-1 advantage thanks to goals from Aaron Markwell (3:49 mark of the first) and Nathan Werda (12:52 of the second).

Northville, which will take on South Lyon in tonight's 7:30 pre-regional final, knotted the game at 2-all on Matthew Kragh's goal just three seconds after Salem was whistled for a penalty

Markwell's second net-finder of the night on a power play with 8:06 left in the second put Salem up, 3-2. Brant assisted. Just under four minutes later, the Rocks seemingly put a stranglehold on the momentum when Brant scored from Joel Cheesman and Markwell to make it 4-2.

"When our guys come to play, we can play with anybody," said Feiler, referring to the opening 25 minutes. "We're certainly not an elite team, but we have some talented players. Our biggest problem all season has been mistakes and that's what hurt us after we got the lead."

Northville evened things up at 4-all heading into the second intermission on goals from Steven Dawson and Brandon Wales.

Salem nearly regained the lead

2:19 into the third, but Cheesman was denied from the doorstep by Northville net-minder Kyle Petty.

Rock goalie Ralph Aspenwall answered with three slick saves within a 20-second span one minute later.

The Mustangs grabbed the lead for good with 9:23 to play when Karl Ziomek redirected Dawson's blue-line shot past Aspenwall.

Northville closed the scoring with short-handed goals from Wales, Riehl and Timothy Hohl.

"We had some new guys join our team this year as seniors and it was a great group of kids to work with," said Feiler, summing up the Rocks' season. "When they came to play and were focused, they played well."

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Madonna University senior guard Lindsay Klemmer (with ball), a Salem grad, closed out her collegiate career earlier this week by netting 10 points and three rebounds in the Crusaders' loss to Cornerstone.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

South Lyon icers take bite out of Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A bad omen for Canton's hockey team blared from the sound system of the Plymouth Cultural Center prior to the Chiefs' pre-regional semifinal contest against the South Lyon Lions Tuesday night.

The pre-game musical selection was the soundtrack from "The Lion King."

Once the music stopped, the Lions skated past the Chiefs, 10-2, in a game that was stopped after two periods due

to the MHSAA's eight-goal mercy rule.

The winners dominated throughout, finding the back of the net on 10 of their 24 shots.

It didn't take long for South Lyon to pounce on the Chiefs as it scored on its first two shots. Richard Weisenberger's high, hard slapshot from the left face-off circle 1:05 into the game and Briggs Davis's chip shot from in front less than two minutes later.

J.P. LaFontaine pumped some life into a potential Chief comeback when he corralled a

loose puck at the blue line then beat South Lyon net-minder Anthony Johnson to make it 2-1 with five minutes left in the first period.

However, the Lions countered just 17 seconds later when Michael Lance lit the lamp to make it 3-1.

South Lyon closed out the period with three more goals, one each from Ryan Tubbs, Mitchell Swanson and Chadwick Wright.

Sophomore defenseman Ryan May cut the Chiefs' deficit to 6-2, 3:27 into the sec-

ond period scoring off assists from Trent Taylor and Jordan Emery. However, like it did earlier, South Lyon struck back just 44 seconds later on Swanson's second goal of the night that extended his team's advantage to 7-2.

The Lions iced the mercy-shortened victory with second-period markers from Ryan Carusi, Tubbs and Lance.

Junior Kevan Swanberg and sophomore Zane Birchler split time in net for the Chiefs. Johnson recorded eight saves for the Lions.

Terry powers the Whalers past Oshawa

On Saturday night, Chris Terry's power play goal at 13:14 of the third period snapped a 5-5 tie and the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Oshawa Generals, 6-5, in an Ontario Hockey League game played before 3,099 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The Whalers won their fourth straight game and improved to

43-14-1-2, good for 89 points. Plymouth has won 11 straight games at the Compuware Sports Arena and has the best home record in the OHL at 24-4-0-2.

Oshawa is now 27-25-2-4, good for 60 points.

Terry scored twice as the games third star and now has 19 goals on the season. Tom Sestito scored twice for the Whalers and

leads Plymouth with 38 goals. First star Daniel Ryder also scored twice for Plymouth and now has 37 goals on the season (24 with Peterborough and now 13 in 20 games for Plymouth after being acquired in a trade).

Igor Gongalsky (17) scored twice for Oshawa, while James DeLory (4), John Tavares (league leading 59th) and Brett MacLean

(38th) scored singles.

Plymouth outshot Oshawa, 55-33, in the game.

Plymouth plays in Kitchener Friday and returns home Saturday at 7:05 p.m. against Sarina. Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

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Aug 12	Joel Zumaya T-Shirt First 10,000 fans
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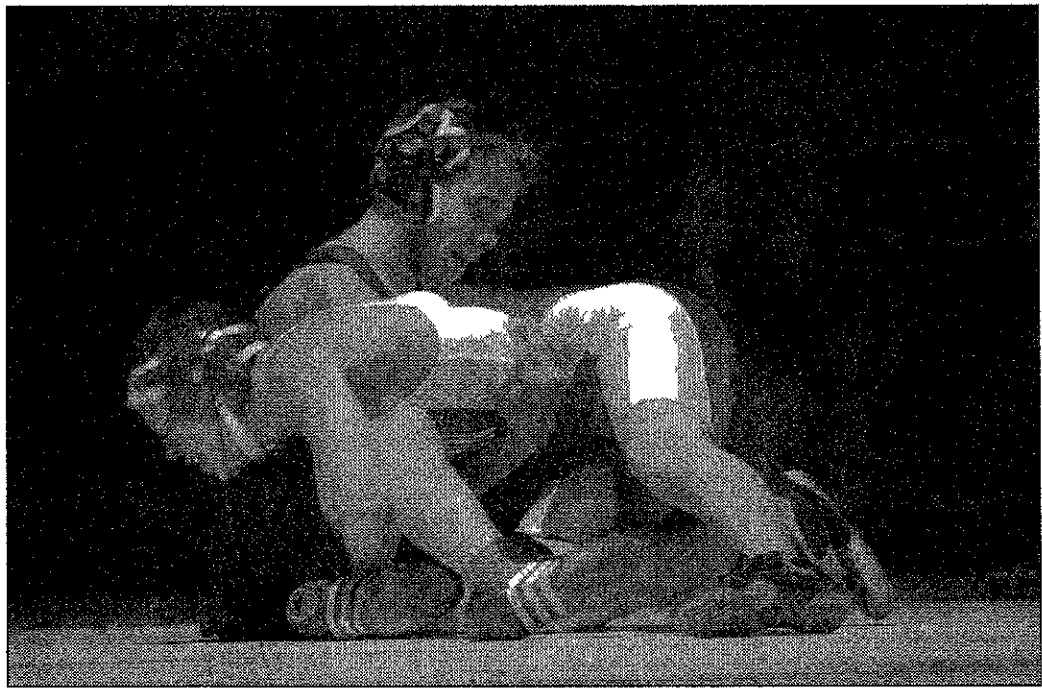
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Canton's Carl Lucke pictured above in a match earlier this season was one of four Chiefs to advance to next week's Division I individual state meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills

WRESTLING

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Fordson's Mahydan Nasser, 16-6, in the semis

"We knew Donnie would have a good year this year, but for a freshman, he's gone above and beyond our expectations," said Randolph. "It will be a tough road for him at the state meet, but it will be a tough road for everybody."

Lucke advanced to the Palace by placing third at 112

He lost his opener, 10-4 to Bellevilles Justin Fleeson, but battled all the way back by pinning Garden City's Dustin Ashley (5-32), decisioning Bellevilles Chris Schneider, 8-3, and nipping Kosmalski, 3-2.

Carl had a tremendous day, said Randolph. Kosmalski beat him, 6-3, earlier in the year, so that was a nice win for Carl.

Kosmalski overcame a first round pin by rebounding with 6-0 win over Livonia Franklins Jared Pieknik and a 7-6 tri-

umph over Novis Justin Pullin. Even though he dropped a one-point decision to Lucke, Kosmalski's fourth place showing was good enough for a ticket to Auburn Hills.

Five local wrestlers — Salems Nick Steiger (125), Kevin Hayter (135) and Jeremy Epley (152) — and Cantons Steve Cox (125) and Brent Winekoff (130) battled hard, but were unsuccessful in their bids to make the state finals.

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Ignition to offer dance clinic

The Detroit Ignition has announced that High Velocity Sports will be the official location of the 2007 Detroit Ignition Dance Clinic on Saturday, March 31.

Participants will learn dance techniques from members of the Ignition's official dance team, "The Spark." High Velocity Sports is located at 46255 Michigan Avenue in Canton.

The clinic will be divided into two separate groups. Dancers between the ages 13 and 18 will participate in the clinic from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., while dancers between the ages of 7 and 12 will take part from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"We are excited to offer the opportunity for area youth to have the chance to train and

perform with southeastern Michigan's newest and hottest dance team, The Spark," stated Detroit Ignition Manager of Marketing Services Lindsey Gamrod. "Our team will be bringing a lot of energy and excitement to this event. It is going to be a lot of fun and I am greatly looking forward to the game-night performance on April 1."

All dance clinic participants will learn a dynamic hip-hop jazz routine that will be performed during halftime at Compuware Sports Arena when the Ignition hosts the Chicago Storm on Sunday, April 1. Game time is slated for 4:35 p.m. and will be broadcast live on Comcast Local.

Participants will learn new skills and techniques within

their skill set. The clinic is available to kids of all skill levels, gymnasts, cheer, dance, and pom teams, but participants must be between 7 and 18 years of age.

The cost for the higher age group is \$55 per participant, the cost for the younger participants is \$40. The entry fee includes lunch.

Each 2007 Detroit Ignition Dance Clinic participant will receive a ticket to attend the Ignition-Storm game as part of the package. Additional tickets may be purchased for friends and family at the discount price of \$17.

Those interested should visit www.detroitignition.com to download the registration form, or call (888) 436-GOAL for more information.

CHIEFS

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Steve Paye — held Storrs' supporting cast to just 15.

Butler added eight points for Canton, which also received solid contribution from Waidmann (six points and five rebounds) and Paye (six rebounds).

The Mustangs went 0-for-13 from beyond the three-point arc.

Northville surged to an 11-6 first-quarter lead before Canton rebounded to grab a 24-21 advantage at the half.

After David Burke's layup brought Northville to within 26-25 with 6:50 left in the third quarter, the Sharma-led Chiefs reeled off a 10-1 spurt and never trailed again.

If Canton can get by Salem in Monday night's District tournament opener, the Mustangs and Chiefs will renew their rivalry in a semifinal game set for Wednesday night.

W.L. CENTRAL 63, JOHN GLENN 52 On Wednesday in the WLAA third-fourth contest, the Vikings (12-8) were led by Joe Marshall's 16 points and Brandon Joseph's 15.

The Rockets were paced by Keshawn Martin (15 points) and Austin Anderson (13).

Central led 29-25 at the half and 42-37 with eight minutes to play.

The Vikings were 7-of-10 from the free throw line, Glenn went 1-for-2 from the stripe.

Glenn trailed just 49-45 with 3:44 left thanks to a three-point play from Dorian Prather, however, the winners reeled off an 11-2 run to seal the deal.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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

ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES - WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS HANFORD ROAD

For the design and construction staking for new water main improvements along the south side of Hanford Road (Ridge to Napier) for 5,000 lineal feet of 12 inch water main replacements from an 8 inch to a 12 inch water main along a portion of the west and east sides of Belleville Road beginning at Michigan Avenue heading south for 2,800 lineal feet to Yost Road and replacement of a 12 inch water main along the west side of Canton Center Road (Palmer to Geddes) for 5,400 lineal feet.

