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Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto show off one of their patented moves during a training session Wednesday at Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. The pair, along with 2007 U.S. pairs champions Brooke Castile and Benjamin Okolski, who also train at Arctic Edge, will perform in the 2007 Champions on Ice figure skating tour at Joe Louis Arena at 7:30 p.m., April 20. For more information about the event, visit www.OlympaEntertainment.com. For more photos of the skaters, please visit our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

Oakwood meeting moved to theater

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Oakwood Healthcare Systems will bring its revised plan for a controversial hospital campus to the Canton Planning Commission 7 p.m. on April 2. Canton officials, who are expecting a large turnout of residents, have moved the meeting to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill to accommodate a larger audience.

This is the second public hearing the Planning Commission will hold for the project, which is proposed for the northwest corner of Beck and Geddes roads. In October, hundreds of irate residents showed up to protest the plan, and the commission tabled the issue.

Based on the number of people who had at the last meeting, we felt we needed a larger venue, said Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet.

After the last meeting, Oakwood officials went back to the drawing board and revised their plans. They have reduced the size of the hospital from 800,000 square feet to 650,000 square feet. They have also reduced the number of stories of the proposed building from six stories to four.

Oakwood is trying to purchase 54 acres from Singh Development, which has a planned development agreement (PDD) with the township to build single family homes and apartments on the site. Oakwood is hoping the township will amend the PDD to allow the hospital to be built. Oakwood also wants to buy an additional 34 acres adjacent to the site, which was not in the original plan.

"The revised plan takes care of a lot of the initial concerns that the planning commissioners and staff had, as well as some of the concerns raised by residents," Goulet said.

Residents living in the Central Park South and Charing Cross subdivisions, to the west and north of the site, have been the most vocal critics of the project. Tom Cinzori, a resident of Central Park South, said he expects more residents at the April 2 meeting than attended the meeting in October. He and others will be sending out fliers to residents throughout the township letting them know about the meeting and Oakwood's plan.

"If the record attendance at the last Planning Commission meeting didn't send the message, what do residents have to do to let township officials know that we don't want a hospital at the corner at Beck and Geddes?" he said.

Critics point out that the land is currently zoned residential, and is also listed as residential in the township's master plan.

"I look forward to convincing the Planning Commission to adhere to the land use map I used as a tool before purchasing my home," said Susan Torgersen, who lives in Charing Cross.

District eyes budget cuts to deal with deficit

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan said he'll have a broadly anticipated list of recommended cuts for the Board of Education next week as discussions continue on a 2007-08 budget that is about \$8 million in the red.

"I'll be looking at administrative and teacher cuts, class-size increases, savings from moving elections to November and elimination of field trips," said Ryan, who declined to be more specific. "Those are some of the things on the block for next year. And, as we move out into the next year and a year after that, we'll be looking at cutting more programs

and digging deeper.

Contractually, administrators must be notified of layoffs by the end of March, with teachers by the end of April.

Trustees have asked Ryan and his administration to develop a plan that keeps the district's fund balance at \$7.8 million, or 5 percent of the budget, in an effort to eliminate an annual structural deficit. Board Vice President Mark Slavens asked the administration to generate a priority of possible cuts, which he plans to compare with his own preliminary list.

"We need to use that as a beginning point," Slavens said. "We're paying them a lot of money, and it's very important we get their input and

thoughts on things.

"I want to find out what each idea does in regard to academic impact. I don't want to do anything that impacts student learning," he added.

"Because of the financial situation we're in, we need to look at everything. But I want to try and improve academic performance within the framework of the budget we're given."

The Board of Education and administration are attempting to make cuts with next year's enrollment figures and state foundation grant — which will determine the district's revenue stream and eventual deficit number — still undetermined.

"It makes it real difficult because

we have to make decisions sort of in the dark," said Barry Simescu, board president. "That doesn't seem fair, but we'll get through it."

"The foundation allowance, since it funds our whole program, is obviously the big one," he added. "We certainly hope the Legislature sees fit to keep it coming and increase it, if they can."

Plymouth-Canton Schools currently receives \$7,410 per student from the state.

The next budget session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. in the school administration building.

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Police putting together task force to deal with child abuse

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

A newborn with broken toes, the toddler bound by duct tape and the death of a child allegedly thrown from a balcony.

These aren't storylines from horror movies but suspected child abuse cases in Canton.

"This is not a police problem, this is a community problem," said Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

The Canton Police

Department is assembling a focus group to study the growing number of child abuse incidents in the township. The group is designed to include doctors, social workers, school officials, child advocacy representatives and prosecutors.

Santomauro said the goal of the focus group is to present suggestions on how to protect children through awareness and prevention.

"There will always be incidents, unfortunately, but it's not enough for us to respond, arrest and then

prosecute," he said. "We don't believe for a minute we can alleviate all child abuse but we have to take a serious look at this."

A "Positive Parenting" seminar will take place at 6 p.m. April 23 at Summit on the Park. The seminar will focus on the role of parenting to reduce child abuse.

Santomauro, who says children are one of the most vulnerable victim groups, said most child abuse stems from parenting issues.

PLEASE SEE ABUSE, A5



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Take that, winter

They might be the Knights of Spring, slaying the Evil Dragon of Winter. Brothers Hunter and Elijah Burin of Canton, take a few whacks at what's left of the Plymouth ice sculptures in Kellogg Park. The seventy-degree Tuesday afternoon brought lots of folks outdoors all over the region. The break in the weather is short-lived, however. High temperatures on Friday should be back to the mid-40s.

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The 'Crunchettes'

Ladies Workout Express of Canton had eight ladies competing for a total of 27 399 crunches from 11 a.m. to noon on March 10 as part of a national fund raising effort by Ladies Workout Express and Lady of America clubs to do one million crunches in an hour. The women ranging in age from 32 to 62, were Kitty Foley (who led 'The Crunchettes' with 4,065 crunches), Gurinder Singh, Pauline Seglarz, Lauri Martineau, Sue Obuchowski, Deb Comstock, Kristie McLaughlin and Mari Nave. They raised more than \$1 700 for St. Jude Hospital. This was the first known attempt and will be submitted to Guinness Book of World Records. Ladies Workout Express of Canton is owned and operated by Dan and Beverly Schwartz with daughter Lauri Martineau, and son Erik. They say this will become an annual event.

Corrections

■ The ACT Success test sample in Sunday's Observer gave a wrong answer for the question about the distance between two sides of an isosceles trapezoid. The correct answer is four feet.

■ In the Feb. 22 edition of the Canton Observer, a story about the Canton Family Restaurant stated owner Sedat Ramadan's family once owned Richard's Family Restaurant in Lavonia. The story should have said they were employees at Richard's.

Yard waste collection

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste in Canton will begin April 1 and continue until November. All yard waste should be placed separate from your trash and recyclables on your regular trash day.

Acceptable yard waste items include grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden waste, pruning debris, wood debris, and brush. Unacceptable yard waste items include food scraps, animal waste, batteries, chemicals, and sod.

Twigs, branches, brush, pruning, and wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, 1-1/2 inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Bundles are limited to six bundles a

week.

Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste must be placed in 30 gallon paper yard waste bags or 32 gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles marked 'COMPOST'. Stickers for reusable containers are available at Canton's Community Services counter.

All containers must be marked 'COMPOST'. Containers weighing more than 50 pounds or that are more than 32 gallons will not be accepted. All of the yard waste collected in Canton is delivered to the ONYX yard waste processing facility located on Six Mile Road in Salem Township. At the ONYX facility the yard waste is screened, then placed in long wind-rows which facilitate the natural decomposition of the yard waste into reusable compost.

For questions or more information on yard waste collection, please refer to your Canton Resource Guide or call Canton Waste Recycling at (734) 397-5801.

Antiquing opportunity

There's a friendly group who travels to different locations once a month to shop and have lunch, and they're looking for more members.

Anyone interested can call Helen at (734) 455-4863.

Coffee meetings

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Downtown Development Authority, and Canton Township will host two morning Coffee Meetings this month to share marketing ideas and other important information for local businesses.

Building on the success of the 'ShopCanton' for the Holidays discount card program, a similar mid-summer program will be introduced. In addition, a number of plans will be discussed that offer business owners and managers the opportunity to make the most of their marketing resources including the Canton Visitor Guide, Liberty Fest activities, Jazz Concert Series, 'Lots of Fun' on the Canton Live! Stage, and other promotional activities.

Information will also be provided regarding road construction projects, as well as a schedule of major sporting tournaments that will bring many visitors to Canton.

On Tuesday, March 27, the Coffee Meeting will be held at the Canton Super Bowl Lanes on Ford Road west of Sheldon Road.

On Thursday, March 29, the Coffee Meeting will be held at IKEA on Ford Road east of Lilley Road. Attendees can choose the meeting that best fits their schedule.

Both meetings will start promptly at 8 a.m. and end at 9:30 a.m. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome.

Please call (734) 453-4040 to RSVP by Monday, March 26.

'Queen' finalist

Canton native Martha Miller has been selected as one of five finalists for the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Queen of the Highlands. She, along with the other finalists, has been invited to an interview on

March 31, where they will compete for the top honor of being selected the Queen of the Highlands and receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. Martha is a senior at Divine Child High School and will be attending Western Michigan University to study pre-nursing. She is the daughter of Laura and Kenneth Miller.

Local artist featured

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is currently featuring watercolor paintings by local artist Tanya Au, March 12-31, Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri 7-9 p.m., and Sun 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Au was born in 1959 in Honolulu, Hawaii, and presently resides in Ypsilanti Township.

Au has participated in several group exhibitions, solo exhibitions and won numerous awards and honors for her work including 'Best of Show' in the 2001 Canton Fine Arts Exhibition.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

For more information, call (734) 394-5300.

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'Canton Follies' stage production to feature famous rock oldies

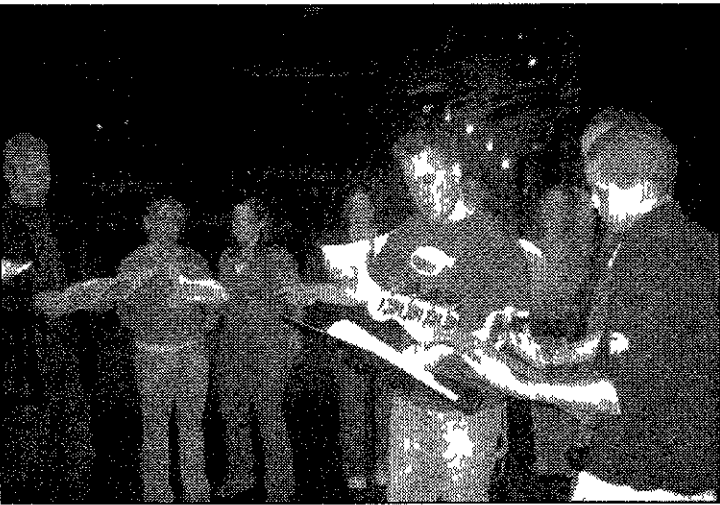
Sightings of poodle skirts, go-go boots and wide-collared polyester leisure suits have all been seen recently around the Village Theater at Cherry Hill Victims of fashion confusion? No, they are singers and dancers rehearsing for the upcoming 'Canton Follies - A Night of Old Time Rock & Roll,' presented by Destination Theatre in cooperation with Canton Township

Canton Follies is a musical review featuring well known songs from the 1950s, 60s and 70s, including the hits of

Elvis, Motown girl groups, the Beatles, the Mamas and the Papas, Elton John and even a few disco classics

"This is a very talented cast and their hard work really shows," says Patrick Persons, board member of Destination Theatre and producer of the Follies

"We wanted this show to be a real community effort and succeeded in casting dozens of local kids and adults, several Canton Township employees and even Township Trustee Karl Zarbo, who will be one of our



Members of Destination Theatre rehearse for their upcoming stage production Canton Follies - A Night of Old Time Rock & Roll

emcees," added Persons

This will be Destination Theatre's sixth production at the Village Theater in less than two years

Canton Follies - A Night of Old Time Rock & Roll runs Friday and Saturdays, March 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. All performances are at the

Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads. All seats are \$15

Tickets may be purchased at the Summit on the Park, or by calling (734) 394-5300 or online at <http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater>

School board honors Walker-Winter for blue ribbon effort

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

In what will be the first of several ceremonies this month, the staff of Walker-Winter Elementary School was honored by the Wayne-Westland Board of Education Monday evening

Wearing small blue ribbon lapel pins, Principal Pauline Koulouberis and her staff were treated to a standing ovation as they received a plaque and oversized congratulatory poster from school board President Frederick Weaver

"I wish there were words, but words can't describe what you've done with this award," Weaver said. "Thank you for your many hours of work."

Last month, the school district received word that the Canton school was one of 23 elementary schools in the state to receive the state Board of Education's Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Award

Walker-Winter is the second Wayne-Westland school to receive the award. Edison Elementary in Westland received the honor in 2005

They've been working endless hours for more than a year, they've gone above and beyond," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "I can't tell you how many nights and weekends I drove by the school and saw the parking lot filled with their cars."

According to Baracy, the staff "spent a considerable amount of time" on the award application which warranted a visit by state officials

They visited classrooms, talked to staff, students and parents, looked at the school's

test scores and evaluated the school's curriculum and its alignment with state benchmarks in learning, Baracy said

"I want to thank the administration and staff for their many contributions to the children we serve," he added. "I feel like I'm at the Academy Awards," said Koulouberis, reading from a slip of paper the names of those who helped the school collect the information needed for the award

She offered a thank you to Bernard LaPorte, senior executive director for human resources, William Camp, executive director of student and legal affairs/pupil accounting, Sally Perkins, executive director of elementary education, Judy Handley, director of elementary school development, for their help, and the maintenance staff for helping ready the school for the state visit

She also thanked Sam Barresi, assistant superintendent for instruction, for "really supporting us through this endeavor"

"If I needed subs, you said yes," she said. "Anything we needed, you were there to support us."

Koulouberis saved her biggest thank you for her staff, telling them, "This is your blue ribbon"

Monday evening's presentation was a prelude to the official presentation of the award by state school board officials at 1:30 p.m. ceremony Friday, March 23, at the school

Busch's in talks to bring market to Cherry Hill Village

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Plans are still up in the air, but Busch's may be coming to Cherry Hill Village

The Ann Arbor-based grocer is in talks with Canton Township to build a market at the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Denton roads

Their pending arrival to the largely residential area is garnering praise from residents Heather Ciantar, who moved to the village four years ago, said one of the area's selling points was a future grocery store

"We were told all kinds of commercial things would be

here," she said. "And although it's not far to drive to Farmer Jack (at Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads) it would be very nice to have something closer."

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said Busch's has yet to submit formal plans to the township

Everybody has been anticipating this, he said, adding that a grocery store has always been in the plans for the Cherry Hill Village area

Representatives for the company, which has a dozen stores in southeast Michigan, were not available for comment

According to their Web site,

www.buschs.com, the grocer is striving to be the "premier food retailer in southeastern Michigan"

Six of their stores, including the Plymouth location on Sheldon Road, offer a service where customers can shop online and then pick up at the store

Village resident John Surgot said he would welcome Busch's to the area

"I've been waiting for them to show up," he said. "It's a great thing and I'm all for it."

Surgot said he often shops at the Meyer on Ford Road but likes the idea of a neighborhood grocer. He moved to the village in 2002

Nancy Sitter, who moved to the Cherry Hill area six months ago, said she sees benefits and downsides to Busch's tentative arrival

"The one thing I love about living here is the ruralness of the area," she said. "I do see the need for a market but the charm of an undeveloped area is what brought me out here"

Sitter shops at Busch's Plymouth store and said she doesn't mind driving to that location

"I know you can't stop development but I like this area the way it is," she said

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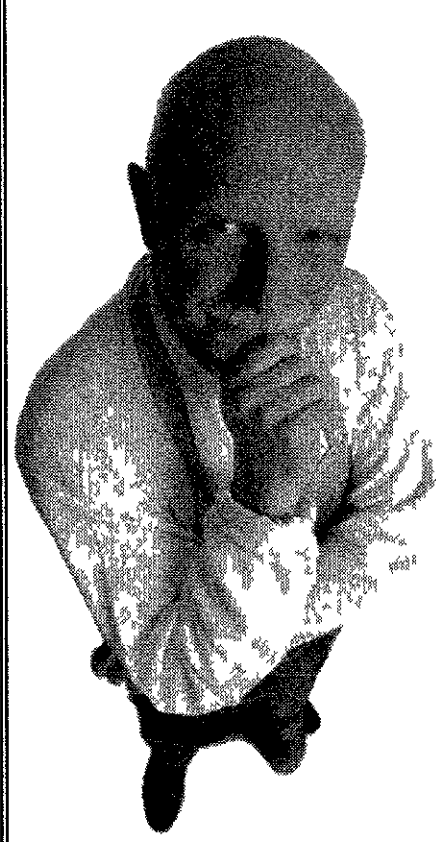


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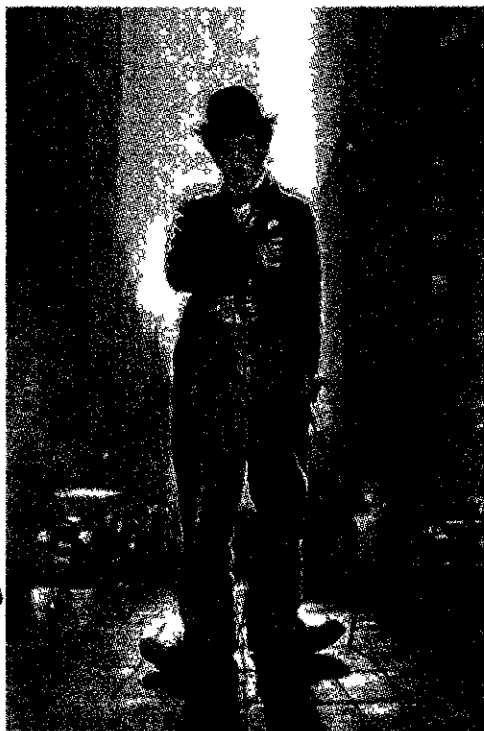
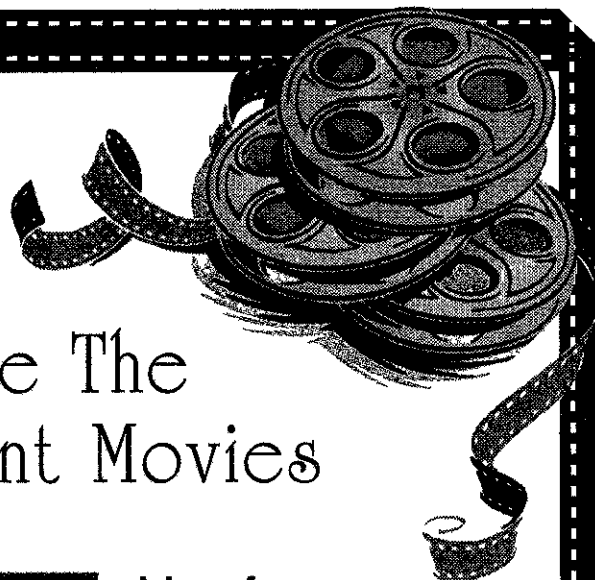
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Dr. Angelo Sorci is moving his orthopedics practice to Canton. The 12-passenger van is for transporting patients to the office and back home.

New Canton doctor goes extra mile (or more) for his patients

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

As a kid, Angelo Sorci wanted to be a pilot and an orthopedist. And although he went the medical school route, he is still getting to live out both of his dreams.

Sorci, of Northville, is a certified orthopedic surgeon, but he also owns an aircraft that he often uses for his medical responsibilities.

Known to hop a flight to pick up surgical materials, Sorci is in the process of relocating his Hillsdale practice to Canton.

"We've been very successful in Hillsdale for the past five years, but we want to be a part of this area that is growing," he said. "And we are in it for the long haul."

Sorci is having his office built in The Essex Centre on

Canton Center Road and plans to open the location in April.

As he steps between steel beams in his future office and explains his vision for the location, the married father of three recalls the time he took a late-night, 27-minute flight to pick up a medical device for one of his clients.

"It wouldn't have arrived by car until 2 a.m. and my patient didn't have the luxury of waiting that long so I went to go get it myself," he said.

In addition to aerial access, Sorci bought a 12-seat van last summer that is used to bring patients to his office for free. Having performed more than 3,000 surgeries, Sorci said he places a high emphasis on accessibility.

If I'm stamping my name on the bottom of (medical files) then I'm responsible, he said.

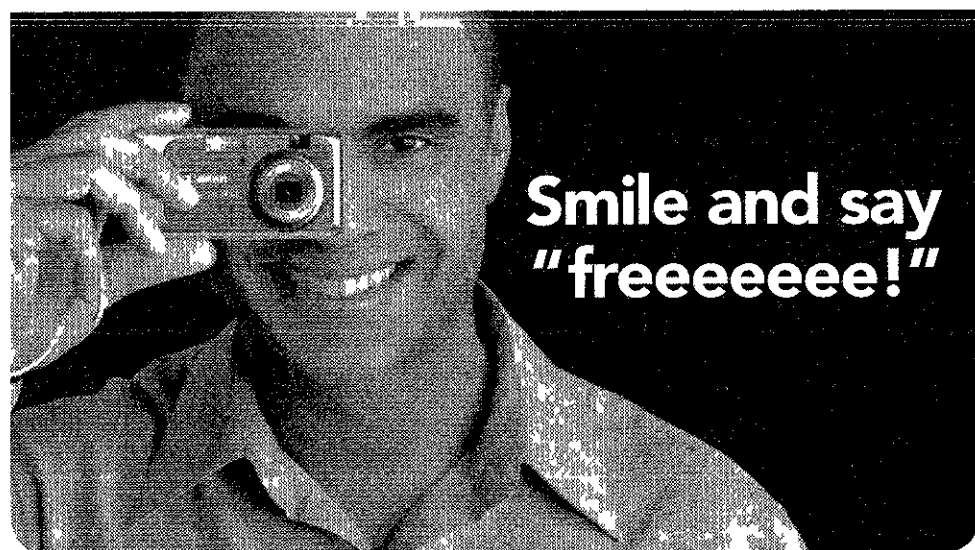
"We cater to our patients because it's about more than replacing a knee. We are there all the way from the beginning until the end."

Joking that he adopted the free transportation service against the wishes of his accountant, Sorci said the van will travel "as far as it needs to go" to get a patient.

"I've been very blessed because people from Ohio and Indiana found us in the middle of nowhere in Hillsdale," he said. "If picking them up is what it takes, then that is what I will do."

Until his Canton office opens for business, Sorci is running his practice from a Belleville office. To contact him, call (734) 697-5805.

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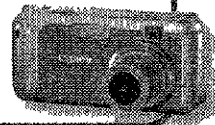
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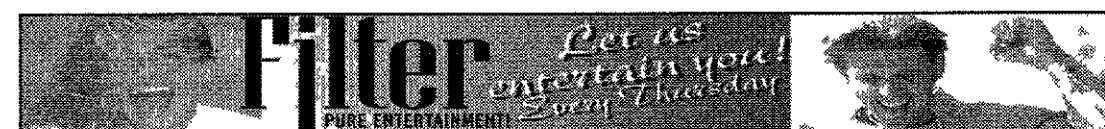


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"We have to get back to the basics of old school parenting," he said, adding that others need to step up and report any suspected child abuse. "We have to rule in favor of protecting a child (vs. being wrong)." Canton resident David Loveland said he can appreciate the police department making an effort to curb child abuse.

"I think it's a great idea," he said. "It's about time we get the community to face this problem." Loveland, a semi-retired pharmacist, is a member of the Exchange Club of Canton. A thrust of the nonprofit organization is child abuse prevention.

"It's one helluva problem," said Loveland, recalling an incident at his workplace where a woman began pushing and hitting a child over a set of lost keys. "Everyone just froze and no one knew what to do, but then finally one person offered to help her look for the keys as a way to get the kid from her grasp."

Santomauro said the police department wants to become proactive rather than reactive regarding child abuse. A guest speaker for the parenting seminar will include a detective assigned to the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children task force. The event is being hosted by the police department and Canton Leisure Services.

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Blue ribbon sales will help child abuse victims

The Exchange Club of Canton will have its annual blue ribbon sales next month to help victims of child abuse.

Blaming child abuse for the death of her young grandson, a Virginia woman started the blue ribbon movement in 1989 to celebrate the child's life. The color of the ribbon symbolizes bruises.

David Loveland, a member of the Canton organization, said the group will sell ribbons for \$1 and car magnets for \$3. His goal is to some day build a child abuse prevention center in western Wayne County.

The items will be sold on the following days:

■ April 7 at Holiday Market, 520 S. Lilley Road

■ April 21 at Kroger, 45540 Michigan Ave.

■ April 28 Farmer Jack, 225 S. Canton Center Road

For more information on the blue ribbon sales, log onto the National Exchange Club Foundation Web site at www.preventchildabuse.com

Canton police officer among those honored by MADD

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Local, county and state law enforcement officers gathered in Livonia's Burton Manor March 11 to honor those police officers whose relentless pursuit and capture of impaired motorists have made Wayne County's roads a safer place to drive.

MADD of Wayne County honored more than 30 officers working around and in Wayne County at its annual Lifesavers Luncheon, including Canton's Michael Kennedy.

Kennedy, who has been with Canton for six years, was nominated for this award based on the high amount of drunk driving arrests for the department in 2006. In addition to his work on patrol, Kennedy also teaches the TEAM program (Teaching, Educating and Mentoring) to 2nd and 5th graders in



Kennedy

Canton's elementary schools. He also speaks annually with high school students involved in Livonia Public Schools Career Center about careers in law enforcement. "Officer Kennedy had 42 drunk driving arrests, which was the highest in our department," said Laura Golles, deputy chief of the Canton Police Department. He is a very dedicated and hard working officer.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano honored MADD for recognizing the work of local, county and state police officers. At the same time, he said, MADD itself should be honored for doing something amazing — changing cultural norms. "They've changed the

awareness of society and culture," Ficano said. "Society's thinking" is like an ocean liner. It doesn't turn on a dime, rather on a long arc.

He said 20 years ago, the term designated driver had no meaning whatsoever. Similarly, back then a party would be conceived only in terms of the party itself, not in terms of what happened to people after they left.

"Even Hollywood has changed," Ficano said. "It used to be that Red Skelton doing his drunk on a pole routine was all over television. Now, you don't see a portrayal of alcohol abuse like that. MADD has changed how people perceive these things."

MADD of Wayne County Executive Director Nechole McClendon said the organization couldn't have done much without the dogged support of area police organizations. "The police are removing

the drunk drivers from the roads," she said. "Without their help we'd be losing this battle."

She said drunk driving accidents, injuries and deaths are 100 percent preventable and eliminating the problem is the sole overriding goal of the organization.

Is there an end in sight? Maybe.

I hope so, McClendon said. "There's always more to do. Our goal is to eliminate drunk driving. There's a lot to do, but if it ever disappears, I'll gladly look for another job."

MADD is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to stopping drunk driving and supporting the victims of drunk driving. Nationwide, the grassroots advocacy group has 600 offices and more than 2 million members.

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Robotics team earns trip to Atlanta finals

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Lightning Robotics team is headed for national competition in Atlanta, Ga., after finishing in the middle of the pack in last weekend's FIRST regional competition at Eastern Michigan University.

The P-CEP team tied for 27th place with a number of other high school teams in the 64-school competition – in which remote-controlled robots complete various tasks – and was picked by judges to be part of the nearly 350 teams from around the country which will compete April 11-14.

"Everyone on the team is happy with what we did in regionals," said Julie Rowe, 17, of Canton, a member of the P-CEP team. "We did very well, and we're proud of what we've been able to accomplish. Nationals will be tougher competition, but it will be a lot more fun."

