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Cops find body kept in apartment for weeks

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WR TER

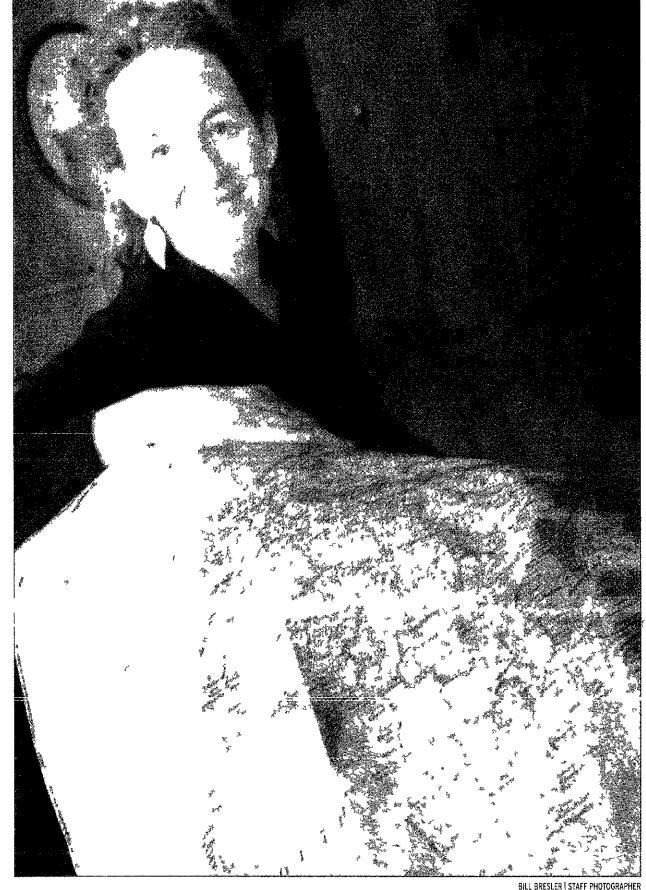
A 19-year-old Canton woman who moved into her apartment two months ago was found dead in her living room late Tuesday

The woman, whose identity has not been released, was discovered after Canton police received an anonymous tip that the woman died about three weeks ago and that her roommate a 28 year-old woman, was still living inside the unit on the 41000 block of Heathmore Court

All they said was that they obtained information there was a body inside the location, said Canton Sgt Rick Pomorski 'When officers got (to the apartment) they immediately detected an odor

The woman was found in an advanced state of decomposition on the floor of the living room Her body had been cov ered with clothing

Pomorski said the victim and hei roommate weren t related and had only lived together for a short period The woman who wasn t under arrest agreed to come to the police station and was



PCA graduate passionate about making the world a better place

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

In high school, she was coined the girl 'most likely to save the world" Years later, Jyl Barnett hasn't let her I lymouth Christian Academy classmates down

I'm still the same person I was when I was 14, said Barnett, who now lives in northern California and works as an out-

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reach coordinator for a food bank "I ve always been passionate about the environment and

agricultural issues'

Barnett, 28, was recently in Canton to visit her parents, Bob and Sherri She swung through Michigan after traveling to Washington DC to meet

still being nterviewe<u>d</u> l<u>a</u>te Wedne morning

She was rather calm when officers arrived but she was surprised to see us at the door, Pomorski said adding that shes been cooperative so far

The victims cause of death is still unknown She was transported to the Wayne County Medical Examiner s Office

There are a lot of theories however all of that means nothing Pomorski said

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Jyl Barnett a 1996 Plymouth Christian Academy graduate has traveled the globe since her days in Canton

with California representativés about the plight of the hungry

I've always been trying to save the earth," she chuckled

After graduating from PCA in 1996, Barnett went on to Michigan State University Before getting her degree in zoology and environmental journal-1sm in 2000, she went on hiatus to travel

"The bug bit me, she said, adding that one of her grandmothers encouraged her to see the world While in Scotland, Barnett met a

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Yack 'celebrates' the positives during annual township address

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

In 2006, the township slashed jobs and faced a dramatic drop in new housing units That s the bad news

The good news is that Canton's commercial development is roaring the township is still hailed as one of the safest areas in the state and the intersection improvement program is alleviating some traffic problems

During his annual State of the Township luncheon on Wednesday at the Village Theater at Cherry

Hill Township Supervisor Tom Yack acknowledged the problems of 2006 but focused on the positive The theme for this years event was Celebrate Canton

I feel we should cele brate versus being down in the dumps Yack said Are people hurting? Yes there's no question but dwelling on it is depress ing It's really easy to fall into the trap of thinking negatively but we re going to think positive

The 45 minute presen tation mixed video with a PowerPoint presentation Yack touched on the states



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Tom Yack reacts to Ron Lieberman's critique of his State of the Township address Wednesday

struggling economy and the impact of Canton bringing in less than 250 new housing units last year when nearly 1,000 were expected In recent years the township had brought in as nany as 1 260 new residences We had to lav off 50

percent of our building department,' he said Despite the sharp decline in new homes, the commercial side of the township is in full swing In addition to the fervor connected to IKEA,

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Realtor helps seniors ready to make move



Nancy Austin

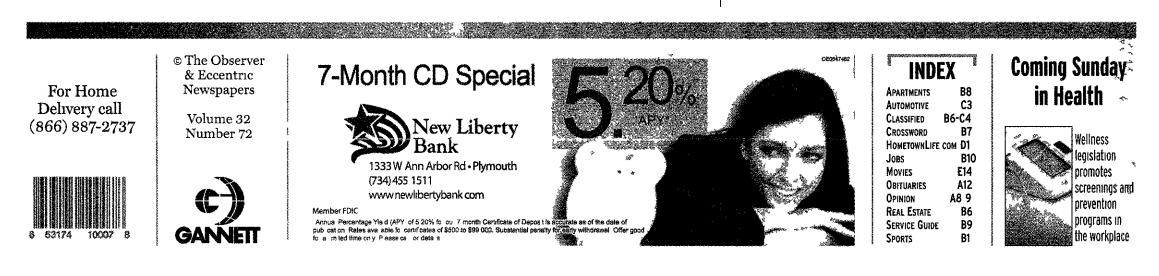
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The pace is slower than the frenzied atmosphere you might see on A&E's Sell This House, but the work is just as worthwhile

Nancy Austin of Canton is a certified seniors real estate specialist with Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors in Plymouth and Canton In addition to other aspects of realty, she helps seniors move from their homes into independent or assisted living communities

"I love working with senior citizens,' said Austin, who's been in real estate for 24 years They have such values and they trust that

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An editorial in the Thursday March 1, Observer & Eccentric incorrectly made reference to legislative pensions Legislative pensions were eliminated in 1997 and legislators elected after that are not covered by a pension

T.E.A.M. fund-raiser

On Friday, March 9, from 4-9 p m , Cold Stone Creamery, located at 50409 Independence Street near Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, will donate a portion of its sales to the Canton Police Departments TEAM program TEAM (Teaching, Educating and Mentoring) is an educational program designed to make schools safer, promote responsible citizenship and encourage positive characteristics The program is taught at Discovery Middle School and to 2nd and 5th graders in Canton's elementary schools

Cold Stone Creamery is located near the intersection of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads, at in Canton Proceeds will be used to purchase supplies for the TEAM program Stop by and enjoy some ice cream for a good cause

Chamber mixer

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and TC Gators Sports Page have joined together to host a special After Hours celebration 5-10 p m Thursday, March 15 at TC 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 network ing with family, friends and coworkers TC Gators will be offering food specials such as quesadıllas, nachos, and fajıtas as well as drink specials

"This event is sponsored by the chamber but open to the public so bring your family, friends and coworkers TC 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

Canton senior happenings

The Tax Counseling Program (E Filing only) continues on Tuesdays at the Summit through April 10 Make your appointment by calling the senior desk at (734) 394-5485 The program is designed for moderate income seniors and is offered at no charge by trained volunteers

Canton senior citizens (55 and older) are invited to a St Patrick's Day Party, from noon to 3 30 p m , March 14 at Summit on the Park in Canton The event, sponsored by Waltonwood Cherry Hill and Carriage Park and Community bank of Dearborn, will feature down home food, including roast beef, corned beef, mashed potatoes and gravy There will also be entertainment by one man band Rennie Kaufmann Door prizes and special prizes for the best green outfits will be awarded

The cost is \$9 for residents and \$18 for non residents For more information or to purchase a ticket, call (734) 294-5485

The senior center is offering two upcoming trips in March First, on March 17, the group will travel to the Croswell Opera House to see 'Tuesdays With Morrie Lunch is included On March 21, they will travel to the Toledo Museum of Art with lunch at Tony Packos Register for these trips at the Summit front desk

For more information about these programs, call the senior center at (734) 394-5485

Weight loss and health seminar

Chris Johnson, author of Meal Patterning will present a seminar called Learn the

Secrets of Achieving Balance, Energy and Vitality from 6 30-8 30 p m , March 20 at the Plymouth CulturalCenter, 525 Farmer Street in Plymouth Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door

Tickets are available at Fit Zone for Women-Canton, (734) 927-9991 Gabriala's, (734) 455 8884, or Plymouth Chiropractic Wellness Center, (734) 453 7090 For more information, con

tact Larry or Mary Anne at (734) 927-9991

Grief support group

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Heartland Hospice The group is held from 10-11 a m at Heartland Healthcare Center located at 4701 N Lilley Road in Canton The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss This group is held the first and third Wednesday of the month is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse There is no charge to attend

For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice bereavement coordinator, toll-free at (888) 973-1145

Mom to mom sale

Tr-City Christian Center in Canton is having its Spring Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, March 31, from 8 30 a m 1 p m Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc There is a \$1 admission Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue

Professional business women

The Canton Business & Professional Women will host a meeting social and networking event from 6-8 30 p m, March 12 at Waltonwood at Cherry Hıll, 42600 Cherry Hıll in Canton Waltonwood is located on Cherry Hill just east of Lilley Enter off Cherry Hill and come in the main entrance The group will meet on the 2nd floor

The event will offer an chased 2 30 5 30 p m opportunity to network with Monday Thursday in the other business women in the upper auditorium at Salem High School, or at the door community and to see what Canton BPW is all about while one hour before curtain on you showcase your business performance nights Visit www parkplayers org Attendees are encouraged to bring samples and give-aways contact Kristen Quesada for Happy Hounds We also offer Dog Obedience Classes Puppy (8 wks to 5 months) and Adult Dogs (5 months and over) New Sessions Beain Monthly See our webs te to enroll no v www.happyhoundsdaycare.com Dog Day Care My sister & I trade weeks to come to HAPPY HOUNDS · Totally cage-freel Supervised playgroups 100% of time Climate controlled facility with fenced in yard Home-like facility with toys sofae, play sets & pooch poole Trained & Loving staff Spot While you are at work, we are at work caring for your loyal friend & companion. 734.459.DOGS 673 S Main St • Plymouth Mi 48170 www.happyhoundsdaycare.com • plymouthdogmom@msn.com Look in on them on our doggie web cams! A HAPPY DOG DAY ... IS A DAY OF DOG PLAY!"



Bringing home top honors

The Plymouth-Canton High Schools Madrigal Choir and Chamber Choir achieved a 1' rating at the MSVMA High School Solo and Ensemble Festival in February With this rating these groups will progress to the State Solo and Ensemble Festival scheduled for March 30 31 Soloists Maggie Burr, Sandy Nahra and Lucy Han also received first division ratings during the festival

to hand out

Reservation is required to attend this event Please RSVP by Thursday, March 8 Contact Canton BPW president June Nicholas, junenicholas@comcast net or (313) 610 2561

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

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 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 pur-

more information by e-mail at quesadk@pccs k12 m1 us or by calling (734) 582 6836

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 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 pur chased in advanced, and are available by calling Randy Emery at (734) 368 7360 (cell) or (734) 332-6044 or by email 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

Peace benefit set

A strolling supper fund-raiser will be held by the Citizens for Peace from 6-9 p m, Friday March 30, at Madonna University Center, 14221 Levan in Livonia to finance a peace book collection for the Civic Center Library

The event will involve dramatizations of historical peacemakers, views of the Peace Collection Bibliography and the sharing of ar

more information or to register for the event, phone (248) 863-7705 (after 5 p m) or (248) 476-0791

Blood Drive

Contours Express, 8014 Sheldon Center Road in Canton, 1s hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, March 12 from 1-7 p m To make an appointment, please call (734) 416-9350 or register online at www givelife org Contours Express will be giving any person who attempts to donate a free two-week trial membership Blood supplies continue to be at a critically low level Please call today and schedule your appointment Save a Life Give Blood

Court Justice to speak

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

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

'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 am 1 pm The event will also feature door prizes and more For more information, please call (734) 699-7398

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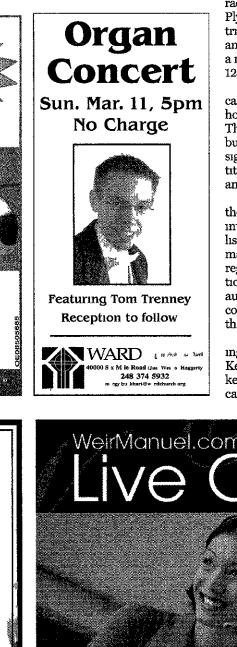
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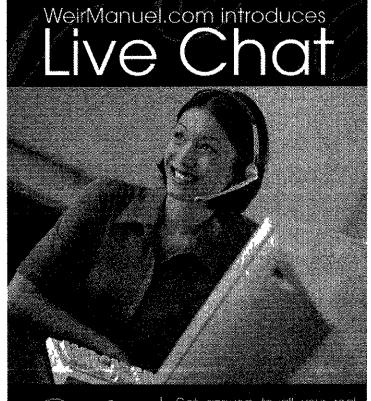
Local businesses can support WSDP 88 1 FM, the student-run radio station serving the Plymouth-Canton school district, by sponsoring the station's annual auction, scheduled 9 a m to 10 p m Saturday, May

Businesses and individuals can sponsor half-hours and hours of the auction broadcast The station is also looking for businesses interested in a more significant sponsorship for a title sponsor, major sponsors and key sponsors

Sponsorship not only helps the station but is a great way to introduce your business to our listeners," said Bill Keith, station manager 'In addition to our regular listeners, many additional people tune in just for the auction Sponsorship is a very cost-effective way to reach them '

Anyone interested in sponsoring the auction can contact Keith via e-mail at keithb@pccs k12 mi us or by calling (734) 416-7732







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Members of the Plymouth Canton Drumline celebrate the trophy they won at the WGI Regional Drumline Competition in Dayton. Ohio

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Boosters hold annual ensemble for music program

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is renowned as one of the premier competition bands in the country, consistently bringing home top honors in both state and national meets with families moving into the school district just to be part of the experience

Along with the success and notoriety comes the pressure of remaining competitive each year, which has its cost

About \$500,000, to be exact The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PMCB), consisting of about 400 parents of more than 300 students in the various music programs at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, is holding its third annual Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble at Canton High School Saturday

Its a juried art and craft exhibition, with exhibitors including makers of handcrafted jewelry, wood crafts glass works paint ings, as well as clothing and linens With admission of \$2, the PCMB hopes to cultivate about \$12,000 from the fund raiser

Mark Stamper president of the PCMB said its one piece of the fund raising puzzle The major fund raiser is the Great Lakes Invitational hosted by Plymouth Canton in October a competition involving 60 bands from around the state —



The Plymouth-Canton Drumline puts on a trophy-winning performance in the WGI Regional Drumline Competition in Dayton, Ohio

years Last year, the marching band placed ninth in the nation at the Bands of America Grand National Championship in Indianapolis

But, with the notoriety comes hard work and a financial commitment by students and their parents

Each student is responsible for \$1400 in commitment fees, which can be paid by the famihes or earned through fundraising, Stamper said Because of the national scope, its expensive to travel, provide facilities and food when you're moving nearly 200 students around We have to rent trucks, build props and pay all the contractual salaries

Stamper said of the 3-5 fulltime music teachers at the high school park only Marc Whitlock, P-CEP music teacher and marching band midable years, Were working together hand in-hand with them, and when parents are involved the kids tend to stay in the straight and narrow

Whitlock said the importance of the boosters contribution to the overall band program is invaluable. They supply so much volunteer work and monetary contribution to the program that no one district or teacher can provide," Whitlock said. We are indebted to them, their generosity and their hard work for the love of our kids

Stamper, a 1975 graduate of Salem, played bartone in the band before moving on to the Western Michigan University band for five years He admitted present day band members work a lot harder than he remembered

They practice 3 1/2 half

'We're in it together' Dems unveil plan for House 'sacrifices'

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

With the Michigan economy still struggling mightily, auto industry jobs disappearing and residents of the state being forced to tighten their belts, House Democrats unveiled a plan Monday to shave their own budget they hope will demonstrate everyone's "in it together'

The House plan to streamline its own internal budget, which Democrats say could save some \$3 5 million a year, was explained in a series of press events staged around the state

State Rep Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) revealed the plan at a gathering at Plymouth City Hall The plan calls for, among other things, an end to lifelong health care for new state representatives, an increase in the monthly co-pay House employees pay for medical insurance, banning the use of state funds for out-of-state travel and a 5-percent cut in the overall House budget

'I think this is a real sign we as a body are saying, 'We re willing to sacrifice because (residents) have sacrificed,'" said Corriveau, the freshman 20th District representative elected in November 'It's a good first step to show people they're not alone in this We re right there with them "

Corriveau said the plan doesn t need a vote, but that he hoped Republicans would embrace it State Rep Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) said he heard about the proposal in various media outlets, though he has not discussed the proposal with any of his Democratic colleagues

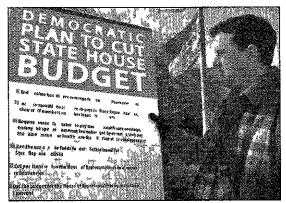
However, he said the plan made sense on the surface

I haven t seen the details, but my take is, sure LaJoy said If we have an opportunity to make cuts and show we are willing to make sacrifices and still maintain a responsible government, I m all for it '

The plan has several parts It would

■ End lifetime health care coverage for new state representatives beginning with the Class of 2008 Currently, representatives who serve at least six years get the lifetime coverage at age 55 The new plan would also require current lawmakers to pay more for health care, bringing them in line with what other state employees pay, Corriveau said

■ Increase monthly health care co-pays for state representatives, their staff members and other legislative staffers The current co-pay is



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville) unveils a House plan to streamline its operation and cut its budget during a press event at Plymouth City Hall Monday

\$10, Corriveau said the new one has yet to be determined"

■ Ban the use of state funds for out-of-state travel

■ Cut the House budget by more than 5 percent and cut positions within the House to eliminate redundancies

House budget cuts would come in the form of equipment purchase and lease, office supply purchase and other redundancies The job cuts would not involve the staffs of House members, Corriveau said

'We're very sensitive to people losing their jobs, but these are tough times, Corriveau said

We'll do everything we can to minimize it, and maybe find positions for them in other areas There are cheaper ways to do business rather than on the backs of taxpayers"

LaJoy said hes still waiting for the meat "In principle, I agree with cutting costs,' LaJoy said 'Considering the economic climate, everything should be on the table I don't see any details, though From what I heard, it's not real heavy on details'

Corriveau said the plan is designed to make the House more efficient

'We wanted to start looking internally where we could become more streamlined, he said People are making sacrifices day-to-day, and we re not above making those same kinds of sacrifices

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netting the boosters about \$25,000 Other fund-raisers earn the PCMB between \$7,000 and \$25,000 according to Stamper

"The marching band is the tail that wags the dog, its the revenue generator for the entire program,' said Stamper referring to the significance of the marching band to the program that includes a number of concert and instrumental bands If you look at the things that bring national notoriety to our district the marching band has done that consistently throughout the last 25 years

Over the past 15 years, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band has amassed more than 500 awards, and has earned the state championship from the Michigan Competing Band Association in all but two of 21 curector, earns nis salary from the district The others, plus dozens of part-time employees, are under contract to the PCMB

Peggy Fenwick of Canton Township became a parent booster this year when her daughter, Nicole, a freshman at Salem High School, began playing clarinet in the high school music program

"It takes a village to run this program, theres just so much going on simultaneously," said Fenwick As co-chair of the freshman parents, I didn t realize how much parental involvement was required to make it work

"With volunteering comes the opportunity to build new friendships, for the adults as well as the kids, she said Its a positive connection with your teenager during the critical, fornours a day during the week, and its not unusual on Saturday to go from 7 a m to 10 p m with practice and competition, Stamper said 'You can't tell me that marching backward at 180 beats per minute with a horn isn't a sport

"This is an incredible way to have the sport of the arts, and at the same time grow our kids in teamwork and being good citi zens," he said

"A small percentage will go on to be involved in music, but all will be great citizens and leaders in our communities Thats what its all about

The Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble will be held Saturday from 10 a.m to 4 p m at Canton High School Admission is \$2 All proceeds go toward the music program at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

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Honoring the heroes

Veteran pays respects to fallen Michigan military

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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When motorists see Rick Regan of Plymouth pacing back and forth with his homemade sign on the northwest corner of Church and Main streets, they ve come to know it means Michigan is mourning one of its own

Regan, 57, a retired Ford Motor Co employee, makes the trek from his nearby Ann Street home to the corner of the Veterans Memorial Park each time a Michigan soldier dies in Iraq

"This isn't about the war," said Regan, a Navy veteran who served in Vietnam 'This brings attention to what is going on with our guys and gals in Iraq Even though wars are wrong, we have to give them appreciative support

Regan has been on the corner for about a month, holding his sign that reads A Michigan service person has fallen in Iraq, honk for our heroes Passing motorists honk, some veterans stop to talk and others have taken him hot chocolate to battle the cold

winter winds

"I stay out here until I get cold," Regan said I'm out here way too much

Since the War of 1812, Americans have always gone over to help other nations," he said "I want to drum up support for our troops and thank them Its not their fault they have to be there"

Regan said he remembers coming back from Vietnam, when there was plenty of animosity about the war and against soldiers who returned home

'I remember they hated the war and dıdn't care for the military,' Regan said

Regan said he got the idea after hearing about Little Caesars Pizza owner Mike Ilitch, who gave a pizza franchise to a veteran in Paducah, Ky

I figure if he can do that, I can do something as simple as come out here and let people know about our soldiers, Regan said

Frank Pawelak of Plymouth Township, a member of the Plymouth American Legion Passage Gayde Post 391, said



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Richard Regan stands in Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Plymouth during cold and snowy weather to honor fallen Michigan soldiers and Marines

Regan is doing something positive for military personnel across the globe

He helps counter the normal lack of concern for those in the military, Pawelak said

Many people say they should do something, but most of the population is lax Perhaps he is doing what is necessary to call attention to the fact that Michigan soldiers have been there since the Civil War, defending our country and fulfilling the obligation of the military, regardless of the cause, he said

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you are working in their best interests '

Austin, who easily rolls off the names and stories of clients from years past, was inspired to help senior citizens after her father pondered selling his longtime home after the death of her mother

He told me he dıdn't know what to do and I said, you know, there's a real need here," she said, adding that today's paperwork-heavy home buying process was much more streamhned when many of her older chents bought their homes