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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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE OF WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TESTING

**Saturday, March 3, 2007 through
Wednesday, March 7, 2007**

The Charter Township of Plymouth Department of Public Works (DPW) will be testing the temporary water service connections that were installed as part of the Sheldon Road Underpass Project. The water service connections to be tested were recently installed to provide temporary water service to the City of Plymouth. Temporary water service to the City of Plymouth is scheduled to occur in the Spring of 2007 to allow for the removal and replacement of the 36" Detroit water main in Sheldon Road. The purpose of the test is to ensure the City of Plymouth will receive adequate water service through the temporary connections.

Testing will occur for five (5) consecutive days beginning Saturday March 3, 2007 and ending Wednesday March 7, 2007. During this time, Township residents may observe minor changes in water pressure and water discoloration due to the testing activities. Such changes are not uncommon or hazardous to your health and will be temporary should they occur.

For questions or concerns, Township residents may contact the DPW during the test period at the following phone numbers:

March 3, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (734) 414 1443
March 5 - March 7, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (734) 414 1443

On March 3 after 4:30 PM, March 4 and during non-business hours on March 5-7, call the Plymouth Township Communication/Dispatch at (734) 354 3248.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 17, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday, March 6, 2007 Organizational Meeting 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(No Appointments)

Monday, March 12, 2007 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **(Appointments Only)**

Tuesday, March 13, 2007 Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. **(Appointments Only)**

Saturday, March 17, 2007 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
First Come, First Serve **(Walk-in-Schedule)**

Please be advised entry to the building on Tuesday, March 13th after 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 17th can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Jana Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Review, (734) 394 5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
Charter Township of Canton

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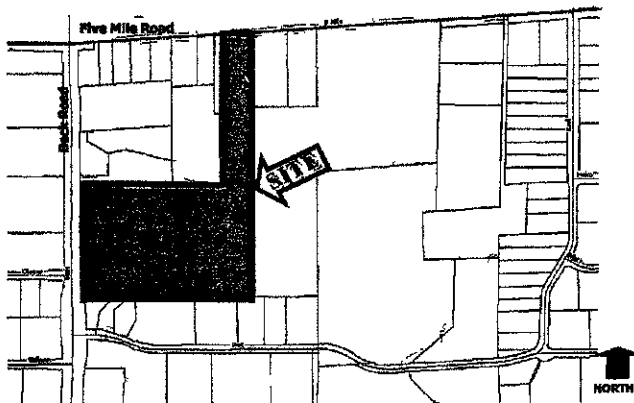
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Renewal of a Special Land Use Approval
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, March 21, 2007
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application from Compuware Sports Arena requesting renewal of Special Land Use Approval for a Drive-In Movie Theater in an Industrial District (IND) on Tax ID R-78 010 99 0006 700 (property address is 14900 Beck Road) pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2.13.

Applicant: Compuware Sports Arena, LLC
Application 1958



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78 010 99 0006 700. Property address is 14900 Beck Road.

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

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

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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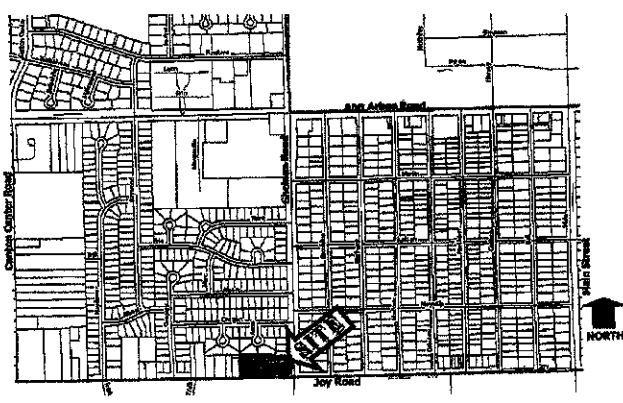
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting Special Land Use Approval for a Credit Union Branch Office in an Office Service District (OS) on Tax ID R-78 058 99 0046 001 R-78 058 0047 001 R-78 058 0048 001 (property is directly east of 44600 Joy Road) pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 10.2.2.

Application 1960

Applicant: Catholic Parishes
Federal Credit Union



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-058-99 0046-001, R-78-058-99-0047-001, R-78-058-99-0048-001 (Property is directly east of 44600 Joy Road).

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

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WHAT'S A LIBERO?

The libero, which was introduced by the MHSA prior to the 2005-06 season, is a player specialized in defensive skills. The libero must wear a contrasting jersey color from her teammates and cannot block or attack the ball when it is entirely above net height. When the ball is not in play, the libero can replace any back-row player, without prior notice to the officials. This replacement does not count against the substitution limit each team is allowed per set, although the libero may be replaced only by the player whom they replaced.

SOURCE: Wikipedia Web site



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Courtney Seiler is pictured doing what she does best – playing defense for the Salem volleyball team

SEILER

FROM PAGE B1

Western Lakes Activities Association tournament, she registered 52 digs against some of the top front-row players in the area.

"I love getting the big digs because it takes away the other team's glory at least for a second or two," said Seiler.

SECRET TO HER SUCCESS

While the crowd is watching the offensive team set up its plays, Seiler is trying to figure out where on the court the soon-to-be-approaching mis-side-disguised-as-a-volleyball is going to land.

"First, I have to watch the ball closely and see how they're setting up the play," she said. "Then I watch how the hitter is approaching her swing. If she's coming to the net at an angle, it will probably be a cross-court hit. Otherwise, it will be straight on. The more you play, the better you get at it."

EARLY START

Seiler's been playing since sixth grade, which explains her high skill level.

"I have an older sister (Kelly), who played a lot of volleyball and was pretty good at it, so she kind of introduced the sport to me," said Seiler. "We'd go out in the back yard a lot and hit the ball back and forth."

"I like the sport because a team has to have a lot of different skills to be successful and everyone — even if it's a diverse group — has to work together in order to do well."

In addition to her stellar

high school career, Seiler has been playing highly competitive club volleyball since the ninth grade. For the past two years she has toiled for the "M" Juniors, an elite team that competes in tournaments throughout the United States. Seiler's travelogue has included stops in Texas, Atlanta and Florida, just to name a few spots.

POSITION CHANGE

Seiler was primarily a setter during her freshman and sophomore years at Salem. But she made the smooth transition to libero once current setter Jansan Falcusan came on the scene last year.

"Courtney has been a big reason for our success the past two years," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "She's so valuable because she can play pretty much every position."

A couple of times when Jansan has been out this year, we moved her to setter and she did a phenomenal job."

Seiler is the perfect model of a successful high school student-athlete. Along with her lofty on-the-court skills, she carries a 3.79 grade-point average and is an active member of the National Honor Society.

"I'm not sure where I'm going to go to college yet, but I'm thinking about going to Western Michigan and trying to walk on to their volleyball," team she said. "Youngstown State is an option, too."

"I'm going to really miss high school volleyball when it's over. I've made a lot of good friends and I've had a lot of fun."

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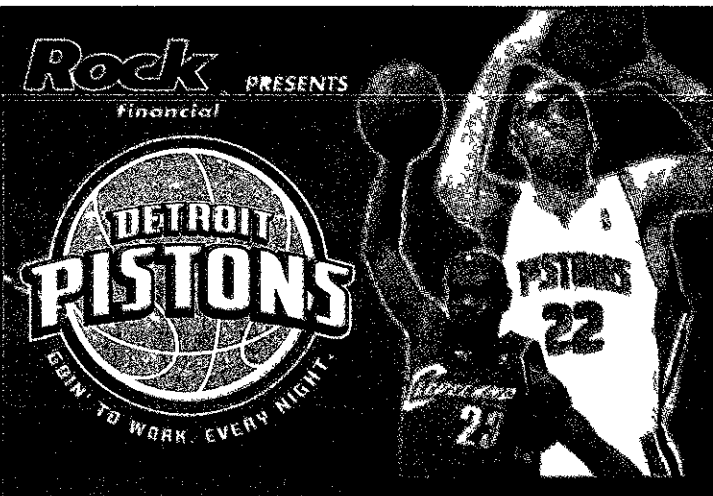
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Semifinals: Livonia Churchill vs. A B winner 5:30 p.m. Canton vs. C D winner 5:30 p.m.
Championship final 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at West Bloomfield vs. Southfield district champion.)
MMHSOHL Tournament
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GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday, March 3
Division 1 Regional Meet

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(NJCAA-Region 12-District H Playoffs)
Schoolcraft vs. Lakeland CC (Ohio)
at OCC Highland Lakes 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, March 2
Whalers at Kitchener Rangers 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 3
Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting
at Compuware Arena 7:05 p.m.
Sunday, March 4
Whalers vs. Mississauga Ice Dogs
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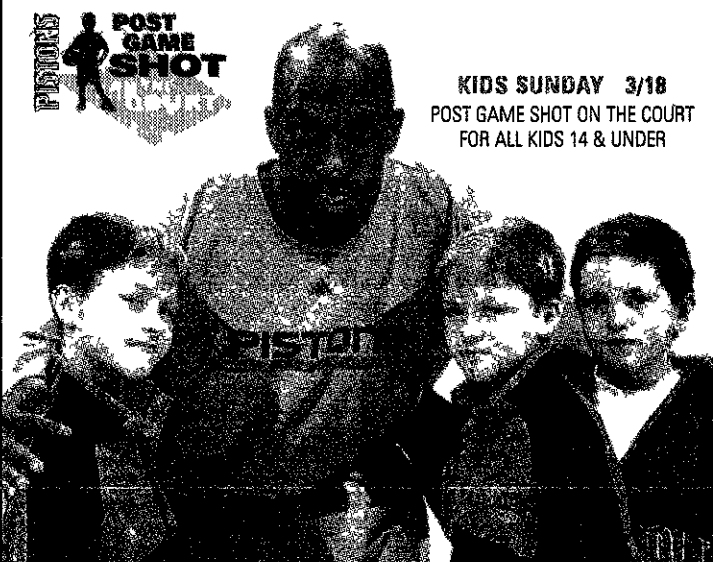


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Canton third at WLAA boys swim meet

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's finals of the Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim meet reaffirmed what everyone suspected all season long – Northville and Livonia Stevenson remain the class of the league

Northville garnered its third WLAA title in a row by scoring a team-high 671 points, while Stevenson was runner up with 564

Canton finished a distant third with 360 5, while Walled Lake Northern and host Salem placed fourth and fifth, respectively with 334 and 261 5 Livonia Churchill placed sixth with 192 (See complete results)

Northville captured five events including two relays in a meet where 18 places are scored

Brody Blicke figured in four firsts to lead the Mustangs, including individual wins in the 50-yard freestyle (22 05) and 100 backstroke (54 27) He also was a member of Northvilles first place 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams Northvilles other victory came from Chris Keady in the 200 freestyle (1 43 32)

We figured 600 (points) was the magic number, Northville coach Richie Bennetts said On Thursday (the prelims), we swam really well and that set us up today for the finals Everything clicked even though Stevenson made a big run but we got ourselves up enough so they couldn't catch up

Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker was pleased with his teams showing despite set tling for second

I thought we both swam really good, the seventh year coach said We had a lot of lifetime bests I thought our senior captain Jeff Pauza had a good day as did Sam Loria And Kyle Hermann also made



Canton's Jon Templeton pictured above in a meet earlier this season placed eighth in the 50 yard freestyle at Saturday's WLAA conference meet

two state cuts (100 and 200 freestyle) They (Northville) just had more horses That's why they're number two in the state

Senior Matt Carlson enjoyed an exceptional afternoon for Canton, winning both the 100 breaststroke and the 200 IM His time of 1 59 06 in the 200 IM set a school record

We expected Matt to do well in the 100 breast but I didn't expect him to go as fast as he did in the 200 IM, said Canton coach Ed Weber He knocked almost three seconds off his time from the prelims which is great

Canton registered personal-best times in approximately 88 percent of the events a statistic that pleased Weber who praised the efforts of Chris Marinica Robert Blaesser Richard Zhang, Ross Schwarz Kevin Karlinski Jon Templeton and Chris McGinnis