The P-CEP robotics team

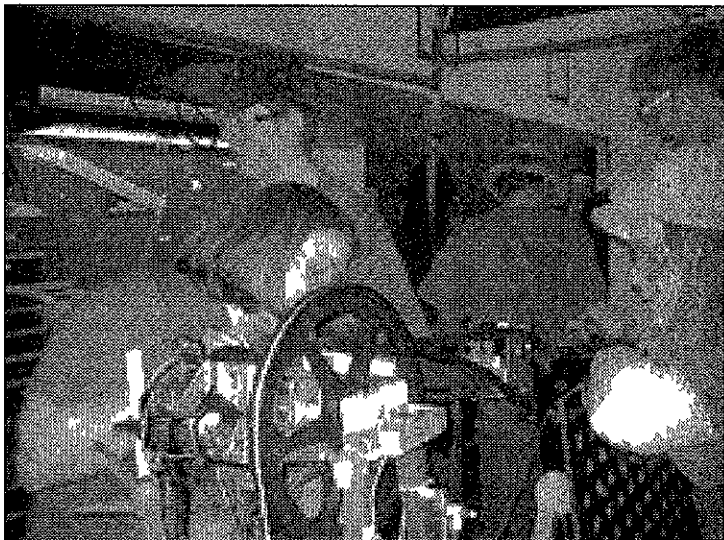
has gone to nationals six of the last eight years, and technology education teacher Jay Obsniuk said while there's no monetary value in winning in Atlanta it will help those students – especially seniors – who are vying for \$8 million in FIRST scholarships to study engineering.

"Last year we had five students win scholarships, four of them for full rides at places like Purdue University, Michigan Tech, Kettering University and Lawrence Tech University," Obsniuk said.

Obsniuk said despite the downturn in the Michigan economy and the financial struggles of the automotive and supplier industries, there was a lot of representation at the regional competition.

"There were people from General Motors, Ford and Chrysler talking with kids about internships, more than I've ever seen," Obsniuk said. "They're still recruiting these kids, who are bright and worth recruiting."

Matthew Korzeniowski, 17, of Canton said the competition



The Plymouth-Canton Robotics team finished in a tie for 27th place in regional competition and now qualify for the national competition in Atlanta, Ga.

is really the fun part, with the hard part the six-week robot-building process.

"I've learned how to problem-solve with some strange timelines, only six weeks to build a fully functional robot," Korzeniowski said. "And, that's really hard."

"We know we're not going to take it all (in Atlanta), we were dead last year but had the times of our lives," recalled Korzeniowski. "The hardest part is building the robot in six weeks. Afterward, the competition is like fun, just playing with our robot."

Obsniuk said while corporate sponsors Visteon and Bosch Corp. are putting in

some travel money, the team will have to raise about \$12,000 for the trip to Atlanta.

Meanwhile, the P-CEP Culinary team placed third in last weekend's Michigan Restaurant Association Pro Start culinary competition in Lansing.

It was the most intense competition we've ever had," said coach Diana Riley. "The kids did great and we all had a fabulous time."

The Culinary team, which finished third last year, won the state championship in 2005.

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County temporarily shuts down part of Lotz Road due to conditions

Wayne County road officials on Wednesday shut down a half-mile segment of Lotz Road between Cherry Hill and Ford roads because it was deemed impassable. The segment was closed to thru traffic until further notice. Residents living in the area will still have limited access to their driveways, though people are being warned the condition of the road will make driving extremely difficult.

A Wayne County road grader became stuck Wednesday morning as it attempted to grade the gravel roadway.

Canton Township Engineer Tom Casari said the poor conditions were due to the recent warm temperatures causing the frost to leave the ground

more quickly than usual, which has resulted in the road surface to become extremely soft.

Wayne County has done everything they can to fix the road, said Casari. The only thing that will fix the problem is to wait until the road dries out or re-freezes.

Wayne County is urging heavy traffic, such as school buses and large trucks, to stay off all the gravel roads until the situation is resolved. While Lotz Road is currently the only impassable road in Canton, other gravel roads in the area are in rough shape.

For more information please call the Wayne County Department of Public Services at (734) 955-2331.

League to host school board forum

Voters who'd like to get a look at and listen to candidates in the 2007 Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Election get their chance next week.

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County sponsors a candidates' forum which starts 7 p.m. Friday, March 23, in the meeting room at Plymouth Township Hall on Haggerty.

All six remaining candidates – incumbents Mark Slavens and Rich Ham-Kucharski and challengers Bruce Koldys and Nancy Eggenberger of Canton and Larry Martin and Kurt Heise of Plymouth – have been invited to participate. A seventh candidate, John Nichols of Canton, dropped out of the race.

Each candidate will be allowed a one-minute opening statement, one-minute responses to questions and a two-minute closing statement.

Questions will be submitted by members of the audience. League of Women Voters member Anne Marie Graham-Hudak will moderate the 90-minute forum.

The forum will be videotaped and aired on local cable television channels. Viewers should check listings for show times.

The election is set for May 8.

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Ficano says state needs to be business-friendly

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

China and Dubai could teach Wayne County and Michigan a few things about how to attract business according to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

"Our consultants said, 'You want to be unique. What you've got to do to be unique to the world, any developer who come in here you've got to give them an answer in 60 days. Yes or no, here's your permit,'" said Ficano in a post-State of the County meeting with *Observer* editors March 7. "They do it in Dubai, they do it in Beijing. They do it in a lot of other urban areas, but not necessarily in the United States."

Ficano wants to create a business-friendly environment in Wayne County, centering around the development of an aerotropolis around the county's two airports - Metro and Willow Run - along I-94. Ficano said the county is close to reaching that 60-day permitting window and is encouraging local communities to do the same.

The hard one is the state, Ficano said. That's the last one and we're not asking them to shortchange anything, especially the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality), it takes a year and a half.

AIRPORT CITY

Developing the airport city is one of several Ficano initiatives to bring business to



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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano talks about his future plans for the county.

Wayne County. But a more immediate concern is Ficano's proposed \$425 million renovation and one million-square-foot expansion of Cobo Center. Ficano said the project is crucial to retaining the annual auto show and attracting new conventions and trade shows.

First of all, the International Auto Show is our trademark, he said. "We are known most around the world for the International Auto Show. There are more credentials pressed at the auto show than at the Super Bowl. We have a Super Bowl every year."

He said the center currently generates \$540 million a year to the area and with the expansion that figure would rise to \$800 million. Under Ficano's plan, the center's management would be transferred from the city of Detroit to an authority

and management would be handled by the Hines Development Co.

"We wouldn't raise any taxes, we'd extend the liquor and hotel tax, the most misunderstood tax in the area," he said.

He said the 4 percent liquor tax is paid only on poured liquor in the three-county area and is usually rolled into the cost of the drink.

"I can guarantee that the bars and restaurants aren't going to roll their prices back," he said.

GO WEST?

He said at present Grand Rapids, which has a new convention facility, does the same amount of business as the much larger Detroit.

Ficano also proposes creating a tax-free zone in Cobo Center, allowing dealers to sell

their products without imposing the state's 6 percent sales tax.

"It can work for the auto show and the boat show, but can also work with the small conventions, electronics and software," he said.

He said he is recommending that the state legislature allow the authority to decide how to manage the 6 percent tax as a means to attract new trade shows.

It makes all the sense in the world, Ficano said. "If you're worrying about revenue, you're probably not going to get that revenue anyway."

Along the same theme, Ficano suggests a tax holiday in August during the prime back-to-school shopping season.

"To me it's critically important that we make this a business-friendly state," he said.

He said tax holidays in other states create a carnival atmosphere, with retail districts bringing in circuses and carnivals to help drum up business.

Ficano has been drumming up business for the county in China, where he has led two trade delegations. The county has also opened offices in three Chinese cities.

He said with an economy growing at a rate of 12 to 14 percent a year, China is ready to invest in the United States. "If we get the initial wave to come to the Detroit metro area, we have tremendous assets," he said.

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Sheriff offers 9-1-1 cell phones for senior citizens

It's estimated that in the United States there are more than 50 million unused cell phones sitting in drawers and closets, collecting dust. Although those phones may not have an active calling plan, they still can be used to dial 9-1-1. That's why Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans Monday began distributing the first of more than 200 free emergency phones his department has collected.

"These days, cell phones have become almost a disposable item, which means a growing number of people have one sitting in a drawer or closet not being used," Evans said. "Instead of letting those phones go to waste, we want to get them in the hands of senior citizens so they can have added security and peace of mind."

An emergency 9-1-1 call is always free and will connect the user to the nearest local emergency operator.

However, in order for the operator to send help, the person calling will need to tell them their exact location, Evans said. Since demand is initially expected to exceed supply, the Sheriff's Office

will begin compiling a waiting list and distribute the phones on a first-come, first-serve basis, Evans said.

How to receive a cell phone from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office:

■ Contact the Sheriff's Office at (313) 224-0614 to receive a free phone or to have your name placed on the waiting list.

Anyone wanting to donate a working cell phone and charger may do so by dropping them off to the following Wayne County Sheriff's Office locations:

■ Administration Building, 1231 St. Antoine near Greektown.
■ Road Patrol Office, 3100 Henry Ruff at Michigan Avenue in Westland.

■ Highland Park station, located in Model T Plaza on Woodward Ave., two blocks north of the Davison Freeway.

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■ Include all chargers and any other accessories you wish to part with.

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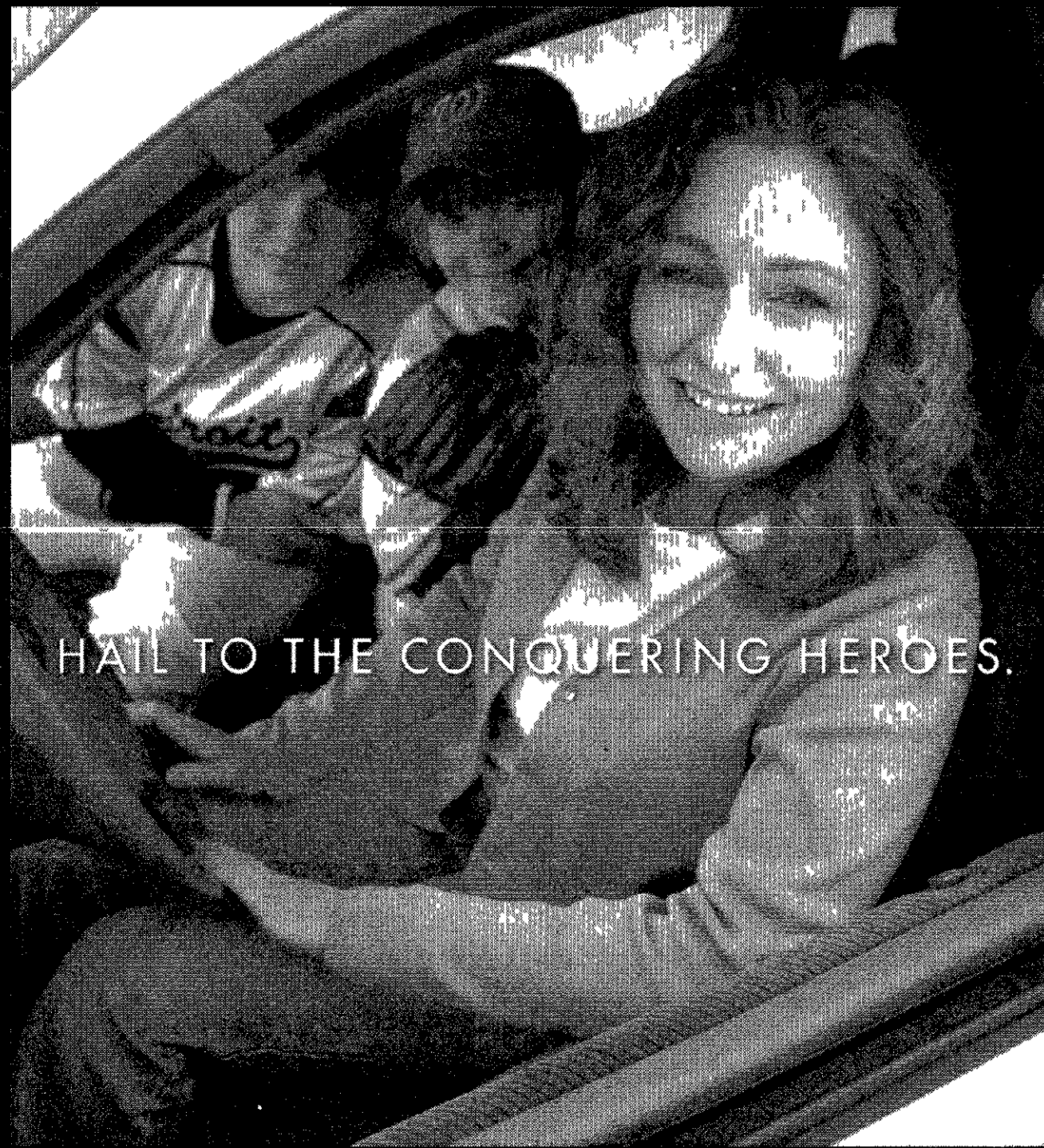
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OPINION

OUR VIEWS

Communication key with Oakwood

Just months after Oakwood Healthcare Systems' first proposal to build a new hospital at the northwest corner of Beck and Geddes roads was met with stiff opposition from nearby residents, representatives with the health care giant will again come before the planning commission to sell a revised plan.

The meeting, which is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 2, has been moved to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, because township officials are anticipating a large turnout. Considering there were hundreds of people at the last meeting in October, it was a good decision to move the meeting to the larger venue.

Opponents of the project — and there are many — say the project will hurt their property values and quality of life in an area of new homes. They say the area is currently zoned for residential, and the townships master plan also calls for residential. They question why township officials would change that to accommodate Oakwood.

Oakwood is trying to buy the land from Singh Development, which has a planned development agreement with the township to build single family homes and apartments on the parcel. Oakwood needs the township to amend this agreement and then give it a special land use permit to build the hospital on the site.

You have to give Oakwood officials some credit. They did their homework after the last meeting, and have tried to address the concerns of residents. They have reduced the size and height of the proposed hospital. They have also purchased additional land to create more of a buffer between the facility and adjacent neighborhoods. They have designed vegetated berms that will act as buffers, and a number of water features that would make the campus very attractive.

On paper it looks like a fine project. However, it is still a different use than what has been approved at the site. While other institutional uses, including schools and government buildings, have also been built in residential areas, this will be on a much larger scale. Essentially, Oakwood is proposing putting a building twice the size of IKEA at the site.

There is no question the project would change the character of the area — for better or worse. It is up to township officials to determine which. If they decide it is for the better, they need to make sure the residents understand why. It is critical for them to win the support of the residents, because that is who they serve — not Oakwood.

Ban smoking before banning trans fats

We are glad the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is reconsidering an all-out ban on trans fats in Oakland County restaurants.

Commissioner Marcia Gershenson, D-Bloomfield Township, amended her resolution last week, calling instead for a bipartisan study group including health department officials and restaurant owners to look at the issue.

She said her thought all along was to start a discussion on the topic. If the study group recommends an educational program instead of a ban, that's fine with her, she said. It was never her intention to push through a mandate without public input, Gershenson said.

In our opinion, any ban on trans fat should come at the state level. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners has enough county business to concern itself with.

And, if the state bans anything in restaurants, it should be smoking. Trans fat harms only the person ingesting it, increasing his or her bad cholesterol and risk of heart disease.

Meanwhile, cigarettes hurt not only the person who lights up, but everyone close enough to breathe in the dangerous secondhand smoke.

Time to celebrate all things Irish

Saturday, people all around the world will be wearing green and celebrating all things Irish.

On St. Patrick's Day, the Irish celebrate their long Christian heritage and the bishop who is credited with converting the island from paganism to Christianity. But that serious purpose often takes second place to celebrating the tiny nation's rich heritage with toasting, dancing, singing and humor.

The Irish are known for their robust ballads, poetic literature and gift of gab. They have also made a mark on this country's political heritage with recent presidents Kennedy, Nixon, Reagan, Clinton and both Bushes claiming Irish ancestry. And, of course, on St. Patrick's Day millions of people with no connection at all to Ireland claim they're Irish just so they can join the party. In the spirit of the holiday, we offer this traditional Irish blessing.

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.*



LETTERS

Getting state back on track

Michigan's budget is under significant stress, there's no argument about that. Just as you and your family must do during difficult times, the state has tough choices to make — many of these choices will affect us for years to come.

We've heard some budget proposals. We've heard why we must make sacrifices to 'invest' in our future, but there is plenty we've not heard. For example, although we are supposedly in a budget crisis, the state of Michigan has spent more money every year since Gov. Granholm and I arrived in Lansing. Meaning, that despite the much touted budget cutting that has supposedly taken place, we are still spending more each year than we did the year before. In addition, the new 2 Penny Plan, or 2-cent tax, adds up to about \$600 every year for a family of four.

As your legislator, I want to let you know that it is my priority to get our economy back on track. We must solve our financial challenges by reforming government, not handicapping our citizens and job providers with new taxes and fees. One way I'm attempting to do this is by sponsoring a package of bills that would require some tightening of the belt when it comes to state spending. I propose creating a commission charged with the duty of reviewing, investigating and collecting all information necessary to evaluate all functions and services provided by the state agencies and departments. This may seem a bit daunting, but if we're truly to clean house with our state government, it's time to start peeking in those dusty corners, attics and basements and see where there are needless expenditures. The commission would then be responsible for producing a report with recommendations on how to streamline government.

While I recognize the precarious nature of Michigan's budget situation and that a mix of strategies may be necessary to help get our economy back on track, I am not yet convinced that a tax increase is the answer. In addition, I am not under the delusion that we can solve our state's budget problems simply by streamlining government, but I believe it is the right first step in finding more revenue.

At a time of record personal bankruptcies, home foreclosures and unemployment, now is not the time to ask families who are struggling to shoulder more of the burden. Higher taxes on families and small businesses would most likely deepen our long-term crisis, not solve it. I will continue to work on proposals like the one mentioned above to reform the way our state does business. In the future, I hope to bring you more common-sense alternatives to higher taxes and fees.

I appreciate the opportunity to communicate with you on important issues taking place in Lansing. If you have any questions or concerns on these or any other issues, please feel free to contact my office at (866) LAJOY-21 or through e-mail at phillajoy@house.mi.gov. You can also find more information about my work in the Legislature by visiting my legislative Web site: www.gophouse.com/lajoy.htm.

Phil LaJoy
state representative 21st District
Canton

Not at Geddes and Beck

The Oakwood Hospital/Singh

Development request to use land designated as "residential" for a large hospital indicates the level of demand to get into Canton has not diminished, just changed type. For several years, new housing developments were springing up everywhere east, west and north in Canton until the economy "went south." That has caused a shift in development focus in our town from newly built houses to many more commercial ventures.

Now that the housing market has an overstocked inventory, the yet to be developed residential land is cheaper than commercial property, and appears to be vulnerable to a change in direction. Such is probably the case at the northwest corner of Geddes and Beck roads, where the Singh folks want to sell their remaining two phases of residential development to Oakwood people for a very large multi-bed four story hospital that will service parts of Wayne and Washtenaw counties. Hooray, for Canton, right? Wrong!

On the surface, this seems innocent enough until one examines the land uses in the entire township and sees the different areas of growth that our local government has managed successfully over the years. The fact that this land is only a fraction of a mile from Michigan Avenue says it all — it's just plain cheaper to buy the failing residential properties than to put something like a hospital where it truly belongs, in the commercial or industrial districts. It is obvious, the suggestion of this kind of change in direction is contrary to the good planning the township officials have always done to preserve our residential areas.

Canton officials, please keep up the good work and stick by your community plans. By all means, say yes to Oakwood having a second facility in the township, but NO to them at the Geddes and Beck area, or within any of our residential districts. It just doesn't belong there. It's not good planning.

Debi Greene
Canton

Not worth the chance

I personally think that it is ridiculous that Oakwood Healthcare Systems is once again pushing for access to the land near Geddes/Beck. The citizens that voiced their concerns at the original Oakwood plan have spoken, and I believe it's safe to assume that Oakwood is not wanted there, no matter what architectural plan that they come up with. Fact is, this land was originally zoned for a residential area and now Oakwood proposes to change that by planning a large business/industry type institution in a peaceful, serene community. This development will bring noise, unsightly buildings, and additional traffic to Beck Road, which, if you haven't noticed, is becoming much more congested than it used to be. Not to mention, the additional traffic that will exit I-275 at Ford Road, do we need any more traffic on that road?

I think it's a poor decision to entertain the idea of allowing Oakwood to consider this residential area for development. Oakwood should consider using land along Michigan Avenue, not only would it not disrupt any peaceful neighborhoods, but it would actually stimulate activity in businesses along Michigan Avenue.

Finally, I would like to comment on Oakwood's new plan, which is supposed to be neighborhood-friendly. I urge anyone to

take a look at Oakwood Hospital/Dearborn, which is packed into a residential neighborhood. It started out on a much smaller scale, now neighboring homes are overwhelmed by several large buildings, parking garages, and increased traffic. Maybe Oakwood's plans for Canton are on a smaller scale than before, but will that change over the years like it did in Dearborn? It's not worth taking the chance Oakwood needs to withdraw their plans and look to a more suitable location.

Gary Volles
Canton

Go somewhere else

As a resident in the Beck and Cherry Hill area, I can say with certainty that I do not want Oakwood Hospital down here. St. Mary Mercy serves our area along with St. Joes and U-M in Ann Arbor. Pray tell what Oakwood is going to add to the mix. This is a residential area and should remain as such. This area has high end homes and NONE of us would have purchased property here knowing a hospital was going to be put here. I say enough already. Go somewhere else and leave us alone!

Margo Ford
Canton

Neighbors should be pleased

I was privileged to have previewed the new plans for the proposed Oakwood facility in Canton. It is a well thought out plan and provides much, much more than the basic standards for building in Canton. Residents should be pleased that a prestigious hospital is proposing to build in our community, providing us with medical care from emergency needs to senior care. They have taken great pains to suggest using beautiful berms, plantings, trails and water components which will only enhance the community. Neighbors should be pleased to have a quality proposal on the table, rather than another shopping mall, party store or apartment complex.

Nancy Spencer
Canton

Look for another site

I am writing this letter to express my disapproval against Oakwood Hospital for again pushing for a huge medical campus in the heart of a residential community in Canton. Given the record turnout of Canton residents against the proposal in October, it was believed that Oakwood and township officials would have taken notice and understood that a hospital on the corner of Beck and Geddes is not welcome.

Based on public information, the proposed medical campus promises to be more than twice the size and twice as tall as IKEA. This building is institutional and commercial in nature, would it not more appropriately fit on Michigan Avenue or Ford Road? Building a hospital in Canton is welcome, but in an area where it is appropriate. The proposed property is zoned residential, and homeowners bought property in the surrounding area with that in mind. Canton should not let Oakwood Hospital bully our residents around and circumvent the will of so many Cantoners should do the right thing and help Oakwood find a more appropriate site.

Tom Cinzori
Canton

QUOTABLE

"This is really strange. Every bit gets more bizarre."

— Canton resident Alea Shinn, who lives in the Heathmore Apartments, discussing the death of neighbor Ashley Pierce, whose roommate lived with the body for three weeks and allegedly tried to scam Pierce's father for money.

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

Elected officials should do township business, not staff

I don't make a habit of going to the meetings of the township board in Canton. In years gone by, I have served on the zoning board of appeals, various committees, and was the elected treasurer for a single term. I've had my fill of meetings.

I figure my first job is to vote in elections, and only speak out when absolutely necessary. Now is one of those times. The elected officials are in place to run things. I expect them to do their job and I will do mine. But, it's not working that way under the leadership of Mr. Tom Yack.



Jim Donahue

A little background: I first became aware of Mr. Yack when he worked as a school teacher and served on the board of education. He came from the ivory tower of academia, likely having few if any paychecks that didn't come from a government agency. His grounding didn't come from the private sector like most, but rather the bureaucratic-laden cocoon of the government nest.

Shortly after taking office as Canton's supervisor, Mr. Yack proposed creating a well-paid full-time position of township manager. His plan envisioned that the elected officials would largely be figureheads, while staff really ran the township. Wisely, Mr. Yack's proposal for a manager met with swift, strong, and resounding opposition.

The message was clear: Canton residents elect the officials that are expected to get their hands dirty when necessary and run the township.

In recent months, I have become a member of the Summit on the Park and use the fitness facilities. Specifically, due to a leg injury, my doctor told me to enroll and use the indoor track every day to rehabilitate the injury. I was previously a member of another gym where I worked out daily.

I was very frustrated when I saw signs posted a couple of weeks ago saying that most of the fitness facilities at the Summit would close for as much as five days in early March. The reason: The facility would be used for the Canton Home Expo. I would not be able to use the track — the very reason that I joined. The Summit staff told me that they had no say in the matter, but it had come as an edict from the Municipal Services department.

I was there on Saturday morning, March 3, and watched parents arrive with little children wanting to swim. Though the pool area was idle, kids were turned away — many of them in tears — and told they could not swim this weekend. Adults arrived to play basketball only to learn that again, the gym was closed to be used for another purpose.

I went to last week's township board meeting. There was no one from the public in attendance (other than me) — a far cry from the days when I was in office. At the public forum, I shared my Summit experience with the officials. I then asked directly "who made the decision to close the

Summit?" Mr. Yack refused to offer an answer saying only that it had been made, "by staff."

Mr. Yack then offered a lame excuse saying that the Summit was built for multiple purposes. He ignored the fact that most of the facility is available for functions such as the Home Expo. He ignored the fact that the five-day closure occurred in the midst of Canton's 100 Days of Fitness.

Mr. Yack said that members would have their membership extended at the end for the number of days it was closed.

Mr. Yack doesn't understand that adding time at the end for someone would be like depriving one of oxygen for an hour today with the promise that they will get an extra dose of oxygen next week.

I offered my opinion. Any decision that can affect hundreds or thousands of Canton residents needs to be discussed and decided by the township board. Period. That is what they are elected to do.

Further, taking a facility upon which the community depends, and using it for a completely unrelated activity should only be done after careful consideration and deliberation in the public forum, not behind closed doors in private.

Mr. Yack said that he doesn't agree. Local government and specifically Canton's township board is limited in what it may do by state law. Local government may only deal with issues that protect the public health, safety and welfare. They are not empowered to hold commercial events that duplicate others, i.e. the Home and Garden Show going on in downtown Detroit as I write this.

Canton officials are treading on very thin ice by devoting any township resources to such an activity. I would opine that they have, in fact, operated illegally and outside their scope of authority.

While recreation programs have become acceptable activities for local governments in Michigan, conducting commercial events is unacceptable. If Mr. Yack wants such an event, let him seek a promoter who will rent space at the Summit and hold it. Canton Township should not be doing this.

To the bigger issue: The public's business is being conducted in private under the guise of "staff meetings."

It's no wonder that members of the public don't attend board meetings. Nothing happens there. The officials dutifully read from a script the motions that have been pre-written by staff. There is little or no debate.

If the framers of our federal constitution had conducted their business in the same manner as the Canton Township board, the U.S.A. would likely not exist today.

I think that Mr. Yack should do the job for which he was elected or resign and let someone else step in who will. The citizens of Canton didn't elect the staff. We elected you.

Jim Donahue is a longtime Canton resident and formerly served a term as Canton Township treasurer.