"Some of them are the original owners so trying to sell can be overwhelming There used to be five or six forms and now there's (a lot more),' she said, while holding her index finger and thumb about two inches apart

Describing closing days as an 'emotional time," Austin said sealing the deal for a senior couple can take months longer than a couple in their 30s

'If you re just in it to make a quick sell and move on, this isn't (the specialty) for you, she said You have to have a lot of patience because sometimes it takes the seller up to a year to decide if they want to move You have to understand how to work with family members and legal issues — it's not for every Realtor"

Although many of her older clients have at least one family member to help guide them through the process, Austin said some seniors are forced to sell their homes alone

There may be an estrangement or their children live far away,' she said, recalling an elderly woman from Livonia, who was in that situation five years ago. 'There was no one to help her so it was just me and her I got to hear stories from when she was in the (military)"

While often bittersweet at the time, Austin said many of her senior clients are relieved once they no longer have the responsibility of maintaining a home

'There was this couple last year that was moving from their home in Westland to (a senior community) and the husband was reluctant but the wife was ready, Austin said Their daughter came up from Texas to help them and two months after they moved, the husband died The daughter called me and said it had been the best two months for them"

With a bulk of business coming from referrals, Austin said there still are a lot of seniors that don t realize some Realtors specialize in helping them

They don t have to brush up on a thing I'll be with them from start to finish," she said This is fun for me and lots of times I get hugs"

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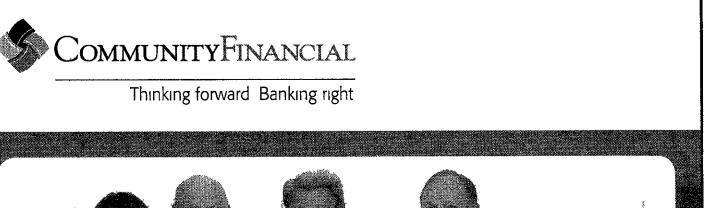


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A good sized crowd attended the State of the Township address Wednesday at the Village Theater

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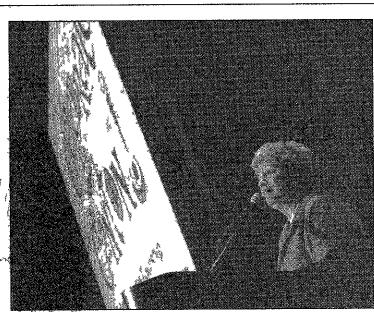
Canton became the chosen destination for several corporations, including Lotus International, and various restaurants and shops

Developments on deck for 2007 include a new Meyer, Target, Best Buy, JCPenney, Borders and Hampton Inn

Yack, who infused his address with moments of humor, didn't hide his relief that a few longtime eyesores, including motels and an old fireworks business, were going to be demolished to make room for new projects

The accomplishments of several township departments, including leisure and municipal services, were highlighted on film

Canton resident Renee Merckx has attended the event for the past four years and said she agrees that residents must remain optimistic about the states financial climate All of the negative (media)



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Chamber of Commerce President Dianne Cojei was on hand at the State of the Township address

makes people not want to buy because they get seared, she said "There's too much negativity out there'

Merckx, who lives just north of IKEA praised the international store's arrival to the area

I was one of the people that dreaded it I didn t want it here," she said But I haven t had one problem

with the traffic and I love it I'm very content

Debra Camacho of Axis Music Academy on Ford Road said she enjoyed Yacks presentation

I came here because I wanted to find out what s been accomplished so this was very informative she said

Canton is its own special

place and I believe life is what you make it

In throwing out some statistics, Yack said the township was responsible for more than 21 percent of Wayne County's growth in 2006 He showed property tax breakdowns and the townships millage rate compared to other communities

We are a part of this bigger thing called Michigan and Wayne County," said Yack, who has been doing an annual address for about 15 years We can t separate ourselves totally but we are still experiencing economic prosperity

At the end of his presentation, Kool and the Gangs anthem, Celebration,' blared throughout the auditorium and the audience released colorful streamers from party poppers

I m very impressed (with what I heard), said Jane Hılyer of Waltonwood at Cherry Hill

I didn t realize all the new development taking place

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GRADUATE

FROM PAGE AT

couple that owned an educational farm in the golden state

Upon earning her degree, the former Canton resident packed her bags and moved to the west coast

In between getting a master's degree in social sciences from Humboldt State University, Barnett got involved with GLEAN The Global Education and Action Network

The California based nonprofit organization organizes research expeditions for teenagers to learn the traditions and cultures of groups around the world

A lot of these kids may not ever have the opportunity to do this and its so inspiring, said Barnett who was the head guide during a trip last summer to Africa There is so much joy even through devas tation and poverty

Barnett and a couple of teenage girls visited Mali, Burkina-Faso and Ghana

ment-collection program, the Timbuktu Music Project, after they noticed that many of the instruments being used were broken or damaged Barnett and the teenagers

are returning to Mali this sum mer

Its a life changing experi ence, Barnett said, curling up on her parents couch with her long, dread locked hair cascad ing down her back No other type of education involves kids in a more hands-on manner This is more than they will ever see in a book

Juggling a full schedule between her work with GLEAN and Food For People which feeds 10,000 families a month, Barnett comes home to Michigan about twice a year

Her parents make the trek to visit her at least once a year

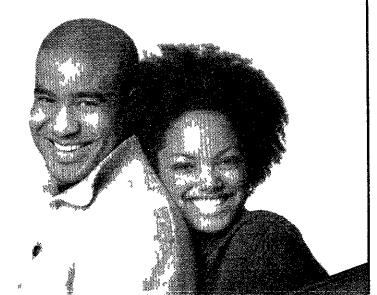
Imher No 1 fan, said Sherri Barnett, as she began to tell sto ries about Jyls save the world efforts as a youngster "She hasn't changed not one bit

Barnett who will probably forever be remembered as the kid that tried to hang Earth Day banners in the hallways of PCA, said although shes enjoy ing her time in the west she misses her home state The Midwest will always be in my bones she said I would love to move back one day and have a cherry farm in northern Michigan"

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While on the expedition, liey sat on rooftops with families and exchanged stories

They were so touched that they started crying from the beauty of the moment. Barnett said, adding that the girls were compelled to start an instru-

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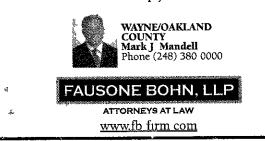
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AAUW makes sure Cinderella gets her man

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

The tale of a young woman and her glass slipper will come to life next month when the Plymouth Canton AAUW presents its version of the fairytale classic, *Cinderella*

With an updated script that includes roles for more lords and ladies and mice the hour-long play will be present ed Thursday-Saturday, March 8-10 at Garden City High Schools O Leary Auditorium

'It stays true to the tale, said Melissa Uhl who is co-directing with Sandra Iannucci Both are Plymouth residents

This is the 47th year the Plymouth Canton AAUW has presented live children's theater

That's quite awhile to do the same classic fairytales, said Uhl

This years production is ded icated to longtime AAUW member Mary Tiell who lost her battle to cancer last year, but not before appearing as a card in the groups production of *Alice in Wonderland*, Uhl said

"This is definitely a tribute to her, we definitely miss her this year, Uhl added

This years production will star Tricia Carney as Cinderella with Julie Brown as the Prince

Known for her portrayal of such dastardly characters as Captain Hook and the Queen of Hearts, Sharon Belobraidich is back in the nasty role of the stepmother

Also back is Sylvia Rozian who has been involved in the productions almost since the beginning The Ann Arbor resident is one four cast members who will play dual roles in the production She will appear as



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Tricia Carney (center) is plays Cinderella while Mary Rogers is the Fairy Godmother. Sharon Belobraidich the evil stepmother. Susan lannucci an ugly stepsister and Diane Wilcox a mouse in the upcoming Plymouth Canton AAUW s production of Cinderella.

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The organization takes clas-

sics like Pinocchio Snow White

and Cinderella and craft hour-

long AAUW versions Its first

Gretel, and the group now has a

they rotate through and update

Many of the cast members

are teachers in the Plymouth

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and Redford school districts

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repertoure of seven plays that

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the Father and as one of the lords

Shes a trooper shes just a sweetheart said Uhl

The play will be presented at 7 30 p m Thursday-Friday March 8-9 and 10 a m, 1 and 3 p m Saturday, March 10, at Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt north of Ford

The 10 a m Saturday show has become a big hit for Brownie and Girl Scout troops which are able to join with the cast afterwards to work on requirements for patches and badges

We have a couple hundred scouts come to the performance Uhl said After play they come back into the auditorium and have fun with the cast We started it several years ago Presale tickets cost \$5 and are available at Fanatic U,
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Belobraidich is retired
Plymouth Canton teacher Uhl
knows very well
Sharon was my teacher in

first grade said Uhl "I tease her that she was wicked then and wicked now but now I get to boss her around

Other familiar faces are Plymouth Canton teachers Melissa Mosquera, Lindsey Murphy Dawn Parker, Mickey Edell and Elaine Bain and school volunteer Julie Brown

School closing due to the weather and a first time-ever midwinter break in the Garden City school district posed some problems with this years production but the cast crew was able to work around them Uhl said Everything was in place, including the scenery that had to be moved from where it s stored a the shop of a member s husband to the school in time for dress rehearsals

While the goal is to provide quality childrens theater it also provides connection for the members

January through March is time for use to catch up with friends, Uhl said

Public supports state police, but leery of adding new taxes

BY LEANNE ROGERS STAFF WRITER

There was at least one new suggestion offered for addressing the Michigan State Police budget during a public hearing held Monday at Westland City Hall

The state police have their finger on the pulse of the community — we don t want an outside agency taking care of homeland security, Jim Murphy said 'On the income tax (return), I d like a box you could check for \$1 to adopt a state trooper

Most of the other speakers supported maintaining funding for the state police or urged legislators to figure out a way to live within their means and not seek any tax or fee increases

More than 25 people turned out for the hearing, which also took comments on the Military and Veterans Affairs budget

Part of the proposed state police budget would eliminate funding for a 50-recruit trooper academy and reduce staffing in an effort to reduce spending by \$5 4 million Other reductions proposed include fewer staff for Forensic Science and Enlisted Command, possibly resulting in post closings

I d rather have as many state police as we can They are well trained and very professional "Westland resident Elenor Swistak said

Another resident Gerald Young questioned the need for possibly laying off 30 state troopers

Is there no place else you can cut? It s not that much money when it comes to public safety, Young said 'You keep cutting and cutting These are professional people with integrity Most of these troopers have jobs lined up

in other states'

The last state police recruit school trained 80 troopers, he said, and the proposed layoffs would send 30 troopers to benefit law enforcement in other states

Some of the higher brass needs to step aside to save these jobs — the ones not on the road, Young said Its been done in the auto industry I ve done it myself

Acknowledging he was among the top brass bottleneck, state police east region commander Maj Tony Gomez reviewed services provided across Michigan by the state police in traffic, investigations, support services and a variety of cooperative task forces supervised by the state police

There are already 332 fewer state troopers than in 2001 Gomez said, adding other law enforcement agen cies had lost 788 officers due to funding cuts

The Military and Veterans Affairs budget proposal would actually increase the budget by nearly \$5 million due to additional revenue from the new Michigan Regional Training Institute at Fort Custer, expected federal funding increase and spending reductions in some areas

Michael Harris, executive director of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of American, called for the Legislature to allow veterans organizations to offer Michigan Lottery Keno games with the revenues earmarked for veterans programs

The idea was floated in the Legislature last year, but they decided not to go forward, Harris said

The motive was to put revenues into veterans programs



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Early spring forward comes with a glitch

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Daylight-saving time will arrive three weeks earlier this year and stay around a little longer, an energy saving plan that has spread fears of a mini Y2K-style computer breakdown

But just as Y2K (the turning of the calendar from 1999 to 2000) proved less than catastrophic, computer techies are taking the problem in stride and don t expect any catastrophes

In 2005, President George W Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 The act moves the start of daylightsaving time from the first Sunday of April to the second Sunday of March Daylight saving time will end on the first Sunday of November instead of the last Sunday of October

This year in the United States and Canada, we will spring forward at 2 a m Sunday, March 11

The idea is to save money by pushing daylight later into the evening, when more people are using electric lights than in the early morning hours

The glitch — many com-puters, computer-operated alarms, cell phones and other devices have been programmed to automatically adjust for daylight-saving

time, but the old daylightsaving time

A lot of people are not aware of it, said Dave Wisniewski, owner of Canton Computer in Canton and Redford Discount Computers in Redford If system clocks are not set, meetings can be missed There can be some confusion in the first week or so'

But Wisniewski and other computer experts aren t that concerned Microsoft has created patches that can be attached to computers to cor rect the error Wisniewski said that with 10 different operating systems, Microsoft has had to develop a different patch for each system

There will be a lot of adjustment If you ve got Microsoft updates, that should fix the problem," he said

Dave Wiltrakis, director of networking and security at Schoolcraft College, said the college uses the Microsoft update service He said the college does have computers that don't have the Windows software and other patches will have to be found to adjust them But hes not overly concerned

'Y2K was more of a big issue Wiltrakis said "It causes a little extra work on the older machines Big companies put out the patches They were on it We address it as time goes on

Charles Allen of PC Replay in Redford said it is a prob lem for computers using older software, Windows 2000 and older He said they would have to be manually adjusted

Wisniewski said there may be some timing problems for devices like school boilers. lighting systems and airline systems

'The big concern I see is if alarm systems don t get updates Some have alarms that go on automatically," he said

He said another problem is that Mexico and Europe will not be changing to daylight saving at the same time

In the United States, switching to daylight saving time is not a federal mandate Arizona and Hawaii do not observe daylight-saving For many years, portions of Indiana did not observe daylight saving and for parts of the year the state had three different times, depending where you were

Experts say that cell phones TiVo's and other dig ital products connected to a system will be adjusted because provider companies are aware of the problem VCRs, and clocks and other devices not connected to a system will have to be adjusted manually

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Don't panic over stock market correction

here is no question that we have just experienced some difficulty in the market Whenever this happens, investors almost always tend to overreact It is this overreac tion that hurts investors, causing them to unnecessarily lose monev

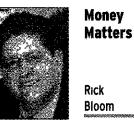
It has been often said that there are two emotions that investors need to conquer before they can be a successful investor -- fear and greed When investors let fear and greed dictate their investment decisions, almost always they will end up making the wrong one

In looking at the recent market volatility, I ve seen many stories comparing the drop to the stock market crash of 1987 However, the recent volatility has nothing in common with the crash of '87 First, the 500point drop in October 87 represented nearly a 25-percent drop in the value of the Dow Jones Industrial Average At the time of the crash, the market was valued at a little over 2,000 The 400-point drop that we recently experienced with the Dow valued at over 12,000 represents a 3-percent drop Therefore, as a percent age, the drop was minor compared to what happened in 1987 Investors need to focus on percentages as opposed to raw numbers That doesn t mean that a 400-point drop is not painful - it is However, it doesn t come close to what happened in 1987

Corrections are normal occurrences in the market If you go back over time, you will see that retreats in the market are relatively common There is no reason for investors to panic or feel that they need to change their portfolio in light

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of what happened recently However, it is a good time for investors to take another look at their portfolios to make sure they are diversified, balanced and well-matched to your tolerance for risk Whenever the market is gaining ground, investors forget about their risk tolerance level and tend to add stocks to their portfolio without concern as to how they fit into their overall portfolio

The successful investor is one who has a game plan and then allocates investments according to their plan within a wide range of investment alternatives A well-balanced and diversified portfolio contains not only domestic stocks. but international stocks as well as a fixed income side to the portfolio Whether the fixed income portion of the portfolio is invested in bonds or fixed or equity-indexed annuities, those investments play a key part in an overall strategy

I have been asked many times over the last week how I am changing the portfolios that I manage My answer 1s, I am not Nothing that hap-

Remember, what makes a successful investor is not timing the market, but rather time in the market Don't panic and don t let fear dictate your investment decisions Rick Bloom is a fee only financial

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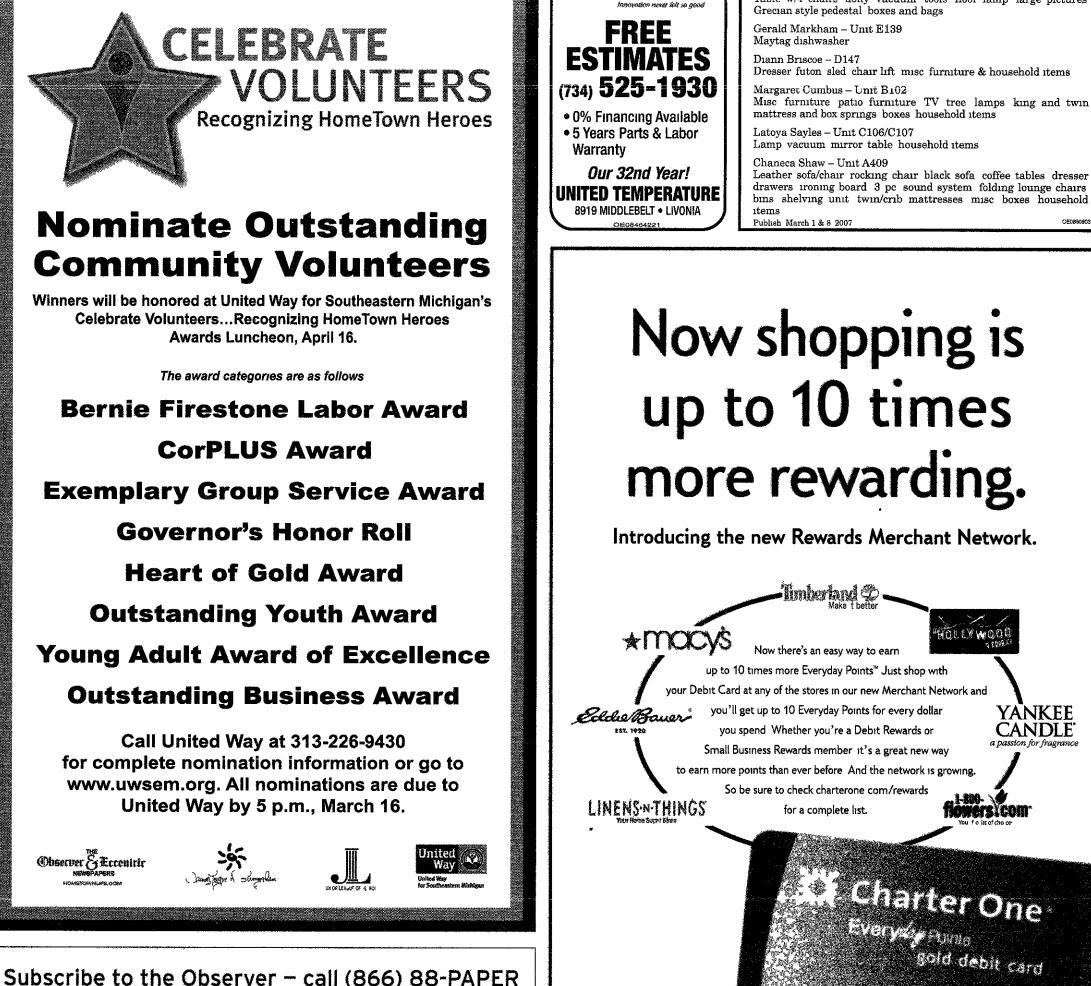
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Justice Marilyn Kelly speak at League luncheon

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 The public is invited to attend and enjoy a modest lunch (\$5 donation requested) The meeting will be held at

the Livonia Civic Center Library at 12 15 pm For more information, please contact Paula Bowman at 734-455-4726



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economy Yes, it appears that

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how I manage money Many investors will beat

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OUR VIEWS On Sunday, take time to check smoke detectors

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

It s simple to do and not all that expensive, either But with daylight-saving time coming again Sunday yes, it's earlier than last year and, likewise, it will last longer - it's a good time to check the smoke detectors in your dwelling and, if necessary, change the batteries

Smoke detectors are the single most important means

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or in the early morning. For extra safety, install smoke alarms both inside and outside the sleeping area.

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of preventing house and apartment fire fatalities by providing an early warning signal - so families can escape Smoke alarms are one of the best safety features you can buy and install to protect yourself, your family and your home

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement Many fatal fires begin late at night or in the early morning For extra safety, install smoke alarms both inside and outside the sleeping area Fire

 $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}$ The Administration recommends that smoke alarms be

installed on the ceiling or 6-8 inches below the ceiling on side walls Since smoke and many deadly gases rise, installing your smoke alarms at the proper level will provide you with the earliest warning possible

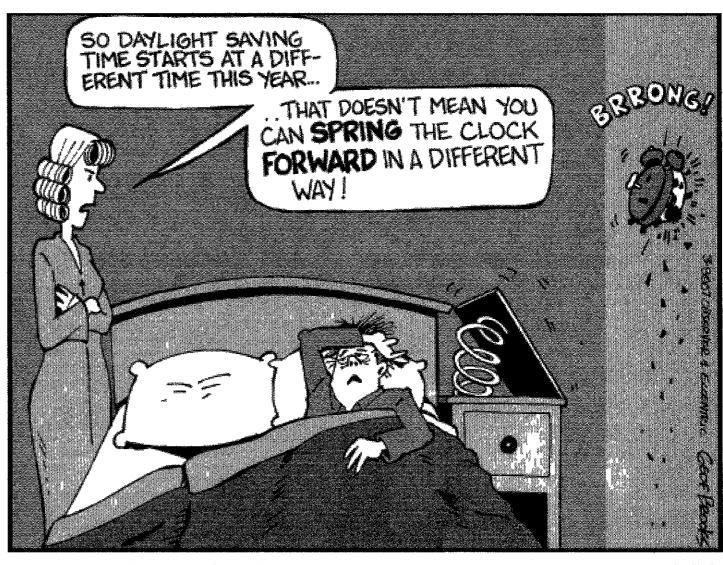
Also consider the age of smoke detectors in your residence If you bought them 8 10 years ago, they should be replaced Like most electrical devices, smoke alarms wear out You may want to write the purchase date with a marker on the inside of your unit That way, you ll know when to replace it

Most of us will never have to deal with a house fire yet all of us, at one time or other, have probably left our smoke detectors inoperable, most likely without even knowing it

Firefighters say that daylight-saving Sundays are a particularly good time to check detectors They encourage residents to check their detectors as they go room to room changing the time on their clocks

That's a good habit to get into, and this Sunday is as good a time to start as any

Daylight-saving is earlier this year



Wayne-Westland not inferior

The recent 'Walker-Winter wins Blue Ribbon award article in the Observer was misleading The way the article is written, readers are easily mislead into thinking that Walker Winter is part of the Canton dis trict I m angry that you waited until the third paragraph to clarify that its a Wayne Westland school How about giving credit where and when credit is due?

As a Canton resident with children attending Walker-Winter, I've endured a lot of grief from members of my commu nity who are convinced that all Plymouth-Canton schools are superior Articles like this only fuel their fire You clearly waited too long to credit Wayne-Westland with this high honor

Kim Laschober

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Turnout was abysmal

I don t know which is worse, that the bond didn t pass or that less than 20 percent of Canton voters eligible to vote in the election actually voted That's a great i essage vere sending to the children in our area, that 80 percent of our community just doesn t care about their education either way

Proposal 2? Did people see their assess-

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ments? I am aware that Proposal 2 gives municipalities the right to raise taxable values by inflation or 5 percent, whichever is lower, but do they have to? Is it a requirement? What steps has our township taken to cut costs and lower the cost of local govern ment? Could they not cut 37 percent off cer tain budgets so homeowners could go a year without higher assessments?