I was very happy with how we swam he said It was an exciting day especially for Matt

Seventh place Plymouth

(147 points) was led by Mike Conger, who touched third in the 100 backstroke and fourth in the 200 IM

Salem which placed fifth with 261 5 points was paced by senior captain Nick Leone (fifth in the 200 freestyle) Stan Chen (second in the 100 breaststroke) and Matt Underhill (fourth in the 500 freestyle)

Stevenson individual winners included junior Robert Luke 100 butterfly (53 97) senior Travis Hatt, 100 freestyle (48 04) Jeff Pauza, 500 freestyle (4 43 84)

The Spartans 200 medley relay team of Luke Joey Wingett Hatt and Michael Cruce also emerged victorious in 1 39 78

The 1 meter diving champion was Westland John Glenn senior Jon Whitt who scored 347 00 points

Meanwhile both Stevenson and Northville hope to make waves at the Division I state meet March 9 10, at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium

Last year Stevenson edged

out Northville for third place overall by 1 5 points

Top five again in the state would be a good finish Shoemaker said We have more kids going to the state meet which is good

We have three big horses who could finish in the top eight and our top two relays could land us in the top five

Although Birmingham Brother Rice is the odds on favorite to win the Division I state title Bennetts is confident his team can make waves

We'll see how it all shakes out the Northville coach said We hope to be in the running If we swim the way we're capable maybe we can push them if for some reason they don't swim as well But there are other teams like Zeeland, Grand Haven ourselves and Stevenson

We hope this meet (WLAA) sets us up well We had five additional state cuts and now we have nine, so we hope this gives us added confidence

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WLAA BOYS SWIMMING MEET Saturday at Salem

OVERALL RESULTS 1 Northville 671 2 Livonia Stevenson 564 3 Canton 360 50 4 W L Northern 334 5 Salem 261 5 6 Livonia Churchill 192, 7 Plymouth 147 8 W L Western 127 5 9 W L Central 10 Westland John Glenn 90 11 Livonia Franklin 84 12 Wayne Memorial 78 5

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

200-yard medley relay (A-Final) 1 Livonia Stevenson (Robert Luke Joey Wingett Travis Hatt Michael Cruce) 1 39 78 2 Northville 1 40 55 3 W L Northern 1 43 64, 4 Salem 1 44 60 5 Canton 1 45 06 6 Plymouth 1 48 97 (B-Final) 7 W L Central 1 50 81 8 Wayne, 1 52 20 9 W L Western 1 54 61 10 John Glenn 2 00 40 11 Churchill 2 03 60, 12, Franklin, 2 04 21

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50 freestyle (A-Final) 1 Brody Blicke (N) 22 05 2 Matt Zavislak (WLN) 22 38 3 Travis Hatt (LS) 22 43 4 Chris Culkin (N) 22 71 5 Kyle Adams (N) 22 89 6 Dimtry Bugrimov (WLW) 23 02 (B-Final) 7 Ryan Gerber (WLN) 23 08 8 Jon Templeton (C) 23 11 9 Chris Marinica (C) 23 30 10 (tie) Chris Marinica (C) and Jason Williams (S) 23 42 12 Mark Gordon (LC) 23 80 (C-Final) 13 Jim Mammano (N) 23 75 14 Jon Babb (S) 23 94 15 Patrick Keady (N) 24 31 16 (tie) Jordan Holland (WM) and Shane Rauss (WLW) 24 37 18 Chris Wilson (P) 24 77

1-meter diving 1 Jon Whitt (JG) 347 00 2 Will Fankell (N) 336 15 3 Stephen Kruse (N) 321 05 4 Jeff Kinsvater (LS) 292 75 5 Chris McGinnis (C) 284 35 6 Jason Mahakan (WLN) 261 05

100 butterfly (A-Final) 1 Robert Luke (LS) 53 97 2 Eric Erdos (WLN) 54 81 3 Joe Kargula (N) 54 95 4 Michael Cruce (LS) 56 10 5 Chris Marinica (C) 57 00 6 Riley Cole (LS) 58 08 (B-Final) 7 Nick Anthony (LF) 57 08 8 Scott Geverink (LS) 57 43 9 Brad Nedrow (WLC) 57 60 10 Stan Chen (S) 58 76 11 Clay Malloure (N) 1 00 24 12 Jake Lane (N) 1 00 44 (C-Final) 13 Ben Lamerand (LC) 58 84 14 David Olson (S)

SWIM RESULTS

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500 freestyle (A-Final) 1 Jeff Pauza (LS) 4 43 84 2 John Bardsley (N) 4 51 86 3 Will Blicke (N), 4 56 61 4 Matt Underhill (S) 5 00 52 5 Ross Schwarz (C) 5 02 87 6 John Blicke (N) 5 09 21 (B-Final) 7 Anthony Adamowicz (N) 5 05 09 8 Joey Wingett (LS) 5 09 00 9 Charles Turlo (S) 5 09 05 10 Paul Coldren (WLN) 5 13 97, 11 Ben Schonek (N) 5 15 87 12 Aaron Marecki (LS) 5 22 73 (C-Final) 13 Richard Zhang (C) 5 17 12 14 John Loria (LS) 5 19 58 15 Daniel Schoff (LS) 5 20 50 16 Jordna Gorzalski (C) 5 24 60, 17 Nick Hoffmeyer (S) 5 35 51 18 Mike Wilson (WLC) 5 58 79

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100 breaststroke (A-Final): 1 Matt Carlson (C) 1 02 21 2 Stan Chen (S) 1 03 60 3 Joey Wingett (LS) 1 04 69 4 Kevin Karlinski (C) 1 05 30 5 Brian Carter (WLN) 1 05 38 6 Mark Gordon (LC) 1 06 71 (B-Final): 7 Erik Peterson (N) 1 07 65 8 (tie) David Bladecski (LS) and John Loria (WLN) 1 07 67 10 John Shaw (WLN) 1 07 70 11 Morgen Hummel (WLN) 1 08 64 12 Nathan Spala (S) 1 09 01 (C-Final) 13 Mike Wilson (WLC) 1 08 42 14 Eric Schuman (LS) 1 09 04, 15 Kyle Dull (P) 1 10 42 16 Russell McBean (C) 1 11 21 17 (tie) Tony McLaughlin (P) and Dan Stoscup (P) 1 12 19

400 freestyle relay (A-Final): 1 Northville (Brody Blicke Will Blicke Chris Culkin Chris Keady) 3 16 78 2 Stevenson 3 20 96, 3 Canton 3 23 75 4 Salem 3 25 60 5 Churchill 3 28 38 6 W L Northern 3 30 53 (B-Final) 7 Plymouth 3 33 44 8 W L Western 3 35 06 9 W L Central 3 35 55 10 Wayne Memorial 3 42 31 11 John Glenn 3 43 30 12 Franklin 3 45 30

Salem falls in semis of WLAA conference volleyball tourney

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Five and counting

That's the number of consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball tournament titles for Livonia Churchill

The state ranked Chargers put it all together on Saturday, defeating Northville in the championship match, 25-20, 25-14, at Walled Lake Northern High School

Churchill, which improved to 49 2 1 overall, reached the final with a 25-13, 25-22 victory over Livonia Stevenson following a 25 17 25-18 quarterfinal triumph over Walled Lake Western

The Chargers, now 49-2-1 overall, also finished undefeated in pool play with wins over Wayne Memorial (25 2 25 10), Stevenson (25 17, 25 18) and Western (25 10, 25-9)

Winning the conference championship is always a good thing," Churchill coach Marc Grenier said And thankfully we were all on the same page Everybody played a role and did their job

We were able to execute the whole day, stay focused and get the job done"

Salem was the only local team to advance as far as the quarterfinals The Rocks upended Westland John Glenn, 17-25, 25-15 and 15-11 before falling to the Mustangs 23-25, 27-25 and 15-8 in an action-packed semifinal-round match

Salem notched preliminary round victories over Plymouth (25-17 25 13), John Glenn (25 19, 25-17) and Franklin (25-13, 25 18)

It was a great day until the semis said Salem coach Amanda Suder We beat Northville in the first game and were leading the second game 24 20 but we just couldn't finish it

Leading the Rocks were Teresa Coppellie (53 kills 13 service aces and 22 digs) Courtney Seiler (52 digs) Lauren Kurtz (29 kills, 10 aces and 23 digs) and Nikki Mersch (12 kills and 2 digs) Statistics from Canton and Plymouth were not available as of Tuesday night's deadline

Churchill's top attacker once against was 5-foot-11 senior outside hitter Lauren Krupsky, who finished with 78 kills on the day Kyndra Abron, a 6-1 junior, added 54 kills and seven blocks

Semior libero Kelly Archer added 76 digs, served eight aces and serve received at 95 percent Junior defensive specialist Anna Marie Gatt had 35 digs eight aces and was 96 percent on serve receive

Other contributions came from setter Kelsey McKenzie 116 assist-to kills Jordan Kerr 27 digs, Sarah Button eight kills, nine assists five blocks and seven digs, Jaclyn Gribeck five blocks and recent JV call-up Landsey Graciak 20 digs with 88 percent serve-receive and 100 percent serving

On Friday, Churchill begins its state tournament quest by hosting a competitive district which includes two of the WLAA's top four teams

We'll enjoy what we've been able to accomplish, but we know the teams in the district will get another crack at us and theres a bulls-eye on our backs Grenier said We just have to continue to

work hard this week in practice, stay humble and take care of business

Spartans in final 4

Livonia Stevenson went 3 2 on the day and reached the semifinals of Saturday's WLAA tournament

The Spartans now 21 15 2 overall lost both matches to rival Churchill (see above) but scored victories over Walled Lake Northern (25 20, 25 18) Wayne (25 9 25 16) and Walled Lake Western (25 19 25 21)

Hannah Diebel was the Spartans top attacker with 30 kills on the day followed by Laura Khalil (23) Kelly Smithler (19) Meg Iafraite (10) and Victoria Slavin (8)

Defensively, Jordan Pilut and Stephanie Labby recorded 25 and 23 digs respectively Setter Jill Flaughner also had 25 digs to go along with 74 assists and seven kills

Mustangs oust Pats

WLAA runner up Northville eliminated Livonia Franklin in the quarterfinals 25 9, 25 21

In pool play, Franklin lost to Salem (13 25, 21 25), defeated Plymouth (25 15 25 23) and split with Westland John Glenn (24 26 25 23)

Top performers for the Patriots now 14-18-4 overall included Liz Dempsey (33 kills), Laura Marshall (15 kills), Ashley Price (12 kills), setter Kelly Powers (65 assists) and Jenna Boettcher (seven aces)

Liz had a great tournament offensively and defensively," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said She is the backbone of our team

Stone, Davis lead Rock cagers

Junior forwards Grant Stone and Ross Davis scored 16 and 14 points respectively as Salem (10-10) clinched fifth place in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament with a 50-48 victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson (5-15)

Salem was able to overcome Stevenson Luke Knochel's game-high 25 points The senior guard tallied 17 in the opening half including four triples, to stake the Spartans to a 31 26 lead

We put three different

players on him (Knochel), he's hard to stop," Salem coach Bob Brodie said The second half we used the same three players and held him to eight It was good team defense as far as hedging and helping out

Knochel, who kept the Spartans close in the final quarter with a four-point play, had a three-point try for the win bounce off the rim as time expired

CLARENCEVILLE 72, PCA 53 Jeremy Gainer, a 6 foot-3 10th-grader, scored 27 points

and grabbed 15 rebounds Tuesday as Livonia Clarenceville rolled to a 72-53 boys basketball win at Plymouth Christian

Junior DeCarlos McDonald chipped in with 18 points, while junior Lonnie Fairfax finished with 14 assists for Clarenceville (5-14)

Senior guard Nick Garant also played a solid floor game and finished with seven points for the Trojans, who led 35-23 at halftime