LETTERS

Concerned about Oakwood

First of all, I am against the proposed Oakwood development at Beck and Geddes. Following is a short list of some of my reasons:

1. Canton has planned for no commercial development west of Canton Center Road except for Cherry Hill Village and the Michigan Avenue corridor. Canton's Planning Commission turned down a proposed drug store at the same corner in 2002.

When I purchased my home in 2002, I visited the township offices and looked at the future land use maps and the area's surrounding my home.

It was all residential, not commercial or institutional.

The plans for the current site were for apartments and single family homes. Charing Cross was a beautiful project with walking trails and park space.

This project along with no commercial growth west of Canton Center Road added to the reasons why I purchased my home in Central Park South.

We should have a choice if we want to live next to a hospital. I did my homework. I lived off of Ford and Morton Taylor and wanted to be in a completely residential area.

2. Currently, Oakwood is looking to build a 650,000-square foot facility. This facility will be more than twice the size of IKEA in a residential area.

Think of all the issues of one IKEA coming in on Ford Road and place it at a site that is surrounded by two-lane roads and is completely residential. IKEA is on 20 acres and Oakwood is on 88 acres. What will they build next? Oakwood will not divulge their complete concept.

3. Oakwood did not ask residents within 500 feet of the facility for their input. I live within 500 feet and no one from Oakwood has contacted me regarding any meetings since October 2006.

So where is the community input? Also, Mr. Yack assured residents that this facility would not be built and that he would ask Singh to abandon this idea. What happened?

Mr. Amann is playing both sides of the fence, he is representing Singh and Oakwood. He is a paid salesman for these companies.

4. Oakwood will not be building a Trauma 1 facility so Canton residents will still have to go to another hospital if it's a major trauma. A helipad will still be in the parking lot if needed.

5. Oakwood states that they will be bringing new jobs to Canton. This is incorrect because Oakwood is planning on closing Oakwood Annapolis and transferring their employees and their hospital beds to this

new facility in Canton.

So residents of Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Inkster, Romulus will be traveling further for their hospital needs.

I hope the Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees continue to investigate this issue completely. They also need to be consistent with the planned future land use and put this facility either in Cherry Hill Village or on Michigan Avenue where it will not interfere with residential land use. Remember, Oakwood is a commercial entity. They exchange funds for services rendered operate 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

Jim Edwards
Canton

Oakwood not welcome

The officials at Oakwood must not be very bright.

They don't seem to get the fact that whether the hospital is six stories high or four stories high, it is still a hospital and not residential. As stated at the planning meeting, they are not welcome at this site. They need to go to Ford Road or Michigan Avenue if they insist on putting another site in Canton.

Please keep us informed of what's going on with this.

Linda Brown
Canton

Which war do they want to end?

I am responding to Hugh Gallagher's article. If you want to end war, you've got to sing loud. *Observer & Eccentric*, March 4, 2007.

The first question, which war? The Iraq war or the war on terror? I am not sure any more which war the Democrats want to end.

I think the Democrats, to follow the mandate of the election, must pass a bill to defund the Iraq war, and override the president's veto. They must stop talking and just do it.

Then, the Democrats must define the world situation when the troops come home from Iraq. No matter how the Democrats define it, we are surrendering Iraq to the terrorists, for the terrorists to create another base of operations.

But it will not end there. There will be the question when we bring the troops home from Afghanistan, and then all around the world, from the war on terror. The terrorists will call it surrender. The Democrats will call it improving our world prestige, and making it safer for Americans.

Neil Karl
Livonia

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Robots get students excited about engineering

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Josh Barnett, 18, is weighing his options. The Wayne Memorial senior may become an engineer, or, on the other hand, he may become a chef. In either case, he's been very competitive in both fields.

On Saturday, it was Josh's engineering side that was in the thick of the rack, roll and rumble at the FIRST Robotics competition at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center in Ypsilanti. Barnett was co-captain and driver for the Wayne-Westland Bionic Union team competing against 59 other teams from Michigan, Canada, Ohio and Texas.

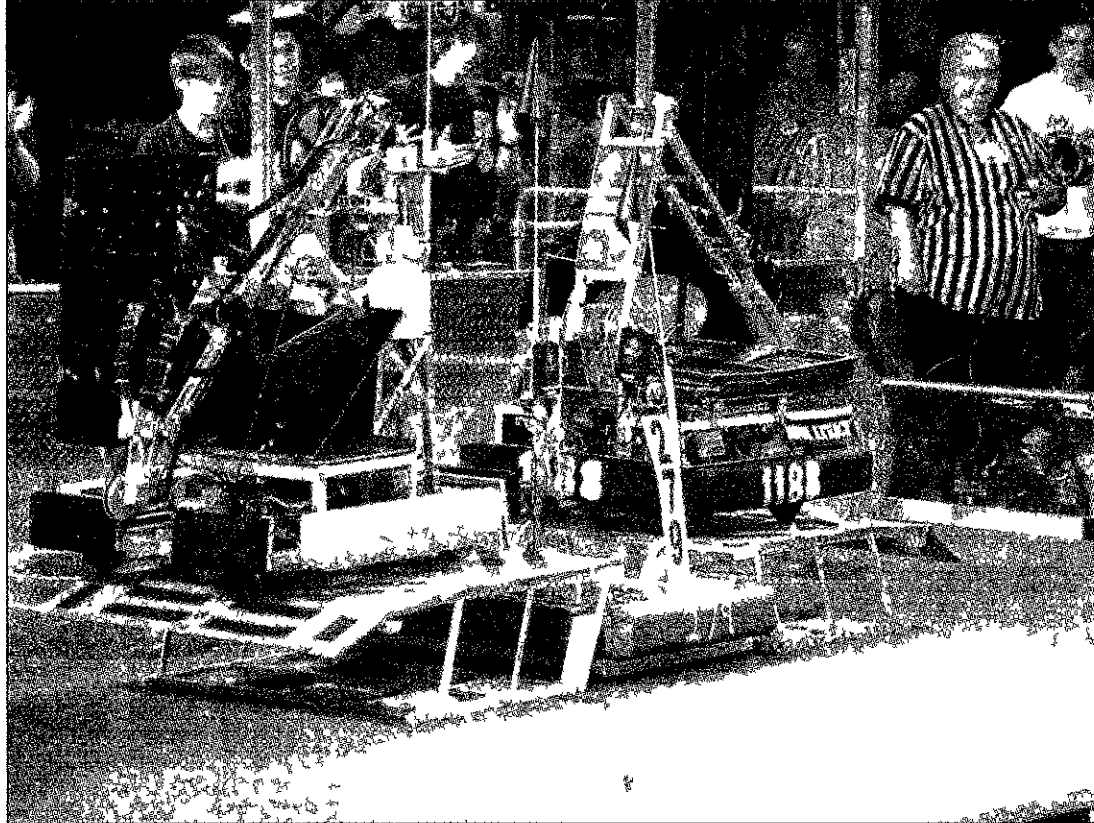
"I got into it basically for the fun," said Barnett. But I've learned a lot, a great deal about engineering.

Barnett got involved with FIRST Legos, a junior version of the competition, in the eighth grade. He moved up to FIRST Robotics in high school.

Fun and learning are what the competitions are all about. On Saturday, the center was rocking with blaring music, screaming teams and supporters, colorful costumes and fierce competition. All standard for FIRST Robotics.

EXCITED ABOUT ENGINEERING

Basically, nationally known inventor Dean Kamen about 20 years ago saw a need for young people to be more excit-



The robot from Plymouth Canton schools left gets a lift from another robot during FIRST Robotics competition Saturday. When robots are lifted above four inches, the three team alliance scores bonus points.

ed about engineering, said Tom Lang of Livonia, who was commissioned by General Motors to promote the event regionally. Rather than just sit in a classroom and read a book about it, he thought they had to get in and get their hands dirty and learn from adult mentors outside the classroom itself.

Kamen and Woodie Flowers, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of

Technology, got together to start FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). Since then, the program has grown to 38 regional competitions including three in Michigan. The international championship is April 12-14 in Atlanta, Ga.

Each year a new game is invented to challenge young people to discover different ways to build and manipulate

robots to perform certain tasks and in the process to learn about the engineering process. But this isn't about battling robots, it's about teamwork and sharing.

Teams compete with other teams to get the job done. Three teams are allied to compete against three other teams.

"What Dean wanted people to understand was that in engineering, you could have competition while being gracious at the same time," Lang said. "They coined a phrase: gracious professionalism. It's not like battling robots on TV, in fact the exact opposite though they do bump into each other."

SIX WEEKS TO BUILD

Teams have exactly six weeks to build a robot from the same basic parts. At 5 p.m. on Feb. 20, they had to ship their robots to a central location.

This year's game involved placing colorful plastic inner tubes on the spider arms of a rack set up in the middle of 54 foot by 26 foot, 8 inch playing field. Points were scored by how many tubes are racked in a row, with the point count doubling for each tube racked. Bonus points were scored by having one robot lift the other two robots off the ground.

That was the plan for Wayne-Westland's armless little robot.

"Our original goal was a robot to lift other robots high in the air, but we abandoned that to become a defensive robot," said Barnett.

"We didn't pay attention to the center of gravity so it didn't work out as planned," said Scott Simons, a teacher at Wayne Memorial and team mentor for the Bionic Union which includes students from Wayne Memorial, John Glenn and William Ford Career Tech.

But we have an excellent robot to be a defensive robot, so we can stop other teams from scoring and run interference for the team, Simons said.

Simons is a big booster of the FIRST. He said it's been an ideal way to bring students, families, schools and businesses together. Corporate sponsors help pay for the materials and also provide some needed engineering expertise. Ford, ITT Technical Institute and the school district sponsor the Wayne-Westland team.

One thing I'm proud about is the partnership with Ford. We stress having students do stuff," he said.

The students design, build and rebuild over six weeks. On Friday, other teams had complimented Barnett on his driving skills as he maneuvered his robot to block out the opposition. An early alliance took a match 67 to 8 with the Bionic Union on defense.

Just being able to drive

robots and see something I spent six weeks on come alive and do what I want it to do is great," Barnett said.

Jay Obsnuk, robotics teacher at Salem, is the team mentor for the Plymouth-Canton schools Lightning Robotics team, sponsored by Bosch, Visteon and ITT. He calls FIRST Robotics the "best learning experience in the world for the kids."

"We sit students down and try to sort out ideas on what they want to do," he said. "What are the pros and cons of the robot? That's critical. You have to get a design done and get it out there. As a group, we decide on which way we want to go."

The Plymouth Canton team finished tied for 27th place and will go on the competition in Atlanta.

WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR

In addition to building robots, students also learn to handle publicity, create animated videos, design team logos and a variety of other skills.

Saturday's event even included a half-time show with the judges (in refs shirts), team mascots in full regalia and the assembled crowd singing and dancing to *The Macarena* and the Village People's *YMCA*.

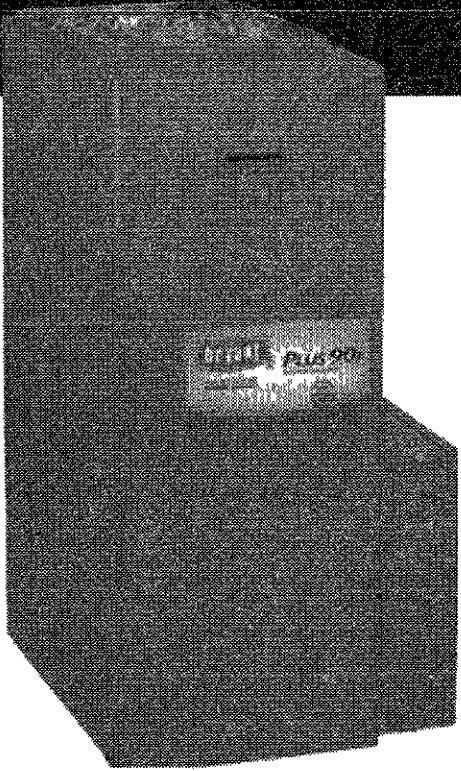
For Josh Barnett and his teammates things did not work out as planned. In a morning competition, he lost radio contact with his robot and it was stranded in the middle of the court. In another round, the alliance did a little better, but failed to win the round. The team finished 47th overall.

"Because of our experience this year, we will be a stronger team and much wiser team next year," Simons said.

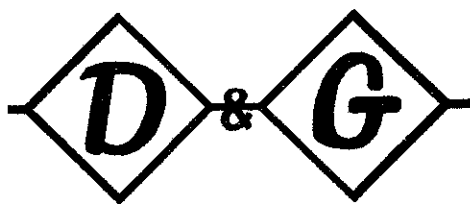
Next stop for Barnett is a culinary arts competition.

An alliance of Novi, Birmingham Brother Rice and Ann Arbor Pioneer took the championship on Saturday.

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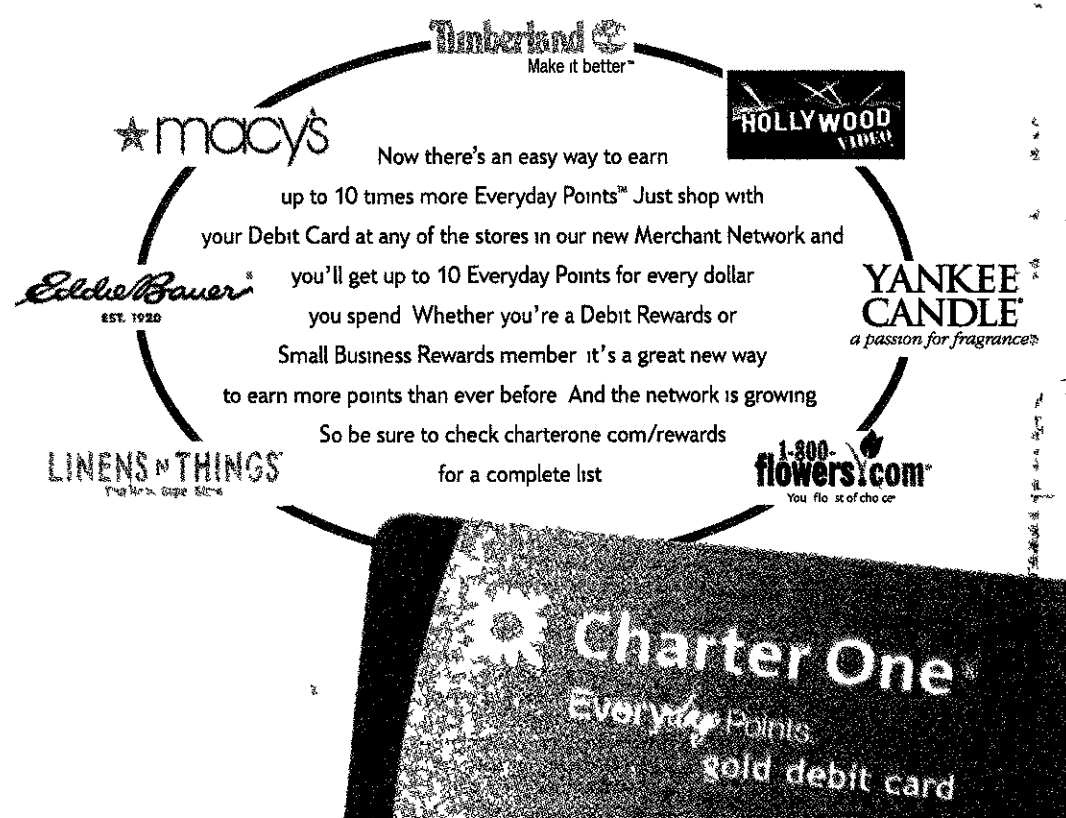


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MARCH

Bible study
7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St Michael the Archangel Parish 11441 Hubbard south of Plymouth Road Livonia The current study is the Gospel of St John For more information call (734) 261 1455

Lay caregiver series
Deadline to register is March 15 for A Pastoral Response to Substance Abuse Issues 2 30 4 30 p.m. Sunday March 18 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church Farmington Hills Samaritan Counseling Center Executive Director Dr Paul Melrose describes the condition or disease of substance abuse and the impact on the family and congregation of a member struggling with addiction Cost is \$10 Call (248) 474 4701

Lenten concerts
12 35 p.m. Thursday March 15 22 29 follow services of Holy Communion which begin at 12 10 p.m. at Mariner's Church 170 East Jefferson at the entrance to the Detroit Windsor Tunnel Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with

entrance on median on Jefferson at Woodward For information call (313) 259 2206

Lenten services
St Michael the Archangel Parish would like to invite everyone to attend Lenten services including Stations of the Cross and Benediction 7 p.m. 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 fish fry
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday March 16 23 and 30 pick ups at St Peter Claver Catholic Community Parish Rectory 13305 Grove one block south of McNichols one block east of Schaefer Detroit Lunch orders call in by 11 a.m. at (313) 342 5292 \$8 for catfish dinner \$7 whitening \$5 catfish sandwich \$4 whitening \$1 for sides of spaghetti coleslaw and green beans

Lenten services
Vesper Services continue 7 30 p.m. Wednesdays in Lent until March 28 (six part series on the Lord's Prayer) at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 427 1414
Holy Week services 7 30 p.m. Maundy Thursday April 5 (Communion) 12 30 2 p.m. Good Friday April 6 (Service of Words Music and Meditation Come when you can leave when you wish) Tenebrae Service of Darkness at 8 p.m. Easter Vigil Saturday April 7 at 8 p.m. (The Service of Light) and 9 30

a.m. and 11 a.m. Festival Services
Easter Sunday April 8 Regular church at 9 30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery Sunday School during 9 30 a.m. service Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome Visit www.holy-crosslivonia.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
On St. Patrick's Eve Friday March 16 The Wakes and Weddings Band start at 7 30 p.m. Mass begins at noon on Saint Patrick's Day March 17 followed by performances of one of Michigan's premiere Irish bands Shamrock Shore at 1 p.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

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.starticketsplus.com Joining TobyMac are Thousand Foot Krutch Building 429 and Family Force 5

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

Montly meeting
For Bethany Suburban West Saturday March 17 at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road on the north side of the street Garden City All separated divorce and singles welcomes For details call (734) 513 9479 Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths

Effective Black Parenting
Seminar presented by Kevin Threatt created by Center for the Improvement of Child Caring with guidance from African American parenting 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 information call (313) 869 4728 Child care 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

Lenten dinners
5 30 p.m. Sunday March 18 help support the Society of St Andrew's mission to end hunger by enjoying a Potato Dinner baked by the Men's Club at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 W Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt Livonia Call (734) 422 6038 Dress the spuds any way you like them
Feed your spirit and body 6 p.m. Sunday March 25 when the church presents a catered dinner followed by a dramatic rendition of the Sermon on the Mount by Randy Colbe Cost is \$6 Tickets available at door

Jesus Unmasked
A sermon series with the Rev. C. Allen Kannapel 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday March 18 Uninterruptible 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

Vesper services
The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts its series of Vespers services annually during the Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent - March 18 at St. Michael Orthodox Church 26375 W Chicago Road Redford call (313) 937 0970 and March 25 at St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church 23300 W Davison Detroit call (313) 533 3437 For more information contact Very Rev. Michael Matsko Holy Transfiguration Church Livonia at (248) 476 3432 or mmatsko@twm1rr.com Livonia

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 passenger cars For more information call (313) 277 2419

Midweek Lenten program
6 7 45 p.m. Wednesday March 21 and 28 includes simple service of sung prayer meal and mission project at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

God's amazing grace
Moves us to conversion Turn us as we welcome guest 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 p.m. 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

Lifestyle 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 problems related to blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta and hardenings of leg arteries which are a strong predictor of heart disease Also offered is a bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk 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.

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.mensfelowship.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 baritone 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

Clothing, shoes wanted
New Providence Baptist Church is looking for donations of gently used and new items for its annual Free Clothing and Shoes Giveaway Saturday March 31 at the church 18211 Plymouth Road Detroit Deadline for donations is Wednesday March 28 Volunteer meeting is 6 p.m. Thursday March 22 For more information call (313) 837 0818

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

MargyBurkhart@wardchurch.org
Choral cantata
A New Creation by Rene Clausen 6 p.m. Saturday March 31 at Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia No charge but a free will offering will be taken A reception follows in the Fellowship Hall Call (734) 422 0149

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 \$1 admission for information 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 p.m. every Wednesday evening during Lent except for Maundy Thursday April 5 when Simon Peter testified concerning Jesus' disruption of social mores at Salem United Church of Christ 33424 Oakland Avenue Farmington Call (248) 474 6880 Christ on Trial examines evidence that demands a verdict Who is this Jesus for you?

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 7 30 p.m. April 5 communion is around a great table in the shape of a cross to remember the last meal of Jesus with his disciples Community Good Friday Service noon April 6 7 30 p.m. Good Friday April 6 an evening service focusing on the Passion Narrative and Jesus' final moments and Easter Sunday Son Rise Service at 8 a.m. Worship Services at 9 15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday school at 9 15 a.m. for children (childcare for four-year-olds and under at both services) April 8 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476 8860 or visit

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Tiny Tots Preschool
Open registration began March 14 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

UPCOMING

Good Friday drama
1 2 p.m. April 6 during Good Friday services from noon to 3 p.m. in the sanctuary at Wayne Westland First United Methodist Church 3 Townsquare (Newberry Street across from the Wayne Post Office) The public is invited Refreshments follow in the Fellowship Hall Women of the Cross is about 12 women whose lives were changed by Jesus before his crucifixion

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 information call (734) 464 0990 Please join us for this special drama event and celebrate Easter with us We look forward to welcoming you

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

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Deadline is April 20 for Opening New Doors a retreat for widowed only which takes place April 27 29 at St. John's Retreat Center Plymouth Speakers and group discussions Fee is \$140 per person for double \$160 for single Call (586) 939 5219 (248) 478 1084 or (586) 566 2557 to register

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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 discussion 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and desserts) Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374 7400 For information visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

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

Grief workshop
From Grief to New Hope began 7 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 appreciated For more information call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374 5966

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

Bible study series
St. Theodore Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 7 9 p.m. Thursday Jan. 11 and continuing for eight weeks at the church 8200 N. Wayne Road Westland For more information call (734) 425 7310

Scripture study
Board the Starship Evangelize seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study The Book of Numbers 10 a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church 19120 Purlingbrook Livonia For information call Mary Rice at (734) 522 1095

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

Worship services
Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10 30 a.m. (contemporary) Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9 15 a.m. Sunday Grace Lutheran Church 46001 Warren between Canton Center and Beck Canton For information call (734) 637 8160

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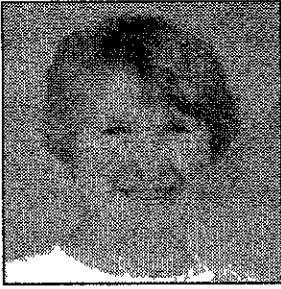
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DAVE LITTLE

Age 57 of Canton MI, passed away on Friday March 9 2007 at his home following a lengthy illness He was born on January 5 1950 in Lackey Kentucky a son of Virgil & Gladys (Elswick) Little On May 6 1989 he was married to Mary at Mt Hope Church in Livonia Prior to his medical leave in 2005 he was employed by Sure Fit as a professional welder Dave is survived by his loving wife Mary (Wild) Little cherished father of David Jason Destiny Derek Gage and Makailah He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Randall Funeral services for Mr. Little were held on Monday March 12 2007 at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home in Belleville 734 697-9400 with Pastor Wayne Kurtycz of Northridge Church officiating Interment took place at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton MI

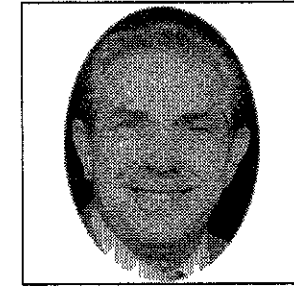
DEBRA KAY JUSTICE

Age 42 died March 9 2007 Loving wife of Ron Dearest mother of Alex Jake Kasey and Alyssa Also survived by parents Joyce and the late Wayne Liddle and her sister Denise Miller Dear Aunt to Kayla and Erin Visitation Monday 5 9 and Tuesday 3 9 at The Livonia Chapel of the Holy J Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road Funeral service Wed 11 a.m. at the funeral home Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society



DOROTHY SKELLY (nee JURKE) LOOMIS

Beloved wife mother and grandmother formerly of Livonia and Au Gres passed away on March 6 2007 at her Oscoda home She was 68 Mrs Loomis was born Sept. 2 1938 She married Douglas Loomis on April 27 2000 in Northville She was retired from Botsford Hospital in Farmington and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church Audubon Society of Michigan and the Oscoda Yacht Club She is survived by her husband Douglas her son John (Annette) Skelly her daughter Julie Skelly and her grandson Nathaniel Skelly She was dearly loved by her stepchildren Mark and wife Tammy Loomis Scott and wife Ellen Loomis Brett and wife Jennifer Loomis and Danielle and husband Doug Popp Also surviving are her grandchildren by marriage Daniece Danielle Jacob Brittany and Nolan She was preceded in death by her first husband Neal Skelly her daughter Mary and grandson Jared A celebration of her life will be conducted on March 17th at St. Mel's Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights Father Thomas Kramer will perform the Mass at noon Interment will follow at St. Hedwig Cemetery and Mausoleum in Dearborn Heights Arrangements were by the Cremation Society of Michigan The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Michigan 112 W Chisholm Ave Alpena 49707



EDWARD TARWACKI

Age 89 of Wyandotte March 12 2007 Beloved husband of the late Mary Loving father of Barbara (Dennis) Lemanski and Christine (Peter) de Steiger Dearest grandfather of six Kelly Jamie Missa David Kasia and Trisha Instate Thurs 1 9pm with a 6 30pm Rosary Funeral service Fri 9 30am at Czopek Funeral Directors 2157 Oak St Wyandotte (734) 285 9000 to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church at 10am Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery

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JAMES E "JIM" SCHARMEN

Age 58 of Traverse City died unexpectedly on Saturday March 10 2007 at his home Jim was born on April 24 1948 in Detroit, the son of Leon T. and Clara (Tyler) Scharmen Jim married Rosemarie Salat on May 17 1975 in Plymouth Jim managed Scheck Sign Systems and was an owner of the Cloth Envelope Company Jim was a veteran of the US Navy Jim was a commercial artist and he made snow statues He was a member of the Grand Traverse Ice Yacht Club he loved music and played the steel guitar banjo piano and the saw Jim enjoyed fishing boating windsurfing cross country skiing iceboating, playing horseshoes and driving his classic MG Jim loved to cook and was known for his BBQ ribs He was an avid Tiger fan and was looking forward to taking his pontoon boat out and listening to the ball game on his XM radio Jim was very compassionate and had a lot of friends in the area Jim is survived by his wife of nearly 32 years Rose Scharmen of Traverse City, his mother Clara Scharmen of Plymouth two brothers Don (Loretta) Scharmen of Traverse City and Chuck Scharmen of Plymouth He was preceded in death by his father and mother-in-law, Elenore Salat A memorial service will be held on Saturday March 17 2007 at 11 am with visitation from 10 am at the Covell Funeral Home 200 N. Brownson Ave., Kingsley with Rev. Louis Grentenberger officiating In lieu of flowers donations may be directed to the American Heart Association Arrangements have been entrusted to Covell Funeral Home Kingsley

JENNIE LOUISE CONWAY

Age 76 of Ortonville formerly of Rochester died March 12, 2007 Loving wife of Edward Dear mother of Lynn (Mary) Conway and Melinda (Rick) Callahan Grandmother of Cristina (Randy) John Ryan and Caitlin Survived by three great granddaughters Jennie was a member of the Auburn Hills Presbyterian Church belonged to the Good Sam Club Loggers chapter She was a talented craft person seamstress and a devoted wife and mother Funeral service Thursday March 15 2007 11 00 a.m. at the Potere Modetz Funeral Home 339 Walnut Blvd, Rochester The family will receive friends Wednesday 3 5 p.m. and 6 9 pm Suggested memorials to the Presbyterian Village Foundation of Michigan 26200 Lasher Rd Suite 300 Southfield MI 48034 7157 Online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

KEITH ALAN ALLEMAN

Age 38 of New Albany a beloved husband father, son and brother passed away Monday morning March 12 2007 in the comfort of his home following a brief yet courageous battle with cancer He is survived by his wife of seven years Anissa Alleman sons Zachary Aden and Nathan Connor, parents Adelina and Richard Alleman brother Robert (Cheryl) Alleman sisters Cynthia (Steve) Cheney Pamela (Don) Ferrin mother in law and father in law Carol and Alden Coe two sister in laws and two brother in laws Kim (Steve) Dahlheimer Denise (Kevin) Conway nieces Ella Emma Mickayla Michelle Kendall nephews James Alan Alexander and baby Conway Often referred to as the K Man Keith also leaves behind many long time friends who shared his joy for life and adventure He had a true passion and love for art Keith graduated from Bowling Green State University (1991) and is a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity Keith enjoyed his job at the Ohio Department of Education as Visual Communications Manager He also owned and operated a full service advertising agency All Creative Ltd Throughout his life he received numerous awards and recognition for his drawing and graphic design Steel Valley Art Teachers Association Award (1987) Best of Show ADDY Award (1993) Citations of Excellence (2001 2003) and ADDY Award (2001) from the Advertising Federation of Columbus The ADDY Award represents creative excellence by recognizing all types of advertising in all forms of media Keith's life is celebrated by many friends and family Family will receive friends 5 8 p.m. Friday March 16 at SCHOEDINGER NORTHEAST CHAPEL 1051 East Johnstown Road Gahanna A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday March 17 at Worthington United Methodist Church 600 High Street Worthington In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made in memory of Keith to his sons education fund Zachary and Nathan Alleman Education Fund at any Huntington Bank Share memories and send condolences to www.schoedinger.com

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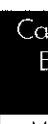
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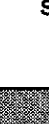
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Everyone should have a will, medical advocate

Recently, there have been a number of high-profile individuals that have passed away and unfortunately their deaths have led to a variety of nasty lawsuits. Whether it was the situation with singer James Brown, civil rights hero Rosa Parks or Anna Nicole Smith, the fights over their estates have been messy.