With this economy in bad shape, our local government should be working to do more with less I am hoping our town ship is doing what it can to cut costs

Khalil S. Kandah Canton

Canton

Give seniors tax break

I think its about time that senior citizen home owners get a break Why should we pay school taxes after we retire and our chil dren are all grown up and gone from home? Emma Hahn

McCotter is a rubber stamp

unionize We the American workers need a change not only in Congress, but increases in wages We the people of the greatest country in the world, and so called the richest, is only the richest with the top 1 percentile and not the average Joe Money is needed in the middle class

The heck with the tobacco industry that only promotes a drug that people die from all the time When we cannot even afford prescription drugs when Mr Bush worked out a deal with the pharmaceutical companies not the common man

Joseph McGlinchey Canton

Good story

My compliments on Linda Chomins March 4 Shamrocks to Shenanigans articles She does an excellent job of capturing the spirit of Erins sons and daughters as they continue the annual celebration of the life of St Patrick and the contributions of the Irish to America.

One of the articles quotes Dennis Hayes of the United Irish Societies (UIS) that prior

When you go to bed Saturday night, don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead Daylight saving time begins at 2 a m March 11, three weeks earlier than last year And it will hang on for an extra week in the fall, ending Nov 4

The new change was instituted by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 The idea is to save energy by putting more daylight into the evening hours, when people are home and likely to be using more electricity

. The change has created a stir in the computer world As an unintended consequence, many preset computer clocks will not reset properly Computer clocks have been set to automatically adjust for changes to and from daylight-saving time based on the previous start and end cycle In addition, computer-controlled systems, cell phones and other devices have been similarly programmed

The problem has been compared to a mini-Y2K, the concern about computers possibly confusing the year 2000 with 1900 But computer experts seem to be confident that problems will be few because of special computer patches and service updates that will correct the problem Some older operating systems will have to be manually readjusted But most experts believe that the word has gone out and that adjustments will be made

In a time when concern over energy conservation is a top national priority, daylight-saving time seems to be a sensible approach to conserving some energy In addition, we all need to be mindful of our own personal energy use - dial down the thermostat, turn off lights, use energyefficient bulbs and generally try to limit our energy use as fnuch as possible

* So remember, spring forward Saturday night and check your clocks Sunday morning



Kristen Rielly Canton

Hospital critics are hypocrites

As a longtime resident of Canton Township, I have never opposed all the suburban sprawl here I find the position of the people who are trying to stop the development of this hospital hypocritical as they band together in their subdivisions that once were farmlands and forests when I was a kid growing up here Where were they when their subdivisions were intruding on my green space?

Tim Carr Canton

No Oakwood or Wal-Mart

I don't want an Oakwood hospital at Geddes and Beck. There is plenty of available property on Michigan Avenue! I was looking forward to Costco, but we don't need Wal-Mart There is one on Ford Road, and one on Belleville Road Enough is enough Why not good stores, or a major brand shopping center?

James C. Caruso, Jr.

Canton

Community needs hospital

I would welcome Oakwood to the com munity From the article, it sounds as if they are trying to work with the community Having a hospital close by can be reassuring in cases of emergency, and can also be an opportunity for employ ment closer to home

Kelly Ramseyer

Canton

Why are taxes higher?

It seems that quite a few residents are angry about a small service tax and are eager to blame Gov Granholm and the Democrats in general for our current economic malaise Is there anybody noticing local tax increases that are occurring under

US Rep Thaddeus McCotter states that it is "immoral and impotent not to send troops to Iraq, while he also spews political statements such that he does not agree that the war has been handled effectively Still McCotter votes for all of Bushs actions, thereby proving he is a rubber stamp for this administration

Not only is the fact that we sent troops initially to Iraq "immoral and impotent, but so is the fact that we are still sending inferi or body armor inferior truck armor and reducing benefits of our veterans and sol diers returning from the war Our returning troops (and their families) that have suf fered emotional trauma (post traumatic stress), loss of lumb, loss of full functionality, loss of benefits, are faceless to you in Congress who voted for this They deserve better! They also deserve better than non binding resolutions Did the Republicans and Democrats hear the people in November? Get some teeth and stand up to this president and his vice-president

There still is no end date from this administration They are sending our soldiers over there while Britain is pulling them out A recent poll of soldiers in Iraq shows that even the troops question the validity of this war We have our injured troops sign statements before returning them home, that reduces their claim on future benefits for them and their families Grandparents who are caring for orphaned children, cannot receive benefits to help raise soldiers children that have perished in Iraq Now this administration will surely send us into Iran because negotiating for peace is much more difficult than blowing up countries Our administration and Congress do not know how to negotiate for them, war is easier and more cowardly

For those like Rep McCotter who voted for this war and this new surge in troops, and surely for Iran - how much of our soldiers blood on their hands will be enough?

P. Lukasik Canton

Time to help middle class

Dear Congress

I want you to support American workers for a change Bill S 4 H R. 800 Let us

to the UIS becoming involved with the parade celebration in 1958, 'there were a couple of small parades on the west side by a parish priest That parish priest was Father Patrick J O'Sullivan, a native of Sneem, County Kerry, Ireland

As pastor of St Monica Parish on Hevden Street in Detroit, and chaplain to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Father O Sullivan led Detroits inaugural parade celebration in 1956 The day started with a Mass, then a parade in the neighborhood, followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall The 1957 parade was so large that it was decided that it should be moved to Dearborn in 1958, when the UIS began its coordination of the event

My mother, Bridget of Rossmore, Tahilla, County Kerry, was Father O'Sullıvan's niece She and my father, Jeremiah, of Glenbeigh, County Kerry, were at the first two parades and shared many fond memories of those great days Kudos to Dennis Haves, Mike Kelly, Pat O Hara, Joe Parsky, Kathleen O'Neill, Tom & Bridie Flynn, all present day leaders in Detroit's Irish community, who have done such a wonderful job of kindling the spirit of St. Patrick with their hard work in making the Detroit parade a success

Michael J. Riordan

Plymouth past president Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers

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QUOTABLE

"In this case, the third time is not the charm. I hear the board telling me we're done with facilities for a while."

Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt Jim Ryan commenting that the district probably won t be coming back with another bond proposal after voters turned down the latest request last week

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David

Hebestreit

State must commit itself to invest in research universities

ny company in big time trouble has to do two things First, cut costs to the bone Thats rule one for survival But no company can prosper without driving up sales of its major product lines

Therefore, the second rule for any struggling concern Launch a long-range investment program designed to strengthen your most competitive, durable and propri-



etary assets Doing that equips you to compete and maybe even thrive

Power

The tragedy up to now is that Michigan has done neither We ve had plenty of chances Over the years, we could have

radically cut costs by restructuring state government We could have closed prisons and taken a hard look at our generous state pension and health-care bene-

fits We could have slashed wasteful overhead costs in school districts and overlapping local government units

But we didn t do it

We could have faced the fact that Michigan led the nation in job losses for the entire decade, 1995-2005 Those numbers could have told us, had we cared to analyze them, that the long term auto manufacturing base of our economy was in desperate trouble

But we didn t

We could have taken serious, far reaching steps to fix the chronic billion dollar-plus structural deficit in the state's general fund But we didn't do that, either

Instead, over the last five years, we adopted a series of one time accounting gimmicks that never got to the heart of the problem and merely patched the states finances together with the fiscal equivalents of chewing gum and bailing wire

And we could have, meanwhile, taken a hard look at what kind of Michigan we wanted to construct over the next decade We could have identified our durable, distinctive competitive assets and launched an investment program to feed those assets and regain our competitive ness But again, we didn't do that, either

Instead, we starved our university system, especially the research universities We short changed the environment that sustains our marvelous quality of life And we cut back on investing in human capital - the brains and skills of our people

So when Gov Granholm comes back to Lansing from her tour around the state, she won't find things much different in Lansing than when she left And when House Speaker Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop finally sit down to thrash out what needs to be done — pronto — to resolve a bilhon-dol lar hole in the state budget, they won t have

time to do much more than apply more chew-

ing gum and bailing wire to the balance sheet Its too bad, because all three of our top leaders are smart and sensible people, trying to do their best with an impossibly difficult situation But they're as locked in as anybody else by a pervasive lack of long term strategic thinking about our states future

Yet there is one thing that happened last week which is cause for a glimmer of optimism, what the three research or constitutional universities did They came together and proposed that the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University be separately funded from the other 12 public universities in the state

The big three argued that the research universities, in fact, drive a lot of the state's economic future They noted, too, that state funding for their institutions has experienced something like a net 14 percent cut since 2001

"Here we are, WSU President Irvin Reid said. 'the three research universities, bringing in in excess of \$1 3 billion (in federal, state and business research grants) annually to the state

And we are spending that here in the state We re not only creating jobs, we re creating knowledge which hopefully will lead to more jobs"

The core of the argument for supporting research universities is a powerful one Collectively, they return \$26 to the state for each dollar of state support 'You find me another place where the state invests \$1 and gets \$21 (she meant to say \$26) back U-M President Mary Sue Coleman told the Detroit Free Press

The presidents pointed to the Research Triangle in North Carolina as an example of what can happen over time Fed by three highquality research universities - Duke University the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University - the tri angle today hosts 157 companies some 50,000 direct and contract employees and an annual payroll of around \$2 8 billion

For years and years Michigan's leaders have oddly looked on spending money on research universities as an expense, not an investment You can t get much more wrong-headed than that If we re going to get anywhere the corpo ration known as the state of Michigan needs to figure out what kinds of long-term investments we need to make in order to survive and com pete Our great universities are a terrific place to start

Phil Power s president and founder of The Center for Mich gan a moderate think and do tank based in Ann Arbor The opin ons expressed in his columns are his own and do not represent offic al pol cy pos t ons of The Center for Michigan He welcomes reader comment at ppower@hcnnet.com

A new heart brings a new start and a brighter future

ngestive heart failure Dilated cardiomyopathy Ventricular tachycardia These are just a few of the labels I have shed in the past year of my lıfe

My name is David Hebestreit and I am 35 How does a 35-year-old, in otherwise good health, get to that point? Good question

In 1996, I underwent brain surgery to repair an aneurysm In 1997, I had open-heart surgery to replace heart valves destroyed by an infection developed during the brain surgery Most recently, though, I had a heart transplant to replace the one that no longer pumped well enough to sustain hfe

On March 5, 2006, after 88 days of waiting as a patient in the

hospital, the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel seemed as though it would never again shine upon my face In and out of the heart failure ICU, hooked up to a central line that fed hfe-supporting IV meds to my failing heart, I was at rock bottom

Whatever the reasons, for the better part of 10 years I dealt with a medical condition that I could never have fathomed as a young adult

Remarkably, I did recover quickly after the first two surgeries For the most part, I returned to normal activities After open heart, because I was left with two mechanical heart valves, I could not play contact sports and was in constant fear of bleeding to death because of an anti-coagulant necessary to prevent clotting of the valves

Over the years, I got used to the changes I even grew accustomed to the ticking of the titanium valves that could be heard by anyone standing next to me in a quiet room

I found the positives Dogs and cats found it comforting Friends and family found it interesting Plus I always had a story to tell But gone was any chance of my becoming an international spy or poker superstar

Although the valves did their job the initial damage done to the heart was irreparable In 2001 I was accepted into the heart failure and transplant program at a local hospital A trans plant was vital After 10 years of poor health and seeing no progress in the aforementioned pro gram I came to one conclusion I was responsible for my own health care including selecting doc tors surgeons and hospitals based on my needs and desired outcomes

I learned that hospitals and doctors are the same as in any other profession There are those that are good and those that are not so good Getting a heart though is much the same as shopping for a digital camera

The first retailer that you go to is going to do their best to insure that you buy from them They are not in the business of pointing you down the

street to a competitor who can quickly deliver the same merchandise at a better price They won't mind, either, if you miss out on a few hundred important photographs in the interim

On March 6, 2006, I would learn why The Cleveland Clinic is the best cardiac care and transplant center in the nation, 12 years running On this day, they accomplished what most refer to as a miracle They found the perfect donor heart!

Since then, I have returned to playing and coaching soccer, as well as teaching high school English without feeling miserable They did in a little under six months what had not been accomplished in the four years prior to my getting their opinion Spectacular!

The most meaningful moment through all of this occurred the second night after transplant During a shift change, as the incoming nurse was evaluating me, I asked if I could borrow his stethoscope because I noticed two things First, the ticking of the valves was gone and second, that this heart functioned much differently than the one with which I was born

He obliged, and, as seconds stretched into minutes, I was captivated by the strong and rhythmic beat of someone elses heart in my body The tears ran down onto my chest as it became the most powerful moment in my life

A miracle? Not really According to the surgeon, it is more like replacing a spare tire on a car rather than working on the axle Cut out the old one Put in the new one

The only miraculous aspect of this endeavor was what made it possible, the donation of the heart by the family of the person whose heart today pumps in my body

Assuredly the countless lives touched by my transplant, I am certain, has been replicated many times over for each organ donated What better than to be remembered for touching the lives of literally thousands of people after death?

Most of the time I tell this story for the entertainment value This time though, there is a different purpose This time it is a call for anyone who reads this to consider organ donation It is a simple, lifesaving act that each of us can accomplish

Without this selfless act, I most certainly would not be writing this piece, teaching high school English playing soccer, nor having dinner with my friends and family

Cleveland Clinic heart-transplant #11 of 2006 CC heart transplant #1 288 of all time Registered organ donor Happy Healthy Alive These are just a few of the labels I can wear proudly for the rest of my life thanks to a real miracle, the gift of life via organ donation

David Hebestreit of Livonia is a teacher and soccer coach at Livonia Churchill High School For more information on organ donation visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org.or.call (800) 482 4881

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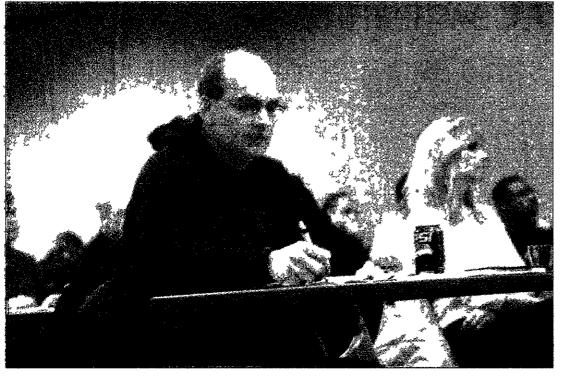




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COUNTY NEWS



Jeff Stevens of Westland takes notes during a Workers in Transition program at Schoolcraft March 1

Schoolcraft offers seminars for displaced workers

Workers who have been displaced, downsized, bought out or asked to leave their jobs early are invited to Schoolcraft College for a free Workers in Transition information session

Sessions are 5-6 30 p m in the VisTaTech Center, Room 460 Free pizza and pop will be served before the session begins The next sessions are scheduled for Thursday, April ★5 and Tuesday, May 1

The April 5 kickoff speaker

is Dianne Cojei president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, for May 1 it is Whitney McClellan, executive director of the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce

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

experience, and how to apply for financial aid Schoolcraft representatives will explain the variety of college class formats available, including online hybrid, open entry/open exit, certificate programs requiring a year or less for training and continuing education courses

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

SC Trustee Scholarships application deadline March 30

Current high school seniors, who will graduate in spring 2007, can apply now for a Schoolcraft Trustee Scholarship The application deadline for the fall 2007 semester 1s March 30 Seniors are eligible to apply for these scholarships if they have been officially admitted to Schoolcraft College With the application students must submit a seventh semester high school transcript showing a minimum 3 0 cumulative grade-point average A mini-

mum ACT composite score of 18 also is required In fall 2006, the c

Trustee Scholarships are awarded for the fall and winter semesters, in the amount of \$700 each semester The award 1s renewable for the second year at Schoolcraft if the awardee maintains a 2 75 grade-point average for all Schoolcraft courses

If students are not yet admit ted, they can apply for college admission online through WebAdvisor on the Schoolcraft Web site at www schoolcraft edu Applications for the Trustee Scholarship should be available at area high schools They also can be found at

http://www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs /aid/2007 trustee scholar

'We do look at grade point averages and composite ACT scores when awarding scholarships, she said Candidates must be admitted to Schoolcraft and receive a student identifica tion number Then the scholar ship application itself takes about five minutes to complete

Mosley added that high school students who are taking classes at Schoolcraft because of special or dual enrollment must complete a new admission application

EMU hosts series of lectures on ethics

Eastern Michigan University's College of Business will host its maugu ral Ethos Week celebration beginning Monday, March 12 Ethos Week, the first of its kind in the nation, will feature several guest speakers, including New York Times "Ethicist columnist Randy Cohen

EMU's emphasis in business and education sets us apart from many business schools across the country," said David Mielke, dean of the College of Business 'Like other schools, we seek to achieve academic excellence, but we are equally committed to fostering an environment where students can learn to be ethical leaders in their future careers Ethos Week is a fundamental component of our program, raising student awareness of ethical considerations in a variety of business and personal contexts

Ethos Week begins March 12 with an open invitation for College of Business stu dents, alumnı, faculty, staff and local members of the business community to sign an ethos banner that bears the newly adopted school wide Ethos Statement The

Statement, written by students, faculty and staff, emphasizes six core values integrity, honesty, trustworthiness, respect, learning and the work ethic

"During the past several years, this country's business climate has shown that business leaders would benefit greatly from an understanding of personal and profes sional ethics," Mielke said Local business leaders and EMU alumni understand this need This program exists because those individuals communicated a desire for it Ethics training at undergraduate and graduate levels enables future business leaders to improve the future business climate

In addition to Randy Cohen, the College of Business will host six local business leaders as speakers throughout the week EMU students and the general public are welcome to attend the free lectures, scheduled in room 114 of the Gary M Owen Building, 300 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti

Scheduled speakers are 11 30 a m Tuesday, March 13, Mary Kramer, publisher of Crain's Detroit Business

5 30 p m Tuesday, March 13, James Webb, chairman of Southfield-based AON Risk Services

11 a m Wednesday, March 14, Karla Kretzchmer, human resources consultant

5 30 p m Wednesday, March 14, Lou Bitonti, presi dent and chief executive offi-

cer of LD3 Event Management in Southfield

11 a m Thursday, March 15, Harry Cendrowski, chief executive officer of Cendrowski Corporate Advisors in Bloomfield Hills

5 30 p m Thursday, March 15, David Carleton, chief executive officer of Plymouth-based Maximum Data Solutions

12 30 p m Friday, March 16, Luncheon featuring Randy Cohen, columnist for the New York Times at EMU's Student Center, 900 Oakwood Street, Ypsılantı,

Tickets for the Cohen luncheon cost \$5 for EMU students or \$35 for general public and can be purchased by phone at (734)482-2282 or in person at the ticket office in the Student Center Convocation Center of Quirk Theatre For more information, visit www.cob.emich.edu

Madonna University offers 'Power Lunches'

Learn about new trends and strategies for growing your business at Madonna Universitys new monthly Power Lunches, beginning March 21 Designed for selfempowerment through educa tion and advice from industry leaders, these lunches offer great networking opportunities

The first Power Lunch is Feed Your Brain for Success,' 11 30 a m to 1 p m Wednesday March 21, at Madonna's University Center 14221 Levan (North of Schoolcraft) in Livonia

Biochemist Sandy Baumann is the featured speaker. She has been promoting brain foods for a healthier lifestyle for 18 years Shell explain the link between nutrition and learning as well as strategies for enhancing your memory, improving sleep habits, reduc ing stress and boosting your ability to learn new tasks

'From nutrition to the art of negotiation each luncheon will deliver fresh approaches for cultivating your business commented Joan Stephens director of the Office of

Continuing Education and Professional Development and series organizer

The cost for each lunch is \$15 Reservations should be made by calling 734-432-5804 Future Power Lunches Wed , April 18, 2007

Angela Riehn, Edward Jones investment representative

"A Holistic Approach How Your Financial Health Can Affect Your Business' Growth"

Wed, May 16 2007 Amy Clarke educator

Portrait of a Successful

Inventor

granted 92 initial trustee scholarships and renewed 83 for second-year students The amount awarded totaled approximately \$145,000

ship pdf Regina Mosley, director of financial aid, said the college received more than 200 appli cations in 2006





Gindy Community Choice Member on her soapbox about financial institutions



"Why did I switch my IRA savings from a bank to Community Choice? So I could earn more for retirement "



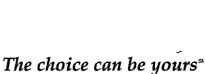
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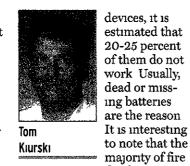
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Six days, six fires, 28 fire deaths! Be prepared

🛾 n the sıx days between Feb 6 and 11, there were six fires that killed 19 children and nine adults from across the nation, including the nearby Ypsilanti apartment fire that killed three children That fire started on a stovetop in the kitchen A Texas house fire killed three small children and a man who tried to save them In Kentucky house blaze killed a total of ten people, six of them children A fire broke out in an upper floor bedroom in Tennessee that killed four children

Everyone should sleep in homes that have smoke alarms While 96 percent of US homes have the lifesaving



deaths occur in the homes not protected by smoke alarms Is there any more motivation needed than that? Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling, and be tested monthly Batteries should be changed annually, and units should be totally

estimated that

of them do not work Usually,

dead or miss-

ing batteries

are the reason

replaced after ten years

Children should be taught at a young age some basic fire safety behaviors If their clothing catches fire, they should automatically practice the Stop, Drop and Roll' behavior They should also know how to crawl low (simulating crawling under smoke) to their bedroom door, and take that path to the nearest exit door They should also know how to crawl from their bed to their bedroom win dow and be able to open it without using their eyes A real fire would give off smoke that would make it difficult to see through, and it would aggra vate their eyes, making sight

nearly impossible

Statistics tell us that most people feel that fire won t happen to them They believe that it is usually someone else that will be struck by fire I have responded to a number of fires in my years on the fire department, and I haven t found one family that felt they would have a fire destroy their lives Planning is key to personal safety during any emergency

Plan how to get out of your house by going into every room with your family and discussing the escape Doors are usually the fastest and easiest way out If fire is blocking the exit, a secondary escape must

be used In most cases, that would be a window Does the person in the bedroom know how to open the window easily, and can they get out safely in an emergency? Obviously, an infant cannot do this, and a more responsible person who sleeps nearby should be assigned the responsibility of getting the child out

If you have family members who sleep upstairs, take a look out each window to see what the next step 18 Some windows lead to a lower level roof, like a garage By crawling onto the roof and to a low point, the ground may only be a dozen feet away A neighbor may get a ladder to help you off the roof, but jumping may be considered if fire threatens them The best option is a box containing an emergency escape. ladder kept under the bed, and practice using it The ladder can be purchased for two- and three-story homes, and hangs a from the window, supplying the climber with steps to lower, them to safety

Safety is something we can all spend some time thinking" about Better yet, involve the family every step of the way so they know what to do if fire $\tilde{\lambda}_{k}$ strikes