Trevor Zinn led the Eagles (7-13) with 10 points

Roberts' heroics save Wildcats, 55-53

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth junior guard Brandon Roberts should consider joining the school's Drama Club

He definitely has the credentials after his buzzer-beating three-point shot lifted the Wildcats to a thrilling 55-53 victory over Livonia Franklin Tuesday night in the Patriots gym

Roberts, whose late-game heroics have either won games for the Wildcats or sent them into overtime, released his dramatic shot with one second showing on the clock

Roberts stole the hero's tag from Franklin's Tyler Canyock, who had given the Pats a 53-52 lead with 11 seconds left on an old-fashioned three-point play

The victory improved Plymouth's regular season-ending record to 7-13 Hard-

luck Franklin dipped to 2-18

We didn't have any timeouts left after Canyock made his free throw," recalled Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner "We got the ball into Brandon's hands and we ran a screen for him They funneled him to the corner, but he rose above their defenders and got the shot off He's been making clutch shots like that all season for us

Van Wagoner said the close game experience they've received the past three games — the Wildcats lost in double overtime and overtime in the two games previous to Tuesday's — should be beneficial during next week's Division 1 District tournament at Canton

Hopefully, these last three games have prepared us well in case we're in some close games in the tournament," Van Wagoner said

Plymouth led 16-13 after one quarter and extended its lead to 24-11 at one point in the second quarter before the Patriots surged back to take a 29-28 halftime lead

Plymouth led 44-38 with eight minutes to play

Junior guard Dan Jeong led all scorers with 20 points — 18 of which were the result of six triples

Junior guard Myron Puryear added six points

Canyock paced the Patriots with 18 points Alex Reid chipped in with 11

Franklin buried 13-of-20 free throws

Plymouth was 5-of-7 from the stripe

The Wildcats open the District tournament Wednesday night at 5 30 p.m. against the winner of Monday night's Novi Catholic Central-Novichow match-up

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

2007 WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT Feb 24 at Walled Lake Northern

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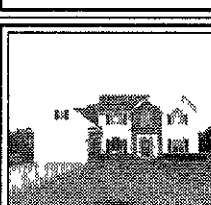


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ACROSS

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- 5 Q Tip
- 9 Gym pad
- 12 Out of whack
- 13 Next in line
- 14 Tax shelter
- 15 Date part
- 16 Proficient
- 17 "When We Was"

- 45 Drew on
- 47 Colorful annual
- 50 Age
- 51 Trot or gallop
- 53 Clingy fabric
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- 57 French verb
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- 59 By the —
- 60 Prescribed amount

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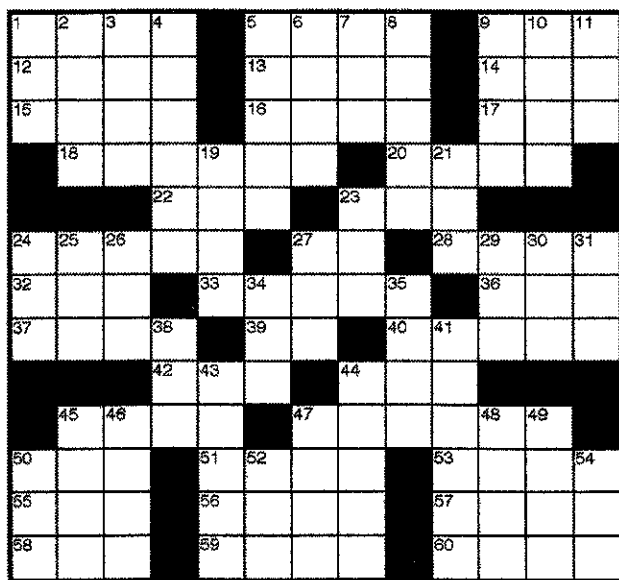
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- 29 Branch
- 32 — Magnon
- 33 Like some showers
- 36 Depot info
- 37 Ancient empire
- 39 Concerning
- 40 In front
- 42 Gypsy Rose —
- 44 Couple

- 1 Boastful knight
- 2 Pasture grazers
- 3 Tot's transport
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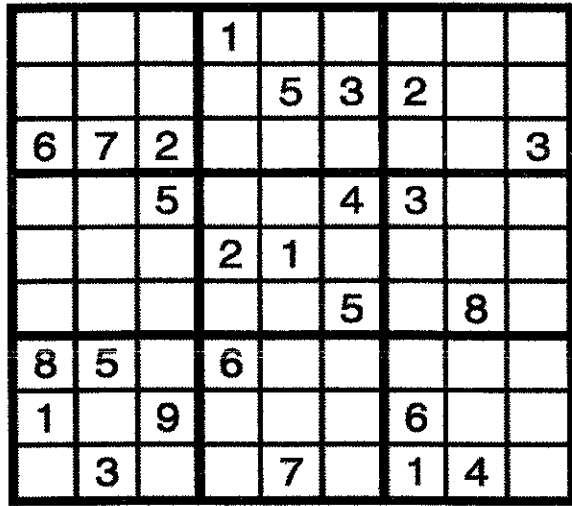
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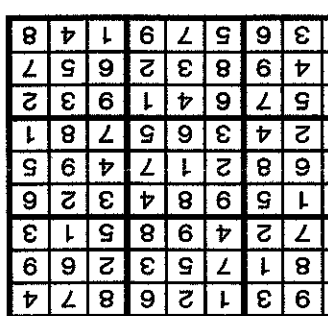
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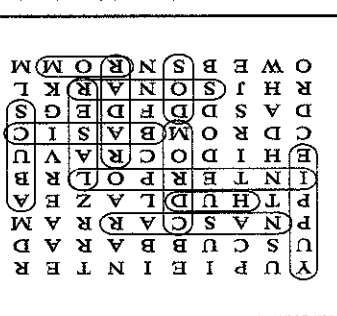
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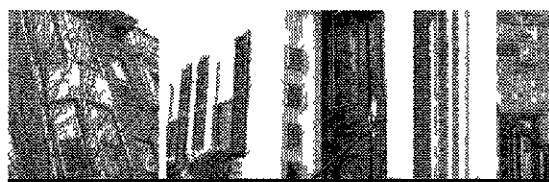
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'BLIND SPOTS' AND OVERLOOKED OPPORTUNITIES



WORKWISE
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If you're overlooking work-related opportunities, several factors may be at play "Blind Spots Achieve

Success by Seeing What You Can't See" (Wiley, forthcoming, May, \$24.95), a book by Claudia Shelton, maintains that, if you're a high-achiever, your mindset may be the culprit "you may be looking for what's wrong. I prefer to think about (BEGIN ITAL) what is possible (END ITAL)."

Shelton describes five common situations that create blind spots

- excessive reliance upon strengths,
- ingrained habits,
- negative expressions of stress,
- failure to read others accurately, and
- miscommunication

But the problem might not be psychological or a result of communication failures. Robert Baron, Dean R. Wellington Professor of Management at the Lally School of Management & Technology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., indicates that if you can't see patterns, you may not recognize an opportunity "We go through the world connecting the dots to make patterns," he says. "People see different things in different situations

because their backgrounds are different. Some people come with the cognitive framework -- like a filter," making the recognition possible. He points out that in viewing an auto accident, for example, a physician might pay attention to injury, an accountant to financial ramifications and an attorney to the person involved.

Erika Weinstein, president and co-founder of the executive search firm Stephen-Bradford Search in New York City, disagrees with "Blind Spots" and Baron. "It's not that most people overlook opportunities," she maintains. "It's simply the case that they're not looking and that successful people don't have the time to indulge themselves to pursue other 'opportunities'."

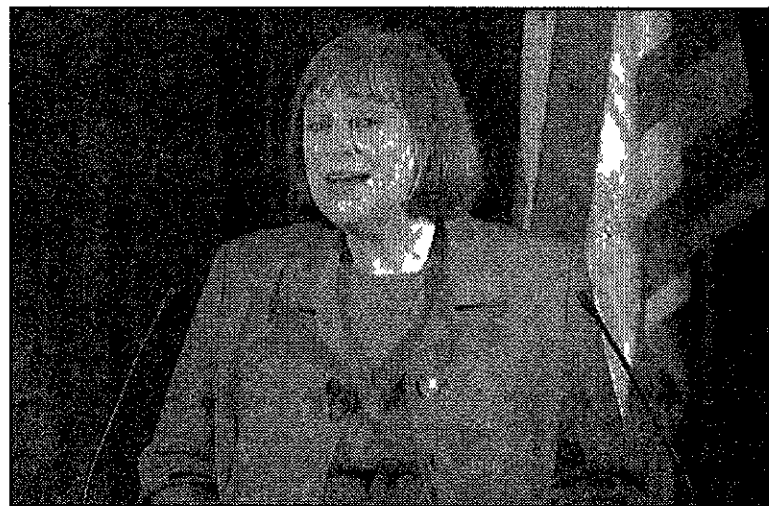
Distraction cuts through attentiveness. In fact, Baron says, it can be so powerful that "you could even be looking and still not paying attention. You might see opportunity, but not pursue it because you don't see the scope of it." In the search arena, Weinstein states that receptiveness depends upon timing and the manner in which opportunity is presented.

How common are blind spots in relation to opportunity? Baron states from the standpoint of an entrepreneur, "Probably, almost everyone misses a good opportunity now and then. The answer really depends on what one means by 'opportunity.' If you mean a good business opportunity a particular person could,

perhaps, develop, then the percentage is still high." Entrepreneurs, he thinks, often have the opposite problem -- seeing opportunities that really aren't there. He advises that you investigate a pattern before going broke on an idea. Informal market research can provide the information you need. He illustrates this point by relating the story of a veterinarian who gathered the opinions of clients in her practice as research for her small mobile pet fountain for cats, which tend not to drink enough water. It passed.

Weinstein quips, when asked about the numbers of people who miss opportunities, "I'm not sure, because if you're good, you're going to get calls about opportunities and if you're not, probably you're not missing many opportunities."

All is not lost if you're missing them. Baron says that people can be trained to develop the "mental framework by searching for patterns -- like a file system we develop in our heads to process information -- by being given a very wide range of experience." He states that an



Claudia Shelton, author of 'Blind Spots'

airline pilot designed wheeled luggage after using carts for his own bags and realizing that passengers could benefit from something similar.