Although these were public figures that have different issues than you and I, it is important for all of us to remember the importance of estate planning.

Some believe the reason for estate planning is to avoid estate taxes or probate. Although these are worthwhile goals, the real reason is because you love your family. During their lifetime most people do whatever they can to protect their loved ones. Why forget about that upon death or a family crisis?

Estate planning is for every adult no matter what their income. For some people, estate planning will be more complex and include a variety of legal documents such as living trusts, while for others an estate plan may be nothing more than a simple will.

Estate planning is just not planning for your death. It is also planning for a family emergency. While you are living, you may become incapacitated or unable to handle your affairs and having the proper estate planning documents can save your family a substantial amount of money in unnecessary legal fees but also,



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and more importantly, a significant amount of pain and aggravation.

For every adult in Michigan, I recommend a Medical Durable Power of Attorney which allows you to appoint someone to make medical decisions if you are unable. In Michigan, we have a free fill-in-the-blank form that fits the great majority of people's needs. The document, the Michigan Patient Advocate Form is a Medical Durable Power of Attorney form available at most public libraries. You also can obtain a copy through your state legislature, or go online at www.bloomassetmanagement.com and click on "estate documents" and download one for free. My recommendation is anyone 18 years or older should complete this document.

A Medical Durable Power of Attorney is different than a Living Will. As far as I am concerned a Medical Durable Power of Attorney is superior because a Living Will says basically, if I don't have a quality of life, I don't want to be around. The problem is who defines your quality of life? The Medical Durable Power of Attorney goes one step further and appoints an individual, who you select, who would

make that decision.

Another document that allows you to keep judges, courts and lawyers out of family affairs is a Durable Power of Attorney. It gives someone the right to make decisions above and beyond medical matters for you during your lifetime. Many people believe that a husband and wife can make decisions for each other without any legal documentation. This is not the case. A Durable Power of Attorney is an effective document so if you are unable to handle your personal and financial affairs, someone that you select can step in without court supervision.

Medical Durable Power of Attorneys and Durable Power of Attorneys terminate upon death. At death, all adults need a will and some people need trusts. In many situations where you are leaving money to one person such as a spouse, a simple will may be all you need. In addition, for young couples with limited means who have children and who need to name guardians, a simple will can also be the document of choice.

Michigan also has a fill-in-the-blank will form that fits many individual situations. The document, the Michigan Statutory Will, is available in the same locations that you can obtain the Michigan Patient Advocate Form.

In a will, not only can you name guardians for your children, but you also name a personal representative — the individual in charge of closing out

the final affairs of your estate. My recommendation is name a personal representative in whom you have the ultimate trust in. For example, a spouse. My general rule is to keep the personal representative a family member. If they do not have the necessary knowledge to handle the estate, they can hire a professional who they can fire. I generally do not like to name banks or attorneys as personal representatives as I prefer to keep that position within the family.

For people with large estates and for people who want to control their money past their death, a Living Trust is the way to go. A Living Trust allows a husband and wife in most situations to avoid any estate taxes and at the same time keeps the estate out of probate. Assets passed pursuant to a will go through the probate process while assets in a trust avoid probate. In addition, a Living Trust can be an effective vehicle for people whose beneficiaries are children and who do not want them to receive their

money in one lump sum.

In a Living Trust, the person in charge of running the trust is the trustee. Once again, I generally recommend the trustee of your own trust and upon death it is either a spouse or family member.

In addition to wills and trusts, everyone should check the beneficiaries on their IRA, insurance policies and retirement accounts. It is important to make sure that your primary and secondary beneficiaries are up to date.

One last note regarding estate planning. It is important for everyone to have a document locator, a list where all your assets are located. This can save the family a lot of pain and aggravation upon death.

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

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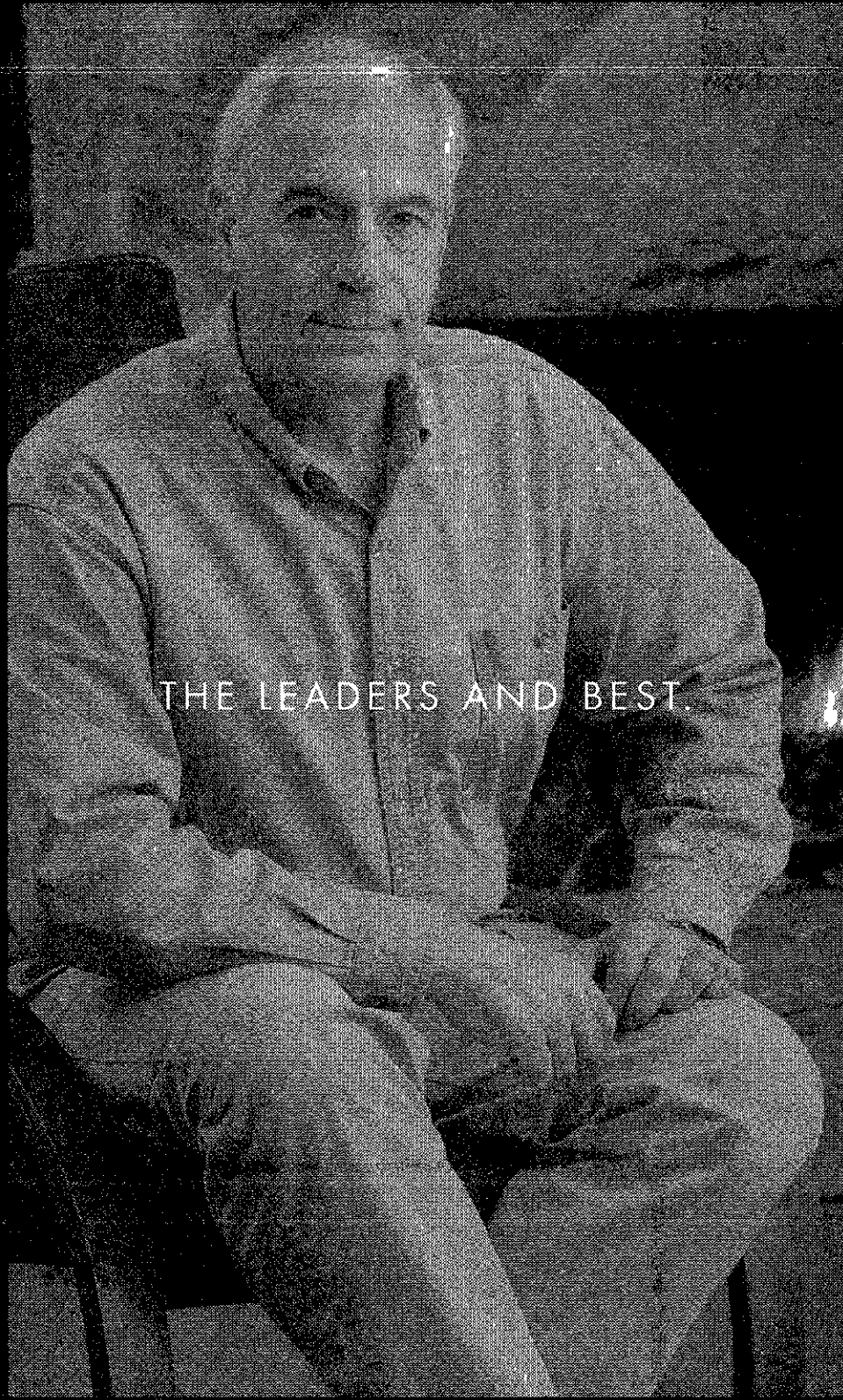
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Justice says court controversy is making judges 'nervous'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly said Saturday that the controversy swirling around the court is making lawyers and judges nervous.

If there is publicity that makes the court look unstable and calls the court's decisions into question, it's crucial that people abide by the decisions of the court and respect them, Kelly told a luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Justice Elizabeth Weaver, a Republican, has asked for an investigation of her fellow Republican justices — Chief Justice Clifford Taylor and Justices Maura Corrigan, Robert Young and Stephen Markham. Last year she called on her fellow judges to disqualify themselves from hearing a case involving attorney Geoffrey Fieger. She has also said that she has other complaints about the justices. State Rep. Paul Condino, D-Southfield, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said he would look into Weaver's complaints.

Kelly, a Democrat, said the complaints made by Weaver are unprecedented. She said there are legal mechanisms to handle criminal complaints and a judicial ethics committee to handle issues involving canons of ethics.

Here we have complaints about members that don't seem to fit into any of those categories, she said in an interview prior to her speech.

If it were true that justices are sitting on cases where they are biased against one of the parties, that by definition would affect their decisions. That's a serious allegation.

On Feb. 20, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear Fieger's appeal of a 2004 Michigan Supreme Court 4-3 decision reprimanding him for vulgar comments about state judges. According to press reports in 1998, Fieger made



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Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly speaks during a luncheon sponsored by the League of Women Voters held at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

disparaging remarks about judges on the Court of Appeals who overturned a \$15 million medical malpractice suit. On a radio appearance he called them "three jackass Court of Appeals judges."

There isn't a member of the court who applauds some of the language Fieger used and his decision to speak out, language that is degrading to the judiciary, Kelly said in the interview. It always worries us that it will lower the public's trust and confidence in the people who make decisions. The question is whether what he said went to the point where it was no longer covered by his constitutional right of free speech.

Kelly voted with the minority. Kelly told the League members that while it is important that the court make its decisions on legal cases in private, there are other court functions, such as discipline of lawyers and judges, that should be done in public.

I see no reason that those decisions can't be made in public, those are essentially administrative decisions, she said. Public business should be done in public as much as possible.

Kelly, who began her public career as a member of the State Board of Education at 25 in 1964, said it isn't clear to her that appointing judges is

preferable to electing them. In Michigan, judges are elected on a non-partisan ballot. Supreme Court judges are elected on the non-partisan ballot, but they receive a recommendation from political parties.

Look at all the judges who were elected and all the judges who were appointed, it wouldn't be clear who were the better judges, she said. "I think you get good and not-so-good from both systems. I do believe, and have been a proponent for a long time, of those judges selected by the governor undergoing a merit selection process."


On the issue of court activism, Kelly said it can't only be applied to those with liberal leanings.

Today it is more likely applicable to conservatives, who are more actively trying to change law when their job should be to handle cases as they come to them and apply the law to those cases, she said.

Kelly told the League she has become worried that civil liberties have been eroded in recent years with questions raised about federal government searches and surveillance.

I'm concerned to realize how little grasp people have of their basic rights," she said.

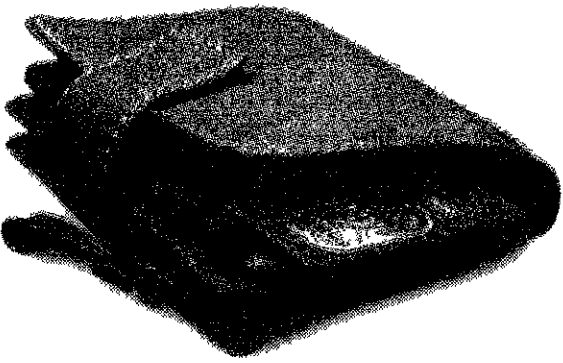
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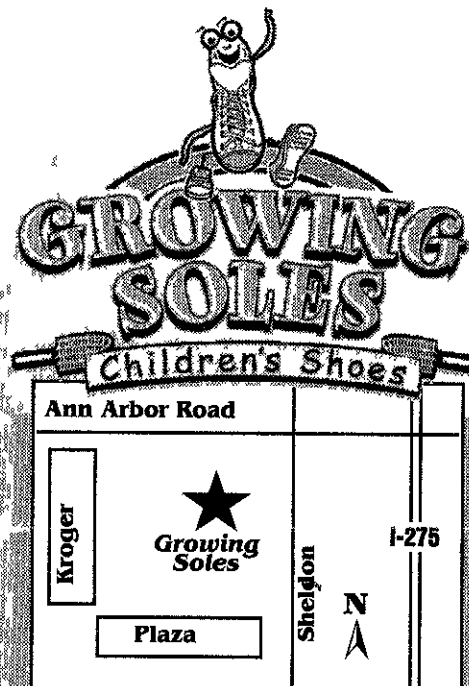


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Chief cagers fall to St. Mary's in Regional semis

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM
STAFF WRITER

A winning high school basketball team can generally expect the competition to get tougher as the state tournament progresses.

But third-ranked Orchard Lake St. Mary's hasn't been challenged since the Eaglets opened Class A tournament play with a 12-point victory over district host West Bloomfield on March 5. The trend continued in Wednesday's regional opener, as the Eaglets sailed to a 65-31 victory over Canton at Troy High.

The Chiefs trailed 24-6 after one quarter and 48-10 at halftime. St. Mary's lead reached 40 points, 53-13, midway through the third quarter, triggering a

running clock for the remainder of the game.

Canton coach Charlie Paye said his team was "confident coming in." Nevertheless, the Chiefs understood they were decided underdogs.

"We knew we'd have to play our best game of the year, by far, and they'd have to lower theirs a little bit," Paye said. "Obviously that didn't happen. They didn't take us lightly, that's for sure. They were quicker than us at every position."

St. Mary's (22-2) plays the Romeo-Pontiac Northern winner Friday. Eaglets coach George Porritt said his team started fast and never slowed up.

"We got out and got going, (Canton) couldn't hit some early shots, and I just think that it snowballed."

The Eaglets led 6-4 early in the game before a Jon Tassin three-pointer triggered a nine-point St. Mary's run. The Eaglets closed the opening quarter with another 9-0 run, including a Kalin Lucas three-pointer.

The Eaglets scored the first 12 points of the second quarter, and bookended the period with another 12-0 spurt, even though Porritt was already substituting.

Lucas, the Michigan State-bound senior, played only two minutes of the second half before taking a seat for good.

As the seconds ticked steadily off the clock, Porritt's only concern was avoiding a letdown Friday, when St. Mary's competition should be tougher.

Lucas and Tassin led St. Mary's with 12 points apiece Wednesday. Johnathan

Gordon added 10, as 11 Eaglets dented the scoresheet. Neil Sharma scored 13 for Canton.

The Chiefs, who lost to St. Mary's in last season's regional final, finished 17-7 despite losing their first four games.

"We won the conference, we won our district," Paye said. "That's what our goals are coming in, and (the regional) is just gravy. I wish we'd had a better showing tonight. But we'll take it. It's a great experience for our kids, the underclassmen. We'll be back next year, ready to go to battle again."

"It's still been a great year," Paye concluded. "I've got nothing to complain about. It's going to take a heck of an effort for anybody to beat that (St. Mary's) team."

Sidelines

Spring break sports camps

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering spring break camps April 9-13 for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 years old. The four camps offered will be all-sport, soccer, basketball and craft camp. The instructor-to-child ratio is 1-to-10.

The all-sport camp is offered in full-day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or half-day (9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) sessions. The full-day fee is \$45 per day while the half-day camp is \$25. Kids will play several sports, including soccer, flag football, basketball, volleyball and dodge ball.

The soccer camp will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for kids 5 to 8 years old, and noon to 2 p.m. for 9 to 12 year olds. The camp is five days long and the fee is \$125 per child. The camp will focus on improving soccer fundamentals.

The basketball camp is offered from 9 a.m. to noon with a fee of \$125 per participant. The camp is designed for beginner and intermediate players who are between the ages of 5 and 12 and interested in developing basic skills.

The craft camp is for children between the ages of 5 and 12 who would like to show off their creative side. There will be a variety of projects offered each day. The fee is \$30 per day, which includes all materials.

Early drop off is \$5 per day and it starts at 7:45 a.m. Late pick up is also \$5 per day and ends at 5:15 p.m.

For more information on the spring break camps, call (734) HV-SPORT, or visit www.hvsports.com.

Youth mat tourney

Beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Westland John Glenn High School, the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association will host the Metro Regional Championships for ages 5-14, as well as a high school division.

All wrestlers 14-and-under must be pre-registered by 10 p.m. Thursday. Wrestlers ages 15-19 are also encouraged to pre-register.

The entry fee is \$10 for MYWAY members, \$20 for non-members ages 13-19.

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INVINCIBLE

Phillips puts an exclamation point on amazing mat career with D1 state title

Fifteen seconds, 14, 13

Every fiber of every muscle in Corey Phillips' 140-pound body locked and loaded Saturday night a few minutes before 8:30 p.m. on the main floor of the Palace of Auburn Hills.

They had to in order to hold off the strength and skill of Rockford's J.J. Johnson during the closing seconds of the 140-pound final match of the Division 1 Individual State Wrestling Tournament.



Ed Wright

Twelve seconds, 11, 10. As the red-numbered seconds slowly evaporated off the portable wrestling scoreboard just off the mat, Phillips used every ounce of energy, every second of training he had soaked in over the past 12 years to hold onto a tenuous 4-3 lead over the formidable Johnson, who strained to find the leverage it would take to do something 55 others were unable to do this season — put Phillips on his back.

Nine seconds, eight, seven

The talented Johnson, the owner of a 49-1 record, only needed the smallest window of opportunity to go from a neutralized position to putting his opponent in a headlock — a fact Canton coach Casey Randolph knew all too well.

I didn't even look at the scoreboard the last 33 seconds, Randolph remembered. "I just kept telling Corey to push the pace and try to score more points."

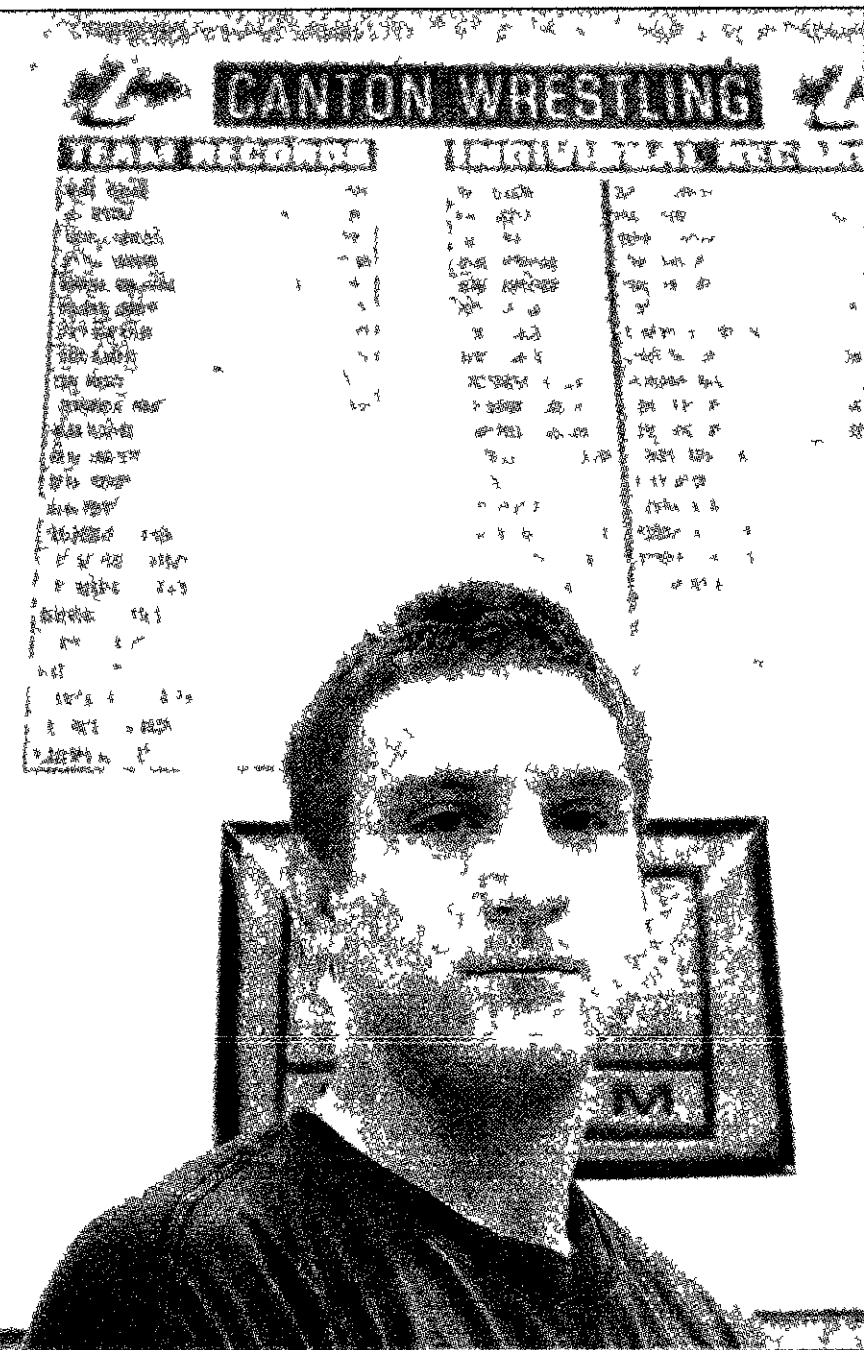
Six seconds, five, four

MAT-NIFICENT CAREER

- **Name:** Corey Phillips,
- **School:** Canton,
- **Grade:** Senior,
- **Parents:** Nick and Carol,
- **Accomplishments:** Capped a perfect 56-0 season on Saturday by winning 140-pound state title at the D1 individual state meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills.
- **Overall high school record:** 212-21,
- **Canton coach Casey Randolph on Phillips:** Corey's motor never stops running when he's on the mat. He never stops pushing. Away from wrestling, his faith and family come first. He's the kind of kid you'd want your own son to be like.

As the final seconds of Phillips' incredible season disappeared, the louder the noise from the red-and-white-clad fans in the nearby stands grew. And although there were four matches unfolding on the Palace floor that instant, 90 percent of the eyes were riveted on the Phillips-Johnson duel for the simple reason that it's not often you get to see greatness meet perfection.

PLEASE SEE PHILLIPS, B3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior Corey Phillips put the wraps on a sensational high school wrestling career Saturday when he won a Division 1 individual state title by defeating Rockford's J.J. Johnson, 4-3, in the championship match. Phillips (56-0) is pictured standing in front of the Chiefs' records board, on which his name appears six times.

In the 'Nick' of time

Salem's Leone turns hard work into fast times

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Of all the significant things Salem's Nick Leone learned during his first season of competitive swimming four years ago, one stands out.

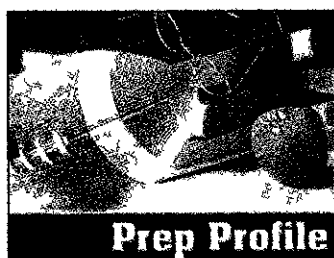
"The most important thing I learned my freshman year was that I didn't like being slow," remembered Leone, who concluded a remarkably successful high school career at Saturday's Division 1 state meet at Eastern Michigan University. "My first year was tough because I never swam competitively before, not even in middle school. But I never thought about giving up because I wanted to get better. I wanted to get faster."

Thanks to a positive attitude and a stellar work ethic, Leone got faster. A lot faster.

BEST FOR LAST

At Saturday's D1 state meet, he turned in a personal-best time of 1:48.1 in the 200-yard freestyle, which was more than 33 seconds quicker than his best clocking in the event as a freshman.

"As soon as my freshman year ended, I started to swim year-round for the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers," Leone said. "That helped me a lot. Another thing that helped was all the support I received from the seniors that were on the team my freshman year — guys like



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went anyway because I wanted to improve. And I was one of those people who actually enjoyed practice. I figured if I dreaded practice, I was going to do bad, but if I had fun at it, I'd get better."

CAPTAIN NICK

Leone's dedication to the sport was rewarded in a big way at last year's Salem swimming banquet. He was named the team's MVP along with receiving another honor that he covets more than anything else.

"Probably the highlight of my career came when I found out at the banquet last year that I was voted one of the captains for this season," said Leone. "I was happy that I was going to be in a position to help the younger swimmers like the captains helped me my freshman year."

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Nick Dixon and Matt Jurcak

"There were tons of times — especially during the summer — when I didn't feel like getting up at 7:30 a.m. to go to practice, but I

went anyway because I wanted to improve. And I was one of those people who actually enjoyed practice. I figured if I dreaded practice, I was going to do bad, but if I had fun at it, I'd get better."