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter

Nominate an outstanding volunteer by March 16

Do you know of a tireless volunteer, committed to improving the community around him or her, who deserves to be recognized for their unending efforts? Now 1s your chance to honor them United Way for Southeastern Michigan is accepting nominations to recognize metro Detroit s outstanding volunteers at Celebrate Volunteers Recognizing HomeTown Heroes, a special recognition event held on Aprıl 16

The annual luncheon takes place during National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, and provides individuals and organizations an opportunity to show appreciation for those who enrich our community through volunteerism Nominations are being

accepted in eight categories that honor youth, young adults, and retirees as well as outstanding businesses or groups who volunteer

To obtain nomination forms and guidelines, please log on to www.uwsem.org/celebrate.or.contact United Ways George W Romney Volunteer Center at 313-226 9430, 9 am to 5 pm Monday Friday, Nominations must be received at United Way no later than 5 p m, March 16, 2007

The award categories are as follows

Bernie Firestone Award (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan s Labor Department) - Recognizes an out-

standing rank and file member of a local labor union dedicated to community service A \$1,000 donation is given to an agency of the winner s choice

CorPLUS Award (Sponsored by the Junior League of Detroit) -Recognizes a retiree whose volunteer efforts exemplify the highest standards of service that benefits metropolitan Detroit A \$1,000 donation is given to an agency of the honorees choice

Exemplary Group Service Award (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan) -Recognizes families, couples or groups who strive to improve the lives of neighbors, friends and their

community through volunteer work A \$500 donation will be made to an agency of the winning group s choice

Governor s Honor Roll (Sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham) - This non-competi tive award recognizes individuals for outstanding community service, selected by the organization s they serve

Heart of Gold Award (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan) - This has become one of the most distinguished volunteer recognitions in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties Awardees receive a 14 carat gold heart in tribute to their dedication

Outstanding Youth Award (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan) - Recognizes youth ages 12-18 who are taking action to make our world a better place to live through volunteering

Young Adult Award of Excellence. (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan) - Recognizes adults ages 19 25 who represent the highest standards of service. leadership, commitment and character in their community A \$250 donation will be made to an agency of the winner s choice

Outstanding Business Award (Sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Corporate Volunteer Council and United Way) -

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MARCH

Clergy conference

Facing End of Life with Compassion a clergy conference featuring presenta tions by local and national leaders at the forefront of palliative and end of life care and breakout sessions 7 30 am to 3 45 pm Thursday March 8 at Macomb Community College South Campus Building K 14500 East 12 Mile Warren Cost is \$30 per person or \$25 per person for a team of three or more from the same organization breakfast and lunch included. For more informa tion and to register for Compassion

Sabbath 2007 call 1 888 440 7325 Classes

NorthRidge Church Women s Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that begin Thursday March 8 at the church 49555 North Territorial Plymouth Choose from a self defense class Scrap booking, Mops Bible studies cooking and nutrition quilting book club and much more Register on line

at http://www.northridgechurch.com/Wom en/

Lenten services

St Michael the Archangel Parish would like to invite everyone to attend Lenten services including Stations of the Cross and Benediction 7 pm Fridays during Lent at the church 11441 Hubbard south of Plymouth Road Livonia The services follow the church s Lenten Fish Fry Dinners and are open to all For more information call (734) 261 1455

Lenten concerts

12 35 pm Thursday March 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 Runnel Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on median on Jefferson at Woodward For Informa tion_call (313) 259 2206

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

Lenten fish fry

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11 am to 6 pm Friday March 9 16 23 and 30 pick ups at St Peter Claver Catholic Community Parish Rectory 13305 Grove one block south of



MARY LOU PURDY

Age 90 March 4 2007 Preceded in death by husband Morris C Purdy Beloved mother to Lisa Jason and Bill Seven grandchildren six great grandchildren Services to be held at Christ Church Cranbrook 470 Church Road Bloomfield Hills 11 AM Friday March 9 2007

DENNIS A. OUELLETTE

Age 66 March 1 2007 Beloved hus band of Pauline Loving father of Rebecca (Scott) Sawran and Amy (Jim) Lacefield Dear grandfather of Bailey Brother of Val Karhu Mary Lou (Don) Kezele and Peggy LaPierre Instate Friday March 9th at St Gerald Church 21300 Farmington Rd Farmington 10 30 AM until the memorial service at 11 00 AM memorial service at 11 00 AM Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

HELEN GRISCHUK RODDY Of Palm Harbor FL and formerly of Birmingham MI Passed away on March 1 2007 She was a member of St Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Palm Harbor Highland Lakes Bridge Club Highland Lakes Travel Club, former director of Sutton Place of Highland Lakes and volunteer for March of Dimes and Heart Assoc ation She is survived by hus band of 61 years Edward J Roddy son Kevin Roddy of Brielle NJ daughter Lynne Roddy Johnston of Worthington OH and five grandchil dren Erin Will and Logan Roddy and Michael and Anne Johnston

JACK D. MALANEY

age 83 March 2 2007 in Gainesville FL Beloved husband of the late Polly Dear father of Jack (Renee) Dennis Brian (Amy) Dennis (Norma) Jackie (Michael) Davis Gary and the late Patrick and Michael Grandfather of 10 Retired Sporting Goods Salesman WWII Veteran recipient of The Bronze Star for Valor former President of Nankin Youth Athletic Association oast Commander of American Legion Post 111 past Chairman of Parks and Recreation Dept City of Westland past President Babe Ruth League and Coach and Manager for over 20 years American Legion Baseball Visitation Thursday 10am until a 1pm Funeral Service at the John N Santeiu and Son Funeral Home 1139 Inkster Rd (between Ford Rd and Cherry Hill)

LEE E FENNER

Age 89 passed away Friday evening March 2 2007 at Canterbury on the Lake Nursing Home He was born in Lake Orion MI on January 2 1918 the son of James and Grace Fenner On July 10 1941 he was united in mar riage to Dorothy Marie Parker who preceded him in death on September 1 2004 Loving father of Margaret Wilton of Kansas Robert (Rhonda) Fenner of Rose Centei Linda (Mike) Shafer of Portage Douglas (Carol) Fenner of West Bloomfield Laura (James) Wilmes of White Lake and Spud Lee who passed away September 1943 proud grandfather of William Wilton Adrienne (Kevin) Collings Br ai Dan el and Keisey Fennei

DALE RENWICK

Beloved husband father grandfather Memorial Service Mar 9th, Buffalo Church Sanford NC

Age 78 passed away March 1, 2007 born on October 29 1928 in She was Detroit, to the late James and Edna (Moroney) Thompson She was an avid reader and loved her needle and bead work Patricia was a lifelong loyal Red Wings fan She was very proud and interested in her Irish her itage Mrs Welch is survived by her loving children Kathleen (Francis) Yee Joseph Welch Gary Welch seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren A Funeral Mass was held on March 6 at St Joseph Catholic Church Memorial contribu tions may be made to the Alzheimers Association 107 April Dr Ste 1 Ann Arbor MI 48103 1903 or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation 24359 Northwestern Hwy Ste 225 Southfield MI 48075 Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home South Lyon



McNichols one block east of Schaefer Detroit Lunch orders call in by 11 a m at (313) 342 5292 \$8 for catfish din ner \$7 whiting \$5 catfish sandwich \$4 whiting \$1 for sides of spaghetti coleslaw and green beans

Seminar

Faith Baptist Church in Royal Oak host a seminar Being Joyful in Tough Times with Duane Cuthbertson director of Growing Together Ministries 7.9 p.m. Friday March 9 and 9 asm to 1 p m Saturday March 10 at 3118 Greenfield Road Royal Oak Topics include Experiencing Joy That Is Full Coping With Our Hurts Changing Bitterness to Joy and Curing Our Hurts No charge but a free will offering will be taken. For information call (248) 288 6415

Lenten symposium The Path to Sanctity 9 a m to 3 30 p m

Saturday March 10 at St Anastasia Catholic Church 4571 John R Troy Cost is \$40 per person \$20 student For more information call (313) 277 8905 or (248) 625 2461 or visit the Web site at www.holytrinityaposto late 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 Benefit gospel concert

Make a Joyful Sound performances by more than nine choirs groups soloists and instrumentalists 6 30 pm Saturday March 10 at First Baptist Church 45000 N Territorial Plymouth Ticket donation is \$10 \$5 for children age 12 and under Proceeds benefit the 2007 Naga Mission Trip to Manipur India For tick ets call (734) 455 2300

Jesus Unmasked A sermon series with Rev C Allen Kannapell 8 a m and 10 a m Sunday March 11 Unreligious March 18 Uninteruptible Always Available March 25 Unafraid April 1 The Crucified God and April 8 The Unconquered at Anglican Church of Livonia in the Livonia YMCA 14255 Stark Road For more information visit www.hischurch.us

Biblical perspectives on health A seminar exploring how the principles hidden in the ancient Scriptures are only now being confirmed by recent scientific research 2 30 5 30 p m Sunday March 11 at Plymouth Seventh day Adventist Church 4295 Napier between Ann Arbor and Warren roads The program concludes with a delicious meal based on these health principles To register call (248) 349 5683 or (313) 531 2179

Organ concert

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

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 For more information contact Very Rev Michael Matsko Holy Transfiguration Church Livonia at (248) 476 3432 or mmatsko@twmirr.com Livonia Interfaith dialogue

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 Register online at www.hfcc.edu/CL2

Disciples: Faithful and Flawed What can we learn from the beloved disciple and Peter in the Gospel of John as we strive to more perfectly be the Lord s own? Join us 7 p m Wednesday March 14 as David Conrad aids us in our reflection on these two disciples and discover their life les sons as beneficial to our own devel opment as followers of Jesus at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington north of Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 425 5950 No charge

Midweek Lenten program 6745 pm Wednesday March 14 21 and 28 includes simple service of sung prayer meal and mission proj ect at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

Tiny Tots Preschool

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

On his Portable Sounds Tour 7 30 p m Friday March 16 at Northridge Church 49555 North Territorial Plymouth Tickets \$22 reserved \$18 groups of 15 plus Call (800) 585 3737 or visit www.startticketsplus.com Joining TobyMac are Thousand Foot Krutch Building 429 and Family Force

Luncheon and fellowship

JOY Builders (Just Older Youth) luncheon get together for fellowship and fun Everyone 50 plus years young is welcome 11 30 a m. Friday March 16 at Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth road Livonia For more information call (734) 464 0990 Please bring a luncheon dish to share and join us Effective Black Parenting

Seminar presented by Kevin Threatt created by Center for the Improvement of Child Caring with guidance from African American par enting scholars 9 a m to 4 p m Saturday March 17 at First Baptist Church of Detroit 21200 Southfield north of Eight Mile Southfield One day seminar is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple RSVP required For infor mation call (313) 869 4728 Child care

Men's conference

Catholic Conference for Men (Courageous Companions of Christ) sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8 a m (doors open at 7 a m) to 3 30 p m Saturday March 24 at University of Detroit Mercy Calihan Hall Detroit Cost is \$40 in advance \$50 at door \$25 students includes box lunch For more information call (734) 459 9558 or visit www.mensfel lowship com Day includes speakers 2 30 p m Mass confessions available throughout the day

A sacred cantata

The Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore Dubois with soprano Mary Bagazinski tenor Lawrence Wik bari tone Andrew Langlands violinist Carmela Langley and the St Robert Bellarmine Adult Choir under director Mark Newlon 7 p m Sunday March 25 at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church 27101 W Chicago at Inkster roads Redford No charge Call (313) 937 1500

Alpha sessions

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed non threatening setting over 10 thought provoking weekly sessions beginning 6 9 p m Thursday March 29 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Includes a free dinner each week Alpha is a low key friendly fun and pressure free class Free child care available when attending class. To register call (248) 374 5932 or send e mail to

Margy Burkhart@wardchurch org Mom to Mom Sale

Tri City Christian Center in Canton is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8 30 a m to 1 p m Saturday March 31 at Tri City 3855 Sheldon Road North of Michigan Avenue Canton Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids clothes toys baby equipment etc. There is a \$ladmission. For informa tion call Pam at (734) 397 0819

Christ on trial

Drama to uncover Biblical evidence that will be analyzed eye witnesses share accounts of their encounters with Jesus continues 7 pm every Wednesday evening during Lent except for Maundy Thursday April 5 when Simon Peter testified concern ing 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?

Lenten services

Noon and 7 30 p m Wednesdays to March 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

Lent and Easter services

In His Steps, a six part sermon series during Lent on Sunday's at 10 a m to April 1 Holy Thursday / 30 p.m. April 5 communion is around a great table in the shape of a cross to remember the last meal of Jesus with his disciples Community Good Friday Service noon April 6 7 30 p m Good Friday April 6 an evening service focusing on the Passion Narrative and Jesus final moments and Easter Sunday Son Rise Service at 8 a m. Worship Services at 915 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

PATRICIA T. WELCH



DENNIS (DENNY) BURTON

Age 52 of Livonia formerly of Garden City He loved his family fishing sports being up North play ing guitar and singing with is sons Beloved husband of Kathy of Kathy (Glowackı) Dearest father of Nate Chris and Vinnie Dear son of Elaine (the late Vincent) Brother of Joseph (Debbie) David (Linda Zelenak) Jeanne (Don) Cothran, James Diane (Greg) Wiza Norman Julie Kevin (Jeanna) Marilou (Russ) Pett Carolyn (Brett) Camfield and the late Robert Uncle to 30 nieces and nephews Preceded in death by niece Lori Cothran Funeral services were held today March 8th at the R G & G R Harris Funeral Home in Garden City Memorial contributions can be made to the family of Dennis Burton, 30595 Beechwood Garden City MI 48135

SALLY MILLER

in Detroit She spent six years in Paris

and studied with a famous planist

She played concerts as The Gifford &

Dow Two Piano Team in many ven-

ues in Michigan including the DIA

Oakland University in Birmingham

and the Opera House in Manistee MI

She was a gifted teacher and taught

hundreds of students to play the piano often simplifying difficult pieces

according to their ability Many of

them pursued careers in music and

Sally always remained interested in

her student s lives Memorial tributes

to the Michigan Humane Society

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David and Lindsay Shafer Andrea Alexander and Sarah Wilmes great grandfather of Elliott Collings Mr Fenner retired from Michigan Bell after 45 years of service and was a WWII Army veteran stationed in India He was a member of St Hugos Catholic Church for 54 years and was a 1936 graduate of Pontiac Central High School Mr Fenner was a lifetime member of the Pontiac Waterford Elks Lodge 810 and was past president of the Civitan Club He loved to golf bowl watch football especially the Detroit Lions and spending time with his grandchildren The family will receive friends Wednesday March 7 2007 from 3 8 p m at the Riverside Chapel Simpson Modetz Funeral 5630 Pontiac Lake Rd Home Waterford and a vigil service Wednesday 4 30 p m Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association PO Box 1131 Fairfax VA 22038 1131 Online guestbook at www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

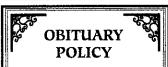


DAVID W. PORTER

Died March 1 2007 in Dearborn He was 85 years old Raised in Port Huron MI and lived for many years in Bloomfield Twp He served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II and graduated from U of M Engineering in 1950 Employed by Cadillac Motor Car Division of GM retired in 1980 after 30 years Active member in Cadillac LaSalle Club VMCCA AACA and Packard Motor Car Club Enjoyed and supported for many years DSO MOT and DIA Survived by his wife Nancy daughter Susan K Porter (Robert S Conklin) son Ronald C (Kimberly M Conely) and grandsons Robert C and Thomas G Siblings are the late R W Bill Porter Barbara (Harold) MacDonell and John (Marlene) Porter, also sur vived by many nieces and nephews Inlaws Peter (Estelle) Newcomb, late Cyrena (John) Firth Tyana (John) Olsem and Kimrie Newcomb Memorial service Saturday March 10 2007 at 11 00 AM at Franklin Community Church 26425 Wellington Rd Franklin Instate at church 10 11 AM Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe Peterson Funeral Home (313) 561 1500 In heu of flowers memorial tributes to the Franklin Community Church Endowment Fund or Henry Ford Village Benevolent Care Fund 15101 Ford Rd Dearborn MI 48126

SUSAN POMEROY ROBERTS

Former Birmingham resident Susan Pomeroy Roberts died of heart disease February 8 2007 in Tucson She was 74 Born in Dayton Ohio in 1932 Mrs Roberts grew up in the suburbs of New York Chicago and Detroit and graduated from Baldwin High School in Birmingham in 1950 After attending the University of Colorado Boulder and traveling in Europe in 1953 she married Don Roberts of Franklin Michigan a federal Fish & Wildlife agent in Alaska thus begin ning 40 years of marriage and 37 years in Alaska Mrs Roberts worked nearly 50 years primarily as an executive assistant. Sue is remembered for her vivid storytelling wit generosity love of piano dolls antiques New Yorker magazine chocolate watching figure skating knitting and decorat ing She was preceded in death by her husband in 1998 and her youngest child Catherine Roberts Miller in 2004 She is survived by her daugh ters Laury Roberts Scandling (Bruce) and Wendy Skye Hamilton (Steve) of Juneau Alaska, and her son Rob (Stephanie) of Aurora Colorado eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren Remembrances can be made to the Salvation Army



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

Deadlines Friday 4 30 PM for Sunday Wednesday Noon for Thursday Ob tuar es rece ved after these deadl nes w li be placed n the next available ssue

e mail vour obit to oeobits@hometownlife com or fax to Attn Obits c/o Charolette Wilson 734-953-2232 For more information call **Charolette Wilson** 734 953-2070 or Liz Keiser 734-953-2067 or toll free 866-818-7653 ask for Char or Liz

John McCuthcheon concert

7 30 pm Sunday March 11 at **Birmingham First United Methodist** Church 1589 W Maple at Pleasant For more information call (248) 646 1200 or visit www liveatfirst org

St Patrick's Day

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall is hosting Mass and a number of events to celebrate St Patrick's Day at the hall 24242 Grand River one block west of Telegraph Call (313) 535 4110

Mass begins at 10 30 a m on Parade Day Sunday March 11 with entertain ment by Irish musical legend Charlie Taylor at 4 p.m. On St. Patrick's Eve Friday March 16 The Wakes and Wedddings Band start at 7 30 p m Mass begins at noon on Saint Patrick's Dav March 17 followed by perform ances of one of Michigan's premiere Irish bands. Shamrock Shore at ip m plus the Heinzman Irish Dancers Bagpiper Dennis Burklow and PaddleBall Billy Full menu available on all the above mentioned days including corned beef and cabbage There is a cash bar and no cover charge Everyone is welcome **Cathedral Cultural Series**

Presents a concert by the award win ning ensemble amarcord 4 p m Sunday March 11 at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament 9844 Woodward at Trowbridge Detroit Tickets \$10 in advance \$15 at the door and available online at http://CathedralConcerts.tix.com_by calling 1 800 595 4TIX (4849) by mail ing a self addressed stamped enve lope and check or money order payable to Cathedral Cultural Series to 9844 Woodward Avenue Detroit MI 48202 Allow one week for delivery For more information call (313) 865 6300 Ext 227 or send e mail to CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com Doors open at 3 p m on the day of the con cert

Vesper services

The Council of Orthodox Christian **Churches of Metropolitan Detroit** (COCC) conducts its series of Vespers services annually during the five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent March 11 at St George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral 18405 W Nine Mile Southfield call (248) 569 4833 March 18 at St Michael Orthodox

not available. Seminar helps parents prepare children for success at school resist pressures to use drugs and join gangs achieve high self esteem and pride in their African American heritage Church phone is (248) 569 2972

Michigan railroad memorabilia sale

11 30 a m to 3 30 p m Sunday March 18 in the school gym at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church 4855 Parker Dearborn Heights Cost is \$3 adults \$6 per family or early bird entry fee of \$10 Proceeds go to St Albert s School improvements and Bluewater Chapters restoration program for pas senger cars For more information call (313) 277 2419

God's amazing grace

Moves us to conversion. Join us as we welcome quest Frank Turner former anchor for Channel 7 News of Detroit as he shares with us how faith in God aided him in being freed from various addictions 7 pm Thursday March 22 at St. Aidan Catholic Church. Activities Center 17500 Farmington north of Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 425 5950 Free will offerings appreciated Refreshments provided

Lifeline screening Residents living in and around the

Bloomfield Hills community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke Thursday March 22 in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul s 165 East Square Lake Road Bloomfield Hills Screenings are fast painless and low cost and involve the use of ultrasound technology and scan for potential health prob lems related to blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke aortic aneurysms which can lead to a rup tured aorta and hardening of the arteries in the legs which are a strong predictor of heart disease Also offered is a bone density screening to assess risk for osteo porosis Pre registration required Call 1 800 324 1851

Clothing sale

Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples will hold their annual Spring/Summer Clothing Sale 9 a m to noon Saturday March 24 at St Matthew's United Methodist Church 30990 Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt Livonia Over 30 tables of children's items. Bake sale \$1 admission for adults Strollers after 10 a m

Church members wanted

The solid Reformed Protestant doc trine and the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible may finally come together in a new church in your area If you re interested in this type of preaching and teaching write to Reformation Revival PO Box 6156 Plymouth MI 48170 0156 or send e mail to www.psalm12verse6@yahoo.com.for

more information

UPCOMING

Easter cantata

Riverside Park Church of God invites you to our special Easter Cantata He Touched Me 10 a m Sunday April 8 at the church 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth road Livonia For informa tion call (734) 464 0990 Please ioin us for this special drama event and celebrate Easter with us We look for ward to welcoming you

Blood drive

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

Hidden Secrets film

Debuts 7 pm Monday April 30 a new feature length movie that explores just how explosive it can be when your past becomes your present Livonia 20 19500 Haggerty Livonia and Commerce Township Stadium 14 3033 Springvale Drive Walled Lake Tickets now available at www FathomEvents com or at present ing theaterbox offices for \$9 For a complete list of theaters visit the Web site

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ary and share memories at

March Birmingham Beloved wife of James for 45 years Dear sister of Dorothy Miglio Sally was a child prodigy and played plano at age 3 and at age 13 taught at the Art Center Music School

CALENDAR

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ONGOING

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 discus sion 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.celebrat crecovery com and www.wardchurch.org/cele brate

Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 pm Monday Feb 5 at The Basilica of St Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level 18100 Merriman Livonia No charge The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George. Shalhoub and Jim King the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register call (734) 422 0010

Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope began 7 8 45 p m Sunday Feb 5 and continues for eight weeks at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville For those grieving the loss of a loved one it is normal to feel overwhelmed angry and alone Advance registration appreciat ed For more information call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374 5966

Sunday service

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

Bible study series

St Theodore Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 79 pm Thursday Jan 11 and continuing for eight weeks at the church 8200 N Wayne Road Westland For more information call (734) 425 7310

Scripture study

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

of Numbers 10 a m Tuesdays through May at St Priscilla Church 19120 Purlingbrook Livonia For information call Mary Rice at (734) 522 1095 Worship service

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

Sunday Worship services are 8 a m (traditional) and 10.30 a m (contemporary) Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 915 a.m. Sunday Grace Lutheran Church 46001 Warren between Canton Center and Beck Canton For information call (734) 637 8160 Worship service