If your career is stalled for opportunity, consider the advice Weinstein offers. "Read industry trades and go on the Web. Look for companies going gangbuster, companies that are 'hot.' They should be seed-beds of opportunity. She also recommends consulting your network for a contact to an individual in the company. "This person," she adds, "can be your advocate and at the very least channel your information to the right person and/or department." No blind spot there. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)

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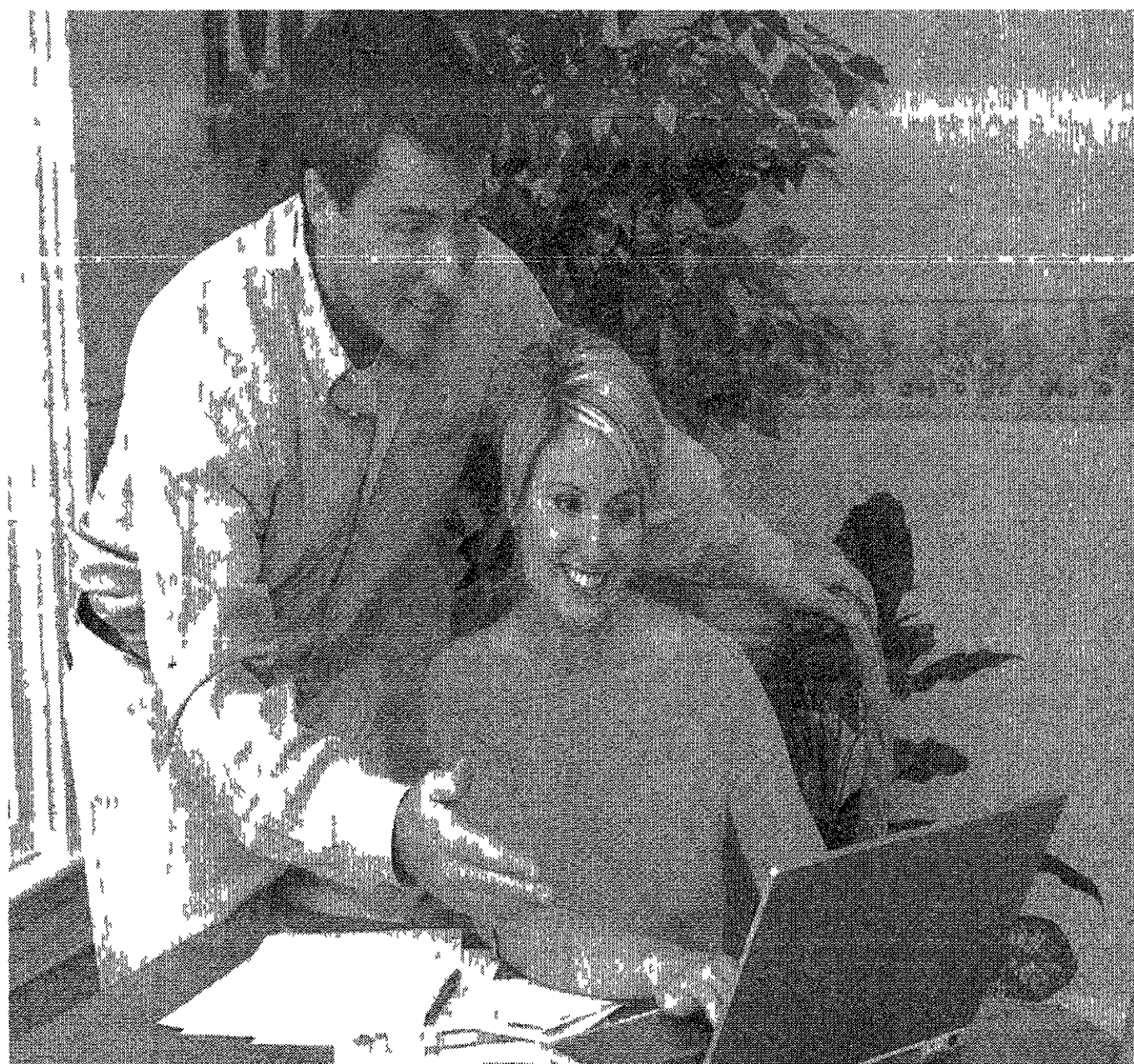
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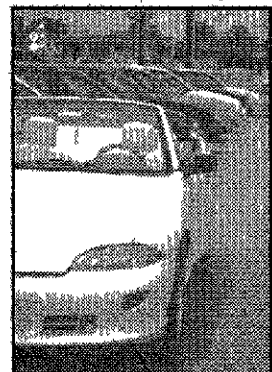
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SAFETY IS BACK WITH THE S80 AND XC90

Advertising Feature

CAReport



By Dale Buss

Time was when automotive safety was synonymous with Volvo. Owners of the previous generation of boxy, Swedish-built cars might not have been able to brag about anything else. They weren't self-styling, horsepower-hawking BMW owners, or mileage-conscious Honda drivers, or even cargo-minded, minivan-driving soccer moms.

If you saw a Volvo on the road, you knew that among the things the driver was saying was "I'm really concerned about the most important aspect of driving an automobile - safety. How about you?"

Volvo certainly has undergone a transformation in the last few years. Under Ford's ownership, the brand broadened its product line, developed more sophisticated styling, and generally entered the industry's mainstream. And in the process, its old focus on safety seemed to wane just a bit.

But these days at Volvo, safety is back. Not that it ever left as one of the brand's major distinctives, mind you. Now, however, Volvo has gone on the offensive again in terms of making the safety of its vehicles a major differentiator between it and other brands. Having ensured its survival as a vital brand no matter what happens to Ford Motor Co., per se, Volvo is back to proudly strutting its stuff as most protective line of vehicles on the road.

The 2007 Volvo S80 makes this reprioritization of safety abundantly clear. Marketed as "the luxury car that treats life like the greatest luxury of all," the S80 delivers a stunning variety of innovations in the safety sphere provided by the vehicle as well as in other aspects that buyers will surely appreciate with sticker prices that begin at \$38,700.

The newest new feature of the S80 is what Volvo calls a "blind-spot information system."



Both the S80 sedan and XC90 SUV are helping revive Volvo's brand DNA: safety first.



When a vehicle enters your blind spot on the driver's side, the vehicle senses its presence, and a red, six-inch-long light bar on the dash goes on. The sensor light stays on until the vehicle has moved out of your blind spot.

Here's an innovation that seems worth whatever was invested in it. Testing it deliberately several times, I found the sensor very accurate in telling me when there really was something to worry about in the next lane. Later on, using the "BSIS" routinely, there were a couple of times when I was very glad the sensor was ahead of me, because I was entertaining thoughts of switching lanes to the left - but the system advised me otherwise.

Similarly, the S80 tells you when it feels you are driving too close to the car in front of you at a certain speed. And - here's where Volvo moves way out to the edge! - inside, the car has a heartbeat sensor, which tells you on your key fob whether there's anyone left inside your car. For the many people who check the back seat of their car every time they get into it, on the one-in-a-million chance that there actually is an intruder inside, this feature will seem as practical as a

steering wheel, for the rest of us, it's mainly a conversation piece.

That's not to say that the S80 is all about safety. It's a complete mid-luxury vehicle in every way. Exterior styling is crisp, and over the years the most prominent cue in the new Volvo styling regime - the sharp-radius shoulders that go the length of the vehicle on each side - has grown on me. The car's big grill impresses as well, displaying the brand's diagonal sash with pride. And the huge taillights are another favorite touch.

The 3.2-liter, six-cylinder engine on the S80 I drove was more than adequate, and is rated at an impressive 28 mpg on the highway, 19 in the city.

The 2007 XC90 also represents another significant step up for Volvo both in the safety derby and in the overall impressive nature of its lineup. In fact, the XC90 was one of only 13 vehicles earning Top Safety Pick awards for 2007 by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. The XC90 features not only BSIS but also electronic stability control and many other safety-oriented touches, including side-curtain airbag protection for all three rows, anti-whiplash seats and an emergency communications system.

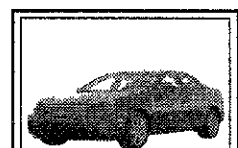


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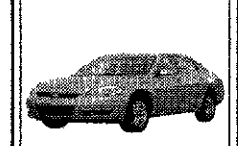
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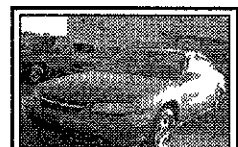
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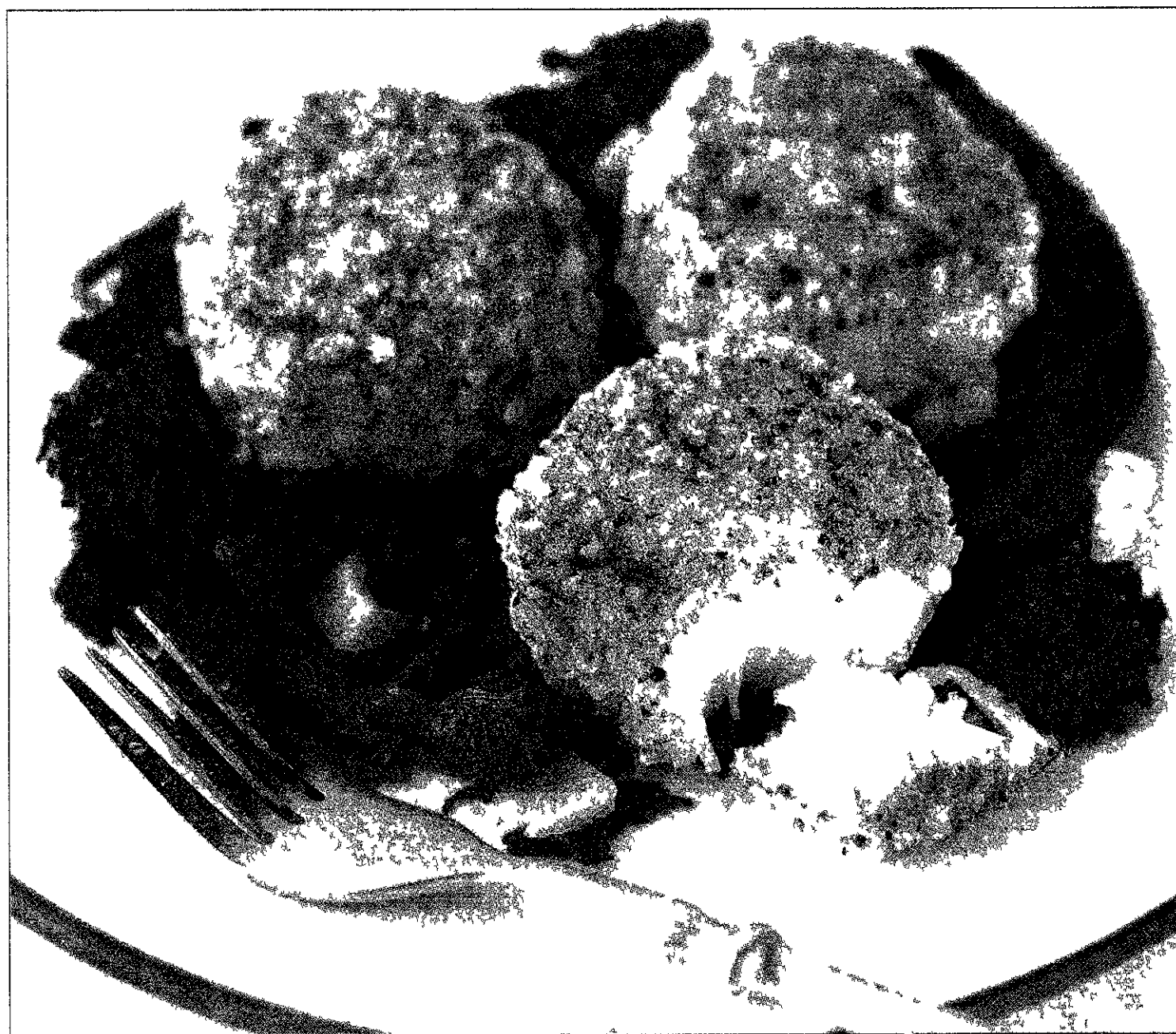
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Outside



The Food Network's own Robin Miller presents easy meals for busy people. She's got a new cookbook and DVD set, *Quick Fix Meals*, to show you how



Lemon and Herb Crusted Scallops make for a quick meal



Try Robin Miller's recipe for a White Pizza with Pesto and Pine Nuts

FOOD TIPS

Robin Miller packages prepared foods in an airtight container covered with plastic wrap and then foil to lock in freshness. A few days before she plans to cook a meal using those prepared foods, she'll thaw them in the refrigerator – not the microwave.

Miller suggests planning meals two to three days ahead of time. And her book makes that easy. Her *In the Bag* meal kits detail how to prepare the ingredients for a full meal – from an elaborate dinner to a child's school lunch – so it's simple to toss together at a moment's notice.

Robin Miller's new cookbook is a 'Quick Fix'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Robin Miller knows a thing or two about juggling a busy schedule. In addition to being host of her popular Food Network show *Quick Fix Meals with Robin Miller*, she's a wife, mother of two young boys, nutritionist and food journalist.

It seemed only natural that Miller should translate her knack for making mealtime easier into a new series of cookbooks. The first, *Quick Fix Meals*, is due in stores March 3. It features Miller's surefire strategy for prepping meals ahead to save time during the hectic work week.

