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Susan Torgersen and her neighbors are concerned about the impact a proposed hospital will have on their residential neighborhood near Beck and Geddes

## Residents feel betrayed by hospital proposal

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

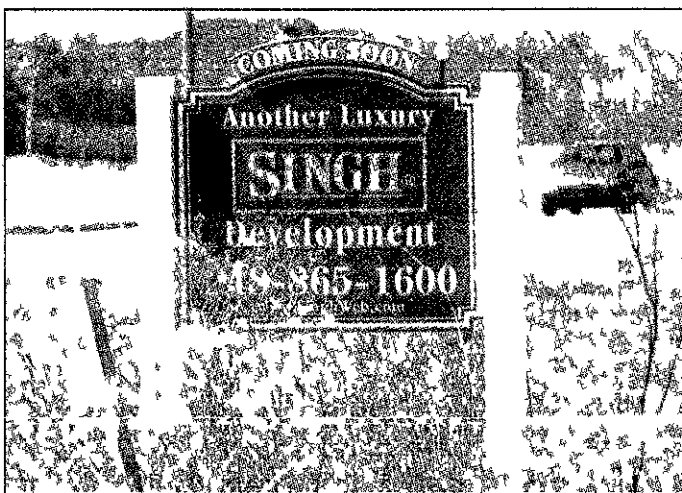
When her husband's career necessitated a move from Chicago to metropolitan Detroit in late 2004, Susan

Torgersen found her way to Charing Cross subdivision at Beck and Geddes

Torgersen says she saw promise for the budding development and was pleased with future plans that called for the construction of more homes and apartments

"There was a nice, suburban feel and charm to the area," she said, adding that the wooded area behind the upscale homes sealed

the deal for her and her husband, Robert. "We had quite a number of places to choose from and we did our homework



The sign near the corner of Beck and Geddes announces a subdivision, not a hospital

We liked this area."

Fast forward nearly three years

Torgersen now finds herself frustrated that Singh Development would like to scrap the second and third phases of the residential project and sell the land to Dearborn-based Oakwood Healthcare Systems. Oakwood wants to purchase 88 acres of land from Singh and build a 650,000-square-foot hospital on the northwest corner of the intersection

Although Singh still needs Canton officials to alter its planned development agreement to allow the Oakwood hospital, the company has raised the ire of some residents with recent newspaper advertisements touting Charing Cross as being "adjacent to proposed new state-of-the-art Oakwood

PLEASE SEE PROPOSAL, A3

## District officials discussing class size, teacher cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan has said all along the district's next round of budget cuts would affect the classroom and the delivery of curriculum, something he's tried to avoid in making more than \$8 million in cuts the past three years

Tuesday night, Ryan did what he's put off for several years, presenting to the Board of Education \$3.3 million in budget cuts which,

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if passed by trustees, will eliminate 40 teaching positions and increase class sizes across all grades

Ryan told trustees the teacher cuts — at \$60,000 for a new

teacher's salary and benefits — will result in a savings of \$2.37 million, the bulk of the cuts he's proposed. He said the final teacher layoff list, which contractually has to be approved by trustees before the end of April, could be adjusted depending on retirements, child care leaves and the status of those who remain on leave

Under Ryan's plan, class sizes will go up by one student in every grade level. At the elementary

PLEASE SEE DISTRICT, A3



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## All hail 'Footloose'

The Park Players, shown here during a rehearsal, will present their production of "Footloose," based on the 1980s screen version starring Kevin Bacon, March 22-24 and March 30-31 with 8 p.m. performances in the Gloria Logan Auditorium for the Performing Arts inside Salem High School. Tickets, which are \$10 for all shows, can be purchased 2:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the upper auditorium at Salem High School or at the door one hour before curtain on performance nights. Visit [www.parkplayers.org](http://www.parkplayers.org) or contact Kristen Quesada for more information by e-mail at [quesadk@pccs.k12.mi.us](mailto:quesadk@pccs.k12.mi.us) or by calling (734) 582-6836

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## Coming Sunday in Health



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### 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 every one is welcome.

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

### PCCS Showcase Concert

The PCCS Showcase Concert featuring the award-winning PCEP Festival Singers, com-

prised of the chamber choir and Madrigal Singers, will be held at 7 p.m. April 4 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased through the Village Theater Box Office or Web site at [www.cantonmi.org/village-theater](http://www.cantonmi.org/village-theater). A portion of ticket proceeds benefit the PCEP Choirs.