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

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over Trained tutors available for day and evening hours Call (734) 421 0472 Leave your name and phone

number and someone will be in contact with you Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenomina tional multicultural full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a m and Tuesday night Bible study at 715 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile west of Farmington Road Livonia All are welcome For nformation call (248) 960 8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org Farmington Women Aglow

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

Scripture studies

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

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly the group meets at 7 pm every Thursday evening at St Thomas a Becket Church 555 S Lilley Canton Weigh in is from 615 6 55 p.m. It is a weight sup port group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more informa tion call Mary at (734) 394 1328

Learner's Bible study

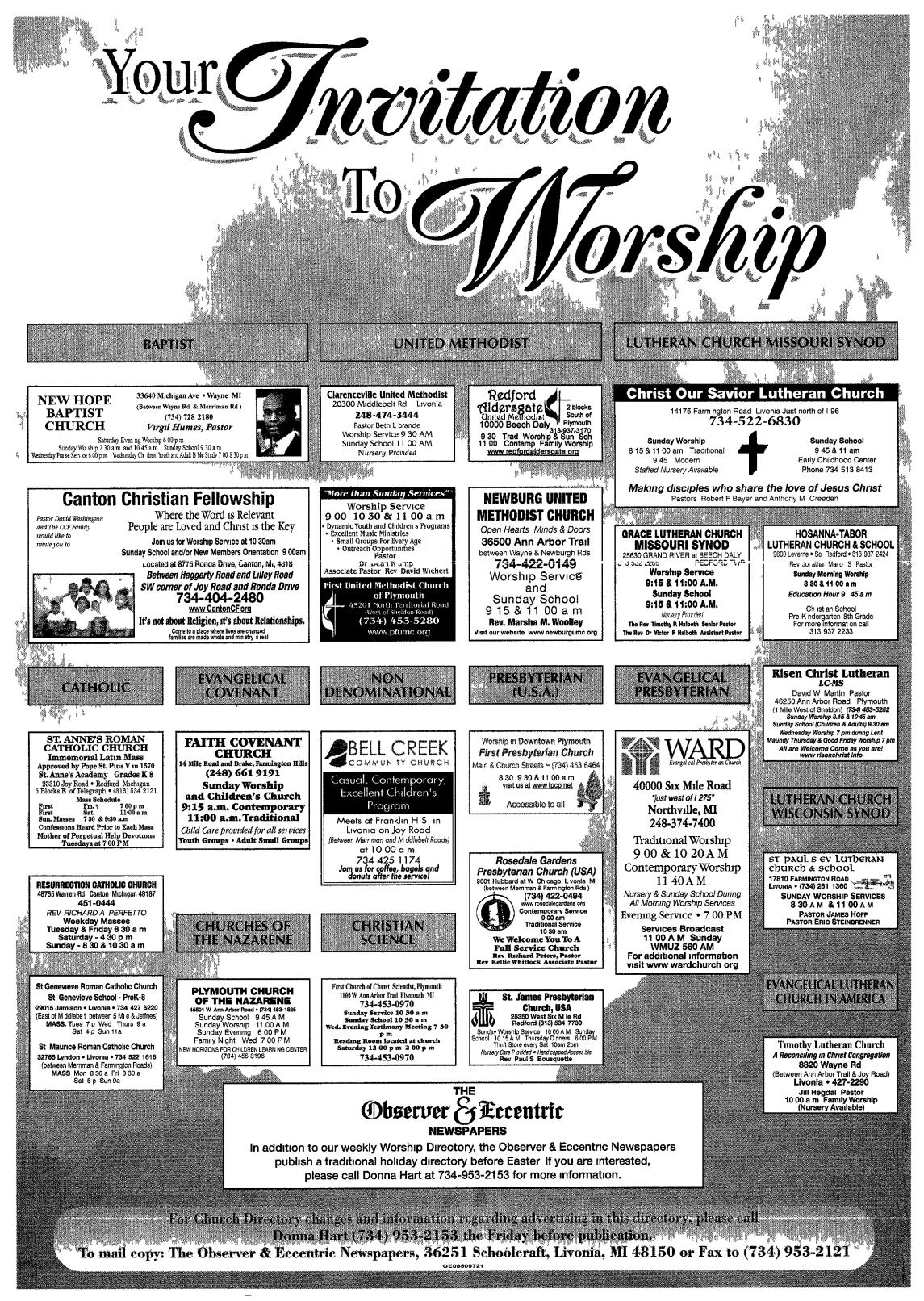
At 7 p m Mondays in Room A101 at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 W Six Mile Northville Call (248) 374 5920

Church service

Loving God by loving people meets at 10 a m Sunday at Westwood Community Church 6500 N Wayne Road at Hunter Westland Doughnuts and coffee served Call (734) 254 0093 Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11.30 a m on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Livonia For more information call (734) 464 0990 Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories **Church activities**

St James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p m for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro The Cookie Lady followed by Bible study at 7 pm and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 pm Thrift store is open from 10 a m to 2 p m every Saturday 10 a m women's study group second Saturday of the month and Sunday worship at 10 a m (nursery available) and children's class at 10 15 a m at 25350 W Six Mile Redford Call (313) 534 7730



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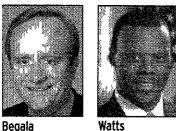
Democratic strategist says leaders must be dealers of hope

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

There on the left is Paul Begala, former adviser to President Bill Clinton, and on the right is JC Watts, former Oklahoma congressman

The two political commentators will take their respective Crossfire positions tonight at the Michigan Political Leadership Programs 12th annual Fund-raising Dinner at Laurel Manor in Livonia , The MPLP is a program of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research at Michigan State University's College of Social Science Annually since 1992, the program has offered 24 fully paid scholarships for training in personal leadership, public policy, running for office and effective governing The 2006 Fellows will graduate before the \$125-a-plate dinner and the 2007 class will be wel comed to the dinner A breakfast will be held in Grand Rapids on Friday with Begala and Watts also speaking

LEGISLATORS RECOGNIZED



Begala

This year for the first time, the program will recognize former state legislators This year, former state Rep Dianne Byrum and former state Sens Robert Emerson, Shirley Johnson and Ken Sikkema will receive Leadership and Service Awards

Though Begala and Watts have opposing views on most political issues, both share a strong interest in the political process Begala and his longtime business partner James Carville were instrumental in Bill Clinton's election Watts has served as the chairman of GOPAC, the Republican organization that recruits candidates

JC Watts first gained national attention as an allstar quarterback for the University of Oklahoma

Sooners, leading them to Big Eight and Orange Bowl championships in the late 1970s He served in the House from 1995 to 2003 before deciding not to seek re-election He is a minister in the Southern Baptist Church, which has been a big influence on his political beliefs

Watts was unavailable for an interview, but Begala shared some of his views of the current political scene in a phone interview

The Democrats regained control of Congress in last falls election, but the war in Iraq is proving a difficult problem For Begala, the Democrats

have to insist on accountability The Democrats have held

more hearings and done more to hold Bush accountable in seven weeks than the Republicans did in four years," Begala said But we have to be realistic Its the hardest problem on the planet Earth'

Begala said the decision to escalate the war was Bushs over the objections of military leaders and the Iraqis But, he said, it is a terrible idea to

withdraw funding while there are troops in the field

"No one talks about the practical problems of a retreat George Washington was a bril hant tactical retreat general He saved his men time and time again from superior forces,' Begala said

But, he said, Democrats shouldn't make the mistake of Bush and (Vice President) Cheney by expecting flowers from the Iraqis for retreating

Begala grew up in Texas, in the district that Tom DeLay once represented in Congress, but he was drawn to the Democratic Party

"I always thought the Democrats are for the little guy and I m a populist," he said I have a lot of confidence in what Bill Clinton called walking around folks

GOT HIS START

He got his political start working with now Texas Congressman Lloyd Doggett It was while working on a campaign for Doggett in 1983 that Begala met James Carville, the ragin Cajun of American politics

'We've been in business now for 23 years We ve run campaigns, written books and never had an argument over money Over tactics, but never over money," he said

Following Clinton's successful campaign in 1992, Begala went to work at the White House He is said to have inspired the Josh Lyman character in West Wing

He continues to admire the Clintons and supports Sen Hillary Clinton's candidacy for the presidency

"The biggest thing I learned from Bill Clinton, you have to trust people I'm more idealistic today than 23 years ago Most of the time if you trust the people they get it right," he said

He said he blames John Kerry not the people for Bushs re-election

The main thing is they didn't have a message, framing what you re for and against Bush had a message – I m strong and he's weak Hes French," Begala said

Trading messages is part of Begala's political role on television, where he appeared for

several years as the liberal on CNNs Crossfire But he has been able to separate the politics from the person on the other side

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'Robert Novak 1s my friend, Tucker Carlson 15 my friend, Oliver North is my friend," Begala said

As a devout Catholic, he said he trues to love those on the other side

"Crossfire helped me a lot in that I sat across the table from them When you have to sit there, it's better than lobbing press releases at each other, he said

When speaking to the recent leadership graduates, he will draw again on the wisdom of Bill Clinton

"Clinton said a leader must be a dealer of hope,' he said Chnton ran during a recession, people had lost hope, they didn't think it mattered Chnton never lost hope He always believed in our country and its system

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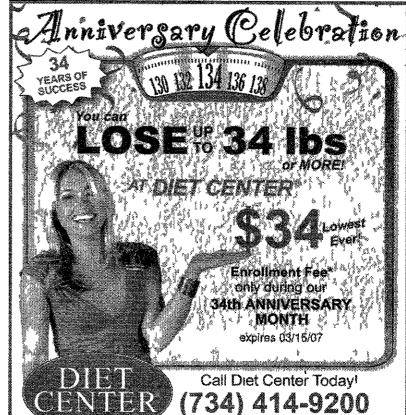
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Warriors run past Agape in 1st round

Covenant clips Eagles wings Page B2

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

Tuesday night's Canton Agape-Lutheran Westland showdown at Redford Covenant High School was one of those rare Class D first-round District match-ups that prom ised to send a very good team to the sidelines very early

Alex Edwards made sure it wasn't the Warriors

Edwards, a 6-foot-6 senior center, came off the bench to rack up 16 points and 18 rebounds and lead Lutheran Westland (13-7) to a convincing 61-44 victory The setback derailed what had been a successpacked season for the Wolverines, whose 15-6 record included a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division title

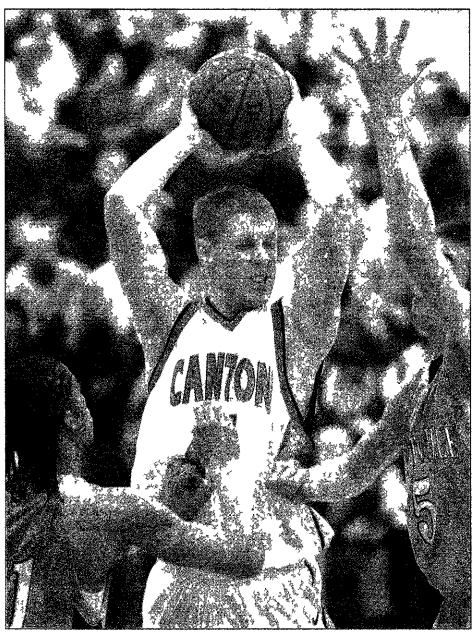
With the triumph, the Warriors earned a ticket to Thursday's 6 p m semifinal encounter with Westside Christian Academy, which has struggled through a modest 5-10 campaign

Edwards pounded the glass relentlessly On a few occasions, he grabbed three or four consecutive putbacks before he was fouled or he converted the shot

Alex did a nice job, LW coach Dan Ramthun said 'With his size, hes going to eat up a lot of rebounds He missed a few easy bunnies tonight, but he was one of the guys who stepped up when we needed it because some of our top guys didn't have their best games

"Going into the game, we knew Agape had a couple of good shooters — No 21 (Jack Anleitner) and No 12 (Ty Majeski) We knew we had to play good man defense on them and not give up too many good shots Were a little bigger than they are, so we figured wed control the boards"

Anleitner paced the Wolverines with 16 points, however, he connected on just 7-of 20 field goals Majeski, who led Agape in scoring in almost one-third of its games, was limited to just five shots and four points Edwards received plenty of assis tance from senior forward Kyle Wilson (14 points and three rebounds), Senior forward Josh Haller (11 points and three boards) and senior guard Ryan Vanden Brink, who netted 10 points and six caroms The Warriors used an up-tempo style that kept the game at a frenetic pace from the opening tip to the closing buzzer



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Canton's Steve Paye (with ball) contributed eight points and four rebounds in the Chiefs' convincing 61-51 victory over Northville Wednesday night. Paye is being defended by Northville's Alvin Storrs (left) and Dan Kirkpatrick

The Butler did it

Senior guard's strong 'D' leads Canton into District title game

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The bad news for Northville's Alvin Storrs is that his brilliant high school basketball career ended Wednesday night in Canton's Phase III gymnasium

The good news for Storrs He wont have to square off against Cantons Josh Butler anymore

Led by Butler's ball-hawking defense on the Mustangs' 6-foot-2 Grand Valley State University-bound guard — and several clutch offensive performances from Butler's teammates — the Chiefs advanced to their third consecutive Class A District final with a 61 51 triumph over Northville

From the opening tip to the final buzzer, it appeared as if Butler was closer to Storrs than his own shadow — and it showed on the stat sheet as Storrs found net on just 5 of-18 shots Eight of his team-high 22 points came at the free-throw line

Josh did an incredible job defensively against Storrs in all four games we played against them this year, said Canton coach Charlie Paye It seems like Alvin gets a little frustrated playing against Josh

The 10-point victory ensured the Chiefs (16-6) a spot in Friday night's 7 p m District title game against Novi (14-8), which eliminated Plymouth, 66-36, in the night's first game

The loss capped the Mustangs' second-straight one-and-done post-season performance following stellar regular seasons in which they compiled a combined record of 38-4 Their only three losses this season came at the hands of Canton (twice) and Salem

The Chiefs used a blazing start and an inspiring stretch run to hold off the Mustangs before a charged-up crowd in the jampacked Phase III gymnasium The two teams ended up splitting their four-game series that stretched over the past month

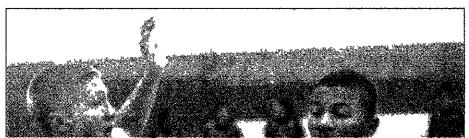
While it's unclear who will win Friday night's final, this much is certain The atmosphere won't be any more electric than it was on

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Novi derails Plymouth, 66-36



Novis basketball team didn't contribute to the global warming problem Wednesday night, but it sure did heat up Canton's Phase III



The winners drained 10-of-15 free throws (67 percent) Agape went 3-of-6 gymnasium

The Wildcats hit a blistering 55 8 percent of their shots (24-for-43) on the way to a lopsided 66 36 victory over Plymouth in a a Class A District semifinal contest The win pushed 14 8 Novi into Friday's,7 p m District championship game against Canton

Novi didn t harm the ozone layer, but it sure did damage

Plymouth's zone defense— and every other defensive alignment the Wildcats employed

While Novi was hitting just about everything it threw at the rim, Plymouth couldn't buy a basket and went just 1-for-7 from the field in the first quarter

Coach Tom Van Wagoner's team trailed 16-3 after one quarter, 30



PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, B2 Plymouth's Chris Daniels fends off the defensive pressure of Novi s Shaun Rydzewski

THN WIN

Canton gymnasts capture Regional by less than 1 point

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

How narrow was Cantons dramatic victory at Saturday's Division 1 Regional gymnastics meet at Plymouth High School²

'We won by fifteen-hundredths-of-a-point, so if somebody's finger would have twitched when it shouldn t have during a routine, we have finished second,' quipped Canton coach John Cunningham, whose team captured its first Regional championship in recent memory

Led by six individual state qualifiers — most notably second-place all-around standout Alyssa Kelley — the Chiefs nipped runner-up Livonia Blue 143 800 to 143 650, in one of the most exciting finishes in Regional gymnastics history

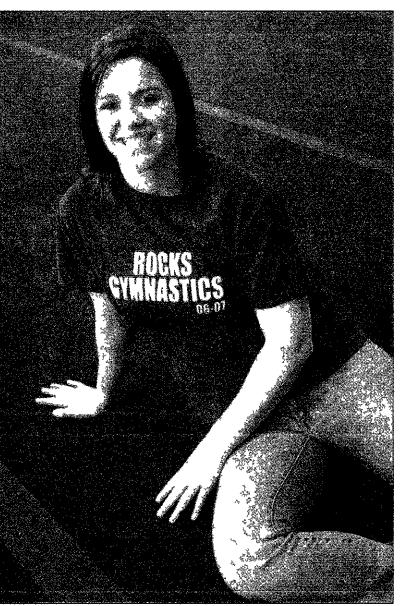
Both of the top two teams earned a spot in this weekend's team state meet along with third-place Livoma Red (142 650) and Northville (142 200), which qualified as an at-large team Salem finished fifth with 139 250 while Plymouth was 11th at 122 500

The Chiefs weren't the odds-on favorites to win the Regional due to a less-than-stellar performance at last weeks Western Lakes meet

After going 11-0 in the WLAA (during the regular season), we fimshed fourth at the conference meet, which was a disappointment, said Cunningham "But beating the same teams to win the Regional was very satisfying

I told the girls that a top-three finish was our goal, so winning the Regional trophy was a surprise The girls were relaxed and they had fun, which is why we

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Salem sophomore Katle Koetting has already qualified for three individual state meets — two in gymnastics and one in diving

Koetting dives right in to two-sport stardom

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

Between the months of August and March, Katie Koetting performs in front of judges more often than most lawyers

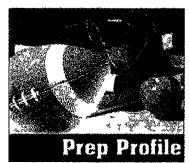
And more often than not, she makes a strong case for excellence

The Salem sophomore excels in the only two high school varsity sports that are scored by judges — diving and gymnastics And the evidence she's gathered — three trips to Division I state meets (twice in gymnastics and once for diving) — proves she's been incredibly successful at both endeavors

Last year, Koetting was one of the few freshmen in the state — boys or girls — to qualify for the respective state meets in two individual sports Once there, she shined, placing 27th overall in diving while finishing in the top 10 in the all-around at the D1 gymnastics meet

SHE'S BACK

On Saturday, she'll attempt to improve on last years outstanding gymnastics performance when she competes in the D1 state meet at Troy High School



'Being a gymnast really helps my diving," said Koetting 'I don't think I would have even tried diving in high school if it wasn t for gymnastics A lot of the movements are the same, which helps

"My biggest problem in both sports is that I get nervous before I perform My team mates help calm me down, though

Koetting has been honing her gymnastics skills since the age of 2 when her parents, Mike and Terry, registered her for a class at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics By the time she was 8, Koetting was competing with other young tumblers in meets throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

"I struggled at first, but the more I practiced, the better I got," she said I never get tired

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BASKETBALL

Chief cagers sideline Rocks, 62-45

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WR TER

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(CP)

A 10-4 Canton run late in the third quarter knocked Salem over and out of the Class A District basketball tournament Monday night in the Canton Phase III gymnasium

Canton's 62 45 victory - its third in three games against Salem this season earned the Chiefs (15 6) a berth in Wednesday nights semifinal against Northville Tip-off is set for 7 p m in the Phase III gymnasium The Chiefs defeated the Mustangs last Wednesday, 50-40, in the WLAA tournament title game The loss capped the Rocks season at

10-11

A deep-corner three point shot by Rock junior forward Grant Stone brought Salem to within 39-34 with 2 10 left in the third, but Canton countered with offensive putbacks from Eric Thornton and Ryan Langdon - sandwiched around a Thornton triple - to extend its lead to 46-34 with 1 00 left in the stanza

Stone hit a driving layup with 50 seconds left in the quarter, but junior for ward Neil Sharma drained a three at the other end to make it 49 36

Canton maintained at least a 14 point lead throughout the fourth quarter

Sharma topped his career-best 23 point effort in the WLAA title game by tallying 25 against the Rocks The junior forward drained four triples and grabbed eight rebounds as well Thornton finished with 11 points while senior center Ryan Waidmann contributed 10 points and a game-high 10 rebounds

Langdon netted four points and eight

boards

Stone led the Rocks with 15 points Junior forward Ross Davis shined for Salem, contributing 12 points and seven rebounds Brian Baumgart and Mike Marek both twined six for Salem in their final high school games

Canton led 14 8 after one quarter and 28-20 at the half

The Chiefs outrebounded the Rocks, 37-30 They were especially tough on the offensive boards, registering 14

Salem connected on 13-of-16 free throws while the Chiefs were 14-of-22

Canton hit 21-of-52 field goals (40 3 percent) Salem was 15-of-48 from the field (31 2)

The Rocks committed 14 turnovers, Canton had 13 miscues

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Summers' heat melts Eagles, 64-30

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

With Tom Izzo in the house Tuesday night, Michigan State University-bound Durrell Summers and his Redford Covenant teammates came out flying in their Class D district quarterfinal against Plymouth Christian

Summers didn t disappoint his future coach, as he threw down several dunks and scored 31 points, sparking Covenant to a 64-30 triumph over the Eagles

Covenant head coach Durand Shepherd, howev er, only smiled when asked if his team got pumped up to play with Izzo in the audience

'I don't even know if they knew he was here (Izzo)" Shepherd said I knew he was coming, but I dıdn't see hım myself"

If the Spartans defeat 2 18 Huron Valley Lutheran Thursday night, as expected, they will move on to Friday's district final (6 p m against the winner of a Thursday semi between Lutheran Westland and Westside Christian

Covenant (17-4) stormed out to a 21 4 lead after one quarter, with Summers finishing the frame on a high note - receiving an alley-oop feed from senior guard Jacory Morning (eight points) and slamming the ball through the rim as the horn sounded

The Eagles gave it a good effort in the middle two frames, only getting outscored 28 19 during that span Spearheading Plymouth Christian (7-14) was junior guard Trevor Zinn who scored eight points Shepherd actually wasn't thrilled with the way his starting five played after the strong first quarter, and briefly substituted five reserves to send a message

'If they want to win big games they can t take off

plays, he emphasized 'One game and you're out Senior center Stephen Chester (nine points, seven rebounds) scored seven of his points in the fourth as the Spartans got their game back togeth-

Summers connected on four more baskets, two of them putback jams of teammates misses, to make it 60-27

With 4 45 left, Summers one-handed an offensive rebound (he had 16 boards in the contest) and dunked with authority - quite possibly to the delight of Izzo, who made a quick exit following the game

But Shepherd said his 6-5 wing guard will need to make some of the more-routine shots if the Spartans are to enjoy a long postseason run

"Hes got to make the easy shots these next games as we get closer to our destuny," the coach said

According to Eagles head coach Dave Yost, it was difficult for his team to compete against the deep, athletic Spartans

Its not a one-person team, they're very balanced and they play five kids real well, Yost said "For Class D basketball, if you've got five kids who can play, that s a lot

Despite the lopsided final score, Yost said several of his players played as hard as they possibly can

(Semor forward) Matt Saagman played a nice game, Yost said 'It was probably one of the best games defensively hes played Sophomore (guard) Justin Govan played real well tonight, and (junior point guard) Ross Gerulis also played real hard