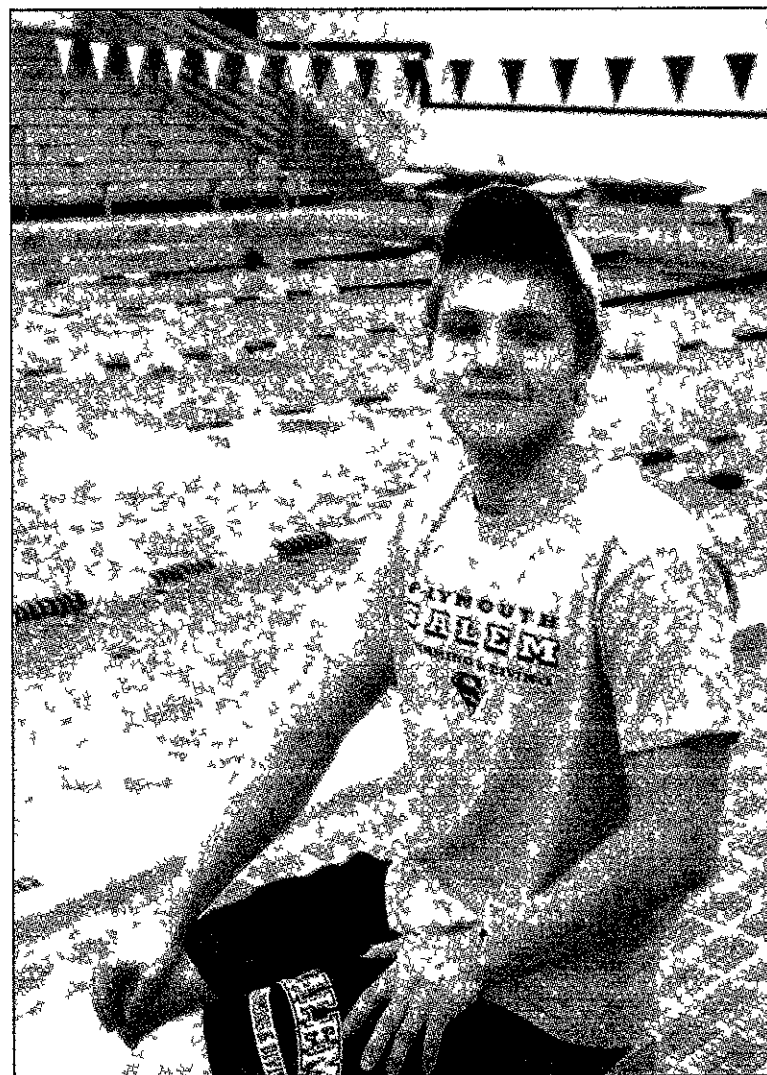
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PLEASE SEE LEONE, B2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Nick Leone went from not swimming at all before his freshman year of high school to qualifying for the Division 1 state meet this year.

Terry leads Whalers over Greyhounds, 6-1

Chris Terry led a balanced attack with a goal and three assists and Michal Neuvirth stopped 31-of 32 shots as the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds 6-1 in an Ontario Hockey League game played before 3,004 Sunday afternoon at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Besides Terry – who scored his 22nd goal of the year – Plymouth received goals from Andrew Fournier (20), Jared Boll (28), Vern Cooper (9), Steve Ward (15) and Kaine Geldart (5). Brandon MacLean scored his 18th goal of the season for Sault Ste. Marie.

With the win, Plymouth hits 100 points with a record of 48-14-1-3, the second time in the Whalers' 17-year history they've hit 100 points in a season. The 1998-99 Whalers hold the franchise record with 106 points (51-13-4).

Plymouth remains tied with London as the top team overall in OHL and the Whalers and Knights will go down to the final weekend of the OHL regular season battling for the top spot.

Plymouth pulled away from Sault Ste. Marie in the game leading 1-0 after one period and 5-1 after forty minutes.

Fournier scored the only goal of the first period at 13:43 on a power play when he batted home a rebound past Sault Ste. Marie goaltender Kyle Gajewski. Terry set up the play with a good low shot from the left point.

The Whalers blew the game open in the second period on goals by Boll at 0:40 (shot from the right circle inside the far post), Cooper at 1:01 (jammed in from the right goal post), Ward at 10:45 (hard shot from the high slot) and Terry (low shot from the right hash mark) to lead 5-0. MacLean scored the only Soo goal at 19:51.

As soon as they scored their third goal, it just took every-

thing out of us," Sault Ste. Marie head coach Craig Hartsburg told Canadian Press. "We did not respond. (The Whalers) are what they are – the best team in the league. You have to be prepared to play every shift against them. And if you're not, that's exactly what happens. They take advantage."

Geldart closed the scoring in the third period with a short-handed goal at 15:54 when he blocked a shot in his own zone, collected the puck at center ice and skated hard right wing to the Soo goal, where he beat backup goaltender Matt Hache with a well-placed shot.

The Whalers complete the regular season this weekend playing in Sault Ste. Marie on Friday and then hosting Kitchener on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. in the Annual Green Out game. London plays a home and home series with Erie this weekend: Friday at the John Labatt Centre and Saturday in Erie.

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.

Single game playoff tickets and playoff packages can be purchased by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400.

WHALENS FACE GARAY Former Plymouth goaltender Justin Garay had a hard time sleeping last week before the Whalers played last Friday in Erie. Garay has had an injury-plagued season, but has come back in March in a bid to stake a claim for regular work in Erie next season as an overage.

They (the Whalers) were the better team," Garay told the Erie Times News after Plymouth's 5-1 win over the Otters. "They are workmanlike. They don't beat themselves. I thought I competed pretty well. I think we just got out-teamed. I'm glad it's over."



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Making a 'state' ment

Plymouth swimmer Mike Conger (left photo) and Canton senior swimmers (from left) Jon Templeton, Robert Blaesser and Matt Carlson all competed in last week's Division 1 state meet at Eastern Michigan University. Conger, the lone Wildcat to qualify for the state meet, placed 29th in the backstroke. Templeton and Carlson joined Chris Marinica and Chris McGinnis on the Chiefs' 14th-place 200-yard freestyle relay team. Carlson also placed 12th in the 100 breaststroke while Blaesser was 34th in the 100 backstroke.

LEONE

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along with performing in the 200 freestyle. It was especially enjoyable for him considering he missed making the cut in the 100 free by 11-hundredths-of-a-second his junior year.

Nick got better every year he was here, which is all you can ask of a kid," said Salem coach Chuck Olson.

He was a very versatile swimmer for us. He made the state cuts in the 200 and 100 freestyle events, but he was also one of our better IMers.

"Nick was one of those kids who seemed to enjoy practice and he always worked hard at getting better. He would set the tone for a lot of the other kids with the way he worked."

SOLID STUDENT


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"I'd like to pursue a career in sports nutrition, or something like that," he said. "I want to continue swimming and I want to stay healthy as I get older, so I think that would be a neat profession to get into."

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Canton gymnast Kelley 7th in state

Canton gymnast Alyssa Kelley capped an outstanding high school career Saturday by tying for seventh place in the Division 1 all-around with 37.325 points.

Kelley tied with Livonia Blues Emily Quint. Grand Ledges Meaghan McWhorter won the all-around with 38.425 points. Filling out the top six spots were Brighton's Lauren DiLullo (38.150), Holts Mary Rose Hillstrom (37.750) and Elizabeth Sierminski (37.650), Livonia

Reds Paula Guzik (37.575) and Grand Rapids Forest Hills' Karen Verbrugge (37.400).

Kelley earned All-State recognition as a result of her top-10 finish.

She placed second on the vault (9.675), tied for 16th on the uneven bars (8.950), seventh on the balance beam (9.425) and ninth on the floor (9.275).

All-state local performers in individual events were Murray (vault), and Kelley (beam and

floor). Other local all-arounders who finished in the top 50 in Division 1 were Salem's Katie Koetting (15th with 36.225 points), Canton's Jessie Murray (22nd with 35.325 points), Salem's Autumn Collins (29th with 17.850) and Canton's Kate Staley (44th with 8.275).

The area's top Division 2 all-arounder was Canton's Katlyn Burns, who placed 16th with 34.650 points.

Henry Ford too fast for Stevenson

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Detroit Henry Ford's basketball team wasn't playing above the rim Tuesday night, it was making life miserable for Livonia Stevenson below it.

The Spartans hung tough for one quarter in the Class A Regional semifinal game at Detroit Cass Tech, but they were eventually overwhelmed by the spring-loaded, lightning-quick Trojans, 78-38.

The season-ending setback dropped Stevenson's record to 9-15, but it didn't tarnish a brilliant second-half surge, emphasized first-year head coach Brad Miller.

"Obviously, you never want to lose your last game by 40 points, but what happened tonight doesn't wipe out what this team accomplished after our 1-9 start," Miller said. "The first part of the season they were learning a new system, which is never easy. But throughout the second half of the season I thought our chemistry was great and we were a good, competitive team."

Our five seniors were outstanding and everybody else seemed to step up, too. I'm very proud of the way this team came together and finished the season."

Senior Luke Knochel, Stevenson's all-time leading scorer, was limited to just 12 points by the Trojans, whose trapping, full-court zone press

made it seem as if there were seven defenders on the court at the same time. With a hand either in his face or not far from it at all times, Knochel connected on just 4-of-17 field-goal attempts.

Sophomore forward Kendal Snow turned in a solid nine-point effort for the Spartans. Matthew Harris, Chris Mulcahy and Ryan Aneed all tallied five.

Amazingly, the Trojans (14-6) divided their 78 points among 14 different players. Six-foot-five junior center Lawrence Bridges led the way with 11, DeJuan Wright tallied 9, and Shareep Walker, Joseph Lewis and Charles Jordan contributed eight points a piece.

Snow followed up his own missed free throw with a layup with nine seconds left in the first quarter to put the Spartans in front, 14-13. However, Henry Ford's Deaaron Tate secured the ensuing in-bounds pass, dribbled to the top of the key and banked in a triple at the buzzer to give the Trojans a 16-14 edge after one.

Stevenson would never lead again.

"I thought we played a great first quarter and then we ran into a little bad luck when he banked in that three," said Miller. "It's tough to counter their overall quickness and overall athleticism. We didn't want to get into a transition game with them, but they kind

of controlled the tempo after the first quarter."

Snow buried a short jumper 1-29 into the second quarter to knot the game at 16-all, but Henry Ford seized control of the contest with an 18-2 run to close out the half with a 34-18 lead.

Mulcahy drained a triple to open the second half and cut Stevenson's deficit to 34-21, however, the Trojans sealed the win with a 12-2 run, the highlight of which was a one-step, two-handed slam by Wright.

Led by Wright's seven rebounds, the Trojans dominated the boards, 40-22. Despite his modest 5-11 height, Mulcahy led the Spartans with six boards.

Henry Ford also finished on top in the turnover department, committing just five to the Spartans' 17.

Stevenson connected on 12-of-42 field goals (28.5 percent) while the Trojans sank 32-of-61 shots (52.4). The Spartans made 10-of-13 free throws (76.9).

The game concluded a glorious high school basketball career for Knochel, who defied opposing defenses with his quick feet and incredible shooting range.

Luke's a great athlete, but he's a special person, too," said Miller. "He'll definitely missed here at Stevenson. Wherever he decides to go to college, he'll be an asset, both on and off the court."

PHILLIPS

FROM PAGE B1

Three seconds, two, one

As the clock hit 0 00, Phillips senior-season record hit 56-0, making him just one of 12 unbeaten state champs in all four Divisions in 2007

And as the Canton fans erupted with a thundering cheer, Phillips raised his fists in the air, flashed a gold-medal smile then jumped into the arms of Randolph, much like a pitcher would greet his catcher after throwing a perfect game

“Before the match, Casey told me to go out there, have fun and keep doing what I’d been doing all year,” Phillips said “That’s what I tried to do, but I was more nervous than I’d ever been before a match

Now, I don’t know about you, but I have a hard time climbing 56 stairs without tripping

And I don’t think I can type 56 words without at least a couple typos

To plow through an entire 56-match wrestling season is truly remarkable

NATURAL-BORN WRESTLER

When he was 4, Phillips family moved to Iowa — a state known for its abundance of corn, but renowned for its abundance of top-notch

wrestlers

“We found out quickly that in Iowa, the kids start wrestling right out of the cradle,” said Carol Phillips, Corey’s mom

By the time he was 6, it was becoming apparent that young Corey was getting the hang of what would soon become his No 1 hobby

Corey started going to these casual wrestling clinics with friends of ours,” Carol Phillips reflected “A lot of the other kids his age would have the entire uniforms — the singlet, the headgear, the wrestling shoes — but Corey would just wrestle in his shirt and shorts

“After a while, Corey started coming home from the wrestling practices with medals around his neck. I thought, ‘How nice, they’re giving all the little kids medals’ But then our friends told us that they weren’t just giving the medals out — Corey was winning them ’

1ST STATE TITLE

When Phillips was in the fourth grade, his dad’s job in the ministry took the family to Austin, Texas, where Corey picked up on the mats where he had left off in Iowa

The skinny, 11-year-old bundle of energy earned the Texas state championship at 85

pounds — a feat that would prove to be just a taste of things to come

Randolph knew his program had something special in Phillips the first couple times he saw the eighth grader inaction with a youth club team he had put together

“The first time I met Corey, I was struck by what a nice, quiet, humble kid he was,” said Randolph “But when he was out on the mat wrestling, it was obvious that he had a great background in wrestling because he picked up on everything we were showing him very quickly

“When I saw him wrestle in eighth grade, I honestly thought that he had the potential to not only win one state title, but several I’m so happy it came together for him this year because he is such a great kid He has everything in his life in order — strong faith, a strong family, he’s a great student and a great athlete”

Phillips concluded his high school career as the Chiefs’ all-time leader in career wins (212), career pins (138) and career takedowns (480)

Impressive stuff

What’s more impressive is that he’s a better person than he is a wrestler

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3 Canton wrestlers All-State

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Led by undefeated 140-pound state champion Corey Phillips, Canton’s wrestling team capped its most successful Division 1 individual state meet in school history as three Chiefs earned All-State honors

Phillips became the first individual state champion in Canton history when he edged Rockford’s J J Johnson, 4-3, in a thrilling 140-pound finale

Heavyweight Donnie Laramie (48 8) and 103 pounder Donnie Watkins (52-5) both placed fourth in their respective weight classes Watkins 52 wins broke Phillips old school record for most wins by a freshman

Phillips trailed Johnson, 2-1, after the first period and 3-1 with 1 20 left in the second period However, the Eastern Michigan University-bound standout knotted things up at 3-all with a takedown 10 seconds later He then recorded a state-title clinching escape with 1 40 remaining before holding off Johnson the rest of the way

“I am so happy for Corey,” Canton coach Casey Randolph said moments after the match “He’s such a great kid He puts his faith and his family first He’s the kind of kid you want

your own son to be like He placed seventh as a freshman, fifth as a sophomore and third as a junior and now this, a state championship

“J J got the first takedown, but Corey battled right back. When Corey banged him with that takedown to tie it up, it was phenomenal”

Randolph said he never felt secure about the victory until the final buzzer sounded

‘J J Johnson is a great, great wrestler, so not for one second before the match ended did I think Corey had it for sure, he said I wanted Corey to continue to push the pace”

The match lived up to its lofty expectations, Randolph assured

This was probably one of the most highly anticipated matches of the whole tournament between two kids who have been ranked first or second in the nation for two years now,” he said Both were ranked either first or second all year and they showed why tonight”

After winning his first two matches handily, Laramie was pinned by eventual champion Mike Martin of Novi Catholic Central in 3 26 Laramie defeated Martin two weeks ago at the Division 1 Regional tournament at Novi High School

It was close in the second

period, then he put a cradle on me,” Laramie said “After getting here but not placing last year, I was happy to place this year I wish I could have done a lot better, though”

After dropping into the consolation brackets, Laramie dominated Saginaw Arthur Hill’s Mike Dosal, 16-3, before getting pinned by Saline’s Joe Everett in 2 38 in the third-fourth match

Before my junior year, I really didn’t want to wrestle and I thought about quitting because my dad had just died, but coach Randolph talked me into to staying with it,” Laramie said ‘I’m glad I did now because I’ve met a lot of friends from wrestling

Watkins won his opener before dropping a hard-fought 4-2 decision to Jenison’s Nate Falbe in Round 2 He then battled all the way back to the third-fourth match by ousting Davison’s Brandon Shuart (8-6) and Novi’s Jon Lichorobiec with a third-period pin

Watkins finished fourth after dropping another 4-2 decision to Falbe

“I was excited and nervous,” said Watkins, reflecting on his first state meet experience “One of my goals before the season started was to win a state championship, but I just fell a little short ’

SPORTS BRIEFS

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 VFV 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 first-prize winner, \$500 to second and \$250 to third Last year over \$10,000 in prizes were given away

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

IGNITION CAMPS

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

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

Camp instruction will be led by Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic and team members Instructors will be subject to camp dates and availability, but

they may include Jamar Beasley, Jonathan Greenfield, Doug Rice and Danny Waltman

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

REC OFFERINGS

The Northville Parks & Recreation Department will be offering adult women’s and adult co-ed softball leagues beginning in early May The entry fee for women’s teams is \$445, the co-ed fee is \$410 For more information, call (248) 449-9947

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 24, at High Velocity Sports, which is located 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

RUNNING CLUB

Runners are invited to join the Northville (Redford) Road Runners running organization

All levels are welcome

The club meets at 6 30 p.m. each Tuesday at Northville’s Hillside Recreation Center, located off Center Street just south of Eight Mile, and at 6 30 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Saturdays at the Eight Mile

Road entrance to Maybury State Park

Varying distances are run, ranging from 4-6 miles

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

MADONNA BASEBALL

The Madonna University baseball team finished up a successful spring trip to Florida with a 3-2 win over Fisher (Mass.) Saturday, behind the pitching of senior righthander Josh Regits

The Lake Orion product earned his first victory as a Crusader, pitching 6 2/3 innings and fanning a career high nine

Senior reliever Mike Hand closed out the win, which improved MU’s record to 8-5 It was his first collegiate save

The Crusaders now will gear up for the home opener, slated for 1 p.m. Saturday at Ilitch Ballpark (near Livonia Ladywood) against Malone

Madonna scored three runs in the first three innings after an RBI double by senior outfielder Tony Luttman (Farmington) in the first inning, an RBI single by sophomore infielder Ryan Morrow in the second inning and an RBI sacrifice fly by senior outfielder Manny Alvarado (Southfield) in the third, which proved to be the winning run

The Falcons (2-1) plated two runs in the seventh inning to chase MU starter Regits from the game before Hand came on to secure the win

Canton’s Jobbitt to enter state hockey coaches’ Hall of Fame

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Insurance is his business Community service is his devotion But the game of hockey remains his passion.

Terry Jobbitt, who just completed his 25th season as Livonia Franklin’s varsity coach, will join elite company Sunday when he will be inducted Sunday at Livonia’s Laurel Manor into the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame

The Canton resident will be honored in the third class of MHSCHA inductees alongside Frank DiCristofaro, who is the first coach to win state titles in three different divisions

“This is probably the greatest honor I have ever received, Jobbitt said ‘I have always coached for the love of the sport with hopes that I could make young men better players and prepare them for life, too”

The 57-year-old Jobbitt has produced 17 winning records in 25 years with the Patriots, including an overall mark of 292-257-56 He has captured one regional championship (1985) and finished runner-up twice (2001 and 2002) He also earned a Western Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association (2001)

Jobbitt’s also has been selected league Coach of the Year four times in division Coach of the Year five times



Jobbitt

“This award will be something I will always cherish and it will help me look back and remember all the players that I have enjoyed coaching,” Jobbitt said “I have also had some excellent assistant coaches that have made it easy and enjoyable like Dan Phelps, Tim Olschanski, Jim Wheaton, Scott Williams, Pete Caprara and Ryan Tracy

“Tom Abraham, my defensive coach has been with me for 20 years, and my goalie coach, John Vasilco, 12 years These two have been my backbone”

Jobbitt has been a longtime advocate and volunteer of Special Olympics where he has served on the Area 23 Board of Directors He has also directed three state Special Olympics Tournaments And through his hockey high school hockey team, Jobbitt organizes and coordinates two to three events per year

Community-wise, Jobbitt has served on the Board of Directors for the Canton Chamber of Commerce and was past president of the Wayne Civitans He was also active with the Westland Community Foundation

Service to the game of hockey includes working as the chief statistician for the WLAA for 15 years, past secretary and past vice-president of the MHSCHA,

along with committee duties for two years

Jobbitt helped the Dearborn Heights Crestwood High School Booster Club start a hockey program and coached AAA, AA, A and house teams from 1971-82 He also was a clinic instructor three years for AHAUS

Jobbitt, who graduated and played hockey at Western Michigan University, spent one season as an assistant coach at Franklin (1981-82) before taking over the varsity reins

‘I have played or coached every year since I was 7 years-old,” Jobbitt said “My wife Kathy (of 35 years) has always been my inspiration and greatest supporter Without her support I could not have coached

“I have also been very fortunate to have three very supportive A D’s, and the administration at Franklin has been great”

Jobbitt will join past inductees Father Enright, Mike Turner, Ron Baum, Rex Luxton and Art Armstrong in the MHSCHA Hall of Fame

‘I have observed Coach Jobbitt over the last seven seasons and have always been impressed with his passion and love for the game,” Franklin principal Dan Willenborg said in his nomination letter to the MHSCHA “He is upbeat and enthusiastic about each season and player He spends numerous hours in preparation and in scout work, and his teams are respected for always being ready to play”

Ignition stymied by Fire, 18-4

The Detroit Ignition’s offense struggled Sunday in an 18-4 setback to Chicago — the first-year team’s most lopsided setback to date

The game-winning, two-point goal was talked by Mark Ughy just 4 16 into the second quarter as a well-balanced Storm attack saw four players finish the game with two goals a piece

Sanaldo muddled the net for the Ignition and suffered the loss before an injury forced him out

of the game in the fourth quarter

Mike Apple led the Ignition with a pair of two-point goals Sanaldo stopped 12 of the 19 shots he faced

The Ignition returns to action on Friday when it hosts the Baltimore Blast — winners of eight straight — at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The opening kick is set for 7 35 p.m.

The magic number to clinch a playoff berth for the Ignition

remains at two

The Ignition-Blast contest will be the sixth and final regular season meeting between the clubs Detroit holds the series lead, 4-1, including a 10-6 victory Jan. 27 at 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore

Despite having a season decimated by injuries to some of their top players, the Blast sits atop the MISL standings after registering an 8-6 victory Sunday over the California Cougars

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Charger spikers are semis-bound

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The body is only as good as its sum parts

That was the case Tuesday as the Livonia Churchill girls volleyball team banded together to earn its first trip to the Class A girls volleyball semifinals since 1991 with a 25-20, 25-27, 25-20, 25-23 quarterfinal triumph over White Lake Lakeland in a match played at Saline High School.

The Chargers Miss Volleyball finalist, 5-foot-11 Lauren Krupsky, played despite a gummy right ankle after going down Monday in practice. She still managed to rack up 24 kills.

Kyndra Abron, the 6'2" junior middle hitter, helped pick up the slack with a team-high 26 kills. Senior Sara Button and junior Jaclyn Gribeck combined for seven key blocks.

Senior Stephanie Bradshaw added six kills as the Churchill improved to 54-4-1 overall and earned a rematch with No. 1-ranked East Kentwood 74-4 overall.

The semifinal match is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Friday at Western Michigan University's Reed Fieldhouse.

The other semifinal, starting at 7:15 p.m., pits North

Branch (73-2-1) against Fraser (33-16-1). The championship final is 4 p.m. Saturday at Reed Fieldhouse.

Krupsky, headed to Central Michigan University, wasn't sure if she was going to play after suffering the ankle sprain just a day earlier.

We were doing a drill and someone came down on it underneath the net, Krupsky said. My ankle was pretty much killing me. I had a hard time blocking and I did not want to land on it. I tried to work on what the other team gave me. They took away the line so I started hitting cross-court. I didn't know if I could play. I was worried about it. But I wanted to be here and help the team as much as possible. When I went out I tried to move it around and take the pressure off it by sitting down.

The injury proved to be unsettling only momentarily. I freaked out right away, but we started thinking about other options and I calmed down at practice and got through it, Churchill senior libero Kelly Archer said. We watched them on film Sunday night in the districts and got a feel what they do.

We just had to forget about the point. When the ball's down, it's down. It's a new point.

And although Krupsky was limited in her mobility, she put enough balls on the floor to keep the Eagles honest.

Lauren's a winner, she wasn't going to end the season and she showed why she's one of our leaders, Gremer said. They were able to rehab it pretty well, and everyone else just had to pitch in more. In a way I thought it was good because we defocused on Lakeland and had to think about something else and focus more on ourselves.

Gremer juggled his rotations a bit to compensate for Krupsky's injury.

"We moved up Kyndra and started her on the left front, he said. "She came through and was a real offensive force. And behind her we had people like Gatt (Anna-Marie), Bradshaw (Stephanie), Archer (Kelly) and Jordan Kerr. They picked us up defensively. It shows the will, the heart and the character of this team, and they did it."

The Chargers also got solid setting from senior Kelsey McKenzie and were able to offset any momentum Lakeland obtained after rallying from a 23-21 deficit in the third game to win, 27-25, thanks to five kills and two blocks from junior Hannah Stocker.

Churchill is a very good

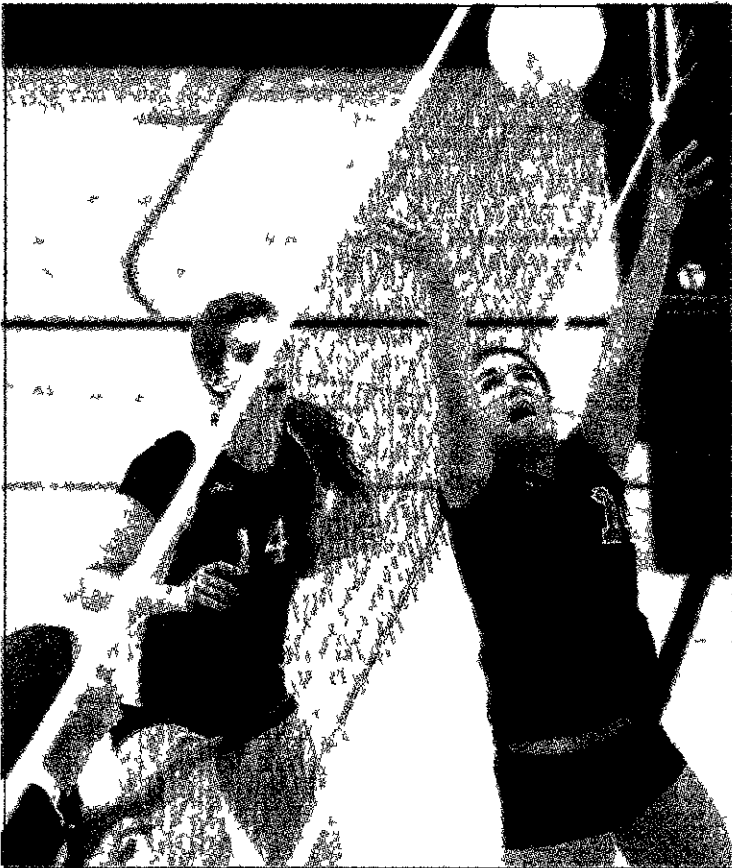
team and we knew we had to play our best game, said Lakeland coach Owen Nakamura, whose team bowed out at 41-3-1 overall. "We did not execute on defense. We were not quite there, not on our game. Sometimes we didn't get the points we needed."

Abrons was a force in the fourth game, recording eight kills and one block.

He (Gremer) changed his lineup a bit and both coaches were kind of second-guessing each other. We started out matching up our number 10 (Hannah Stocker) with Kyndra (Abrons), then we moved our other middle hitter over and I thought she did a very good job. Overall I thought we did pretty well. She (Abrons) did not hurt us until the last game. But we couldn't control the ball the way we like to."

And now it's on to Kalamazoo to meet the top-ranked Falcons, who defeated the Chargers in three games, Feb. 10, at the Temperance Bedford Invitational.

We'll go for broke, Gremer said. "The last time we saw East Kentwood it was not much of a match. But we'll have time to break down that film and hopefully we'll give them something better. East Kentwood's style is a lot like Lakeland's, which should



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Churchill setter Kelsey McKenzie sets the ball during the final game to win the quarterfinals with Lakeland player Kaitlyn Frantz (14) anticipating the attack.

help.

Meanwhile, the Chargers can take a few days to savor their first trip to the state semifinals since '91, the year Churchill captured the Class A crown under coach Mike Hughes.

I'm ecstatic because last year we got this far (losing to Bedford in four games in the quarterfinals) and we came away disappointed, Krupsky said.

Added Archer: "This means the world to me. I've been playing since the fourth grade and this is my best accomplishment. I'm just happy it happened my senior year."