### New charge for PBT tests

Beginning March 26, the Canton Police Department will be implementing a charge for citizens requesting a court-ordered preliminary breath test (PBT). The charge per test will be \$10 for Canton residents and \$20 for non-residents.

Citizens requesting this service will be required to purchase a pre-paid PBT card in person, with identification, from the Canton Treasurer's Office located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Treasurer's office will accept cash as the only method of payment for this card. No refunds will be issued on any un-used portions of the card.

The Canton Police Department will continue to administer court-ordered PBT tests 24 hours a day, to cardholders with a minimum required balance on their card. Anyone with questions on the new card system may contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5410.

### Euchre tournament

Knockouts Bar in Westland will hold a euchre tournament 1-5 p.m. Sunday, March 25, to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Hike for

Discovery Program. The cost is \$25, which includes the entrance fee along with a pizza, pasta and salad buffet.

Hike for Discovery is an adventure fund-raising program that benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in finding a cure for blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and Hodgkin's disease. Money that is raised goes to research, support groups, educational programs and financial planning for afflicted families in Michigan.

The tournament is limited to 80 players with a guaranteed first-place pay-out. Knockouts is at 36980 Ford Road, east of Newburgh in Westland. For more information or to reserve a spot, call (734) 394-0599.

### LaJoy district hours

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will meet with constituents in the district from 7:30-9 a.m., Monday, March 26. LaJoy will be at the Donutown Restaurant, located at 562 Main Street in Belleville.

"I would like to invite the residents of my district to meet with me and provide their input," said LaJoy. "By voicing your concerns, I can better serve your needs in Lansing. If you are not available to meet with me during these scheduled office hours, I encourage you to contact me through my office."

An appointment is not necessary. Residents unable to meet LaJoy during the scheduled office hours can contact his Lansing office toll-free at 866-LAJ0Y21 or through e-mail at [philajoy@house.mi.gov](mailto:philajoy@house.mi.gov) to make an appointment.

### Corriveau events

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, will hold two events in Wayne on Monday, March 26. First, he will hold a coffee hour from 8-9 a.m. at the Cozy Corner restaurant, 35111 W. Michigan Avenue. Residents are invited to join Corriveau for a cup of coffee and to share their ideas and concerns.

At 7 p.m., Corriveau will hold a townhall meeting on the importance of strengthening education in Michigan at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road.

### Red Hat birthday celebration

Canton's five Red Hat Society chapters (The Crimson Chicks, Red Hat Peppers, Red

Hot Honeys, Red Hot Mermaids, and the Regalettes) will host a luncheon noon-3 p.m., April 18 at Summit on the Park in Canton. All Red Hatters in western Wayne County are invited.

The theme of the luncheon the first ever Canton Red Hat community-wide special event, is "Magic is in the Air." It will feature a buffet luncheon and entertainment by The Amazing Clark, a magician. There will be door prizes and Red Hat vendors. Tickets are \$27 for members and \$30 for others. Register at the Summit by April 2.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

### Chamber dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Dinner Auction from 7 p.m. - midnight on Friday, April 20 at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

This is always such a fun event. We have a silent, live and raffle auction items, entertainment and lots of activities planned throughout the evening, said Chamber President Dianne Cojei. Canton 500 is this year's theme, which offers a lot of possibilities for all of our race car enthusiasts.

Last year's event drew a record crowd of more than 500 attendees and featured more than 250 prizes from categories such as Home style, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Electronics, and many more. This year's auction is expected to draw a similar crowd and has already collected many great prizes that will be up for bid. Several of the more popular items include a Detroit Tiger World Series banner, overnight stays in local hotels, jewelry and much more.

Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public. Admission includes full buffet dinner, open bar, entertainment, and the opportunity to participate in the live, silent, and raffle auctions. Sponsorship packages that include tickets are available at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office or via e-mail at [eventscoordinator@cantonchamber.com](mailto:eventscoordinator@cantonchamber.com). For more information, visit the chamber's Web site at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com) or contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

This year's auction is sponsored by Lou LaRiche.



### On to the nationals

Detroit Country Day eighth grader Nithya Vijayakumar, who lives in Canton, earned first place in the Oakland County Regional Spelling Bee on March 10. Her winning words were "carambola" (a star-shaped fruit used in Chinese cooking) and "bombardier" (the member of an aircraft crew who operates bombing equipment). Nithya competed against four other Oakland County top spellers in a final round of competition, which was televised locally on WXYZ. Nithya advances to the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. to be held during the last week in May.

Chevrolet and other local businesses.