Hes not the biggest kid in the world, but he has a lot of heart

Saagman scored five points for the Eagles

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Wednesday

Both schools student-cheering sections exchanged goodnatured barbs throughout the contest But it was the Chiefs fans who had the final say when they collectively asked the orange-and-black clad Mustang backers, Why so quiet? less than a minute before the final buzzer sounded

Led by junior forward Neil Sharma's 11 first-quarter points two of which came on a 15 foot, fade-away, baseline jumper that somehow rain bowed into the net after being released from behind the back board — the Chiefs raced to a

13-1 lead Northville stormed back to take a brief 35-34 lead before collapsing under the pressure of Canton's depth and resolve over the final 10 minutes

'Any time you can beat a good team — and a classy group of kids - like Northville. its huge, said Paye Its big,

too, because if we lose, our sea sons over Our guys realize that they can enjoy this win tonight, but

starting tomorrow they have to start getting ready for Novi Three Chiefs hit double fig

ures in scoring with a fourth close behind Sharma led the way with 19 points and nine rebounds Butler chipped in with 12 and senior center Ryan Waidmann added 11 points and six boards Waidmann was a force in the fourth quarter with 10 points and four pivotal rebounds in the games waning moments

Six of senior forward Steve Payes eight points came at the end of the third quarter when Canton turned its one point deficit into a 42-38 lead

'We hung in there and never gave up, even when they made that run on us, said Paye, who didn't show any signs of the sore ankle that has plagued him the past few weeks 'It was a team effort Whoever went in the game gave us good minutes

Paye said his dad/coach's message during a timeout seconds after Northville had grabbed its third-quarter lead was straight to the point

He told us to keep our com posure and keep doing what we were doing," Steve Paye remembered

Canton led 13-6 after one quarter and 28-20 at the half The Mustangs capped a 15 6

Salem senior guard Kevin (left), shown defending a Union player during a game earlier this year, started and played well in the Rocks' season ending loss to Canton Monday night

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run with 3 18 left in the third quarter when Storrs steal and layup put them ahead for the first time all night, 35-34

Following a Chief timeout, Canton closed the quarter with an 8-3 run and never trailed again

In the wake of Wednesday's draining win over a top-notch rıval, Friday nights final will be far from anticlimactic for the Chiefs, Charlie Pave assured

We won't have any problem getting up for Novi, he said They have a very good team and they re on a roll They remind me a lot of us last year We knocked them out of the District tournament last year, so they'll be looking to get us back on Friday"

Dan Kırkpatrıck (10 points) was the only Mustang besides Storrs to hit double figures Michael Rogers added eight and Brett Spencer contributed seven

Canton hit 22 of-50 field goals (44 percent) while Northville drained 16-of-42 shots from the field (38 percent)

The Chiefs excelled at the free-throw line, canning 16-of-21 attempts (76 1 percent) Northville went 15-for-25

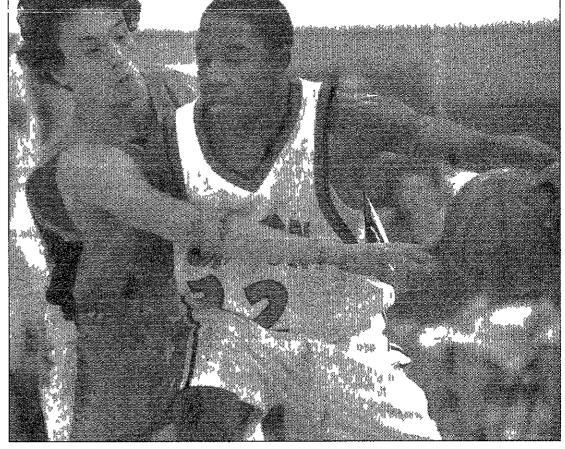


CHIEFS









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Canton's Josh Butler keeps the ball at arm's length from Northville's Jeff Cheslik during the latter stages of Wednesday night's 61-51 Chief victory in a Class A District semifinal game

WILDCATS

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18 at the half and 50-28 with eight minutes to play We started slow and got

slower as the game went on,' lamented Van Wagoner, whose Wildcats finished 7-14

Plymouth entered the game with a valid reason to feel confident – it lost at Novi by just two points in the second week of the season

The last time we played them we only scored four points in the first 10 minutes, but we managed to stay in the game," said Van Wagoner Tonight, they made a lot of back-door cuts and made a lot of their shots and we couldn t hit anything

Senior center Caleb Dean paced the winners with 19

points and seven rebounds Brandon Bedford (11 points), Adam Chandler (10) and Chris Bellamy (nine) also had strong offensive games for Novi, which advanced to Wednesday's game with a 49-46 first-round triumph over Novi Catholic Central on Monday night

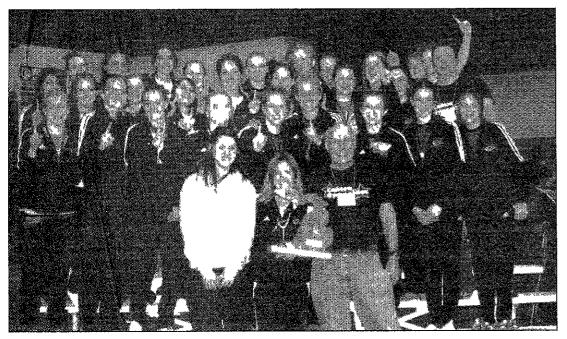
Junior guard Brandon Roberts led Plymouth with nine points Junior center Jake Hager added seven points and four rebounds Senior forward Kulraj Sandhu grabbed a team-high seven rebounds in his final high school game

Plymouth shot itself in the foot during the first quarter, when it committed nine costly turnovers Van Wagoners team finished with 22 miscues compared to Novis 10

Plymouth shot just 32 percent on 15-of-49 shooting from the field The Wildcats were even shakter from the freethrow line, where they made just 3-of 10 attempts

Despite the disappointing setback, Van Wagoner remained optimistic as he looked ahead to the 2007-08 campaign

"We have 10 juniors on this team, so hopefully they can take the experience they got this year and put it to good use next season, he said 'We lost four games by just two points and we won a couple by two points, too, so they know what its like to play in close games'



CHERYL SELDEN

Canton's gymnastics team is pictured along with coach John Cunningham (front row, right) after capturing the 2007 Division 1 Regional title at Plymouth High School The Chiefs will be competing for a state team title Friday at Troy High School

GYMNASTICS

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had such a good meet Kelley turned in top five efforts in all four events The senior won the vault with a school record 9 650, was third on the uneven parallel bars (9 20) fourth on the balance beam (9 425) and third in the floor exercise competition The consistently outstanding scores earned Kelley 37 825 all around points, which were good enough for second, just one-quarter-of-a-point behind

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champion Emily Quint of Livonia Blue Jessie Murray also excelled

for Canton with an eighthplace showing in the allaround

"We finished on vault, which I felt good about because it is potentially our strongest event, Cunningham said

The six Chiefs who qualified for the individual state meet were Kelley, Murray and Kate Staley in Division 1, and Courtney Ward, Kaitlyn Burns and Mallory Hudak in Division 2

The Rocks were led by soph-

omore Katie Koetting, who placed fourth in the all-around with a score of 36 800 Koettings best event proved to be the uneven bars, on which she placed second with a score of 9 30

Salems Autumn Collins was ninth in the all around with a 35 075

Due to technical difficulties, Division 2 scores were not available at presstime Tuesday night Complete Division 2 results will be published in Sundays Observer

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KOETTING

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of it When I m off for a couple weeks between the end of the high school season and before I compete in the spring, I miss it'

RISING STAR

Koettings skills on the beam, floor, vault and bars started to accelerate five years ago when she joined Eurostars Gymnastics in Canton The husband-and-wife coaching team of Peter and Tania Gueorguiev had a lot to do with her progression, she emphasized

They're the ones who started to teach me all the basics, Koetting said

Koetting gave up the more competitive form of club gymnastics when she decided to try out for Salems team in the fall of 2005 It's a decision that looks better with every passing state meet

'Club gymnastics was harder and a lot more stressful than high school gymnastics," she said I love high school gymnastics I have great coaches (Dana Driscoll and Pam Yockey) and I love my teammates'

While shes solid in all four events, Koettings talent shines through the brightest in the floor exercise She placed third in the event at last year's state meet and earlier this year compiled a stunning 97 score in a dual meet

MAKING A SPLASH

Koettings first taste of competitive diving came during her freshman year at Salem Thanks to the guid ance of coach Jim Shin, she caught on quickly and before you can say "back one-and-a-half-somersault from the tuck position' the relatively inexperienced ninth-grader was climbing the Western Lakes Activities Association ratings charts

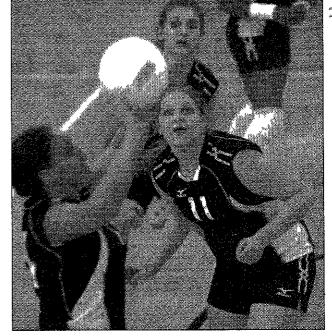
This past season, she placed first at the WLAA meet, but barely missed qualifying for the state meet follow-

ing an uncharacteristically shaky performance at the Regional meet Thanks to her best dive - a back

one-and-a half with one-and-a-half twists - Koetting racked up a season-high score of 336 35 (11 dives) last year

An accomplished student - she carries a 3 5 grade-point average -Koetting would love to compete in gymnastics at the collegiate level if the opportunity presents itself

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Plymouth Christian Academy s Megan Greve (back) and Cody Sulkowski (11) look on as Sara Ross pushes the ball over the net during a match earlier this season. The Eagles won their fourth consecutive District title on Saturday

PCA spikers claim 4th straight District title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

A so-so season got a lot sweeter for the Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team Saturday

The Eagles put their disappointing 2-8 conference record in the rearview mirror by capturing their fourth consecutive Class D District title at Washtenaw Christian Academy

'I knew we had a chance of winning it if the girls came to play like I knew they were capable of playing, said PCA coach Missy Henry, whose young team improved to 21-22 overall 'And it turned out that everybody played their best matches of the season

The Eagles opened with a three-game sweep of the hosts in the semi-final round. Brooke Harris (16 digs, nine kills and six service points), setter Sara Ross (13 digs, 23 assists, seven kills and 10 service points) and Brooke Williams (three blocks and five kills) paced the win.

PCA then knocked off Canton Agape, 25-20, 25-17 and 25-17, in the title match Harris (26 digs, 10 kills and seven service points) and Ross (19 assists, eight digs and four kills) shined again in the victory

Brooke Harris played as well as she has all year," Henry added "She didn't having one hitting error the entire day"

Henry also praised the effort of libero Mim Monroe, who had 32 digs on the day

The Eagles will attempt to secure a Regional title Saturday when they take on Lansing Christian at Webberville High School

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LOCAL SPORTS

P-CEP wrestlers hope to pin down state titles

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

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The most-productive wrestler in the 35 year history of Canton High School will be giving his farewell performance at this weekend's Division 1 individual state wrestling tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills

And the odds are better than good that when Corey Phillips final 140-pound match is over, he ll be standing on the top step of the medal stand

Phillips, whose mat skills earned him an athletic scholar ship to Eastern Michigan University, will be one of five P-CEP grapplers striving to earn All-State or — better yet — state champion status when the tournament kicks off this morning With a mark of 52-0 he is one of just a handful of competitors who are unbeaten and he is the only one who has an unblemished record in his weight class

The finals are slated for the early-evening hours of Saturday

Phillips, who will open on Thursday against Flint Carman-Ainsworths Ronnie Latimer (43-16), is expected to receive the most stern tests from Rockford's John Johnson (43-1) and Grand Blancs David Cheza (39-1)

Canton heavyweight Donnie Laramie is also prepared to cap off an outstanding career in style He II take a 45-6 mark into today's opener with Romeo sophomore Andrew Stebbins, who went 40-13 Like Phillips, Laramie is coming off a firstplace performance at the Feb 24 Division 1 individual Regional meet

Two other Chiefs — freshman 103-pound Donnie Watkins and 112 pound Carl Lucke — will be making their first-ever appearance at the state finals Watkins, who compiled the most wins



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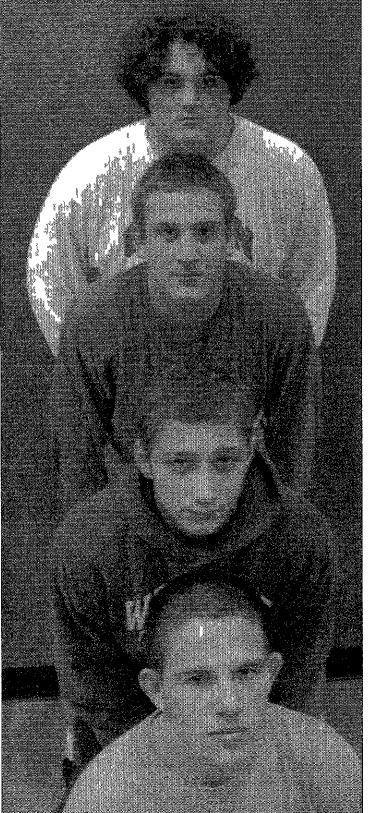
Plymouth senior wrestler Ben Kosmalski will take on New Baltimore Anchor Bay's Robbie Bidlingmaier in a 112 pound first-round match today in the Division 1 individual state wrestling finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills

ever by a freshman at Canton on the way to a 48-3 mark, will take on Midland's Mike Maxwell (42-9) in his first match Lucke (38-15) is set to face Troy sopho more Chris Mason (54-4)

Plymouth will be represented by 112-pound senior Ben Kosmalski, who chalked up a 35 12 record in his final season of high school wrestling He II face New Baltimore Anchor Bay sophomore Robbie Bidlingmaier (50-3) in today's first round match

The top eight finishers in each weight class earn All-State recognition To accomplish that, wrestlers must win twice before they lose twice — a challenging feat considering only the cream of the crop advanced this far

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Four Canton wrestlers will begin their quests for individual state wrestling titles today Pictured (from the bottom) are Carl Lucke (112 pounds) Donnie Watkins (103) Corey Phillips (140) and Donnie Laramie (285)

BEACH PARTY FUND-RAISER

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

The night will be highlighted by a reverse draw down that will award \$1,000 to the firstprize winner, \$500 to second and \$250 to third Last year over \$10,000 in prizes were given away

Tickets, which cost \$40 a piece, can be purchased at the Plymouth High School Athletic Office

HOOP CLINIC

Perfect Play Inc will be hosting a Perimeter Moves" basketball clinic for youngsters from 1-2 p m Saturday, March 10, at High Velocity Sports in Canton

The fee is \$25 for the clinic, which is open to the first 20 players who register

A former professional basketball player will direct the clinic Interested players can register at High Velocity Sports For more information, call (734) 487-7678

IGNITION CAMPS

The Detroit Ignition will be hosting a series of summer soc cer camps for youth players The camps, which will be locat ed throughout metropolitan Detroit, will give young players an opportunity to train with Ignition players as well as members of the Major Indoor Soccer League teams staff

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

SPORTS BRIEFS

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

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

DISTRICT HOOP

The Plymouth Christian Academy and Canton Agape Christian boy basketball teams will be participating in the Class D District 106 tournament March 6-9 at Redford Covenant High School

Agape will open the tournament on Tuesday, March 6, against Lutheran Westland in a game slated to tip off at 6 p m A victory would send the Wolverines into a semifinal game at 6 p m on Thursday, March 8, against Westside Christian Academy, which drew a first-round bye

PCA will open at 8 p m on March 6 against host Covenant, which is led by All-State performer Durrell Summers A win would propel the Eagles into Thursday's semifinal round against Huron Valley Lutheran, which also received a bye

The championship game is set for 6 p m Friday, March 9

DIESEL TRYOUTS

The Detroit Diesels minor league football team that plays its home games in Livonia will be holding tryouts from 2 30 p m to 5 30 p m on Saturday, March 10, and Saturday, March 24, at High Velocity Sports, which is at 46245 Michigan Ave in Canton

You must be 18 years old or older to try out The registration fee is \$30 Call (313) 294 0890

CEL-E-BRATE GOOD TIMES

Whalers clinch 10th OHL Division title with 8-2 win

34 goals and 67 assists in 63 games Chad LaRose is the last Whaler to score over 100 points in a season

LaRose — now with the Carolina Hurricanes — scored a franchise record 61 goals with 56 assists for 117 points in 2002 03 by Brophey at 4 36 (shot from the slot) Sestito at 5 43 (tip in front of the Mississauga net) Ryder at 15 33 (shot from the right wing) and Fournier at 17 18 (put back of a rebound in front of the IceDogs net)

Boll got going in the second period,



Jared Boll scored a hat trick, Evan Brophey added two goals and an assist, and Michal Neuvirth stopped 44-of 46 shots as the Plymouth Whalers led from start to finish in an 8-2 victory over the Mississauga IceDogs in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon before 2,641 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

With the victory, Plymouth (now 45 14 1-3, for 94 points) clinched its 10th division title in its 17-year history The Whalers are 13 points ahead of secondplace Saginaw (39-20-0-3, 81 points)

If Sagmaw wins its remaining six games they'll finish with 93 points Mississauga is now 38-21-0-3

Tom Sestito (41), Daniel Ryder (38) and Andrew Fournier (17) scored single goals for Plymouth Brophey's three points gave him 101 for the season with Oskar Csala (18) and Luca Caputa (25) replied for Mississauga Plymouth led 4-0 after one period and 6-1 after 40 minutes

Although the Whalers scored eight goals their defense and penalty killing played a big part in this victory The Whalers league-leading penalty killing unit (874 percent) stopped 11 of 12 Mississauga power plays, including five straight in the first period when the IceDogs were dangerous

Neuvirth played well when called upon, lowering his goals against average to 2 44 (second in the OHL) while raising his league-leading save percentage to 929 Plymouth leads the OHL in team defense, allowing 165 goals over 63 games

While the Plymouth penalty killers did their job in the first period, the Whalers offense went to work on goals scoring at 6 02 and 1 21 if the second period to give Plymouth a 6 0 lead Osala scored on a deflection at 14 30 of the second period

After Caputi scored for Mississauga at 1 08 of the third period, Plymouth closed on the scoring on goals by Brophey at 8 19 (shot from the left hash mark) and Boll (loose puck in from of the Mississauga net at 19 52)

Plymouth is on the road in Windsor tonight and Erie on Friday before returning home Sunday at 2 p m to host Sault Ste Marie Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com

Plymouth has home ice in the first round of the upcoming OHL playoffs and will open the playoffs on Sat Mar 24 at 7 05 p m against an opponent to be determined



WALT DMOCH

A group of Plymouth Whalers celebrate a goal during Sunday afternoon's 8-2 thrashing of the Mississauga IceDogs at the Compuware Sports Arena

ALL-WLAA HOCKEY TEAMS

Penguins mercy Mercy, 8-0

The unbeaten Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team continued its march through the 2006-07 season Monday night with an 8-0 mercy rule shortened victory over an overmatched Farmington Hills Mercy unit in a quarterfinal game of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey Leagues post-season state tournament

The victory improved the Penguins record to 17 0-2 heading into tonight's semifinal contest against Ann Arbor The Pioneers advanced by shutting out Grosse Pointe South, 2-0 The opening face-off is set for 7 p m at the Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia

PCS led 2-0 after one period thanks to goals from Edra Burris (from Katie Zimmerman and Shauna Siebert) and Keely Kowalski (from Zimmerman)

The Penguins buried the Marlins with five lamplighters in the second period, three of which came off the stick of Zimmerman Kara Bongiovanni and 'Chelsea Osburn also scored for the winners Siebert, Adrienne Cercone (two), Kowalski, Bongiovanni, Kristin Callahan and Sarah Manner notched secondperiod assists

Burris scored the game ending goal at the 10minute mark of the third period Nikki Songer and Michelle Shaffer assisted Junior goaltender Kristie Kowalski recorded her eighth shutout of the season

The highlight came when she stopped a two-player breakaway during the second period

'Katie was our MVP tonight, said PCS coach Eric Mink She made a nice pass to Edra on the first goal when she deked their goalie and left the puck back for Edra Those two have been on fire lately Katie was her usual high-energy self

It was nice to see the line of Bongiovanni Osburn and Nikkila produce Both Kara and Chelsea scored their first goals in official games this season Keely made a nice pass to set up Kara for a one-time power play goal '



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Adrienne Cercone pictured above in a game earlier this season, notched a pair of assists in the Plymouth-Canton Salem Penguins' 8-0 victory over Farmington Hills Mercy Monday night

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BOYS STATE HOCKEY FINALS

While the first-place Plymouth Whalers are the primary tenants of the Compuware Sports Arena, they'll step aside today through Saturday as the Michigan High School Athletic Association hosts its annual boys state hockey finals

Semi-finals run Thursday evening and all day Friday The road to the Compuware Sports Arena ends on Championship Saturday" as the Division 1, 2 and 3 Finals will be played at 11 a m , 3 p m and 7 p m., respectively Ticket prices are \$6 for the semifinals and \$7 on Championship Saturday" Here is the schedule for the weekend

■ Thursday, March 8 at 6 p m - Division 2, Semi-Final 1, at 8 25 p m - Division 2, Semi-Final 2

Friday, March 9 at Noon – Division 3, Semi-Final 1, at 2 30 p m – Division 3, Semi-Final 2, at 6 p m – Division 1, Semi-Final 1, and at 8 25 p m. – Division 1, Semi-Final 2

■ Championship Saturday, March 10 at 11 a m – Division 2 Final, at 3 p m – Division 3 Final, at 7 p m – Division 1 Final

LOCAL SPORTS

Schoolcraft starts quest Ignition boots Milwaukee for bowling greatness The Detroit Ignition fingoal at 8 27, cutting Detroit s-SOCCER 1shed last weekend in sole possession of first-place in hero Kyt Selaidopoulos the Major Indoor Soccer

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

When Greg Colling took the job as head coach of Schoolcraft Colleges firstyear bowling team, he thought it would be a chance to go up against other colleges in metro Detroit

Unfortunately, 2006-07 has been disappointing from the standpoint that only the Ocelots and Wayne County CC stuck it out for the season - with two other schools dropping out before the opening match

But a saving grace for Schoolcraft (based out of Merri Bowl in Livonia) has been tournament competi tion, and the Ocelots are doing just fine in that area Schoolcraft finished 18th out Saginaw Valley Tournament held Feb 10 at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights

The next day, the same teams reconvened at Westland Lanes and the Ocelots did even better (13th)

Colling and his seven-play er squad now are heading off to Buffalo, NY for a two-day tournament involving 90 community colleges from around the country Schoolcraft will compete Friday and Saturday at the tourney

We jumped in for the com petition and the experience said Colling noting that some of his players have spent time on high school bowling teams Schoolcrafts debut

of 30 four-year colleges at the roster includes Garden City native Steven Stombaugh, Livonias Andrew Guzik (Churchill), Scott Jones (Stevenson) and Brendan South (Franklin), Westland John Glenn alum Stephen Jacobs, Heather Kubackı (Canton/Plymouth) and Nicholas Kulhanek (Belleville)

> Meanwhile, the coach is optimistic that 2007-08 will feature a more-regular slate of matches, with other schools possibly joining the fold

It s still in its infancy, Colling said It's our first year and hopefully there will be four to six schools next year