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Zebra hoopers forfeit four wins

BY BRAD EMONS

STAFF WRITER

The Wayne Memorial boys basketball team used an ineligible player during the first semester and it will have to forfeit four victories because it violated the Michigan High School Athletic Association transfer rule.

The Observer learned the violation was reported last month to Wayne officials by a Dearborn Heights Robichaud athletic administrator.

They're A.D. saw his name in the paper, he called us, and brought it to our attention, Wayne first year athletic director Greg Ambrose said. He said he had to go through the same thing. He said he had to forfeit some football and basketball games because of a change of address.

The student athlete was supposed to sit out the first semester, which ended Jan. 19, under MHSAA transfer rule.

After the violation was reported, the player in question, an underclassman, sat out additional games during the second semester but was reinstated and played in last week's 61-51 Class A district tourney loss to Belleville.

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'We did an investigation and we discovered it was not a full and complete move as determined by the MHSAA rules, Ambrose said. 'We wish we would have caught it prior to the season. It's a dual residency issue, which isn't a concern now.'

Wayne, which finished the season with an 11-10 overall record, will forfeit victories against Riverview (Dec. 19), Westland John Glenn (Dec. 21), Livonia Stevenson (Jan. 9) and Walled Lake Central (Jan. 12) - all non-division games.

A letter was forwarded by Ambrose to the athletic directors at the above mentioned schools in notification of the violation.

The four forfeits mean the Zebras end the year technically with a 7-14 record.

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OLGC FOOTBALL

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2007 season at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, in the OLGC gym, which is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades. Families that belong to the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting. Program information and registration materials will be distributed.

For further information, contact Kevin Suppelsa at ksuppelsa@wowway.com, or (734) 414-8275, or visit www.olgcfootball.net.

BASEBALL CLINIC

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

Sessions include training in baseball skills by the Salem varsity coaches and players. The \$25 registration fee includes lessons, T-shirts and a snack. For more information or to register, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026, or send an e-mail to pcmyers@hotmail.com.

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Spartans win rematch, eye regional title

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

For the first three quarters Tuesday, it almost looked like Redford Covenant's Spartans were reliving the nightmare of their 2006 defeat to Lansing Christian in the Class D regional final. But now it's 2007. The Spartans – trailing 38-37 after three – woke up in a big way in the fourth, outscoring the pesky Pilgrims 21-6 and earning a 58-44 regional semifinal boys basketball victory.

In order for a championship march to gain steam, Covenant (21-4) now needs to take care of undefeated Jackson Christian in the regional final, slated for 7 p.m. Thursday at Hillsdale College.

Jackson Christian (24-0) nipped Lenawee Christian (18-5) in Tuesday's other semifinal, 57-53.

"We gritted our teeth," said Covenant senior wing guard Durrell Summers, who scored 25 points and pulled down 17 rebounds against the Pilgrims (20-3). "We knew we had to make big defensive stops and the main thing was we had to finish layups and make free throws."

"That's what killed us last year, we didn't make too many free throws."

Another difference between the 2006 and 2007 matchups was Summers stuck around this time. Last year he fouled out, and he nearly did it again

Tuesday. He was whistled for his fourth foul with 5:15 remaining and the Spartans nursing a 45-40 lead.

But after returning about a minute later, Summers connected on a tough-angle jumper from the left of the key to make it 47-42.

Then, he grabbed an important defensive rebound that led to a pair of free throws by senior guard Jacory Morning (12 points, four rebounds) and made all four of his own free-throw opportunities in the final two minutes.

"You've got to think about it but you can't think about it too much," said Summers, about playing hard down the stretch despite being just one whistle away from taking a seat on the sideline. "They did the same thing to us last year and I fouled out."

So what I did, I stayed aggressive but I just played it smart so I wouldn't get that fifth foul. I knew my team needed me in crunch time."

COMING UP BIG

Undoubtedly happy the future Michigan State University player will extend his prep career was Covenant head coach Durand Shepherd, who also coached Summers at Detroit St. Martin DePorres his freshman and sophomore seasons.

"I guess it (the late rally) was a couple things," Shepherd said. "One, we didn't want to go home and two, revenge (for the 2006 loss to Lansing

Christian)."

Plus, the big players made the plays. Durrell hit some big shots and Jacory in the second half played outstanding.

Jumpstarting the fourth quarter surge was senior center Stephen Chester (eight points, seven boards), whose offensive rebound and putback put the Spartans up 39-38 in the first minute of the final stanza.

He (Chester) struggled during the game, but he made a big one when we were down," Shepherd said.

Morning and Summers then hit back-to-back jumpers from the right corner (the latter following a steal by freshman point guard Carlos Carter) and it suddenly was 43-38. Summers wasn't done, however. He stole a pass near mid-court, dribbled down the right side of the floor and slammed it home to the delight of Covenant's cheering section at that end of the arena.

Other Covenant contributors to the big win included sophomore guard Jamonne Chester (12 points, four rebounds) and Carter (five rebounds, three assists, three steals).

It didn't hurt the Covenant cause that Lansing Christian's biggest threat, senior forward Peter Bunn (21 points), fouled out with 3:04 to play.

Tallying 10 points each for the Pilgrims were senior forward Joel Hoffman and junior guard

DeOndra Callahan.

The Spartans led 15-12 after one quarter but Lansing Christian came back to forge a 21-21 halftime tie when Hoffman scored a last-second layup.

Covenant came out energized for the third, and the Spartans took a 24-21 lead with 7:45 left when Jamonne Chester buried a trey from the left corner.

"That was definitely a big play for us," Shepherd noted.

With Morning tallying six consecutive points, the Spartans had a 34-25 advantage with about five minutes left in the frame.

But Callahan hit back-to-back treys and the Pilgrims ended the frame with a 13-3 run that gave them the slim lead entering the fourth.

"I told them it was going to be a game of runs," Shepherd said. "We made runs, they made runs, but we made the last one."

Meanwhile, Summers said he is confident the team's offensive firepower in the fourth quarter will carry over into Thursday's final.

"We're ready to make it to the top, to prove everybody wrong," Summers said. "We're going to do whatever it takes."

Shepherd said Jackson Christian is a strong team, however, and "we've got to come to play."

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Schoolcraft College basketball coach resigns

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Mike Brown's stint as the Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach was an abbreviated one.

Brown, who took over one of the nation's top junior college programs from Carlos Briggs, resigned Wednesday after just one season.

Brown, who guided the Ocelots to a 23-10 record, said he was going to pursue "another opportunity full-time in coaching," preferably at a four-year school.

I chose coaching, but from a financial standpoint, it put a strain on me," said Brown, who stepped down from a human resources position at an executive search firm to devote more time to his squad.

There was a practice slot that I had to keep in the middle of my work day, which was tough to work out from a time standpoint. I love the game, being able to work with young men and help them

grow as people. I'd like to do it (coaching) full time, but at Schoolcraft it was not a full-time position."

Under Brown, Schoolcraft captured the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Tournament title and was beaten by rival Flint Mott CC for the third time this season in the semifinals of the NJCAA Division II-District 8 playoffs, 84-69.

He becomes the latest coach at Schoolcraft to depart the athletic program under second-year athletic director Sid Fox's watch joining Briggs, Tom Teeters (women's volleyball), Bill Tolstedt (women's soccer) and Dominic Scicluna (men's soccer).

Only women's basketball coach Karen Lafata remains on Fox's original staff.

In a release sent to the local media Wednesday by Schoolcraft Director of Marketing Marty Heator, Fox praised Brown for what he achieved with a roster of just eight student-athletes

"His team was highly motivated, remarkably prepared and tenacious in their play," Fox said. "In my experience, I have never witnessed a team that competed any harder on such a consistent basis as the men's basketball team did this year. It is a direct credit to Michael's commitment to excellence and dedication within the basketball arena. I wish him the very best in his professional pursuits."

Brown, who played at both Siena Heights and Wayne State universities, spent one year as a varsity assistant at Belleville High under Mike Krogel. He also served one year as an assistant under Briggs, who was forced to resign following the 2005-06 season under an severance agreement with Schoolcraft.

Dr. Conway Jeffress Briggs, a former Schoolcraft All-America, transformed the Ocelots from a laughingstock in the MCCA into a national power. He took the Ocelots to three Division I national tour

naments while sporting a gaudy overall record to 247-36. But in his last two seasons, Schoolcraft was excluded from postseason play because of NJCAA rules violations.

Despite having two transfer players who started for Purdue last season – Korey Spates (signed with Kent State) and Nate Minnoy – Schoolcraft struggled in the Eastern Conference of the MCCA under Brown with a 13-5 record, while finishing five games back of Mott.

His top recruit, Belleville's Leon Freeman, arguably one of the state's top five prep players last year, could not be admitted to Schoolcraft after lacking enough credits to graduate from high school.

Freeman eventually wound up at a prep school, Boys to Men Academy in Chicago, Ill.

Brown also lost two other high profile recruits and did not have the 6-foot-4, 260-pound Minnoy eligible until

late December. The first year Schoolcraft coach was also saddled with a couple of key losses to ineligibility and injury.

I took over at a transitional time, which was tough to do, Brown said. "We hit more bumps than I anticipated. We wanted to win the conference. We did win the state championship, and we fell short four minutes from getting to the region championship game against a very good Mott team."

We won 23 games with no returning players. For various reasons with we played with eight players or less. We had a stretch where we had seven games in like 11 days. Yes, I thought we'd win more games, but the kids did everything they could to be successful. Sometimes the ball just bounced in the other direc

tion. Not having more guys available hurt us as far as depth."

Brown, who was named MCCA Coach of the Year, has no regrets about his lone season at Schoolcraft.

I'm leaving on good terms, he said. "I think I took a big step in the learning process. I think I've figured out what it takes to be a success. This season helps me tremendously. There were a lot of things I could have done better looking back. I learned so much from the situation and the players. Wherever God will have me to be, I'll end up."

The Schoolcraft press release on Brown's resignation also stated that a timeline has not been set for posting the job or seeking a replacement.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-
March 6, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday March 6 2006, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7 00 p m and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag **Roll Call** Members Present Bennett Kirchgatter, LaJoy McLaughlin, Yack Members Absent Caccamo (on Military leave), Zarbo Staff Present Director Eva Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented Motion carried by all members present **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes of February 13 2007 Motion carried by all members present Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Minutes of February 20, 2007 Motion carried by all members present **Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments:** James Donahue 42118 Saratoga stated he is a new member of the Summit and is participating in the "100 Days of Fitness" Mr Donahue stated he has a concern with the track racquetball court and aquatics center being closed March 3 5, 2007 during the Home Expo **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented Motion carried by all members present

Expenditure Recap for March 6, 2006

General Fund	101	\$	234,597 21
Fire Fund	206		285 412 73
Police Fund	207		114 212 90
Summit Operating	208		108 640 84
Cable TV Fund	230		582 00
Twp Improvement	246		142 237 93
E 911 Utility	261		4 809 97
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267		6 738 33
Federal Grants Fund	274		8 203 77
Auto Theft Grant	289		6,545 72
Downtown Dev Auth	294		127 729 78
Bldg Auth Construction	469		37 689 37
Golf Fund	584		69 539 69
Water & Sewer Fund	592		853 888 17
Trust & Agency Fund	701		5,406 00
Construction Escrows	702		187 50
Post Employ Benefits	736		2 020 93
Total - All Funds			2,008,442.84

CONSENT CALENDAR Item 1 **SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR THE PLYMOUTH/CANTON MUSIC BOOSTERS' SPRING ARTS & CRAFTS ENSEMBLE.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble to be held at Canton High School on Saturday March 10 2007 Motion carried by all members present Item 2. **SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CANTON NEWCOMERS MOM TO MOM SALE** (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for Canton Newcomers Mom to Mom Sale Motion carried by all members present Item 3. **CONSIDER APPROVING THE RESOLUTIONS FOR TWO (2) ANNUAL PERMITS AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK'S SIGNATURE FOR WORK WITHIN THE WAYNE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING 2007.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve Resolution 1 Permit # A 07028, allowing the Township to temporarily close certain local and county roads for a period not to exceed 24 hours and authorize the Township Clerk as the designated officer to sign the 2007 Annual Permit for Wayne County Department of Public Services Motion carried by all members present Item 4. **SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR TRICITY CHRISTIAN MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS) MOM TO MOM SALE.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for Tri City Christian MOPS Mom to Mom Sale Motion carried by all members present Item 5 **SET PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE WITH ENTERTAINMENT, AFTER HOURS AND OUTSIDE BAR/SERVICE PERMITS FOR CHERRY MARTINI, LLC, AT 50296 CHERRY HILL ROAD, CANTON TOWNSHIP, CANTON, MI 48188, WAYNE COUNTY (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to set the Public Hearing date for March 27 2007 to consider a Class C liquor license with entertainment after hours and outside bar/service permits for Cherry Martini, LLC located at 50296 Cherry Hill Road, Canton MI 48188 Wayne County Motion carried by all members present Item 6. **SECOND READING TO AMEND PART 1, CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, ON HUNTING REGULATIONS (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to remove from the table and adopt the amendment to the Code of Ordinances Canton Charter Township Michigan Chapter 46 Article IV, Division I Section 46 202 and Chapter 46 Article IV Division II Subdivision II section 46 243 of the Hunting Area Control and Possession / Discharge / Generally Publication and effective date on March 15 2007 Motion carried by all members present **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT TO OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETY ORDINANCE CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETY" AT DIVISION 1 SECTION 46 202 ENTITLED "HUNTING CONTROL AREA" PROVIDING FOR INCREASED AREAS PROHIBITED TO HUNTING IN THE TOWNSHIP, AND AMENDING PART I CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETY" AT DIVISION 2 ENTITLED "WEAPONS, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED "FIREARMS" SECTION 46 243 ENTITLED "POSSESSION POINTING OR DISCHARGE" GENERALLY PROVIDING FOR NEW PROVISION PROHIBITING DISCHARGE OF FIREARM WITHIN 150 YARDS OF CERTAIN DEFINED BUILDINGS PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE HE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS **SECTION 1 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 46 202. HUNTING AREA CONTROL** Ordinance Chapter 46 is hereby adopted to amend Part I Chapter 46 Article IV Division I, Section 46 202 entitled "Hunting Area Control" to establish specific prohibited areas within the Township for hunting **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 46 243. POSSESSION POINTING OR DISCHARGE GENERALLY** Ordinance Chapter 46 is hereby adopted to amend Part I Chapter 46 Article IV Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 46 243 entitled Possession, Pointing or Discharge Generally is amended to prohibit the discharge of a firearm within 150 yards of an occupied building Item 7 **SECOND READING, AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED "RATES AND CHARGES", SECTIONS 74-81, 74-82, 74-83 AND 74-84 AND AMENDING DIVISION 3 THEREOF ENTITLED "SEWER CONNECTION AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL", SECTIONS 74-131, 74-132 AND 74-133** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to remove from the table for the second reading of the AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES" ARTICLE II DIVISION 2 SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED "RATES AND CHARGES", SECTIONS 74 81, 74 82, 74 83 AND 74 84 AND AMENDING DIVISION 3 THEREOF ENTITLED "SEWER CONNECTION AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL" SECTIONS 74 131 74 132 AND 74 133 with a publication and effective date on March 15, 2007 Motion carried by all members present SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 74 **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT TO UTILITIES ORDINANCE, CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I, CHAPTER 74 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES" ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2 SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED RATES AND CHARGES, SECTIONS 74 81, 74 82, 74 83 AND 74 84 AND AMENDING DIVISION 3 THEREOF ENTITLED SEWER CONNECTION AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SECTIONS 74 131, 74 132 AND 74 133 PROVIDING FOR A NEW WATER SYSTEM EQUITY CHARGE A****

NEW TAP AND METER CHARGE AND A NEW WATER CONSTRUCTION CHARGE, TO ELIMINATE WATER CONNECTION APPLICANT TAPS TO PROVIDE FOR WATER TAP SIZES FOR MULTI UNIT DWELLINGS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGES AS SUCH CHARGES ARE BILLED TO THE TOWNSHIP BY DETROIT WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT AND THE YPSILANTI COMMUNITIES UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FOR NEW SEWER SYSTEM EQUITY RATES TO ELIMINATE SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW MINIMUM INSPECTION FEE TO ELIMINATE THE WATER CONNECTION CHARGE AND TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW TAP & METER CHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW MINIMUM SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATE FOR CUSTOMER WITH TOWNSHIP SUPPLIED WATER METER FOR THEIR NON TOWNSHIP SUPPLIED WATER SOURCE TO PROVIDE FOR A SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE TO BE BASED UPON WATER METER SIZE, TO PROVIDE FOR A SEWER LEAD INSPECTION FEE TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED INDUSTRIAL WASTE CHARGE (IWC) RATES, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES TO PROVIDE FOR SERVICE CHARGE AND PROCEDURES FOR DISHONORED CHECKS OR "E CHECK" FOR PAYMENT OF WATER AND SEWER DISPOSAL BILLS TO REVISE ACTS WHICH CONSTITUTE TAMPERING OR REMOVING WATER METER TO PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM SEWER CONNECTION SIZE AND CLEAN OUT AND MANHOLE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED RESPONSIBILITY AND PROCEDURE AND CREATION OF TOWNSHIP POLICY FOR REPAIRS TO SEWER LEADS IN AN EASEMENT OR PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS **SECTION 1 AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION II RATES AND CHARGES Ordinance Chapter 74 is hereby adopted to amend Sections 74-81, 74 82, 74-83 and 74 84 of the Utilities Ordinance, entitled Rates and Charges to provide as follows This section provides for a new water system equity charge, a new tap and meter charge and a new water construction charge, to eliminate water connection-applicant taps, to provide for water tap sizes for multi-unit dwellings, to eliminate water charges during inspection periods, to provide for the application of industrial surcharges as such charges are billed to the township by Detroit water and sewer department and the Ypsilanti communities utilities authority, to provide for new sewer system equity rates, to eliminate sewer connection charge, to provide for a new minimum inspection fee, to eliminate the water connection charge and to provide for a new tap & meter charge, to provide for a new minimum sewage disposal rate for customer with township supplied water meter for their non-township supplied water source, to provide for a sewer connection charge to be based upon water meter size, to provide for a sewer lead inspection fee, to provide for revised industrial waste charge (IWC) rates, to provide for revised industrial surcharge rates, to provide for service charge and procedures for dishonored checks or "e-check" for payment of water and sewer disposal bills, to revise acts which constitute tampering or removing water meter, to provide for a minimum sewer connection size and clean out and manhole requirements for commercial buildings **SECTION 2 AMENDMENT TO DIVISION 3 SEWER CONNECTIONS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL** Ordinance Chapter 74 is hereby adopted to amend Sections 74 131, 74-132, and 74-133 providing for revised responsibility and procedure and creation of township policy for repairs to sewer leads in an easement or public right of way **SECTION 3. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE.** The balance of Code of Ordinances Part I Chapter 74 except as herein amended shall remain in full force and effect All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance **SECTION 4 VIOLATION AND PENALTY.** Any person corporation partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than \$500 00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or both in the discretion of the Court **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection clause phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof **SECTION 6. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE.** This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed if possible in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto **SECTION 7. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS.** Portions of the Code of Ordinances Part I Chapter 74 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section provides that this Ordinance becomes effective after publication Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188 during regular business hours The amendment will be published with an effective date of March 15 2007 **GENERAL CALENDAR.** Item 1 **CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR HAMPTON INN HOTEL AND SUITES** (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for site plan for Hampton Inn Hotel and Suites Motion carried by all members present **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Hampton Inn Hotel and Suites WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor has requested site plan approval for the Hampton inn Hotel and Suites located on the east side of Haggerty Road south of Ford Road (Parcel No 050 01 0005 000) and **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL with the requested modifications to the front setback as requested and **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the site plan for the Hampton Inn Hotel and Suites located on the east side of Haggerty Road and south of Ford Road and also subject to all other regulations of the Township **Item 2. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO MANSELL ASSOCIATES INC. FOR THE 2007 INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize Mansell Associates Inc to provide traffic signal engineering design services for the 2007 intersection improvements in the amount of \$8 600 plus a 10% design contingency for a not to exceed amount of \$9 460 Account No 403 506 803 0000 (Road Construction Engineering) and Further, I move to waive Finance Policy F 10 Part III A 4 wherein "three informal bids shall be obtained for the requested items" based on the justification that Mansell Associates are performing other similar work for the township under contract resulting in coordination and efficiency improvements Motion carried by all members present **Item 3. CONSIDER REPROGRAMMING FUNDS FOR CAPITAL ITEMS IN THE ENGINEERING CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET, AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A RICOH AFICIO 3035SPF COPIER.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the reprogramming of \$700 from the budget for Capital Outlay -Computers Item #4 Printer Replacement to the budget for Capital Outlay Equipment Item #1 Copier Replacement and authorize the purchase of the Ricoh Aficio**

3035SPF copier for an amount not to exceed \$6,700 Motion carried by all members present **Item 4. AUTHORIZE AWARD OF BID FOR THE SPRING 2007 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the award of bid for tree planting and watering for the Spring 2007 Tree Planting Program to Crimboh Nursery Inc for a total of \$90,085 00 plus a 5% contingency for maintenance of \$4,515 00 for a total purchase order of \$94,600 00 (account 101 285 970 0000, Tree Fund Planting) Motion carried by all members present **Item 5. BUDGET AMENDMENT POLICE - JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PURCHASES.** (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment to complete JAG (exp 9/2008) purchases Increase Revenues Federal Grant-LLEBG/JAG #207 000 507 0000 \$5 880 Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay Equipment #207 301 977 0000 \$5,880 This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$14 663,045 to \$14,668,925 Motion carried by all members present **Item 6 CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF 4-LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR ORDINANCE.** (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of 4 Motorola MW 800 in car computes and Sierra Edge modems from ComSource Inc/ Motorola 2130 Austin Dr Rochester Hills, MI 48309 in the amount of \$30,091 68 Funding to come from Police Capital Outlay Account # 207 301 977 2580 Motion carried by all members present **Item 7 CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF 40-WIRELESS MICROPHONE PACKS FOR IN-CAR CAMERA SYSTEM-POLICE** (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 40 VoiceLink Plus wireless mic transceiver with belt clip and lapel mic from L3 Communications 90 Fanny Rd Boonton NJ 07005 in the amount of \$7835 Funds to come from police capital outlay account 207 301 977 0000 Motion carried by all members present **Item 8 REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THEATER AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PROJECTS (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for each contract as follows External administration building roadway signage to Cal Sign Co 35059 Glenwood Wayne Michigan 48184 in the amount of \$4 190 Cost charged to account #101 270 971 0000 Cherry Hill Village Welcome sign with interchangeable boards to Graphic Visions Inc, 16857 Northville Rd Northville Michigan 48168 in the amount of \$9 470 00 Cost charged to account #101 760 977 0000 **Item. 9. CSC FENCE REPLACEMENT.** (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to award the fence repair bid to Riteway Fence 6539 Burroughs Ave Sterling Heights MI 48314 with all expenses charged to Account # 246 750 970 0000 Community Improvement in the amount of \$24 900 Motion carried by all members present **Item 10 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR USSSA SANCTIONING FEES FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase order for USSSA sanctioning fees in the amount of \$10,000 from account number 101 755 818 0000 (Canton Sports Center Contracted Services - Sports) from Michigan USSSA, 33600 Mound Rd Sterling Heights MI 48310 Motion carried by all members present **Item 11. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF POLO SHIRTS.** (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase of staff polo shirts for Leisure Services staff from Ashworth Inc , 2765 Loker Avenue West Carlsbad CA 92008 in an amount not to exceed \$5 044 and charge the expenses to

Canton Sports Center account	#101 755 740 0000	\$ 289 00
Senior Citizen Program account	#101 672 722 0000	\$ 192 00
Recreation Division - Special Events account	#101 691 742 4000	\$ 576 00
Recreation Division - Enrichment account	#101 691 742 2000	\$ 144 00
Recreation Division - Aquatics account	#101 691 742 7000	\$ 512 00
Summit on the Park account	#208 757 722 2000	\$2,368 00
Summit on the Park - Kids Corner account	#208 757 722 2000	\$ 193 00
Village Theater account	#101 760 740 0000	\$ 770 00

Motion carried by all members present

Item 12. APPROVAL OF PRICE QUOTE FOR DOOR INSTALLATION (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the price quotes from Innovative Ceilings Inc for \$2 500 and from Advance Satellite Communications for \$3 049 71 for a total price of \$5 549 71 to install a door system between the Treasurer's Office and Water Billing Office I further move to approve the following budget amendment for this project costs Increase Revenues Appropriation from Fund Balance #101 000 699 0000 \$ 5,550 Increase Appropriations Contracted Services Facilities Maintenance #101 265 818 0000 \$ 5,550 This budget amendment increases the Facilities Maintenance Division budget from \$1 690 579 to \$1 696 129, and the General Fund budget from \$26,865 169 to \$26 870 719 Motion carried by all members present **Item 13 BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE CARRYOVER OF FY2006 OPEN PURCHASE ORDERS TO FY2007 (PSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendments in the 2007 budgets for purchase order commitments carried over from 2006

FUND	CURRENT BUDGET	BUDGET AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General	\$ 26 870,719	\$ 166,967	\$ 27 037 686
Fire	10 165 752	5 560	10 171 312
Police	14 663 045	77,325	14,740,370
Community Center	2 450 810	1 161	2 451,971
Community Improvement	3 252 739	99 546	3 352 285
911 Service	340 000	4 449	344,449
Capital Projects Roads	2 810 855	615 329	3,426,184
Capital Projects Golf	485 000	103 593	588 593
Golf Course Enterprise	2,243 918	9,972	2,253,890
Water & Sewer Enterprise	30 947 497	313,469	31,260,966

Motion carried by all members present **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated the next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday March 13, 2007 7 00 p m Administration Building, First Floor Board Room 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan **ADJOURN** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn to study session at 8 12 p m Motion carried by all members present A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday March 6 2006 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 8 22 p m and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag **Roll Call** Members Present Bennett Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Members Absent Caccamo (on Military leave) Zarbo Staff Present Director Eva Executive Director Santomauro Director Conklin Director Faas, Glenn Shaw, Doug Shaw John McLenaghan **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented Motion carried by all members present Study Topic 1 Assessment Process - Board of Review Glenn Shaw stated property values have gone down 10 to 20% this year Mr Shaw stated in the two year sales study, required by law from April 1 2004 through March 31 2006 showed an increase in Canton Township of 3 6% Assessing tried to do something different this year in this unusual time some areas up and others areas down in value and tried to keep Canton's impact flat with no increase over last year Mr Shaw indicated a one year sales study was completed and it showed a 2% decrease in 2006 Double the Board of Review dates are set up this year 300 appeals have been scheduled with the Board of Review this is the same amount as last year Mr Shaw stated if your SEV went up more than 3 7% it would mean there has been some additional new change (deck garage sunroom etc) in the property Normal maintenance is exempt by law for any increase Mr Shaw stated the Assessor's office has a list of subdivisions and what percent that subdivision increased decreased or remained the same Homeowners are welcomed to call the Assessor's office at 734 394 5111 or visit at anytime for this information Every homeowner should check the Assessor's field sheet and verify that all information on the field sheet is correct Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 9 17 p m Motion carried by all members present - Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk -

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3005	Open Houses	3380	Salem-Salem Township
3010	Arm Arce	3390	Southfield-Lathrup
3015	Auburn Hills	3400	South Lyon
3020	Beville & Van Buren	3405	Stockbridge Unit 12-Gregory
3025	Beville	3410	Troy
3030	Beville Hills	3415	Lyndon Lake
3035	Birmingham	3420	Walled Lake
3040	Blomfield	3425	Waterford
3045	Brighton	3430	Wayne
3050	Byron	3435	Westland
3055	Canfield	3440	Westland
3060	Clarkston	3445	Westland
3065	Clawson	3450	White Lake
3070	Columbia	3455	Whitcomb Lake
3075	Dearborn	3460	Whitcomb Lake
3080	Dearborn Heights	3465	Whitcomb Lake
3085	Detroit	3470	Whitcomb Lake
3090	Chelsea	3475	Whitcomb Lake
3095	Chester	3480	Whitcomb Lake
3100	Clarkston	3485	Whitcomb Lake
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3185	Chester	3570	Whitcomb Lake
3190	Clarkston	3575	Whitcomb Lake
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3205	Detroit	3590	Whitcomb Lake
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3900	Business Opportunity	3940	Industrial & Warehouse
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- 4 Tabula — (clean slate)
- 8 Brass instrument
- 12 Pinch
- 13 Mountains or river
- 14 Rubaiyat author
- 15 Proximity
- 17 Stop the car
- 18 Height to a cager
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- 23 Montezuma's empire
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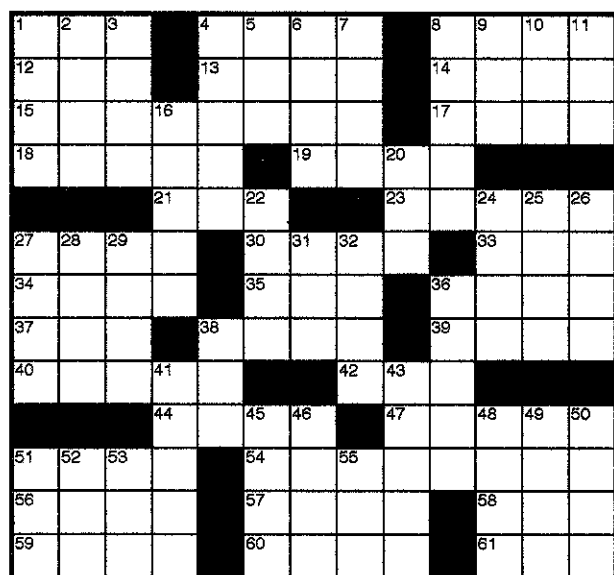
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- 38 Milk option
- 39 Grants approval
- 40 Praise highly
- 42 Visualize
- 44 Auel heroine
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- 51 Strong criticism
- 54 Exhaust
- 56 Glittery fabric
- 57 Used a loom
- 58 Zilch
- 59 Norse deity
- 60 Wallop
- 61 Hair styling goo
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- 5 — you kidding?
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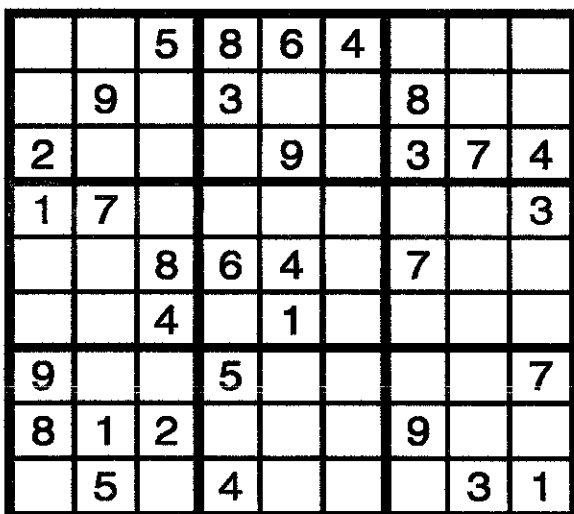
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SIAM OUR FIRES
DIAL IODINE
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| 4030 Duplexes | 4300 Garage/Mn Storage |
| 4040 Fats | 4400 Wanted To Rent |
| 4050 Homes For Rent | 4410 Wanted To Rent |
| 4060 Lakeland/Waterfront | 4500 Rental Property |
| 4070 Homes For Rent | 4500 Rental Agency |
| 4080 Mobile Home Rentals | 4570 Property Management |
| 4090 Southern Rentals | 4580 Lease/Option To Buy |
| 4100 Time Share Rentals | 4590 House Sitting Service |
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Located on 12 Mile W of Orchard Lk
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WORKWISE

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Everyone and every thing interrupts us all day long. The telephone interrupts us. A visitor

interrupts us. A loud voice outside of our sacred space demands our attention. But external stimuli aren't the only factors. Even multitasking, an essential for many jobs, causes interruptions as one task interrupts another. The workplace has become a culture of interruption.

If you can't escape interruptions, can you join them by doing a task over and over to diminish their effect? According to Deborah Boehm-Davis, professor and chair of the Department of Psychology at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., "To reduce the negative consequences of an interruption, practice is not enough. If you practice the task alone, you will get better at that task, but you don't get any better at doing the task in the presence of interruptions. To learn to deal with interruptions, you need to practice the task while being interrupted." Some of her insights were published in the Proceedings of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Conference titled "Mitigating Disruptions: Can Resuming an Interrupted Task Be Trained?"

Has it occurred to you that you might be inviting interruptions even if you claim annoyance? Rabbi Yitzchak Goldman,

who presents a workshop called "The Soul Diet: Ten Steps Towards Metaphysical Health" through Neeman House Publishers L.L.C., in Seattle, says, "You may give off signals for someone to take you out of this. Body language can reveal whether people are totally immersed in their work and are 'uninterruptable,' or whether they are merely hovering over their work and 'available' for interruptions." For example, tapping your pen on your desk may signal openness to distraction and invite a person to make a comment about the weather. Gossip mongers also seek distraction. Leaving your e-mail on to listen for the bell of an incoming message or slide your eyes down to your toolbar when the icon appears are other signals of not really wanting to be focused.

MINIMIZATION

If you're absolutely certain that you don't want to be interrupted, there are a number of steps to take. Some interruptions are easily controllable, thanks to technology and the nature of the interruption. Forward your telephone into voice mail. Get out of e-mail and check in only a few times each day. Arrange for mail and other deliveries to be made outside of your door or cubicle.

Jeff Davidson, founder of the Breathing Space Institute in Chapel Hill, N.C., recalls consulting with a supervisor whose six employees asked more questions than he could handle, at least one each every two hours. "If one

employee asked a question every two hours," Davidson explains, "he asked an average of four questions each day. With six employees, that meant 24 questions a day, or 120 interruptions each week, resulting in disruptions of the manager's work three times each hour in a 40-hour week!" The problem soon became surmountable.

Davidson developed four categories of questions among those asked most frequently (or likely to be asked), as being

- covered in the policy manual, which he'd then ask employees to refer to directly,
- answerable by a co-worker or bookkeeper,
- in need of a "yes" or "no" response, dispatched by "a quick phone call or buzz on the intercom," and
- questions the supervisor was required to answer and wanted to answer.

If each employee asked two of the last daily, he'd have 60 interruptions from them each week or 50 percent fewer than he did at first. The system allowed better time management and considerable stress reduction.

Take this one step further by following the advice of Los Angeles' Amy Applebaum, a certified hypnotherapist. "Set up a regular schedule where you are not to be disturbed between specific hours," she advises, "and teach those around you that you are unavailable at



Workshop presenter Rabbi Yitzchak Goldman of Seattle's Neeman House Publishers L.L.C., promotes metaphysical health.

that time. This way you get the quiet time you need and people know when they can get support/assistance from you."

Indeed, the object isn't to cut everyone off. "The goal is to maintain metaphysical health," Rabbi Goldman concludes, "clarity of mind, not just focusing on task at hand but maintaining overall balance." That means getting rid of what he calls "clutter" without getting rid of people.

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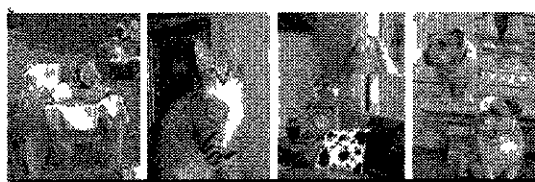
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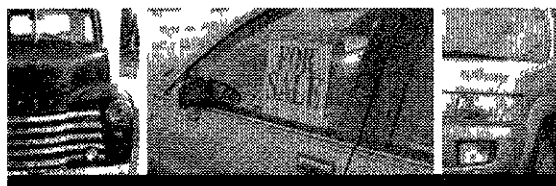
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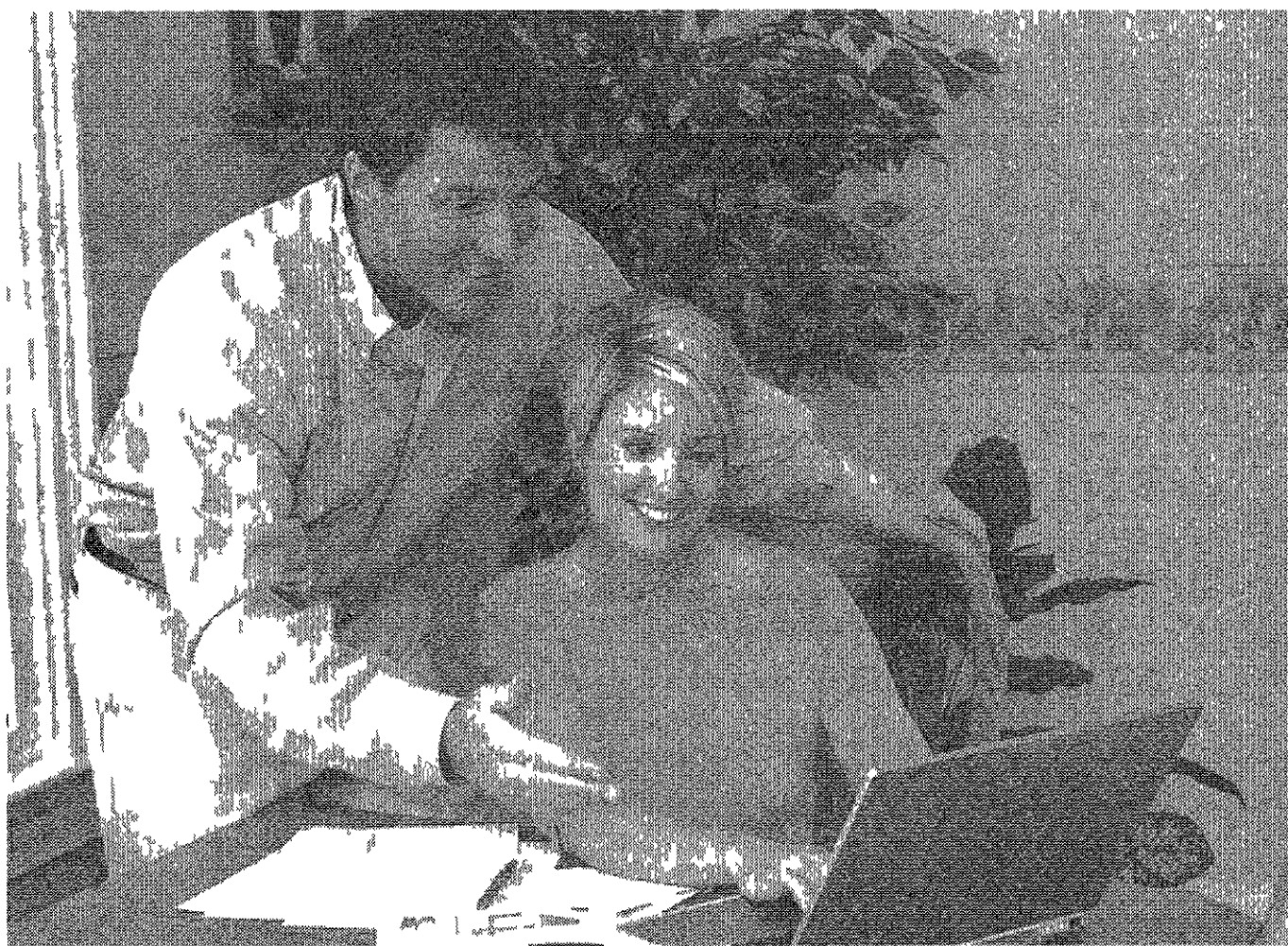
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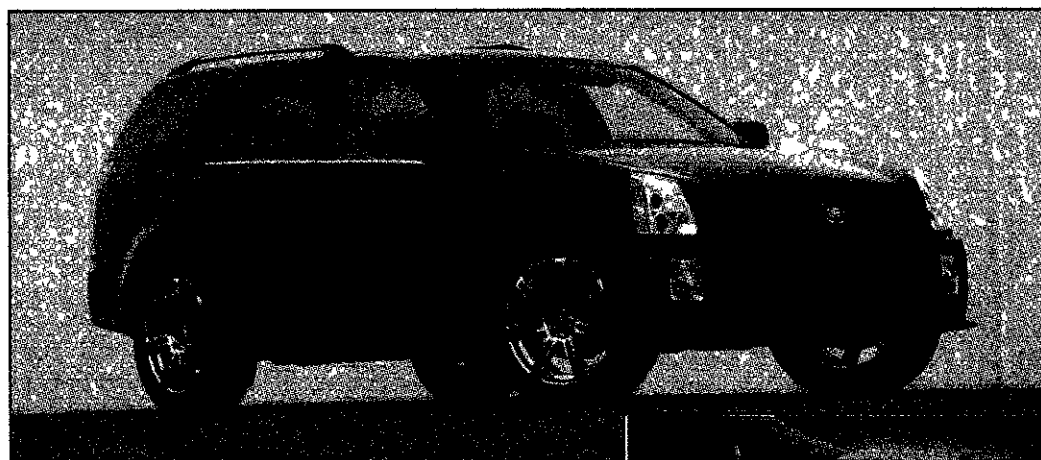
If you threw the best examples of all the criteria for today's hottest category of automobile, the crossover, into some sort of figurative blender, the vehicle that you ended up 'pouring out' at the end might well be the 2007 Cadillac SRX. If you average in design, amenities, horsepower, handling, cargo space, flexibility and other particulars, SRX might well be just about the best crossover on the road.

For me, the new SRX represents an important next iteration in the comeback that Cadillac has been mounting for nearly a decade now. Initially, rising from the styling-shop rubble that was GM in the late Nineties, Cadillac spearheaded the design renaissance of its parent company with a sharp, chiseled, bold theme that division executives fearlessly carried out in every one of their new vehicles. On visual appeal alone, the new look put Cadillac back on the map for discerning buyers.

When it was introduced in 2004, SRX was both part of that design revolution at Cadillac as well as a serious attempt to help define – and occupy a major part of – the emerging crossover category. At first, the entire segment was a bit of a sideshow in the industry, as auto makers variously tried to figure out how to lend more car-like sensibilities to lumbering trucks and SUVs that posed immense drivability challenges.

Now, the spurt in gas prices over the last couple of years has brought the crossover category decidedly and quickly into the automotive mainstream, because these vehicles are the single best way for consumers to pick up gas mileage but also retain some of the 'utility' of an SUV.

With its improved SRX for 2007, Cadillac is staying in the sweet spot of the luxury-crossover category even as the segment continues to redefine itself. The folks at Car & Driver magazine seem to agree. For the third consecutive year, they named SRX the Best Luxury SUV.



Even better for 2007, the Cadillac SRX may be the ultimate crossover vehicle.

The biggest improvement in the SRX for 2007 is a recrafted interior that is an all-new design. One of the black marks against earlier versions of SRX was that the interior design and craftsmanship weren't up to the European standards against which Cadillac wants to be measured. So for 2007, Cadillac gave SRX a new instrument panel, hand wrapped upper trim, console, center stack, door trim, wood trim, analog clock and steering wheel.

The redesigned cockpit has softer tactile surfaces, new flush-mounted switches and controls and greater use of wood-grain and chrome trim. In the SRX I drove, the overall result was a pleasant and harmonious blend of dark brown, complimentary cream, and burled-wood accents.

It's easy to believe, then, that the new instrument panel and door trim are being built using Cadillac's new 'cut-and-sew' interior process that combines advanced technology with the hand-rendered expertise of craftsmen. The new cockpit, in fact, is hand built in the same fashion that Cadillac applies to the limited-production STS-V and XLR-V models.

Inside SRX, you can also experience something else that is practically unique: the glorious skyward panorama that is visible through the optional UltraView sunroof, the largest in the segment. It extends to provide a full 56 square feet of open air over the first and second row seats and integrates a retractable power shade. You can even get the optional UltraView Plus that extends the glass roof over the third-row seat with a power sunshade.

This vehicle also is a pretty decent cargo hauler. The fact that it is truly squared off in the rear is one big help to capacity, of course. Cadillac also offers



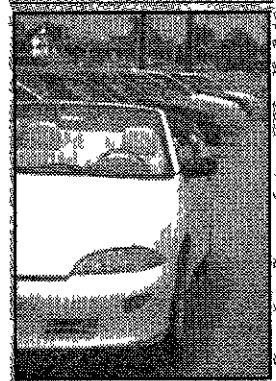
an optional rear cargo-management system as an alternative to the third-row seat. It offers three cargo compartments and includes a removable storage bin.

Slip back to the outside of the vehicle, and you'll see that Cadillac's styling about-face hasn't lost any of its relevance – and, in fact, has kept pace with the times pretty well. With its chiseled vertical tail lamps and head-lamps and V-shaped grill, the angularity of SRX makes it just look fast. And the new Sport model that Cadillac added for this model year – with 18- or 20-inch wheels, and a unique fascia – underscores Cadillac's commitment to keep its styling signature as current as possible.

Two engines see duty in SRX, including a 3.6-liter V6 that generates 255 horsepower. The 4.6-liter Northstar V8 that powered the SRX I drove gave the car every bit of power and punch that I was looking for, with 320 horsepower and 315 pound-feet of torque. Even paired with an automatic transmission, this powerplant made SRX every bit as nimble as much smaller vehicles, also thanks in part to GM's StabiliTrak four-channel suspension system.

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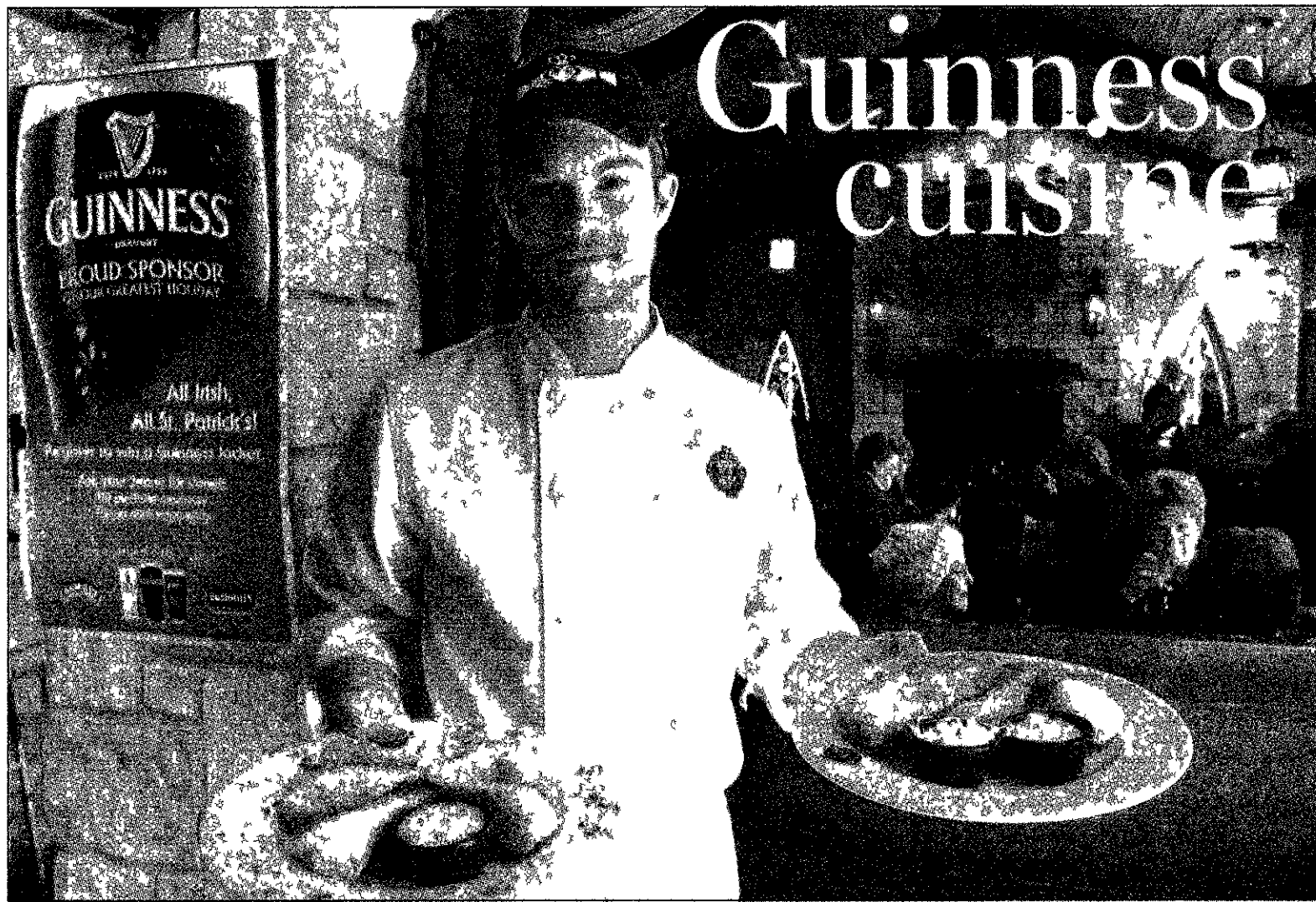
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"The closer you are to Dublin, the better it tastes."



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Claddagh executive chef A.J. Kershaw presents two favorites: corned beef and cabbage egg rolls and one half order of fish and chips, known as "Heir To The Throne". Kershaw is a resident of Livonia.

Add some luck o' the Irish to your dish

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK

Does Guinness Stout taste better the closer you get to Ireland? The world may never know. One thing is for certain, though: Guinness tastes delicious in food.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, why not plan a menu of Irish comfort foods punched up with a little holiday spirit?

The Claddagh in Livonia is busy preparing huge batches of Irish Beef and Guinness Stew to feed the hungry masses on St. Patrick's Day. General Manager Michael Hrynewick expects 6,000-7,000 revelers this Saturday, March 17.

Claddagh Chef A.J. Kershaw said the secret to a good Guinness stew is in the saute.

Although he wouldn't divulge the restaurant's secret recipe, Kershaw described the cooking process: He sautes onion, carrot, rutabaga and seasonings with garlic and clarified butter. Once he gets a good caramelization at the bottom of the pan, he pours in some Guinness to loosen things up.

How much Guinness?



The Claddagh's Irish Beef and Guinness Stew is a favorite.

Put half the bottle in the stew and drink the other half," Hrynewick piped in. "As long as you're cooking and drinking at the same time, that's what makes it Irish."

The Claddagh also serves Chicken Tenders with a Guinness Honey Mustard dipping sauce, and for dessert, a Guinness chocolate sauce.

Guinness has a devoted legion of fans, some of whom have elevated cooking with Guinness to

an art form.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, we dug up some Guinness recipes from Karott Productions, a site that celebrates Irish culture.

Karott.com provides an extensive Guinness recipe page, which weighs in on the age-old question:

"The closer you are to Dublin, the better it tastes."

PLEASE SEE GUINNESS, D3

The Great American Meatout expands

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Organizers of The Great American Meatout in Ferndale on Sunday, March 18 are listing dozens of reasons to adopt plant-based diets.

Eliminating meat lets us expand our daily menu choices — trying

new and exotic vegetables and grains rather than preparing the same meat and potato dishes, they said. It's healthier too, as Dr. Joel Kahn, of Beaumont Hospital's Cardiac Rehab Medical Center will explain at the event.

Vegetarian meals do not include fish or chicken, Jim Cocoran, of Troy, co-founder of VegMichigan, a

nonprofit social group explained. Vegan meals do not include any animal products such as gelatin or dairy.

But is it easy and tasty? Cocoran, said yes. Plant-based meals can be gourmet, comforting or fast food-like. And he will demonstrate recipes at the event.

The Great American Meatout is

from noon to 5 p.m. at Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest, south of Nine Mile Road and west of Woodward. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students free to kids under six. It's presented by the Medicine Cabinet Pharmacy, the social group VegMichigan and

PLEASE SEE MEATOUT, D3

Holiday heritage: Hoist a pint for St. Patrick's Day

It's hard to believe that in only 48 hours we'll be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Why, it seems like only yesterday I was unpacking my green and yellow suspenders with the big "Kiss Me I'm Irish" button.

With this year's holiday falling on a Saturday the ranks of the instantly Irish will swell geometrically. Let's face it, the term "holiday" should be used loosely when describing St. Patrick's Day.

We all know the original celebration was in honor of the good St. Patrick who drove all the snakes out of Ireland (after which everyone retired to the local pub for a pint of thanks). And, of course, it is common knowledge that Irish immigrants in Boston began

celebrating St. Patrick's Day in 1737 (likely by retiring to the local pub for a pint).

Over the years all this celebrating has morphed into a world-wide gala highlighted by the traditional wearing of the green (and a trip to the local pub to hoist a pint).

Do I detect a pattern here? What began as the recognition of a religious event and evolved into a political statement of national heritage has — essentially — become an excuse to party (not that there is anything wrong with that).

Fortunately, this year's holiday falls on a true day off so the recovery time is, well, covered. And, we are not required to scour our closets for workplace appropriate green attire (fashion hint: leave the yellow and green suspenders for the pub crawl,

not the office).

I realize I am walking a thin line here. After recently completing diversity training I know it is politically incorrect and stereotypically un-cool to classify groups of people under one banner. Though St. Patrick's Day is officially sponsored by Guinness and this feast day is less about solids and more about liquids — this does not mean the Irish are all about drinking. After all, there are 364 other days when the Irish (and the Irish wannabes) can retire to the local pub to hoist a pint for no reason at all!

So, before I get into too much trouble I'll take the safe road home and leave you with this Irish joke:

An Englishman, a Welshman and an Irishman were at the fair and

about to go on the helter-skelter when an old crone steps in front of them.

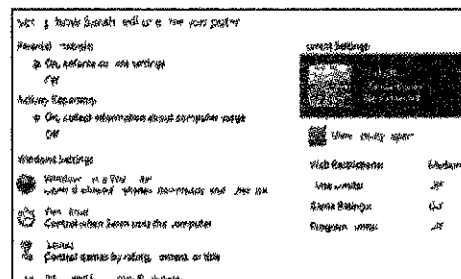
"This is a magic ride," she says. "You will land in whatever you shout out on the way down."

"I'm game for this," says the Welshman and slides down the helter-skelter shouting "GOLD!" at the top of his voice. Sure enough, when he hit the bottom he found himself surrounded by thousands of pounds worth of gold coins.

The Englishman goes next and shouts "SILVER!" at the top of his voice. At the bottom he lands in more silver coinage than he can carry.

The Irishman goes last and, launching himself from the top of the slide shouts "WEEEEEEEE!"

Join Dick Purtan tomorrow as he celebrates St. Patrick's Day with a live broadcast from Moran Chevrolet in Clinton Township. If you can't make it be sure to listen 6-10 a.m. on The Motor City's 104.3 WOLC.



Windows Vista's parental controls enable you to monitor your kids' activities and keep them from visiting inappropriate Web sites.

New tools help protect kids from unsuitable Web sites

As you probably know, the Web has a seriously seamy underbelly, a vast red-light district that's simply unsuitable for children.

Unfortunately, unless you take steps, your kids are almost guaranteed to encounter it — either intentionally or by accident (I'll leave it to you to decide which is worse).