### Grief support group

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

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

### 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.

### Ambassadors fund-raiser

A People to People Student Ambassadors group from the Plymouth/Canton area is having a fund-raiser for a community relations visit to China. Plaza Lanes bowling alley is hosting this fund-raiser on March 25 from 1-4 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$15 for which you get to play three games and get a hot dog and pop. This group will be traveling this summer from June 30 to July 16.

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# 'Little' theater hosts big production

Sondheim musical takes Second Stagers 'Into the Woods'

BY PATRICIA FILIOS  
CORRESPONDENT

For the next two weekends, the Dubois Little Theatre at Canton High School transforms into a enchanted forest where anything can (and does) happen in their musical production of *Into the Woods*.

The Stephen Sondheim production runs March 22-24 and March 29-31. Doors open at 8 p.m.

With princes and princesses, giants, a witch, and almost every fairy tale character created by the Brothers Grimm, Second Stage Players brings a touch of childlike wonder to the stage in what critics call one of Sondheim's most "masterful musicals."

According to Canton High School drama teacher and founder of Second Stage Players Shannon McNutt, the play tells the story of a baker and his wife who seek to lift a witch's curse which has left them childless. They venture into the woods to encounter a most intriguing cast of almost every the fairy tale character you've ever known.

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Rapunzel (Maggie Burr) loses a lot of hair to the evil witch (Caitlin Eckel)

for the common goals and needs, McNutt said. There's a wonderful song in the show, *You Are Not Alone*, with the line, 'you decide what's right, you decide what's good, but you are not alone.' Each character has a selfish, though not necessarily bad wish and ultimately, they come to understand that there are consequences for every action good and bad.

Freshman Kelly Filios, who plays Little Red Riding Hood, said, 'This show makes you laugh out loud one minute and wipe tears from your eyes the next. I like how the characters develop. Nobody who goes in

to the woods comes out the same.

Like in many theatrical productions, the cast and crew have bonded as a family. Emily Hoernschemeyer, a senior who plays the baker's wife, said, 'This is my first show ever. I'm thrilled to be part of such an amazing show with an absolutely fabulous cast.'

For Carolyn Benages, it's just plain fun to act out a childhood fantasy.

Everything about playing Cinderella is wonderful - I've always wanted to be a princess, she laughed.

### MUSICAL CHALLENGE

Music director for the show Jennifer Kopp said anyone familiar with Stephen Sondheim knows his music is extremely challenging. As a result, she said, lots of high schools and community theater groups shy away from *Into the Woods* because of the difficulty of the music.

We chose to do the show because we were confident we have students who are not only actors but also phenomenal singers here at the Park," Kopp said. "The cast is doing a great job, working intensively on the music and conquering it. It's been a wonderful learning experience because it's not just a matter of getting the notes right. They are actually per-



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The Second Stage Players present "Into the Woods" at the DuBois Little Theatre in Canton High School over the next two weekends.

forming and interpreting the music with the understanding and feeling the composer intended."

Second Stage players opened for the first time at Canton's Dubois Little Theatre in the fall of 2004. Prior to that the only theater venue for the Canton, Salem or Plymouth high school students was Park Players at Salem High School.

This is the little theater that does really big things, said assistant director Lauren Kozak. We select plays and musicals appropriate for a smaller venue and it's more demanding because with smaller casts, everyone has to

be a top-notch performer."

With only 285 seats, the Second Stage Players found it necessary this season to do more performance to accommodate their audiences.

"With our last production, *Little Shop of Horrors*, we had to turn away almost 200 people who wanted to see the show and because of the popularity of *Into the Woods*, we knew we would have to add extra performances," Kozak said.

Is there an advantage to being the smaller theater company at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park? Though admitting there are some drawbacks, McNutt

enthusiastically sees the positive side.

"More hours go into putting on plays with limited space, we have no storage, no scene shop, no permanent light and sound equipment which means we have to haul it out and set up for each production multiplying the amount the work," McNutt said. "But, the wonderful part is that this is an intimate venue for ensemble casts and the kids get great hands on experience that just isn't available at a theater with all the amenities in place."

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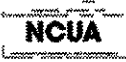
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in the opposite direction, are not always stopping," said Lt. Bob Kerr. According to state law, when a school bus activates its red lights, traffic that is overtaking or meeting a bus is to stop. "The only time this does not apply is when a median is dividing traffic, such as on Michigan Avenue," Kerr said. The entire law can be accessed at [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov) under MCL257.682. Police officials remind motorists that school bus drivers can also provide information on violators for police

to issue violations. A ticket issued for failure to stop for flashing red lights on a school bus carries a \$225 fine and adds three points to a person's driver's license. Flashing yellow lights on a school bus should be considered the same as a yellow traffic signal, warning drivers to prepare to stop. Kerr said motorists need to remember the main reason for the law. What drivers really need to remember is not only does running the red lights on a school bus break the law, it puts our children's lives in jeopardy, he said.