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League standings thanks to

Sundays 13-8 win over the

Cellular Arena in Milwaukee

Ignition to 15-9 The Wave

The game winning goal

was registered by Detroit

forward Hewerton at the

4 34 mark of the fourth

quarter League leading

scorers with five points -

scorer Jamar Beasley led all

one three-point goal and one

On Sunday, the Ignition

heads to Chicago to take on

fifth time this season Game

the Chicago Storm for the

time at the Sears Centre in

Chicago is slated for 6 p m

Ignition rookie target

Worteh Sampson ignited the

scoring with a two-point goal

The triumph improved the

Milwaukee Wave at U S

dipped to 11-13

two-pointer

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to issue a new discharge permit to Michigan Fuels Incorporated for the Michigan Fuels Plymouth Township facility located at 1545 West Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Michigan 48170 The applicant is engaged in groundwater remediation at the facility The applicant discharges treated groundwater through a storm sewer to an unnamed tributary of Tonquish Creek in the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 34 Town 1S Range SE Wayne County

This draft permit authorizes an increased loading of pollutants to an unnamed tributary of Tonquish Creek which will lower the water quality with respect to certain parameters. In accordance with Rule 323 1098 of the Michigan Water Quality Standards the applicant has provided a statement of exemption from antidegradation requirements As part of the decision process the Department is proposing that the exemption statement meets the requirements of Rule 323 1098 and that an Antidegradation Demonstration is not required

Comments or objections to the draft permit and proposed decision regarding the antidegradation exemption statement received by April 9, 2007, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit antidegradation exemption procedures for commenting or requesting a hearing should contact Karen Lauterbach Permits Section Water Bureau Department of Environmental Quality PO Box 30273 Lansing Michigan 48909 telephone 517 373 1326 e mail lauterbk@michigan gov

Copies of the permit application public notice antidegradation exemption statement and draft permit may be obtained via the internet (http://www.michigan.gov/deqnpdes click on Permits on Public Notice which is under the Permit banner) or at the Water Bureau Southeast Michigan District Office located at 27700 Donald Court Warren Michigan 48092 2793 telephone 586 753 3700 OE085 0254 Pub sh March 8 2007

- the only score of the opening frame of play - at the 8 26 mark

Beasley continued his impressive season with a two point goal at 4 36 of the second quarter to extend the Detroit lead to 4 0 Giuliano Oliviero registered the first goal of the game for the Wave, a two-pointer, at 13 36 to cut Detroit's lead in half at the half

Detroit forward Mike Apple extended the Ignitions lead back to four at 4 53 with a two-pointer, putting the first-year club in front, 6-2 Chad Dombrowski kept the Wave close with a two-point

lead to 6-4 Friday night's scored his third point of the night with a two-point goal for Detroit as the Ignition furthered its lead to 8-4 at 11 17

Greg Howes, the MISL's second-leading scorer, brought Milwaukee to within 8-6

But the Ignition responded quickly with a two-point goal at 4 34 from Hewerton to put Detroit back in control at 10-6 Detroit never trailed again

Ignition goalkeeper Sanaldo (12-8) did not start the game, but he earned the victory in net for the Ignition

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

400pm 500pm (No Appointments)

Monday March 12 2007 Hearings from 9 00 a m $-12 \ 00 \ p \ m$ and 100 pm. 500 pm (Appointments Only)

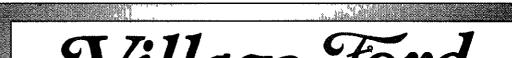
Tuesday March 13 2007 Hearings from $1\ 00\ p\ m$ $-5\ 00\ p\ m$ and 600 pm 900 pm (Appointments Only)

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 the building on Tuesday March 13th after $5\,00p$ 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



EXTRA SPACE STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on Monday March 19 2007 Tate & Co Auctioneers Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction the following storage units The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods The terms of the sale will be cash only Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids The sale will be at the following location EXTRA SPACE STORAGE 6729 N CANTON CENTER RD CANTON MI 48187 AT 12 30 PM Wasten Daulyadala 1916 10-15 16

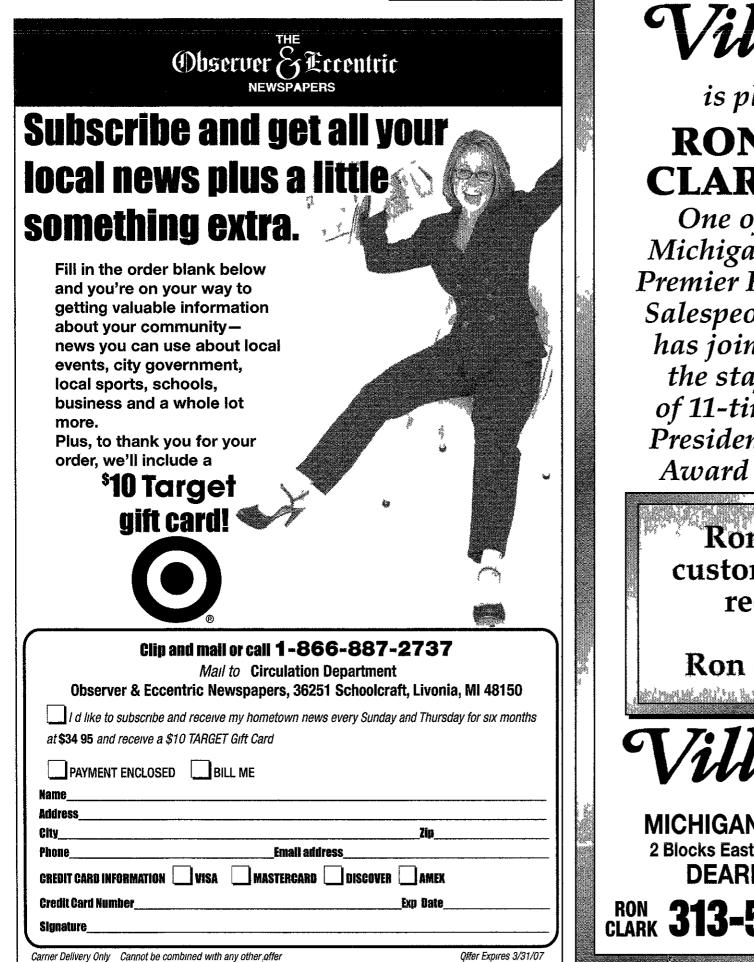
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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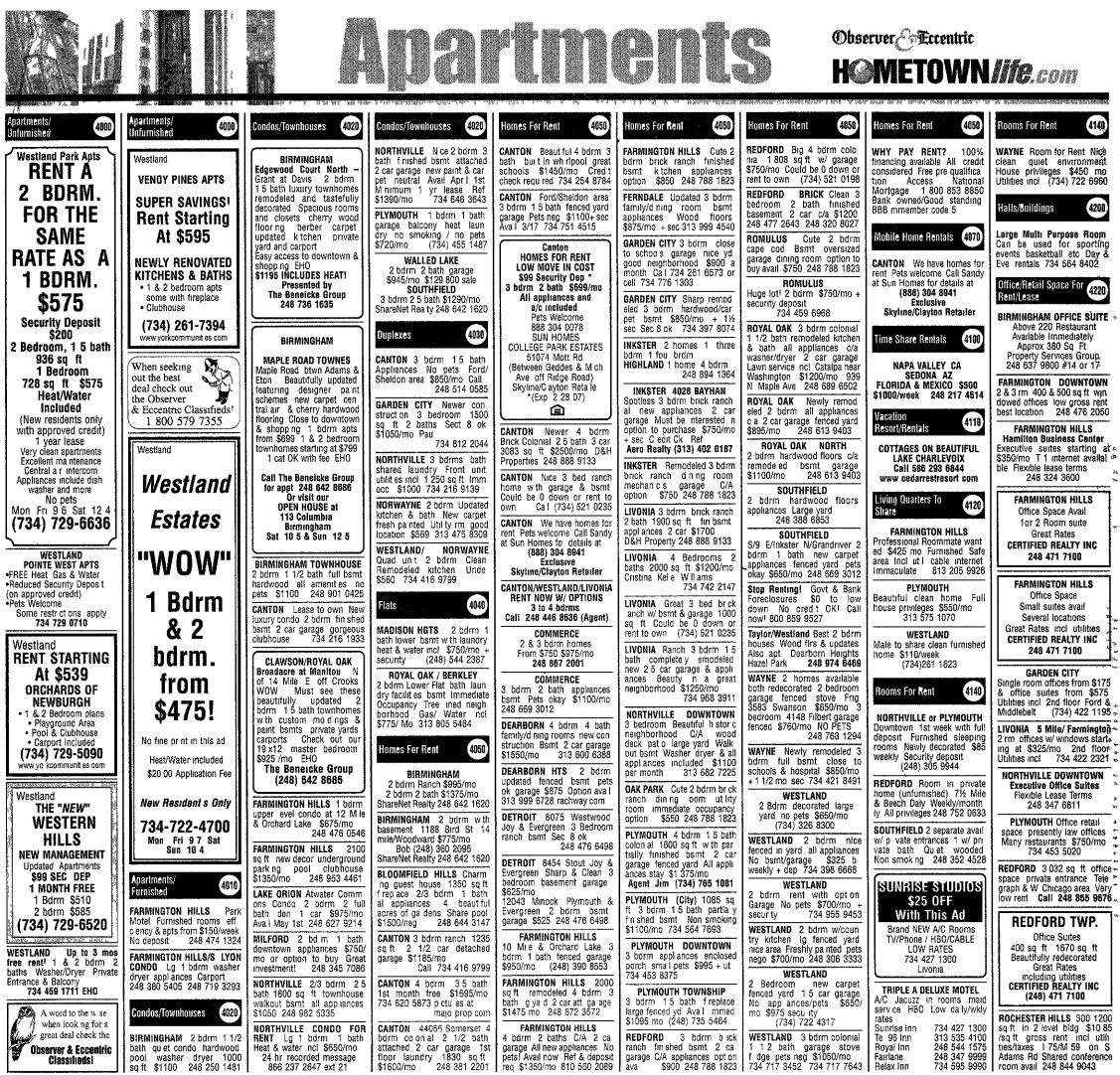
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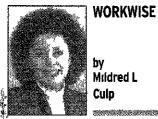
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WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE COMING WORKPLACE



What's ahead for you at work? First of all, you'll have to get there Then you'll have to get

things done in new ways STANDING OUT

William Arruda, owner of Reach Communications Consulting and Reach Branding Club in New York City, guides job seekers in increasing their visibility and brand-shaping He maintains that "in the new world of work, jobs will come looking for you Job seekers will move from being hunters to being hunted, so they need to make sure they can be found." He incorporates "their unique promise of value" into a plan so that they become a "must-have resource"

How different will the new market be? Arruda predicts that advertisements will disappear, that employers and search firms will turn to Google and networks to identify the most suitable candidates To "be hunted" rather than to "be a hunter,"

you **If target your** efforts to your market by – networking at professional events,

- developing presence online, either through a Web site or blog, and - getting exposure for your ideas -

"takıng a stand," Arruda explaıns –

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through articles you write or serve as a source for, delivering presentations and actively communicating in relevant web portals and blogs

If you're a poor communicator, you won't stand out If your functions at work are internal, say, those of an accountant or a welder, Arruda adds that you must "build a powerful, consistent online identity to be sought-after You need to offer something valuable and differentiated " He points out that the future is already here, because employers are using Google as "the modern day version of the reference check."

WORKING

Once you're on the job, you may be in for a few unaccustomed developments related to generational problems and customer interactions Monique Dearth is president of Incite Strategies Inc , an executive assessment firm based in Suwanee, Ga , where the company's 12member team interacts with multigenerational workforces worldwide In particular, she mentions the problem of respect for authority

Dearth says that our society bred older workers to respect authority, but that younger generations may not have learned it Gen Y, she observes, "expects people to earn their respect," she says, "by demonstrating competence, being able to motivate, being recognized as under-standing and valuing the contribution of all employees " She continues that they "move quickly,"operating with the attitude of anything being possible "If someone tries to slow them down based on reasons that don't seem logical to them," she adds, "they may appear disrespectful "

Fhp the equation and "a younger boss often doesn't have the time to follow the politics of niceness," Dearth comments Being nice may well seem to be a timewaster

Of course, conflict may arise among people of any age with high energy levels What is the solution? Dearth replies, "Be certain that you're treating everyone with respect The issue is that the definition of respect may be very different for each person " She advises having conversations with your older boss or younger employee as soon as a person begins to feel disrespected "Often times it's just a matter of understanding how the other person is interpreting the behavior "

Alan Weiss, president of Summit Consulting Group Inc, in East Greenwich, R I, a consulting firm, predicts that you will find your job changed as companies strive to increase customer-customer communication For one thing, you may work more directly with customers as partners, which will help reduce costs of all kinds

"Companies have to include the customer in the design and marketing, even the manufacturing," Weiss states



Kirsten Dixson and William Arruda, business partners, converse about the future of work?

"They may tell you that packages can be hard to open If you include customers, from design, production, marketing, they'll be loyal because of the process They'll spread the word through viral marketing, because now it's not just the company, but them Loyalty will be part of the creation of the product." You may also have to commend good customers, those who offer good ideas that the company adopts

Speaking with customers more and networking will move you onto the same plane both Arruba and Dearth advise

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Wheeler-dealer racks up business awards, D4



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Busch's cooking classes put focus on taste



Chef Rebecca Miller offers her expertise to the class

To your health

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

an and Joanne Campau of Livonia like to eat healthful foods, so Busch's cooking class last week was a natural for them

'I think we ve gotten to almost all of them," said Joanne, a phone company retiree

"They're really good, her husband added "We look for ward to them

The Campaus were among those who braved a stormy night Thursday, March 1, for a Get Fit - Stay Fit cooking class at the Six Mile-Newburgh location

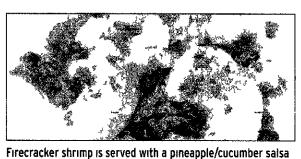
Chef Rebecca Miller said the class is being repeated at a number of area Busch's in order to teach shoppers about unique ingredients and share new recipes

We love food, we love cooking, Miller said "We want to be a place where you can come and learn about food"

Miller, a Plymouth resident, was joined by Peggy de Parry of Ann Arbor, director of Buschs kitchen, and Julie Sturek of Novi, a registered dietitian at Livonias St Mary Mercy Hospital

Peggy de Parry owned Back Alley Gourmet in Ann Arbor before she came on board with Busch's six years ago The

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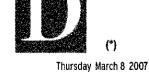
Can't we all use some help getting organized around the house? The Michigan Home & Garden Show at Ford Field March 9 - 11 may answer many homeowners' questions

"Hundreds of top name products and services are convened under one very large roof and experts are ready to provide advice on a wide range of home and garden issues," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer for ShowSpan, Inc.

Peter Walsh, the tough-love professional organizer on TLC's show *Clean* Sweep and bestselling author of Its All Too Much, will teach organization strategies and time-saving tips to de-mystify, declutter and re-organ-

ize homeowners' personal spaces Two actual homes will be built on the football field for show-goers to walk through A log home with a second story loft will be constructed by Distinct Discovery Homes of Greenville showcasing the warmth and beauty of one of housings' hottest trends Medallion Homes of Northville will present a three bedroom, two bath, stateof-the-art manufactured home with stainless steel

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Chef Rebecca Miller presents firecracker shrimp with pineapple/cucumber saisa, and guinoa with black beans The second dish is seared mediterranean salmon with a tomato, olive and caper relish

Is it better to have a bad rug or no rug at all?

📷 he other day I was walking from my kitchen when I tripped over my dog and spilled juice all over my rug As I was attempting to mop up the mess I was struck by how badly my rug looked Thus was born the idea for this



Dick

Purtan

weeks column Bad rugs I'm not talking throws, ovals or Orientals The bad rugs I'm referring to are the ones some guys wear on their heads Now, I ll be the

first to admit that I am fortunate enough to still have a full head of hair I ve heard it said that men inherit their mothers hair and for that I am especially grateful

Not that there is anything wrong with baldness (unless you re Britney and, well, no need to go there) Some of my best friends are bald and proud of it

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

BAD RUG

one else has said

No matter how hard you try,

the guy's hairline and why you

can t see the part and why the

hair in back doesn't match the

hair on top - to the point you

haven t heard a word he or any-

Then you move on to wonder-

ing how this guy could leave the

(This is the same problem that

affects guys who wear plaid

shoes at the same time)

shorts, dark socks and tennis

I bring this up not to change

anyone If you are reading this

and are guilty of wearing a bad

obviously have more self-confi-

a bald head is more noticeable

than a bad rug And, you may be

dence than I You obviously think

rug - more power to you You

house and not notice this himself

Supposedly, male baldness is the result of too much testosterone, so in effect, bald men are more, uh, manly than those of us with full, thick, rich heads of hair

My point is this - I am a hairy guy on top so I do not know what it would be like to be non-hairy So, I cannot relate to how someone feels when they lose then hair

What I can relate to 15 when those folks attempt to cover up their lack of follicles with a rug It's this whole bad rug thing that gets me Why?

Because it's like driving by a wreck on the highway You have to slow down to look It is an urge you are powerless to resist Crumpled fenders and bad rugs are compelling in some sort of sick, voyeuristic way that whole teams of psychologists are unable to explain

You know this has happened to

myself staring at bald heads in quite the same way as bad rugs Different strokes, I guess) you You re having a meeting with someone wearing a bad rug and I'm really looking for help How ALL YOU CAN SEE IS THE

do you NOT notice a bad rug? Are there tricks for ignoring the obvious? Would it be appropriate you find yourself totally fixated on to mention it? Or, do we all just pretend that everything is swell?

right (Though I do not find

I'm sure I will be getting some heat for this column If not from the men-with-toupees demographic then from the spokesperson for the Toupee Manufacturers Association

In advance - I apologize to them all I couldn't help myself

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to head over to Hagopian to pick up a nice little number for my kitchen

The management of this publication wants to let it be known that Dick Purtan can be found weekday mornings from 5 10 a m on the radio at The Motor City s 1043 WOMC Plus you can e mail him via wome com His column appears weekly in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

PLEASE SEE SHOW, D2

Turn your car into a mobile office

wor salespeople, realtors, and other mobile professionals, the action isn't in the office - it's out in the field, where you're drumming up business, meeting with clients, and, hopefully, closing deals

The last thing you need is regular detours back to base camp every time you need to, say, print an invoice or fax a



Savvy

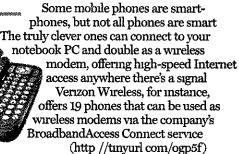
Rick

Broida

quote Those kinds of delays cost time and money Fortunately, you can stay mobile longer by outfitting yourself with the right gear Sure, you probably already have a notebook PC for on-thego computing, but what about a portable scanner? What about a cell phone that doubles as a wireless modern for anytime, anywhere Internet access?

Let's look at these and other tools that can help keep you on the road where you belong

INTERNET-SAVVY PHONE



(If your phone isn't one of the supported models, you can purchase a PC Card modem for your notebook that delivers the same functionality)

I'm planning some hands-on coverage of this solution for a future column, so stay tuned

PORTABLE SCANNER

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can double as a wireless

notebook, thus affording

you Internet access

everywhere you roam

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modem for your

The paperless office is still a myth, alas Mobile professionals routinely work with forms, contracts, receipts, and a myriad of other paper documents

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2

GET FIT

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FROM PAGE D1

kitchen director was hired "to educate people more about what we sell, Miller said De Parry hired a chef for each store to talk about seasonal produce like Swiss chard

"My emphasis is on fresh and healthy and quick, said de Parry, listing ingredients such as garlic, wine, chipotle peppers and cilantro as favorites 'Ginger, I love ginger Were not extremists We like to eat a variety of foods

Recipe cards are available at every Busch's location, including one for Beer Battered Cod, a natural for Lent Also, de Parry suggested a recipe for Fried Eggplant with Cucumber-Yogurt Sauce "Everything in moderation,' she said

"Theres so many wonderful

things out there that just happen to be healthy, agreed Chef Miller, who has been with Buschs for seven years She told store director Tom Hash about the great food on tap for the class "Nothing here is duet food, its good food,' Miller said

Gerry Gilhuly of Livonias been to almost every cooking class at the store

"It's very informative," she said "I watch the Food Channel, and I get just as much out of (the classes)' Married with two grown children, Gilhuly's in Weight Watchers, and finds class nutritional information helpful

The Campaus like to eat nutritious food as well, with Dan doing grilling in the summer Joanne recently read a book on healthy eating "I'm trying to do veggies every meal, she said, adding she joined the Livonia Recreation Center during the '100 Days to Health" program At last week's class, Miller prepared meals which participants then got to taste

She worked in a kitchen with a mirror for easy viewing, and dietitian Sturek commented on the food.

"Why are whole grains important? They help with your digestive system," Sturek said Whole grains also help you feel full so you won't overeat

Miller started with Hot Pot with Chicken, Kimchee, and Soba Noodles, following that up with Firecracker Shrimp with Pineapple-Cucumber Salsa Her creations drew rave

reviews

I love pasta. Pasta is my comfort food, Miller said, while preparing Whole Grain Pasta with White Beans and Pistachio Pesto

'Beans are a great source of

QUINOA WITH BLACK BEANS

³/₄ cup quinoa 1/₂ cups water or chicken stock /₄ teaspoon kosher salt 1 tablespoon olive oil 1 cup cooked black beans drained and rinsed

Bring the quinoa and the water or chicken stock to a simmer in a medium sauce pan

When the liquid comes to a sim mer, reduce heat to low, cover the pan and simmer for 20 minutes or until the liquid has been absorbed. Remove quinoa from the heat and allow it to sit covered, for five to 10 minutes Gently stir in black beans and serve Yields four servings Nutritional information per serving (excluding unknown items) 206 Calories, 5g Fat (23 4 percent calories from fat), 8g Protein 32g Carbohydrate 6g Dietary Fiber, Omg Cholesterol 125mg Sodium Exchanges 2 Grain (Starch) /2 Lean Meat, 1 Fat

WHOLE GRAIN PASTA WITH WHITE BEANS & PISTACHIO PESTO

- 1 cup fresh Italian parsley cleaned 1 cup clantro cleaned /a cup shelled pistachios
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest /2 teaspoon cumin
- /2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- /4 teaspoon kosher or sea salt
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 large clove garlic 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 ounces uncooked whole wheat fettuccine
- 2 cups uncooked broccolini or



5 broccoli florets 72 cup sliced roasted red peppers 1 (14 ounce) can of white beans drained and rinsed

Parmigiano Reggiano (optional)

Place the parsley, cilantro, pistachios, lemon zest, cumin, black pepper, salt, lemon juice, garlic and olive oil in a food processor and process until smooth

Bring a generous amount of salted water to a boil and cook the pasta according to package directions until it is just done When the pasta has two minutes left to cook, add the broccolini to the pasta water and cook until the pasta is al dente and the broccolini is tender crisp Drain the pasta and broccolini and toss with the pesto, white beans, and roasted red pepper Divide the pasta mixture into four bowls and garnish with grated parmesan cheese if desired Yields four servings

Nutritional information per serving (excluding unknown items) 456 Calories, 17g Fat (31 4 percent calories from fat), 24g Protein, 59g Carbohydrate, 16g Dietary Fiber, Omg Cholesterol, 48mg Sodium Exchanges 31/2 Grain (Starch), 11/2 Lean Meat 1 Vegetable, 0 Fruit, 3 Fat.