Short of pulling the plug on the cable modem, what's a concerned parent to do? Thankfully, there are numerous options at your disposal.

For instance, try bookmarking a kid-friendly search engine like Quintura (kids.quintura.com).

This site employs a simplified, point-and-click method of conducting Web searches. Search for music, for instance, and related topics (such as jazz, dance, and instrument).

appear in a "cloud" surrounding the original search term. Click any of those results to narrow the search.

Although Quintura doesn't expressly promise protection from inappropriate material, it's powered by Yahoo Kids, so all search results should be G-rated.

Next, consider upgrading to Windows Vista. In addition to improved security features that can keep inappropriate material from sneaking onto your PC, Vista offers fairly robust parental controls.

You can create individual user accounts for each child, then enable filtering tools that promise to keep them from viewing objectionable sites.

What's more, Vista lets you specify which hours of the day kids are allowed to log onto the computer. You can also control access to certain games and block specific programs from running.

Vista even has activity reports so you can see what programs and sites the kids have been using.

Mac users can leverage similar controls, find out more at this Apple site: <http://tinyurl.com/crfo4>.

Another option, this one for all Windows users, is K9 Web Protection (k9webprotection.com). This Web-filtering software promises to block more than 55 categories of undesirable content, from hate speech to gambling to pornography.

K9 is currently available for Windows, a Mac version is due to be released this year. The company also plans to add chat-room and instant-message filtering.

I highly recommend perusing the K9 FAQ page, which answers a lot of common questions and explains more about the software's capabilities.

I saved the best part for last: K9 is free. Of course, no software program is completely infallible. For more serious protection, consider a new service called ScrubIT (scrubit.com).

It works like this: You tweak your network router (or your PC, if you don't have a router) to access the Web via ScrubIT's servers instead of your Internet service provider's. And those servers block inappropriate and malicious sites.

There's no software to learn or permissions to set; ScrubIT does all the heavy lifting.

The downside, of course, is that you have no control over what gets blocked (though a customizable version of the service is in the works). But for parents who want fast, effective, easy-to-deploy protection, ScrubIT is a solid solution. Again, I saved the best part for last: It's free.

If you've discovered another method of protecting your kids from the Web's wicked side, let me hear about it. Send me an e-mail so I can share your solution with other concerned parents.

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Dick Purtan

Wiring is important part of home remodel

an of Whitmore Lake asks: "My wife and I are in the process of renovating our kitchen and family room. Since we are taking the walls down to the studs, I wanted to take advantage of this time to update some wiring and lighting in these rooms. Do you have any suggestions or things we should consider while doing this?"

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This is the perfect time to update your lighting needs. Go through each room and assess

your needs and the overall look you want to achieve once the construction is complete. You will have unfettered access to the wiring and outlets. Before adding additional outlets or light fixtures to any room, check with a qualified electrician to make sure your house service can handle the extra load.

Let's start in the kitchen. If you are putting in an island, install an outlet on each side of it. These outlets are extremely convenient to have for plugging in a blender or mixer, as well as warming dishes and crock pots for entertaining.

Consider your ambient lighting. Ambient lighting refers to the general lighting that illuminates the majority of the room. In the work area of the kitchen, you might want to have a single ceiling fixture with recessed

lighting around the perimeter areas. You could, instead, select a decorative island light or pendants hanging over the island, along with the recessed lighting. Pendants are nice additions over a snack bar, too.

Over the kitchen table, you will likely want a chandelier. Many times, the builders will center this fixture in the room. Once you move in, you realize that the kitchen table cannot be centered under this fixture. Now is the time to correct this. Figure out exactly where you keep your kitchen table and adjust the kitchen chandelier placement accordingly over the center of the table. The bottom of the chandelier should hang about 32-35 inches over the table. You will want the fixture high enough to not interfere with viewing fellow diners, but low enough to add

warmth and intimacy to the dining area. I encourage you to add dimmer switches wherever possible to maximize lighting flexibility.

Next, take a look at task lighting in the kitchen. Use under cabinet lighting to light up your kitchen counters. There are a myriad of choices out there for under cabinet lighting. You can use puck lights, rope lighting, or fluorescent. A visit to your local home store or lighting store will show you all of the available options.

For the family room, look at your furniture layout first. Are you happy with the placement of the television? Would you like to add a computer cable outlet in this room? Have you always wanted a ceiling fan in the center? These are personal questions that you and your wife need to

discuss. I always recommend that you put the television cable outlets on a couple different walls for flexibility in furniture placement.

Bear in mind that most local electrical codes require an outlet every 12 feet around a room, except in kitchens and bathrooms. This is usually adequate in a bedroom, but it is rarely enough for a family room. Add more outlets, especially where you know the television and stereo will be set up. If you have a large family room where your furniture floats in the room, consider placing a floor outlet in an inconspicuous location for a table lamp.

Lastly, you will need to look at the ambient lighting in the family room. There are many choices out there. Recessed lights, wall sconces, chandeliers (depending

on the size of the room and the ceiling height), and ceiling fans with or without lighting.

Start at a lighting store and ask questions. A good lighting store will have a lighting designer on hand with whom you can make an appointment and bring in your room layout to discuss your lighting options. Take your time and evaluate your needs before jumping into this project head first and then regretting your lack of planning. You have a wonderful opportunity to address all of your lighting needs.

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Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terr Guastella with your questions at www.exclusivinteriordesign.com.



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HOME CALENDAR

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Backyard, Pool & Spa Show

The 12th annual Novi Backyard Pool & Spa Show will be held March 23-25 at the Rock Financial Showplace on Grand River Ave., one mile west of Novi Road in Novi. The focus is on home relaxation, fun and recreation, including swimming pools, spas and outdoor entertaining. Transform your outdoor living space. Visit www.showspace.com for more information.

Decorative pillows

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. Beginner Pillow (10-15 a.m. to 115 p.m. Tuesdays through March 20, cost is \$60); beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two decorative square or rectangular pillows. Many of the techniques taught here will apply to future home decorating classes: Basic Roman Shade (5-45 p.m. Mondays through March 19, cost is \$60); students will learn how to construct a working Roman Shade 50 inches in width; Simple Curtain (5-45 p.m. Thursdays March 22 to April 5, cost is \$60); beginning sewers learn how to dress up a room with a simple rod pocket window treatment to use alone, with blinds or shades; Chair Recovery (12-30-4-30 p.m. Sunday March 25, cost is \$30); learn how to select fabric, dismantle, re-pad and re-cover dining room chair seats without sewing.

Parade of Homes

Parade of Homes, the 18th annual exhibition of new model homes in southeastern Michigan, will begin on March 16 and will run through August 1. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and LaSalle Bank are sponsors of this public event. It offers potential homebuyers an opportunity to visit models from condominiums and single family homes to homes in gated communities and lakeside villas. The 58 homes included range in price from \$97,400 to \$1.4 million.

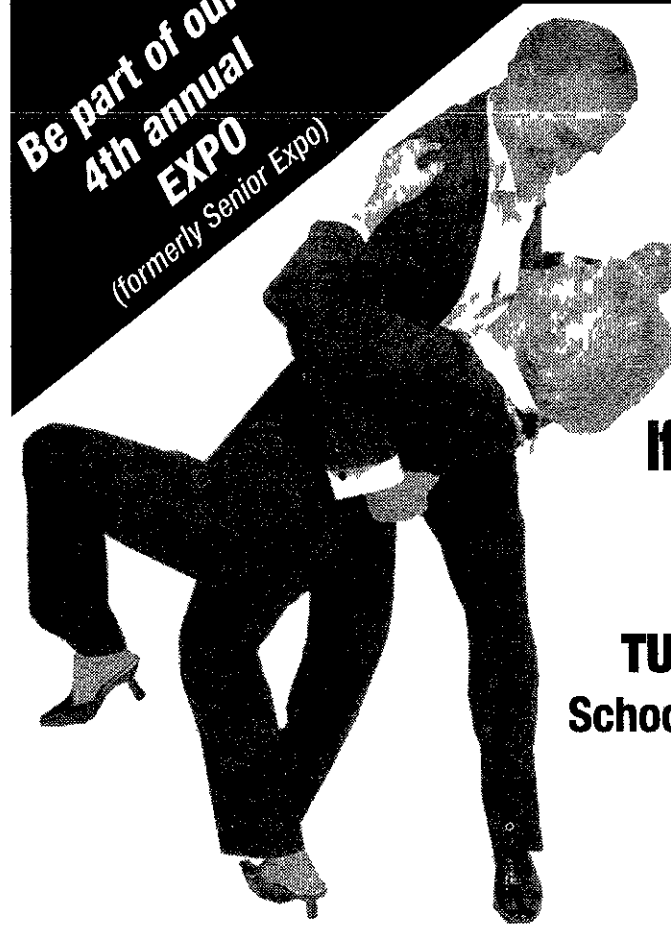
Remodeling 101

Anyone remodeling or redecorating their space is welcome to attend Remodeling 101 held 5-8 p.m. Tuesday April 24 at the Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive in Troy. In addition to an open house, visitors may browse the showrooms at MDC. Listen to a variety of lectures by local design experts and take part in a complimentary design consultation. Tickets cost \$40 per person or \$60 per couple and include one copy of the book *Spectacular Homes of Michigan*, which showcases Michigan's finest designers and their most exciting projects. Register in advance by visiting michigan.gandesign.com or call (248) 649-4772.

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

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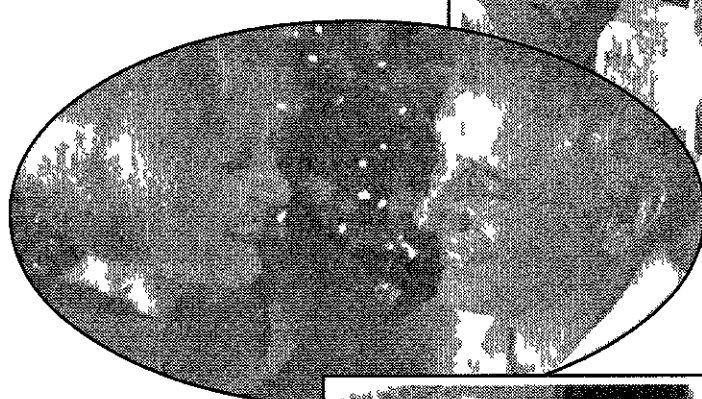

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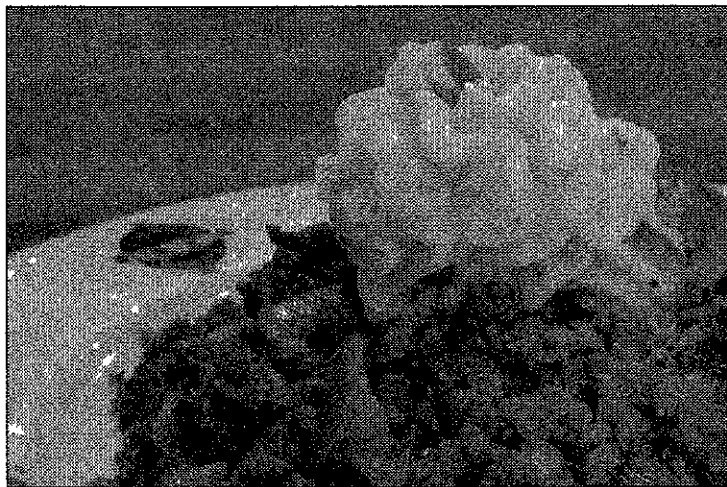
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Shepherd's Pie is a traditional favorite at The Claddagh

GUINNESS

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IRISH RAREBIT

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon honey
½ cup milk
½ cup Guinness Extra Stout
1 c Cheddar cheese, grated
Salt and pepper

Melt the butter in a heavy pan, and stir in flour to make a roux. Cook on a low heat for a further minute without allowing it to brown. Remove pan from heat and gradually beat the milk into the roux. Return to heat and stir until the mixture thickens. Stir in mustard and honey and finally the Guinness. Cook this mixture fairly rapidly for 2-3 minutes then add grated cheese and stir over very low heat only until the cheese has melted. Spread thickly on four slices of toast and brown under the grill.

GUINNESS CORNED BEEF

4 pounds corned beef brisket
1 cup brown sugar
1 (12 fluid ounce) can or bottle Guinness Extra Stout

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Rinse the beef completely and pat dry. Place the brisket on rack in a roasting pan or Dutch oven. Rub the brown sugar on the corned beef to coat entire beef, including the bottom. Pour the bottle of stout beer around, and gently over the beef to wet the sugar. Cover, and place in preheated oven. Bake for 2 1/2 hours. Allow to rest 5 minutes before slicing.

During the last hour, you may put vegetables in the roasting pan as well. Try a wedge of cabbage, new potatoes, onion, carrots, etc. You may need to add a little more beer with your vegetables.

IRISH BEEF STEW WITH GUINNESS STOUT

2 tablespoons olive oil
3 bay leaves
2 pounds beef stew meat, cut into 1 ½ inch to 2 inch cubes (with some fat)
1 large yellow onion, peeled and cut into ¼ inch slices
2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
1 teaspoon dried thyme, whole
1 teaspoon dried rosemary
2 3 tablespoons all purpose flour
¾ cup beef stock

½ cup Guinness Extra Stout
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
½ pound carrots, sliced
salt & freshly ground black pepper to taste

Heat a 6 quart stove-top casserole and add the oil and the bay leaves. Cook the bay leaves for a moment and then add the meat.

Brown the meat on both sides on high heat. Add the sliced onion and cook for a few minutes until it is clear. Reduce the heat to low and add the garlic, thyme, rosemary and flour, and stir well until smooth.

Add the beef stock and stout, simmer, stirring, until the stew thickens a bit. Add the remaining ingredients and cover.

Place the pot in a 275 Fahrenheit oven for about 2 hours, stirring a couple of times. Check for salt and pepper before serving.

Serves 4-6

CHOCOLATE GUINNESS CAKE

¼ cup cocoa powder (to dust the baking pans)
2 sticks butter
1 cup Guinness Extra Stout
½ cup Dutch process dark cocoa powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups unbleached flour
2 cups sugar
¼ teaspoon baking soda, sifted
2 large eggs
½ cup sour cream
chocolate frosting

Heat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly dust two greased 8 inch springform pans with cocoa powder. In a heavy saucepan or microwave oven, heat butter, beer and cocoa powder until butter melts. Let cool. Sift dry ingredients together. Add the beer-cocoa mixture, and beat thoroughly for 1 minute on medium speed. Add the eggs and sour cream and beat 2 minutes on medium speed. Pour batter into prepared pans and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the middle comes out clean.

Place pans on a wire rack cool for 10 minutes, remove the sides, and cool completely. Use a long serrated knife to even the tops of the cakes. Using a flexible spatula, spread each layer with a thin coating of chocolate frosting, stack, and cover the sides with frosting.

Source: All recipes courtesy of www.karott.com

A quick fix for damp circuit problems

I recently got a question from one of our readers, Mike H. His question dealt with why, after a heavy rain, his outdoor outlets would stop working. He said that his master bath has a GFI (Ground Fault



Ask Dad

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do about this.

Mike, that is one great question. In fact I have been asked this before so it is a good to talk about now.

First, what is a GFI (also referred to as a GFCI)? In the United States our electricity is 60-cycle alternating current. This, in simple terms, means

that the electrons flow back and forth through the wires 60 times every second. A GFI is an electric outlet with electronic circuitry that senses the alternating electric current flow through the "hot" (the narrow slot on the outlet) wire and the "neutral" (the wide slot on the outlet) wire.

This flow should be the same in both directions. If an imbalance of more than .005 amps occurs the GFI outlet is tripped, shutting off the electrical flow. This imbalance usually occurs when the electricity flows from the appliance through a person to the ground but can happen in other situations. Keep in mind that .005 amps are slightly below that which can disrupt a normal heartbeat.

Electric codes require that outlets servicing bathrooms, exterior outlets, garages, unfinished basements and several other locations be GFI. It is possible to have one GFI service several other outlets that are downstream from the GFI. This is the case in Mike's home as well as many other

homes. The GFI located in the bathroom also services the exterior and other outlets.

Mike correctly diagnosed what was happening in his home. During heavy rains one of the exterior outlets is getting damp. This moisture is causing just enough imbalance in the electron flow to trip the GFI, which is supposed to happen. This, in turn, shuts off all the outlets on that branch circuit. It is not possible to reset the GFI until the moisture has sufficiently dried.

What I suggested to Mike was that often the moisture gets into an exterior outlet because the gasket around a weatherproof outlet cover has deteriorated. You may be able to find a new gasket at an electric specialty shop but in all likelihood you will probably find it easier to replace the cover with a new one.

If the outlet is exposed to direct rain (not under an awning or other cover), I would suggest a domed weatherproof cover. These are made from either plastic or metal and will help shed moisture

from the outlet. They also allow you to have a cord plugged in the outlet, keeping it dry in any weather condition.

These covers are readily available at home improvement and hardware stores. If the outlet cover is mounted on an uneven surface such as a brick wall, I suggest putting silicone caulk on the top and side (not the bottom) of the outlet cover before installing it to help seal the rain out. Leaving the bottom open will allow the any moisture that does get into the outlet to quickly "bleed" out.

Good luck Mike. Thanks for the question and thanks for reading Ask Dad. Let me know how things work out for you.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

MEATOUT

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Natural Awakenings magazine.

Lectures, cooking demonstrations (including some by children), videos, exhibitors, literature and more are part of the event. It's geared toward everyone: the committed vegan who consumes no animal products whatsoever, those concerned about the environment and animals and the novice who is simply interested in eating healthier.

Plant based diets are hip. Celebrities who are going vegan range from actors Joaquin Phoenix, Bill Maher and Mary Tyler Moore, to athletes like Olympic runner Carl Lewis and triathlete Brendan Brazier.

Speaking at the event are a dozen experts including:

- Fitness and nutrition consultant Kerrie Saunders, Ph.D.
- Caroline Trapp, director of diabetes education and care for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.
- VegMichigan co-founder Jim Cocoran.
- Eileen Albrecht, mom on a mission for better health for children.

Restaurants offering food samplings include: Atom's Java and Juice and Moo Moos Organic Bistro in Grosse Pointe Park; Golden Gate Cafe, Detroit; Sugar Kisses and Inn Season Cafe, Royal Oak; A Taste of Ethiopia, Southfield; Udipi Indian Restaurant, Farmington Hills; Om Cafe and Xheda's Cafe,

Ferndale and more.

Food demonstrations include how to make Mexican pizza, chick pea and black bean salad with kale and corn saute, spicy black beans and tomatoes, served over quinoa, tempeh burgers, green smoothies, raw pesto salad, chocolate treats and kids making children's meals.

Now in its 23rd year, the Great American Meatout has become the world's largest grassroots diet education campaign as a response to information that Cocoran tackles in his lectures.

The recent announcement by the UN that global warming is caused significantly by animal factory farming that releases greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

Animal products are associated with heart disease, stroke, cancer and other chronic diseases that kill 1.3 million Americans annually, said Dr. Michael Greger, who will speak about diet and cancer prevention.

U.S. Dietary Guidelines recommend more consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole grains, and less consumption of saturated fats, cholesterol and trans fatty acids.

Vegetarian interest is increasing, especially among youths. Fast-food and other restaurants are offering healthier menu options, such as Burger King's veggie burger.

For details, visit www.veg-michigan.org or call toll-free (877) 778-3464.

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1 teaspoon dry mustard
½ cup ketchup
115 ounce can tomato sauce
French or thousand island dressing

Saute the onions and peppers in a large saucepan with one tablespoon extra virgin olive oil. Add the frozen crumbles and saute for about 10 minutes until thoroughly heated. Add remain-

ing ingredients. Simmer until thick, about 15 minutes. Serve on whole wheat hamburger buns and add Thousand Island or French dressing to taste.

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¾ cup self rising flour
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Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Mix flour and oats together. Stir in sugar. Fold in the margarine until the mixture becomes crumbly and lay two-thirds of it on an eight-inch square pan. Spread with a layer of jam, not too thick. Top with the remaining crumbs. Bake 25-30 minutes. Cool before cutting.

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The Pink Ceiling

Apprentice star says alpha females got her fired

By Wendy Von Buskirk

Jenn Hoffman attributes her recent loss on *The Apprentice Los Angeles* to "the pink ceiling."

The 26-year-old publicist from Phoenix was the 8th contestant Donald Trump fired from his hit reality show this season. As soon as she was sent packing, Hoffman began speaking out against the female team dynamics she believes ultimately led to her firing, and the firing of every woman on the show so far.

"Instead of the old boy's club there's a new girl's club, and the challenge is sort of crashing through the pink ceiling," she said.

Hoffman said she coined the phrase "the pink ceiling" to describe when women conspire against each other in the workforce, and she is putting together a speaking tour to address the issue. Hoffman has a master's degree in business and a bachelor's in communication and sociology with an emphasis in gender and family studies.

She also has plenty of experience working in a female-dominated field. There's only one male employee at the PR company where she works, and the owner created a virtual office to minimize problems inherent with an all-women workforce, Hoffman said.

"We work from home, because there was so much drama and water cooler conflict," Hoffman said. "When you work with a lot of women, they are very critical and there's a lot of time lost because they're too busy talking about what you are wearing, whether you gained weight or have chipped nail polish — petty, jealousy-oriented things unique to females."

Hoffman's team on *The Apprentice*, made up of women and one self-professed gay man, mirrored her situation at work,



Hoffman

and she began to draw parallels. The women on the show formed a clique, Hoffman said, and if you weren't in, you were definitely out.

"In all fairness, I can't say I didn't go along with it," she said. "It was just a bunch of women sitting around and deciding who I got what I deserved."

Of course, *The Apprentice* is just a show, and in the world of reality television, conflict is condoned. But Hoffman said she sees that mentality permeating the everyday workplace.

People are mistaking real life for reality shows, and emulating these highly heightened situations in order to be successful at work, she said. In reality, most situations are much less desperate.

Hoffman said playground politics, where grade-school girls ostracize others, are finding their way into the workplace.

"Many women are not like this, but those who stray are seen as being anti-social, too rigid, not playing the game, not part of the slumber party," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said she isn't bitter about her departure from *The Apprentice* and ultimately respects all her teammates on the show. She's leaving it up to The Donald to weed out over-aggressive alpha females.

On his TV show he encourages bad behavior because it gets him good ratings, she said. In the end he really does want to hire someone from the show, and ultimately will not hire someone who participates in this kind of behavior.

May the best woman win.

The Apprentice Los Angeles airs Sundays at 10 p.m. on NBC. Visit www.nbc.com.

Playground Politics

What's a grown-up girl to do if she sees 'pink ceiling' problems cropping up at the office? *Apprentice* alumna Jenn Hoffman offers tips:

Play with the Team

"I always encourage girls to be involved in team sports, and women to remember back to them," Hoffman said. She cited Angela, the *Apprentice* contestant who is a former Olympic hockey player, as being a positive force. "She is a level-headed person, better able to deal with a team climate than a sorority climate."

Confront the Situation

If you see these dynamics at work, don't suffer them in silence. Address problems in a non-confrontational way. "Just say, this is a professional workplace and personal feelings don't really have a place here."

Involve Management

Go to human resources and alert them of the situation without making it personal. "Don't tell on anyone specifically. It is very difficult to pinpoint and have actual proof. But just let them know that the corporate culture shouldn't be supporting those sorority tactics," Hoffman said. If you are a manager, police the office, and judge people on performance, not personality.

Abstain from Alliances

Remove yourself from cliques at work, or drop high-maintenance clients. The more independent you are, the less likely you are to regress to grade school tactics, Hoffman said. "Be part of the solution not the problem."

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Free Tea Seminars
The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop will host tea seminars every Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. beginning with The Properties of Tea on March 16 presented by Kristin Sanders, R.N. Learn about tea culture over a cup of hot tea. Donations relating to the tea experience such as cups, pots, linens, diffusers and table top décor are encouraged. The ACS Discovery Shop is located at 685 S. Adams in Birmingham. Call (248) 647-7467.

Call to Wholeness
The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills will present A Call to Wholeness, its 15th annual conference for women 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday March 17. The event includes workshops, a continental breakfast, lunch and prize drawings. Workshops will focus on self-esteem, making change in your life, transitions, stress, financial

Burned Out?
If you're feeling overwhelmed, Dr. Carol Ann Fischer can help. Fischer will present the free workshop Avoid Stress Burnout 6 p.m. March 21 at Noble Library in Livonia. Learn what you can do to handle stress through diet, nutrition, exercise and lifestyle changes. Seating is limited. RSVP at (734) 425-8588.

Baby Showcase
Welcome new arrivals in style with tips from Lisa's Gift Wrappers in Royal Oak. The shop will host its first Baby Showcase March 22-24 featuring wrapping papers and specialty gifts. Lydia Moul of Houston will showcase her "Welcome Sweet Baby" and "How Grand!" lines of collectible and antique jewelry. Lisa's Gift Wrappers is located at 28834 Woodward Ave. Royal Oak. Call (248) 547-9094 or visit www.lisasgiftwrappers.com.

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Futurists ponder what's next for women

Do women really want it all? Not necessarily, according to futurists Manan Salzman and Ira Matathia.

"There are many new segments of women emerging today, largely because the definition of 'having it all' is changing. It is becoming self-defined rather than society-defined," says Salzman. "Women are accepting, even embracing their imperfections and limitations as they realize that trying to be everything to everyone all at once is both unrealistic and unnecessary in a post-feminist world."

In conjunction with their new book *Next Now*, the pair have pinpointed top trends affecting women in 2007.

She's the Boss: As traditionally male work such as manual labor shrinks, women will fill the need for more educated workers in growth sectors such as information technology. In the U.K., female millionaires will outnumber their male counterparts in just 20 years, and women will own nearly 60 percent of the country's wealth.

Arranged Marriages: Many Westerners respond with a strong cry against this idea, but consider ABC's popular primetime show *The Bachelor*. Each season a bachelor selects a mate from prescreened partners — essentially an arranged marriage.

As we become ever more time-poor, watch as singles turn to their extended families and online services to make a match.

Atalantas: One of the most energized consumer groups today, these twentysomething single women are reveling in their me years, eagerly sampling life, love and leisure.

As with the coveted cohort of single males 18-34, the earning power and expendable income of Atalantas will rise with each passing year, making them an increasingly powerful demographic.

The Age Shuffle: Moms swap MP3 playlists with their daughters. Four of the five leading ladies on *Desperate Housewives* are over 40 but dress and behave a decade younger.

Meanwhile, twentysomethings are saving for mortgages and exploring retirement options. We are redefining 'young' and 'old,' and hardly any of us are "acting our age."

Alpha Moms: The new face of motherhood, a well-informed, strong, decision-making multitasker who wields great personal and consumer power. The modern mom is confident and in control. There's an Alpha Mom cable channel, and NBC aired a pilot titled *Alpha Mom* for its 2006-07 season.

Peereents: Parents are increasingly treating their kids more like peers. Peereents, a term coined by Schuyler Brown of Skyelab, work through issues with their children and share experiences candidly in a form of collaborative parenting.

Taking Back Tradition

Instead of aspiring to "have it all," many young women are now hoping to become full-time mothers.

This new attitude, rather than a step back for feminism, is liberating because women no longer feel pressure to have the perfect career, family, body and life all at once.

Today's twentysomethings feel older women got duped into believing this was doable — and burned themselves out trying to achieve it.

Cougars: Demi Moore and Sadie Frost are both with men 16 years their junior. From Tinseltown to your town, experienced and independent cougars will redefine the May-December romance, showing their male equivalents they're not the only ones who may trend younger in relationships. For men, the attraction will be in the emotional and financial maturity of older women.

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