Miller has come a long way in the kitchen. She never learned to cook until she was married. Then she spent a year teaching herself the tricks of the trade, which became the inspiration behind her first book, *The Newlywed Cookbook*.

"My life changed again when I had children," said Miller, speaking from her home in Phoenix. She no longer had the luxury of spending all after-



Bacon-wrapped turkey burgers feature blue cheese

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QUICK FIX MEALS

Meet the Chef. Robin Miller will answer cooking questions and sign copies of her latest cookbook from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at Borders Books & Music, 3527 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 677-6948.

Read the Book. *Quick Fix Meals* hits book store shelves Saturday, March 3. Preorder the book and DVDs at www.foodnetwork.com.

See the show. *Quick Fix Meals with Robin Miller* airs at 3:30 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays on The Food Network. Look for a new prime time special *Robin to the Rescue* premiering March 10, also on The Food Network. Check local cable listings for times.

Tapping the sap

Cranbrook hosts Maple Breakfast & Festival

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Collecting maple sap is a late winter ritual every year. The sap is created in maples that are warmed by the sunlight and warmer temperatures in the morning, followed by cool temperatures that fall below 32 degrees at night.

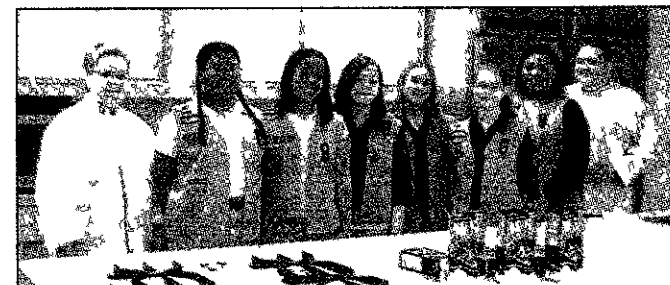
It is a patient process, as approximately 40 gallons of sap are needed to produce one gallon of syrup. Approximately 44,000 gallons of maple syrup were produced in Michigan in 2000, ranking the state seventh in the country for production of this sweet, rich sap, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The Cranbrook Institute of Science will celebrate that process at its 33rd Annual Maple Breakfast and Festival March 3 and 4. Kensington Metropark also has maple sugaring demonstrations scheduled at Maple's Sweet Story every weekend in March.

At Cranbrook, start with a hearty meal of pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit and coffee and juice at the Institute. After breakfast, pay a visit to the sugar hut and learn about 'all things maple,' from identifying maple trees to tree tapping to discovering how to make maple syrup and candy. Candy and syrup also will be available for purchase in the Institute's Science Shop.

Advance reservations are required for the breakfast with seatings at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. The festival, sponsored by Whole Foods and REI, runs from 1-4 p.m. Breakfast admission includes all festival activities for the day. To make a reservation,

PLEASE SEE **MAPLE, D3**



Chef/instructors Mary Denning (left) and Jeffrey Click (far right), who teach at the Fifty-One O One Restaurant at Henry Ford Community College, will be creating a gourmet dessert for the Cookie Gala using Trefoils. Girl Scouts Olivia Jackson (second from left), Chloe Hill, Aurea Suvoy, Jennifer Sharpe, Emily Wallace, and Jasmine Dandridge stand with Denning and Click beneath an overhead mirror that reflects the boxes of cookies on the counter.

Sweet fund-raiser:

Chefs create Girl Scout cookie desserts

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Girl Scout cookies stand on their own in terms of taste and sweetness, a great little snack in the middle of the day or treat at the end of a meal.

Eight chefs are preparing to create desserts using the cookies at the 5th Annual Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit Cookie Gala Wednesday, March 7.

"It's kind of a natural thing," said Dianne Thomas, communications specialist for the Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit, about creating desserts with cookies. "What can you do with Girl Scout cookies? Embellish them."

And the chefs will do just that. Each is assigned a cookie to use. Paul Collis, pastry chef at Opus One in Detroit, will use the All Abouts variety of Girl Scout Cookies in his creative sweet treat.

Other chefs and the cookies they'll use are the Roostertail's executive chef, Brian DeMeyer, Thin Mints, Sweet Lorraine's owner Lorraine Platman, and chefs Keith Vertz and Rick Venadam, Do-Si-Dos, and Mary Denning and Jeffrey Click of the Fifty-One O One at Henry Ford Community College, Trefoils.

Other participating chefs and restaurants are Jeanne Henson and Bob Zagar, owners of Josephine Creperie & Bistro in Ferndale, Mark

Kelley, Mosaic of Greektown in Detroit, Leanne Allen, Small Plates in Detroit, and Jennifer Miller, Shiraz in Bingham Farms. Also on the menu are hors d'oeuvres and auction fun. WXYZ TV's Glenda Lewis serves as the official "Cookie Diva" and mistress of ceremonies.

Honorary co-chairs are Debbie Dingell and Bill Lambeer. General Motors is the presenting sponsor for the fund-raiser.

"Funds raised through the Gala benefit many of the Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit council efforts including financial aid, tutoring, diversity awareness, drug abuse and teen pregnancy prevention programs, volunteer training, leadership, creative arts, science and technology programs," Thomas said. "Gala proceeds also help us maintain reasonable prices for our troop programs and support the maintenance of our camp (Camp Innisfree in Howell – which incidentally features an Equestrian Center and ropes challenge courses)."

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'Thank you' is worth a thousand words

How many words does it take to say "Thank you?"



Dick Purtan

Last Friday I hosted our 20th annual radiothon to benefit the Salvation Army's Bed and Bread club. This is a labor of love that is near and dear to my heart. I am constantly struck by the dramatic need for assistance that exists in our community.

That said, I am more than overwhelmed by the outpouring of support you

have shown for this cause. As radio people, we tend to spend our days in windowless rooms talking into microphones, hoping that there is someone on the other end who is listening. Well, it is clear to me you were not only listening – you responded like you never have before.

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That is an unbelievable number.

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We all read the disturbing economic news that comes out of southeast

Michigan. And every year I worry that our generous listeners will be forced to focus on other financial priorities. And every year – you surprise me.

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By nature I, like most radio people, am competitive. We are proud of the fact that this annual fundraiser is – quite literally – the single largest one-day fundraiser in American radio. This would

PLEASE SEE **PURTAN, D2**

Rick Broida will return March 8

Consumers see technology grow

Some magazines have written articles about the technology applied to test models of major home appliances in which life is made much easier for any homemaker

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Michelle's favorite features is being able to push a button on her cell phone to keep the dryer operating until she can get home and hang up the clothes

LG Electronics offers a handy Remote Monitoring System, a wallet-size device with a digital display that shows how much time is remaining on the washing and drying cycles

The monitor plugs into any electrical outlet, allowing homeowners to track laundry if they're on a different level or area of the house. LG has also introduced the world's first steam-assisted washing machines. A steam generator infuses steam into the machine, allowing for superior cleaning, fewer wrinkles and better water conservation as compared to traditional machines. The SteamWasher can be used without water or detergent to reduce wrinkles and refresh clothing, or combined with a hot or warm water wash cycle.

I just recently purchased a new car and believe it or not, there is no ignition slot in the car. You just sit down, place your foot on the brake pedal and push a button on the console. Heck, you don't even need to hit the button on your key gadget, it locks and unlocks the door automatically. This is America and we must all marvel at what is available to us today.

There are old guys like me who have a hard time subscribing to some of this new technology. Not because this stuff doesn't make perfect sense, but for reasons I would call "lack of common sense."

Take the car statement I just made. The sensor on the car knows that you have the car keys in your jacket pocket. Should you leave the keys in the car when you get out, a whole bunch of bells and whistles start going off telling you to remove the keys from the interior of the car. Now this really messes up a guy like me because I've always hidden an extra key on the outside of the car. This system of mine won't work anymore.

The piece on the clothes dryer where you can monitor how much time is left on the timer absolutely disgusts me. I don't mean to be so negative, but good God Almighty, I've been telling homeowners for near 50 years, "Don't ever leave your house while the clothes dryer is operating."

Every service technician in this country will tell you the same thing. The service guy or gal has been a witness to many dryer fires and in many cases, have prevented fires from happening. I have long waited the day when manufacturers would take responsibility for the design of a clothes dryer. To this day they add all sorts of features for the future, but they have yet to create a simple fire alarm and extinguishing device to save the property and lives of their customers.

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.

COOKBOOK

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noon in the kitchen. Miller found a way to make flavorful food her family would love, without being harried.

And it's all in the book.

Quick Fix Meals is written in Miller's friendly, conversational tone, giving readers a sense that they know her, that they're cooking together. She includes helpful hints by highlighting time-saving and storage tips and nutrition information, all meant to make life easier.

I set it up so it depends on how much time you have, Miller said. For instance, when she has extra time, she'll cook double the amount of pasta, or chop, blanch and store fresh vegetables in her freezer to use later. The *Quick Fix* strategy makes good use of the freezer and refrigerator.

Some of it is food science and some of it is trial and error, Miller said. But many of the recipes can be created by tossing in precooked meats, frozen vegetables or fruits, or adding sauces made in advance.

"Most things can be frozen," Miller said. She packages prepared foods in an airtight container covered with plastic wrap and then foil, to lock in freshness. A few days before she plans to cook a meal using those prepared foods, she'll thaw them in the refrigerator — not the microwave.

Re-freezing never works, Miller said, adding that she sticks to single-portion sizes instead of wasting food.

Miller suggests planning meals two to three days ahead of time. And her book makes that easy. Her "In the Bag" meal kits detail how to prepare the ingredients for a

Quick Fix Meals also demonstrates how to "morph" meals, a method of transforming one main ingredient into several distinct dishes. For example, spend an hour and a half cooking up a citrus-glazed ham with roasted Mandarin oranges one night, and let those ingredients morph into a speedy new dish the next — like penne with ham, green beans and oregano; honey ham wraps with brie and papaya; or super cheesy Stove Top macaroni and cheese with ham.

full meal — from an elaborate dinner to a child's school lunch — so it's simple to toss together at a moment's notice. In about 30 minutes, it's possible to create Parmesan-crusted chicken with sweet and hot mustard dip, or crab-stuffed zucchini boats.

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cheese with ham.

It's all meant to encourage readers to think outside the box, when inside the kitchen. Rather than stick to a familiar repertoire of five tried-and-true recipes, she hopes these strategies inspire at-home cooks to try something new.

And yes, Miller said her own freezer tends to be filled with fruits, vegetables and "banked meals" for her family, the baby-sitter, or whomever might be hungry.

Her book also includes "dinner express" options that sound downright gourmet — including white pizza with basil, pesto and pine nuts, or coconut lime chicken with chiles. Add a "simple side" such as warm spinach salad with pancetta and gorgonzola, and an easy dessert, like the kid-friendly chocolate-dunked bananas with peanuts, and dinner is served.

On her Food Network show, Miller cooks with full-fat ingredients, but she noted that people can always assume it's fine to substitute lower-fat ingredients — without compromising flavor.

"I always try to be cognizant of nutrition," Miller said. "It's in my blood. I don't try to push it on other people."

Miller said she knows she's achieved her goal when fans tell her that a certain recipe "saved my week."

She's out to offer more kitchen guidance March 10 when The Food Network airs a new prime-time special, *Robin to the Rescue*. In it, Miller visits people's homes to offer help in cooking, organizing a kitchen, sharing weight loss tips, even encouraging finicky children to eat.

For more information, visit www.food-network.com.

BABY SPINACH, FENNEL AND GRAPEFRUIT SALAD WITH SHALLOT VINAIGRETTE

4 cups baby spinach leaves
1 fennel bulb, trimmed of any stalks or fronds and thinly sliced
1 cup grapefruit sections
½ cup reduced sodium vegetable or chicken broth
¼ cup finely minced shallots
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Place the spinach, fennel and grapefruit in a large salad bowl.