FIRECRACKER SHRIMP WITH PINEAPPLE-CUCUMBER SALSA /2 cup fresh pineapple diced small

/2 cup rest phreapple alced small /2 cup red onion minced /2 cup cucumber seeded and diced small

fiber," Sturek said, adding they fight cancer and heart disease About three cups per week are now recommended "They're a good source of vitamins and minerals," she said, adding they can be rinsed to reduce sodium Next was Seared

Mediterranean Salmon with Tomato, Olive and Caper Relish Sturek noted olive oil's high in calories and shouldn't be overused but does have health benefits

"We need fats to help our bodies run properly," Sturek said Miller also prepared quinoa, a

Peruvian grain which is a complete protein. 'It cooks up just like rice," she said.

The evening ended with something sweet, New England Bananas Foster flavored with maple syrup You could use pineapple or peaches instead, Miller said

/4 cup cilantro washed and minced

/4 teaspoon chipotle chili powder

2 teaspoons fresh ginger root

1 pound large shrimp raw

peeled and deveined

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt or sea

Combine the diced pineapple,

minced onion, diced cucumber,

and cilantro with 1/8 teaspoon of

the chipotle chili powder and 1

teaspoon of the fresh ginger root

Set aside Combine the remain-

ing ½ teaspoon of chipotle chili

powder, remaining teaspoon of

fresh ginger root, pineapple juice

and honey in a measuring cup or

bowl Season the shrimp with the

kosher or sea salt Pour the pineap-

sized nonstick skillet and bring to a

about five minute or until it begins

to thicken. Add the shrimp to the

skillet and use a spatula to saute

them in the sauce for about three

to four minutes Remove the

four servings

drates

shrimp from the heat and serve

with the pineapple salsa. Yields

Nutritional information per

items) 192 Calories, 2g Fat (10,4

percent calories from fat), 24g Pro

tein, 19g Carbohydrate, 1g Dietary

Fiber, 173mg Cholesterol, 174mg

Sodium Exchanges 0 Grain

(Starch) 3/2 Lean Meat, 1/2 Veg-

etable /2 Fruit /2 Other Carbohy

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ple juice mixture into a medium

summer Summer the mixture for

peeled grated and divided

divided

1 cup pineapple juice

1 tablespoon honey

salt

BROIDA

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A scanner can help you keep everything organized, at the same time enabling you to fax or e-mail documents right from your mobile office (assuming you have an Internet-enabled phone, as described above)

Look for a scanner that's compact and USB-powered, meaning it doesn't require a separate AC adapter The Visioneer Road Warnor (wwwvisioneer com) is one such model It's about the size of a paper-towel tube, yet it can scan full-page documents, business cards, photos, and just about anything else that's flat.

Plus, it comes with software for importing business-card info straight to your contact manager and organizing and sharing scanned documents It sells for \$199 99

PORTABLE PRINTER

E-mail and faxes are all well and good, but sometimes you just need hard copy — especially if you want to hand your client a

SHOW

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kitchen appliances and a fireplace in the 'Master Bath Suite Retreat

The Standard Flower Show, "Zoo-rific" (an interpretation of zoo activities), will feature creative usages of flowers in different and unusual artistic designs along with Flower Fantasy in Frosting, youth, horticulture and educational exhibits presented by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc

City Living Expo," a show within a show presented by City Living Detroit, will showcase residential development, homes, developers and builders in Detroit. The "Detroit Home Tour' will take attendees to newly built lofts, condominiums, renovated mansions and homes by bus from the show

Over 15 gardens and landscapes created especially for Ford Field will be filled with reflecting pools, waterfalls, fountains, stone and brick paver patios and thousands of blooming annuals and perennials for homeowners to stroll through and gather outdoor ideas

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The solution, of course, is a portable printer Witness the HP DeskJet 460wbt Mobile Printer (www.hp.com), which measures just 13 inches wide and 3 25 inches high — small enough to squeeze into a briefcase, if necessary

The DeskJet can print fullpage color documents and 4x6inch borderless photos It comes with a PictBridge port for connecting your digital camera and memory-card slots for printing photos without your camera.

It also includes a rechargeable battery and Bluetooth wireless technology for printing directly from your mobile phone (or other Bluetooth-enabled device)

There's also a Wi-Fi-equipped model (the 460wf) if that's your preferred cup of wireless tea. Both DeskJets sell for \$349 99

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Detroit designers will create Designer Rooms to inspire, define style and provide fresh perspectives

The seminar "Five Undeniable Truths of Home Improvement' will be presented on the Home Stage by Glenn Haege, America's Master Handyman, WJR Radio host and newspaper columnist

'Baby Cakes" sweet culmary delights will be available for tasting at the Food Stage along with free recipe cards, cooked up by chef Angus Campbell of the award-winning Hospitality Education Department of Grand Rapids Community College

All aspects of landscapes, gardens and lawns including design, lawn care, plants, trees and garden tools will be part of the educational presentations at the Garden Stage Jeff Ball, newspaper columnist and former garden expert for NBC's Today Show, Nancy Szerlag, columnist and book author, and the staff from the Michigan School of Gardening and the Practical Gardening Institute will teach the seminars The educational and interactive Spring Babies Petting Zoo will have lambs, ducklings, bunnies and calves Visitors will be able to pet and bottle feed them in their pens



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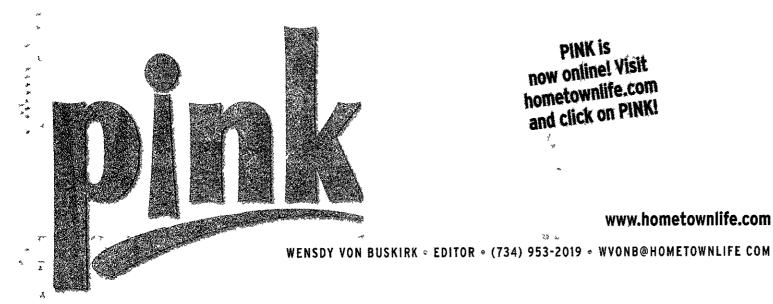
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Wheeler-Dealer

Îrma Elder racks up business awards ® By Lindsey Nicholas

In 1983 when Irma Elder took over the business after her husband suddenly passed away, she instantly became the first woman to own a Ford dealership in the Detroit region

Elder Automotive Group, which includes Ford, Jaguar and Aston-Martin dealerships in Metro Detroit and Florida, certainly keeps this woman busy

Elder is one of the highest-ranking women in Working Woman Magazine's Top 500 Women in the country, and her business is constantly named in Hispanic Business Magazine's top 500 Hispanic-owned corporations — the only female-owned corporation in the top 10

Elder was named Detroit News and Free Press Michiganian of the Year in 2004, and her car dealerships consistently rank as #1 in sales across the nation, and #1 on Crain's List of Largest Woman-Owned Businesses in Michigan

Elder also serves on numerous boards of directors and is a member of many organizations, including the Henry Ford Health Systems Board of Trustees, the American

DETAILS Irma Elder: CEO of Elder Automotive Group Age: ????? Favorite designer for workplace

attire: St John

Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter, the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, the National Association of Women Business Owners, the Women's Committee for Hospice Care and the Women's Economic Club

As a woman, Elder understands that she has an inherent ability to lead and be successful

"Women by nature have a maternal instinct that translates into an ability to nurture,

to be intuitive, to understand employees family demands and to exhibit excellent hospitality practices All of these are important to surviving business and its demands, to serving the customer and to satisfying the manufacturers' requirements the Elder Automotive Group represent

This knowledge and perception enable Elder to continue running an extremely successful empire

"It is important to stay strong of mind and action so that you can survive the bumps and continue on to your goals This sets the example for your colleagues and employees,' Elder said

Élder, who was born in Xicotencalt, Mexico, balances her time between Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and Miami, Florida, where she also has a home She said her family is ner greatest accompushment, and it is an important part of both her life and business Her sons Tony and Robert are both principals in the company, while her daughter Stephanie Battershall is a business consultant to the automotive group "I was brought up believing it's better to give than to receive," said Irma Elder, of Elder Automotive Group. "I'm part of the communities where our businesses, customers and employees are located ... so I give back."



PHOTO BY SAM VARNHAGEN/FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Edsel B Ford II congratulates Metro Detroit auto dealer Irma Elder on her selection as one of Ford Motor Company's 2007 Salute To Dealers honorees for her extraordinary community work Ford honored nine dealer principals Feb 2 the night before the opening of the annual National Automobile Dealers Association convention in Las Vegas

Elder earns Ford's annual 'salute To Dealers' award

In honor of her outstanding cor porate citizenship, Ford Motor Company recently named Irma Elder among nine recipients of its 2007 Salute To Dealers award Salute To Dealers was established in 2001 to recognize dealers who improve the lives of those in need in their communities while provid ing outstanding products and services The program is conducted under the guidance of Edsel B Ford II, great-grandson of Henry Ford and a member of Fords Board of Directors "Irmas involvement in and dedication to her community under scores Fords commitment to mak ing a difference in the places where

we work and live Edsel Ford said "She is inspiring

Elder was among 71 dealers nominated for the seventh annual award



ashio n 1 **DivaGroove Open House** Celebrate with local fashion designer Dana Keaton as she opens her new DivaGroove design studio House of Groove at 4731 Grand River in Detroit See Keaton's latest creations (above) including jeans purses capes ponchos hats and pet accessories along with items dedicated to fashion history dating back to the 1950s The event starts at 7 pm Saturday March 10 and includes a fashion show and entertainment by DJ Minx Admission \$5 **Saks Fashion Events** Immerse yourself in the luxury of Chanel as Saks Fifth Avenue features all things Chanel from spring ready to wear handbags and accessories to the new color collection in cosmetics March 8 9 Call (248) 6114 3357 Get a head start on shopping as Saks Fifth Avenue hosts a Theory Spring 2007 Focus Day March 10 Stop in for a mini trend preview of Theory s best styles at 1 and 3 pm informal modeling refreshments and spring beauty tips from Laura Mercier cosmetics Call (248) 614 3329

Prom Fashion Show Macomb Mall will host a fashion show presenting new and upcoming prom attire provided by DEB Sears and President Tuxedo at 1 pm Saturday March 10 Teens can get a glimpse of how the latest styles look as they prepare for the big dance Macomb Mall is located at 32233 Gratiot Ave Roseville Call (248) 399 8200 or visit www.shopmacombmall.com Fashion Unleashed

Detroit area teens will model the newest hottest spring fashions at Fashion Unleashed 8 10 30 p m Saturday March 10 at Orchard Mali in West Bloomfield The benefit for Michigan Region B nai B rith Youth Organization will feature clothing from The Shirt Box Guys N Gals

Transition will cover getting into college or entering a trade choosing a career recognizing personal skills and interests how to get financial aid where to find help for study skills and resources for transportation and child care Sponsors include AAUW OCC Michigan Works Birmingham Unitarian Church and the Oakland County Employment **Diversity Council Admission \$10** includes a continental breakfast lunch and handouts Pre register before March 14 by calling (248) 340 0600 or 888 429 0410

Child Health Associates PC will host Creating Healthy Families Strategies for Raising Healthy Kids at 7 p m Tuesday March 13 Led by Registered Dietician Julie Feldman the one hour program will include parenting strategies meal plans recipes and product ideas Cost is \$15 per person adults only please Child Health Associates is located at 31182 Haggerty Road in Farmington Hills Call (248) 788 2100 or visit www.childhealthassociatespc.com 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 830 am 4 pm Saturday March 17 The conference includes two workshop sessions a continental breakfast lunch and a prize drawing Workshops will focus on self esteem making change in your life transitions stress financial issues organizing your home and more The keynote presenter is Licensed Professional Counselor Pam Micallef who will offer an interactive presentation titled Reality Check which encompasses the need to slow down and look at where you ve been who you have been and are today and where that leads you next Registration is \$45 Call (248) 522 3642

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Casino Royale Party

The Women's Division for Project HOPE will host a Casino Royale James Bond Party 7 pm 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

Galaxy of Stars

Red Carpet Award Ceremonies and Hollywood through the ages will be the theme when Goodwill

Still, Elder says that women CEOs do not face challenges that much different than their male counterparts

'We, as CEOs, as women in industry and in society, face the identical challenges as any other CEO, any other business person, any other individual who works hard, who has strong ethics and who is dedicated to the job at hand We have concerns for our business, for our employees, for our customers and for our families and friends' Recipients were honored Feb 2 at a private reception preceding the National Automobile Dealers Association convention in Las Vegas

Ford Motor Company commissioned a portrait of each honoree depicting in montage form the dealer s involvement in his or her community

The portraits will join those of previous honorees in a display in the lobby of Ford Motor Company's World Headquarters in Dearborn and Mooseja v 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 beñefit BBYO Call (248) 788 0700

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Baker College in Auburn Hills will host a one day conference for

women starting at 8 30 a m Friday March 23 Women in

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industries of Greater Detroit puts on a party to celebrate its 85th anniversary Galaxy of Stars 85 Award Winning Years will be held at 6 pm Friday March 23 at the Detroit Athletic Club in Detroit Wear black tie optional and receive red carpet treatment cocktails hors doeuvres a silent auction dinner live music and dancing Tickets \$200 for the full evening \$50 for the Afterglow benefit Goodwill Call (313) 964 3900 ext 302

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NAWBO Honors Top 10 Michigan Business Women

Michigan's top 10 business women may be from diverse backgrounds and industries, but they have one thing in common — the drive to succeed

The Detroit Chapter of the National Assocation of Women Business Owners will honor local ladies who are making a difference during an event on Thursday, March 15 at Petruzzello's Banquet & Conference Center, 6950 Rochester Road, Troy The event includes a business showcase that opens at 10 a m, followed by the 13th annual awards luncheon at noon Detroit Free Press small business columnist Carol Cain will be the Mistress of Ceremonies The following women will receive Top 10 Michigan Business Women awards

Marian Ilitch, Ilitch Holdings, Detroit

Pinnacle Award: A woman business owner who has owned one or more businesses for 25 years or more

Lizabeth Ardısana, ASG Renaissance, Dearborn Raınmaker Award: A

woman business owner who has demonstrated significant financial growth in her busi ness

Anne Doyle, Anne Doyle Strategies for Leaders, Auburn Hills **Breakthrough Award:** A woman business owner who has overcome obstacles or removed obstructions for other women in the workplace

Elizabeth M. Blondy, Canine to Five/Detroit Dog Daycare, Inc, Detroit

Up and Coming Award: An emerging and promising woman business owner who has owned her business for five years or less

Karen Smith Kienbaum, Karen Smith Kienbaum & Associates, P.C., Detroit

Words of Wisdom Award: A woman who has been instrumental in educating and mentoring women toward achieving their careers or dreams of business ownership

Lynda DePlaunty Earhart, Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services, Pontiac

Red Tape Buster Award: A woman or organization involved in government that has consistently demonstrated commitment to helping women business owners

Lisa Stern, Big Communications, Inc., Ferndale

Warrior Award: A woman business owner who has persevered through business loss and currently owns a successful business Ronia Kruse, OpTech, LLC, Detroit Diversity Champion Award

A woman, organization or business that has promoted and facilitated diversity

Joanne Ulnick, Ducker Worldwide, Troy

Global Business Award. A woman business owner who has been transacting business across borders

Gail Perry-Mason, Money Matters for Youth, Grosse Pointe Farms

Giving Spirit Award. A woman business owner who has demonstrated commit-

Jeffrey H Miller, M D

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in treating venous

diseases and has

received many

honors and awards

including being

named one of

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ment to bettering the community through volunteerism and/or philanthropy

In addition, NAWBO Greater Detroit will recognize the leadership of Debbie Dingell, Vice Chairman of the General Motors Foundation This special award recognizes a woman or man whose activities and actions have a lasting impact on the quality of life and business in metro Detroit, and across the state

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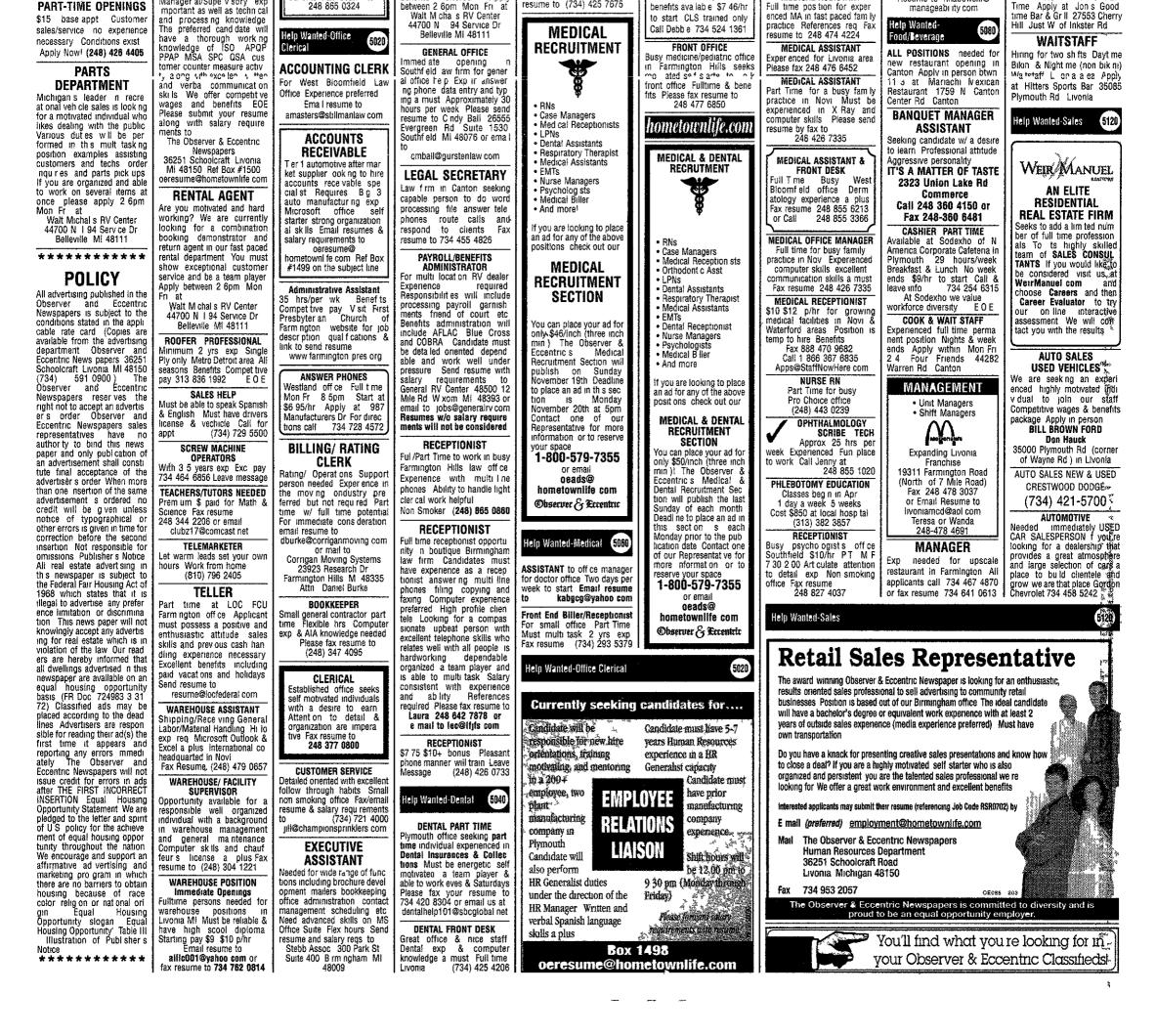
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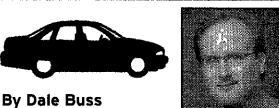
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Up is down and down is up in the auto business these days, and Hyundai's new Entourage van is an example of why

The 2007 Entourage is helping Hyundai cement its growing reputation for reliable, affordable transportation in the American market It's a worthy first entry in the category that matches well against the best, Honda Odyssey, in areas including design and drivability And Entourage actually rates some superlatives. It is the biggest and safest vehicle in the entire segment

Yet ironically – or, perhaps, deliberately – Hyundai has fielded its first minivan just at the time when GM and Ford essentially have given up on the segment

There's reason to think that Hyundai is the one making the right bet US minivan sales fell last year to about 971,000 from about 14 million in 2000, according to Autodata But with fuel economy maintaining its new position as one of American consumers' most important criteria in new car purchases, expect minivans like Entourage – with their combination of good cargo space, decent road performance and reasonable gas mileage –to more than hold their own in a market that has been souring on big SUVs

First impressions are telling in most vehicles, and Entourage's are all positive You hop in, close the door, look around the cabin, gaze at the instrument panel, turn on the ignition and even drive a ways, and you d be hard-pressed to tell yourself you're not in an Odyssey Hyundai has tried hard to make sure that Entourage redeems itself well against the few worthy competitors in the segment

Now, in a vehicle that's meant to get the most out of a shoebox shape, you can't expect much in the way of design excitement. So it doesn't count against Entourage that it strongly resembles the template created by Chrysler's original minivans



"Hyundai's Entrourage is brand new but challenging for best in the segment." DDB

and essentially copied by Odyssey and all others The biggest design difference between Entourage and Odyssey, for example, is that the former's power side doors slide in an exposed slot while Odyssey's roll in a concealed slot You get the picture

True to its kind, Entourage doesn't create a lot of excitement under the hood either Each version is equipped with the same 3 8-liter, six-cylinder engine, which produces 242 horsepower, and a fivespeed automatic transmission with a manual option Entourage's fuel economy can't escape the basic, wind resisting geometry of a minivan, and it is, after all, the largest entry in the field Yet, at 18 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway, it beats most SUVs its size

So let's focus where Hyundai put its focus on the inside of Entourage The ride is remarkably comfortable The van's tight turning circle, despite its size, was a pleasant surprise The two-tone cabin held up well to scrutiny, with good workmanship and simple, workable design throughout

And actually, the further back you go in Entourage, the better it gets Unlike Chrysler's minivans with the handy stow-away second-row seats, Entourage offers only conventional flip-andfold second-row seats But designers smartly made the most of the rear of the passenger compartment There are three seat belts in the third row Entourage also provides plenty of room there for the legs and feet of actual adults, setting it apart from many so-called seven-seaters And when you need the cargo space instead, Hyundai came up with a nifty arrangement it calls the Hideaway, a simple-to-use, 60-40-split, fold-into-the-floor seat

Entourage's trump card may be the lineup of safety features that come standard It includes six airbags, including side air curtains for all three rows of seats Electronic Stability Control and an Antilock Braking System are standard as well All of this and more garnered Entourage the federal government's five-star safety rating for front and rear crashes and the best rating ever for a minivan by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety And, of course, Hyundai's industry-leading, 10-year, 100,000-mile powertrain warranty is included

Don't be put off by the fact that Entourage resembles the Kia Sedona, a sibling vehicle that went on sale as a mid-2006 model Hyundai is the leading brand here

At prices between \$25,000 and \$30,000, it's hard to argue that Entourage is a great buy, necessarily But for everything it offers in an important segment where the choices have been dwindling lately, it certainly is a reasonable one