In a small bowl, whisk together broth, shallots, parsley, oil, vinegar and Dijon. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Pour the vinaigrette over the salad just before serving.

Time-saver tips: Buy grapefruit already sectioned. It's sold in jars in the refrigerated section of the produce aisle. Also, make the dressing in a container or jar with a lid and instead of whisking, just seal the container and shake until blended.

Ingredient note: A native to the Mediterranean region, fennel is a beautiful vegetable that boasts green feathery leaves growing out of a round white bulb. Greeks have long used fennel stalks and leaves for adding a licorice-like flavoring. The Romans not only

added fennel stalks to salads, they used both the stalks and seeds for medicinal purposes. Today, many use fennel as a digestive aid. Low in calories, fennel is also a good source of Vitamin C.

Quick and easy
Total time 10 minutes
Prep time 10 minutes
Serves 4

WHITE PIZZA WITH BASIL PESTO AND PINE NUTS

1 pound fresh or frozen pizza dough, thawed
¾ cup prepared basil pesto
1½ cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
½ cup pine nuts

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Punch dough down with fist, and transfer to a lightly floured surface (or cover your work surface with parchment paper to prevent sticking). Roll dough into an 18-inch circle using a rolling pin. Transfer dough to a large baking sheet.

Spread the pesto evenly to within ½ inch of edge. Sprinkle the mozzarella, parmesan and pine nuts evenly over the top.

Bake until the cheese melts and the crust is golden brown, about 10 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before cutting slices.

Quick and easy
Total time 20 minutes
Prep time 10 minutes
Walkaway time 10 minutes

BACON WRAPPED TURKEY BURGERS WITH BLUE CHEESE SAUCE

Cooking spray
1½ pounds ground turkey breast
1½ teaspoons poultry seasoning
8 slices regular bacon or turkey bacon
¼ cup low fat sour cream
¼ cup crumbled blue cheese
1 teaspoon chopped fresh chives
4 hamburger buns, preferably whole wheat

Coat a stove-top griddle or large skillet with cooking spray and set over medium-high heat.

In a large bowl, combine the turkey and poultry seasoning until thoroughly mixed, then shape into four patties, each about 1 inch thick. Wrap two slices of bacon around each burger, covering with outer edge (secure with a wooden toothpick if necessary). Place the burgers on the hot griddle and cook until cooked through, about five minutes per side.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the sour cream, blue cheese, and chives. Place burgers on buns and top with the blue cheese sauce.

Serves 4

CRUNCHY LEMON AND HERB CRUSTED SCALLOPS

4 cups oyster crackers (enough to yield one cup crushed)
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
1½ teaspoons salt-free lemon and herb seasoning
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1½ pounds sea scallops (about 12 scallops), patted dry
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons olive oil

Place the crackers in a large plastic bag and mash them into fine crumbs using a rolling pin, the flat side of a meat mallet, or the bottom of a heavy saucepan. Add the parsley, herb seasoning, salt, and cayenne and shake to combine.

In a separate plastic bag, combine the scallops and mustard. Seal the bag and squish around to coat the scallops with the mustard. Add the scallops to the cracker mixture, seal the bag and shake to coat evenly.

If you are stopping here: Refrigerate the scallops up to two days.

When you are ready to eat: Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Remove the scallops from the bag, place in the skillet, and cook until golden brown on the outside and opaque on the inside, about three minutes per side.

Serves 4

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To put that number in perspective, the Salvation Army will be able to feed almost 20,000 people for the next year. People who would otherwise go hungry. People for whom the Salvation Army Bed and Bread trucks are a literal lifeline. That is something you cannot put a price tag on.

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Every year, as we approach the radiothon, we worry and fret and debate and prepare with one goal in mind — to exceed the previous year's total by one dollar (I told you I'm competitive). This year, thanks to you, we not only exceeded our previous total — we stormed by it. (Of course, all this does is increase my anxiety for the 2008 Radiothon — but that's grist for another column's mill.)

If you were not able to participate — there is still time. Go to www.womc.com and click on "donate now." For \$120 you can feed one person for an entire year (only \$10 a month!). Of course, any and every penny helps. And remember, all the money stays right here in the Motor City.

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There are so many people who make a radiothon a such a huge success. From the caring, dedicated people at the Salvation Army to my radio cohorts known as Purtan's People to the staff and sponsors at WOMC — all play an integral part in making this event happen. But, despite all their hard work, none of this could happen without you.

You are the one who picked up the phone or logged on to our Web site and gave your hard-earned money to make the Motor City a better place to be.

For that I simply say — thank you.

(In case you're keeping score, it actually took me 520 words to get to that. Hey, I talk for a living.)

Listen to Dick Purtan every morning 5 to 10 a.m. on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.

Pairing wine with sushi

Over a scant few years, sushi has become commonplace in the United States. Now, given America's skyrocketing wine consumption, readers are asking, "What wines are best with sushi?"

Attempting to make our response a definitive guide to the best wines with sushi, we took the pulse of one of America's renowned wine and food pairing chefs, John Ash, author of many superb cookbooks, including the James Beard award-winning *Cooking One on One*.

Ash is also one of four founders of Sauvignon Republic Cellars, a California-based boutique winery focused on producing sauvignon blanc from the world's best regions for the variety, including California's Russian River Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand, and Stellenbosch, South Africa.

The traditional beverage served with today's sushi, Ash says, "has usually been sake or light lagers and pale ales. Conventional wisdom among sushi aficionados is that wine is often too powerful and robust to complement sushi. This doesn't mean that there aren't wines that can work, but you must choose carefully. The mantra here is delicate."

MATCHING FLAVORS

Ash counsels that a wine match for sushi must work with the salty, sweet, acid and peppery flavors (from wasabi served as a condiment). Very oaky, high tannin wines are out. White wines are the best, but some reds can also be considered.

Because of their clean, brisk and high-acid profile without overbearing fruit, dry sparkling wines (brut-style) are good choices.

Rieslings and sauvignon blancs are great sushi matches. For rieslings, they can be either dry or semi-dry.



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

Sauvignon blanc with its wild side and bright acid, Ash says, is a good foil for vinegar in the rice. Unoaked or slightly oaked chardonnay can work, too. The goal is to avoid very ripe, oak-infused, high-alcohol chardonnays.

"Delicately-flavored dry rose wines made from grenache, syrah or pinot noir are exceptional complements."

A well-crafted Beaujolais, from a producer like Louis Jadot, that has been chilled ever so slightly is a sublime match for those opting for red wine.

Here again, an overly oaky, highly-extracted, high-alcohol red wine is not a good choice.

The broad range of sushi flavors created by fish, shellfish, vegetables, seaweeds and seasonings offers a challenge to getting the wine right. Dive in and experiment using the suggestions above and the recommendations in Wine Picks to learn which flavor matching best suits your sushi preferences.

MAKE YOUR OWN SUSHI

To aid inquisitive cooks entertaining with sushi, Geyser Peak Winery has compiled a 12-page complete guide to hosting a "roll your own sushi party." To order the guide, log on to www.GeyserPeakWinery.com and click on the booklet image on the home page.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

WINE PICKS

Because of its exceptional versatility, we often choose Riesling to pair with sushi. Try:

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2005 Shady Lane Cellars Semi-Dry Leelanau Peninsula Michigan \$14

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German \$9, a blend of wines from the Mosel and Rheinhessen regions of Germany with 22 percent residual sugar to match spicier sushi rolls.

2005 Fetzer Valley Oaks California \$9 with 274 percent residual sugar. Also a good match with spicier sushi rolls.

2006 Wolf Blass Yellow Label South Australia \$12

2005 Clean Slate Mosel \$11, just off-dry.

2006 Villa Maria Marlborough \$19, off-dry.

To test your preference with Sauvignon Blanc, try:

2006 Geyser Peak \$12

2006 Kim Crawford

Marlborough \$17

2005 Sauvignon Republic Cellars Russian River Valley \$18

2005 Matanzas Creek \$20

2005 Chalk Hill \$29

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.

MAPLE

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call (248) 645-3245 or visit <http://science.cranbrook.edu/>.

The 33rd annual Maple Breakfast & Festival is for all ages and, if you choose not to attend the breakfast, free with regular museum admission. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable shoes, as most of the programs occur outdoors.

KENSINGTON

Kensington Metropark Farm Learning Center offers a pancake breakfast, then guests can walk to the sugar bush to see how maple syrup is made. Breakfasts are served 9 a.m.-noon. The maple sugaring demonstrations are scheduled noon-3 p.m. Visitors can walk through the sugar bush where several methods of collecting sap, including a Native American sugaring camp, are demonstrated.

For additional information or to make a weekday group appointment, call Kensington Metropark at 1-800-477-3178 or (248) 685-1561.

MAPLE SYRUP TIME

What: 33rd Annual Maple Breakfast and Festival

Where: Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

When: March 3 and 4

Festival: 1-4 p.m.

Breakfast seatings: 9, 10 and 11 a.m. (advance reservations required)

Cost: Institute members, \$12 and their children \$6, non-members are an additional \$4 per person (Breakfast admission includes all festival activities for the day.) Festival is free with regular admission for those who do not wish to attend the breakfast.

Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children and seniors free for

Institute members

To make a reservation: call (248) 645-3245 or visit <http://science.cranbrook.edu/>

What: Maple's Sweet Story

When: Saturdays and Sundays, through March 31.

Where: Kensington Metropark Farm Learning Center, near Milford (From western Wayne County, take I-96 to Milford Road exit, drive north to park entrance.)

Pancake breakfasts: 9 a.m.-noon \$5 per person, \$3 for children 12 and under

Maple sugaring demonstrations: noon-3 p.m.

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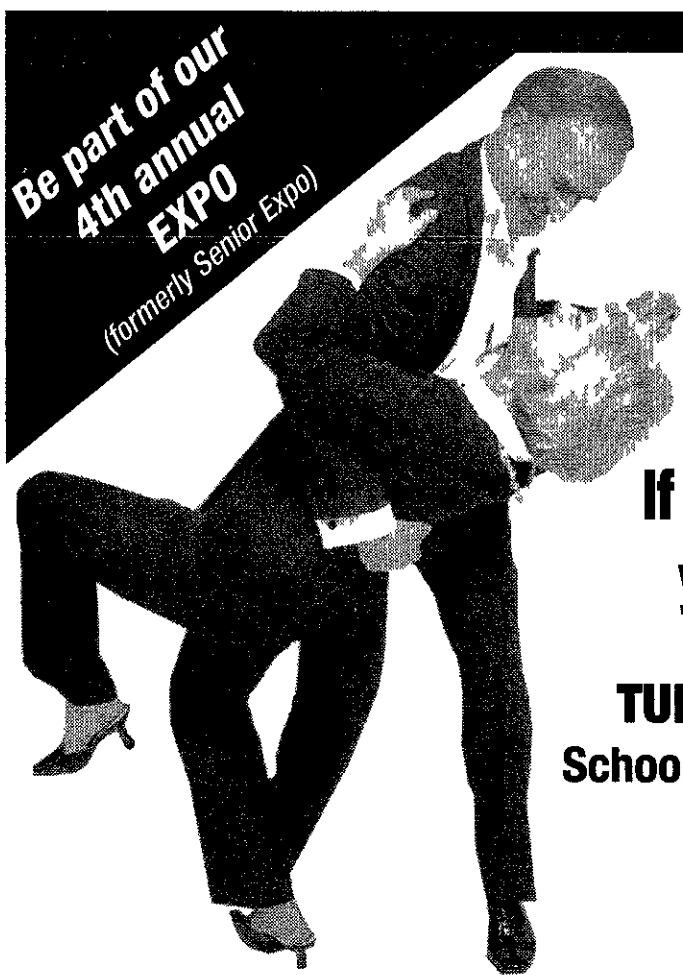
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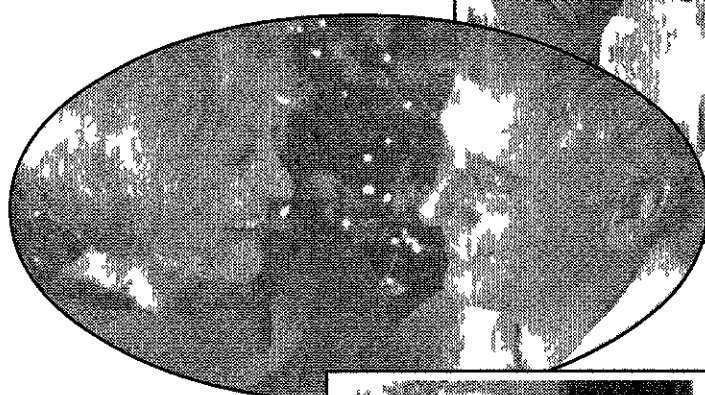
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Pink Collar Problems

Mistakes Women make in the Workforce

By Wendy Von Buskirk

If you feel there's a glass ceiling' holding you down at work, look up

You just might be surprised to see your own reflection staring back

Entrepreneur Chris Flett says women in the workforce constantly make mistakes that prevent their own success

'The glass ceiling may have been put in place by men, but it's been held there by women for the last 20 years,' Flett says. 'The greatest enemy to women in business are women.'

By his own estimation, Flett has helped 2,000 women better themselves in business, and the Vancouver-based advisor is bringing his message to Motown next week.

The Detroit Chapter of Women in Communications will host Flett at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 at Shield's Pizzeria in Southfield.

During 'What Men Don't Tell Women About Business,' Flett says he plans to reveal secrets of the alpha male mind, and cover at least a dozen deadly sins women commit against themselves on a daily basis.

The 'Reality'

When Flett is asked for an example of how women undermine their power in the workforce, he points to 'The Apprentice.'

In the first season of the hit reality show, Donald Trump divided teams based on gender.

'The women smoked the men six times in a row,' Flett says. 'There were six women and only two men left. Trump had to merge the teams because he was embarrassed, and when he merged them, every woman jumped off their team to get to the men's teams.'

Then, they began to lose. Badly. In the end, all of them were sent packing.

When women try to play on the guys' team, they always get beat,' Flett said.

So what are women doing wrong?

Excuses, Excuses

According to Flett, one common mistake is that women make too many excuses.

'If a woman is late, she'll come and give an explanation instead of just saying, 'I'm sorry it won't happen again.' Women give away too much too quickly,' Flett says. 'To men, excuses are for losers. An excuse is trying to explain why we failed. We never fail and if we do, we sweep it under the carpet.'

Worse yet is when women blame family responsibilities.

Men end up saying, 'I hate working with women who have children,' Flett says.

Personal Problems

Women often get emotional over business, then confront people with their feelings.

What Men Don't Tell Women About Business

When: 6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7
Where: Shield's of Southfield, 25101 Telegraph Road
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Information: Call (248) 652-1460



Flett

This makes men — along with other women — uncomfortable.

'The interesting thing is men take things personally as well, but we never show it. If a woman feels she's been wronged, she wants to address it. If a man feels he has been wronged, he quietly comes up with a plan B,' Flett says. 'If somebody says, 'no' to me, I think I'll find someone else to do business with' — or I'll figure out how to get them fired.'

The Deep-Six

Flett says women should not be blind to men's subversive — or submersive — tactics.

When a woman gets pissed off, she asks you what's going on. When a man gets pissed off, he smiles, then torpedoed from underneath the water,' Flett says. 'Men attack women in business without women ever knowing it happened. Any woman who's been in her career longer than she thinks she should without

a promotion, she's been deep-sixed and no one has the guts to tell her,' Flett says.

The 'B' Word

According to Flett, there are five masks women wear in business, and one of them starts with the letter B.

That's where a woman overcompensates by being aggressive to ensure no one will be aggressive with her,' Flett said. 'It undermines her position because she thinks she needs to be aggressive instead of talented. The truth is strong men love strong women. Weak men are afraid of strong women.'

Flett says women will get ahead if they simply get real. 'Women don't need to play roles,' he says. 'They need to be authentically themselves. That's where their power lies. Women are horrifically powerful in business if they just allow themselves to be

For more information, visit www.chrisflett.com, www.fletttv.net, or www.womcom.org.



Dana O'Neill, Geoffrey Horwitz, Daniel Kohn, and Nikki Horn, all of West Bloomfield, preview spring fashions for Fashion Unleashed.

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fashion

Fashion Unleashed

Detroit area teens will model the hottest spring fashions at Fashion Unleashed 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Orchard Mall, West Bloomfield. The benefit for Michigan Region B's Birth Youth Organization will feature clothing from The Shirt Box, Guys N' Gals, and Moosejaw, along with music by Audacity, dancing, a live auction and refreshments. American Idol's Kevin Covais will make an appearance. Tickets: \$10 for students, \$20 for adults. Benefit: BBYO. Call (248) 788-0700.

American Girl Fashion Show

The Junior League of Birmingham will host American Girl Fashion Shows March 2-4 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. More than 150 local models will present historical and contemporary fashions for girls and their dolls during the shows. The event also includes refreshments, party favors, door prizes and exclusive souvenirs. Not recommended for girls under age five. Tickets: \$35. Benefit: the JLB. Call (248) 203-9841 or visit www.jlweb.org/birmingham.

Gem and Jewelry Show

The International Gem and Jewelry Show will visit the Southfield Municipal Complex and Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, March 3, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 4. Hundreds of exhibitors will display precious and semi-precious gemstones, beads, pearls, watches, estate jewelry and accessories. The show also will feature a new jewelry of the Stars exhibition with treasures once owned by Cate Blanchette, Farrah Fawcett, Angelina Jolie, Julianne Moore, Gwyneth Paltrow, Lucille Ball, Bing Crosby, Cher, Liberace, Zsa Zsa Gabor and more. Admission: \$7. Children 16 and under free with adult. Visit: www.intergem.com.

beauty

Estee Lauder Event

Estee Lauder Celebrity Makeup Artist Derek Miller will visit Parisian Laurel Park Place, March 1-2. Derek will demonstrate new spring looks along with tips and techniques to fit your lifestyle. Call (734) 953-7511 to book an appointment.

NM Beauty Week

Neiman Marcus Beauty Week is March 1-11. Visit for special deals and gift with purchase promotions at your favorite makeup counters. Spend \$85 or more and receive an exclusive vinyl tote stocked with spring products from Fresh, Lancôme, Kiehl's, Natura Bisse and more. Visit: www.neimanmarcus.com. **Saks Beauty Week** Fall in love with beauty and fragrance as Saks Fifth Avenue hosts Beauty Week, March 1-10. Isn't It Romantic? features appearances from experts in the beauty industry. With a beauty purchase of \$100 or more, pick up a white patent bag filled with deluxe fragrances from Lanvin, Bill Blass and Donna Karan and more, along with treats like Diorshow Mascara and Laura Mercier Lip Glace. Call (248) 643-9000, extension 5242.

fun

Casino Royale Party

The Women's Division for Project HOPE will host a Casino Royale, James Bond Party, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Oakland Hills Country Club. Festivities include casino games, food stations, drinks, dancing and a silent auction. Tickets: \$100-\$150. Benefit: Project HOPE Health Opportunities for People Everywhere. Call (248) 646-0289.

business

Mommy Millionaire

Dream of having it all? Get some tips from Kim Lavine, author of 'Mommy Millionaire: How I Turned My Kitchen Table Idea Into a Million Dollars and How You Can Too!'. Lavine will visit Borders Birmingham at 7 p.m. March 6 to discuss and sign her book. Call (248) 203-0005.

wellness

Call to Wholeness

The WomenCenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills will present 'A Call to Wholeness,' its 15th annual conference for women, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 17. The conference includes a continental breakfast, lunch and prize drawings. Workshops will focus on self-esteem, transitions, stress finance, organizing your home and more. Keynote presenter, Counselor Pam Micallef, will discuss making change in your life. Registration is \$45. Call (248) 522-3642.

Lush brings fresh skincare products

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

THREE STEPS TO LUSH LIFE

In the bath:

Try a Bath Bomb like AvoBath or Big Blue for fizzy soft water that's as fresh as the ocean. Bubble Bars like Creamy Candy create a foamy tub, while Bath Melts like Fruity You've Been Mangoed leave skin milky smooth.

For soft skin:

Best sellers include Dream Cream moisturizer and Ocean Salt scrub for exfoliating dry skin. Remove makeup gently with Ultra Bland cream and follow with a Breath of Fresh Air, a gentle toner. Cleanse or soothe winter-worn faces with Angels on Bare Skin or try Almond Kisses, a dewy fresh moisturizer.

Think sweets:

Candy Fluff dusting powder leaves a shimmer and sweetly scents skin. Brazened Honey mask has a spicy scent that feels like sweet like crushed flowers, when applied. Whip Stick can't be beat as a chocolatey alternative to dry lips.

By Stephanie A. Casola

Curiosity inspired David Bembem to wander into Michigan's first Lush store Thursday afternoon. New to the Somerset Collection in Troy, the shop offers an inventive array of handmade soaps and skincare products made to delight the senses.

I thought it was a candy store, said Bembem, a Macomb Township resident.

It's a common mistake, according to Lush's Toney Steca. He said newcomers expect to find a candy store or a cheese factory.

It's no wonder, considering the wide array of products made with fresh ingredients. Positively cake-shaped Buttercreams are actually decadent moisturizing glycerine soaps, sometimes topped with chocolate shavings. They're situated next to colorful tubs of shower jellies, wiggly cleansers with names like Sweetie Pie.

Those already familiar with Lush stop in seeking hand-made products containing only organic fruits and vegetables, essential oils and safe synthetics. Shoppers like Sandie Allen of

Waterford, will go the distance to buy these products. She used to drive to Windsor to visit Lush.

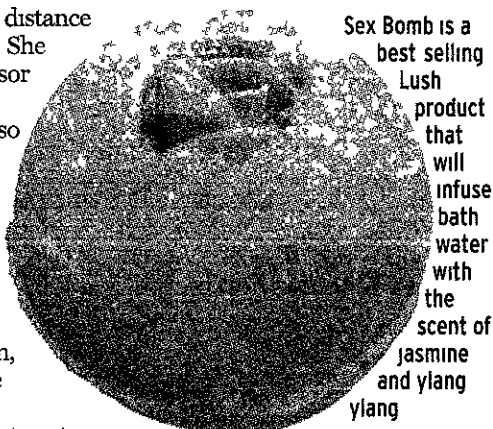
Everything smells so good,' she said. 'I like that there's no animal testing and it's all natural.'

Since Jan. 9, there is no need to commute. Troy marks the first Michigan location, one of 33 stores in the United States.

Lush began as a joint venture in the 1970s between founders Mark Constantine and Luz Bennett, who customized fresh hair and skin products for their clientele in England. The company's long history included a thriving mail-order business, and in 1995, its first storefront opened in London. It took another eight years for Lush to reach the United States.

'We're like the produce section of the cosmetics industry,' said Steca.

The products are so fresh, some require refrigeration. They are made with few or no preservatives. All Lush products include a sticker detailing who made the product, when it was made and



Sex Bomb is a best-selling Lush product that will infuse bath water with the scent of jasmine and ylang-ylang.

when it expires.

Depending on a customer's skin type and skincare needs, Lush employees will suggest the right combination of products to suit. 'We'll customize your regimen,' said Steca.

Some products are more expensive than others, depending on the ingredients. An \$83 bottle of Gorgeous facial moisturizer, Steca said, was originally formulated for Princess Diana, and is derived from pressed flowers.

Indulge for less with a tub of Cupcake, a thick chocolatey facial mask for \$10.95. 'We sell out of this one all the time,' said Steca.

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