## Musical excellence

### P-CEP bands earn top rating at district festival

It couldn't have gone much better than it did for the four Plymouth-Canton concert bands taking part in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's district 12 festival, held March 9 at Churchill High School in Livonia. The PCEP Varsity, Concert, and Symphony Bands, and Wind Ensemble — the district's four concert bands comprised of high school students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools — all earned the highest-available ratings. The bands are under the direction of Mr. Marc Whitlock and Ms. Amy Boerma. More than 50 area bands made of student musicians in grades 7-12 participated in the weekend event. The district festival evaluates the ensemble's musical knowledge and execution. Each ensemble must play three prepared selections, which are heard by three adjudicators. Each adjudicator gives the ensemble a letter



All four Plymouth-Canton bands competing in Friday's district festival earned a Division I, the highest rating possible at district competition.

grade in the following areas: tone, intonation, rhythm, technique and interpretation. The letter grades are averaged and equated to numbers. The highest mark is a I rating and is equivalent to a letter grade A, a II rating is similar to a letter grade B, and a III rating a grade C, and so on. Each ensemble sight-reads two pieces for an adjudicator and receives a rating. The two scores are averaged together for a final rating. A Division I is the highest rating that can be achieved at the District Festival level. All four Plymouth-Canton bands received a Division I rating. The Plymouth-Canton bands are 'a model of excellence for all bands in the country,' according to one of the judges.

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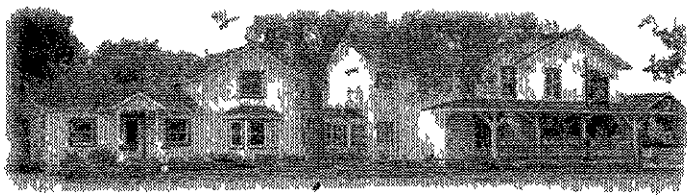
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## Craft show raises more than \$10k

The recent Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble at Canton High School drew some 1,200 people and raised more than \$10,000 to help defray the \$500,000 operational costs of the Plymouth-Canton band programs.

Now the band programs are going to say thanks with a free performance of the two Winter Guard units and the Winter Drumline.

The performance takes place 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

More than 95 artisans and crafters displayed their work at the juried ensemble while visitors throughout the southeast Michigan area attended. The Coffee Beanery Cafe, located in Plymouth Township, served up a catered lunch of fresh sandwiches, wraps, coffee and soup for the crowd.



The recent Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble, organized by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Boosters, drew an estimated 1,200 people and raised more than \$10,000.

Live entertainment of student musicians was featured throughout the day in the main exhibit area. Also, video footage was displayed showcasing the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band.

The volunteer parent group known as the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters orchestrated the fund-raising event. The Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble is held annually the

second week of March, usually when the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band begins recruiting for the summer/fall season. Incoming eighth-graders, their parents, and interested musicians and color guard performers are encouraged to attend a March 21 informational meeting at the Plymouth High School band room at 7:15 p.m. to learn more about the 2007 marching band program.

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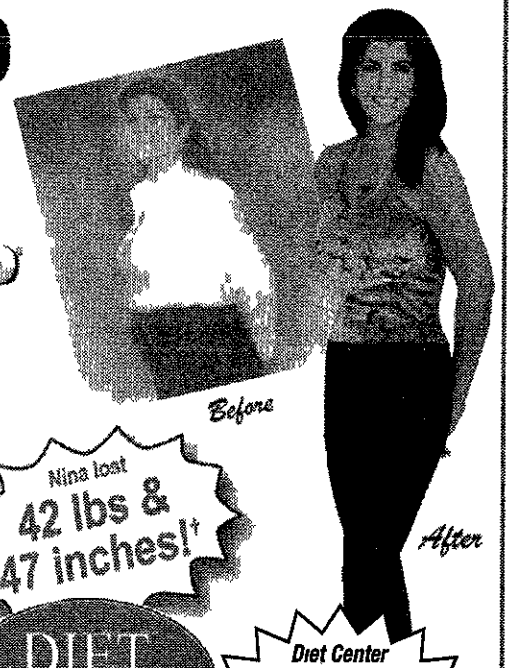
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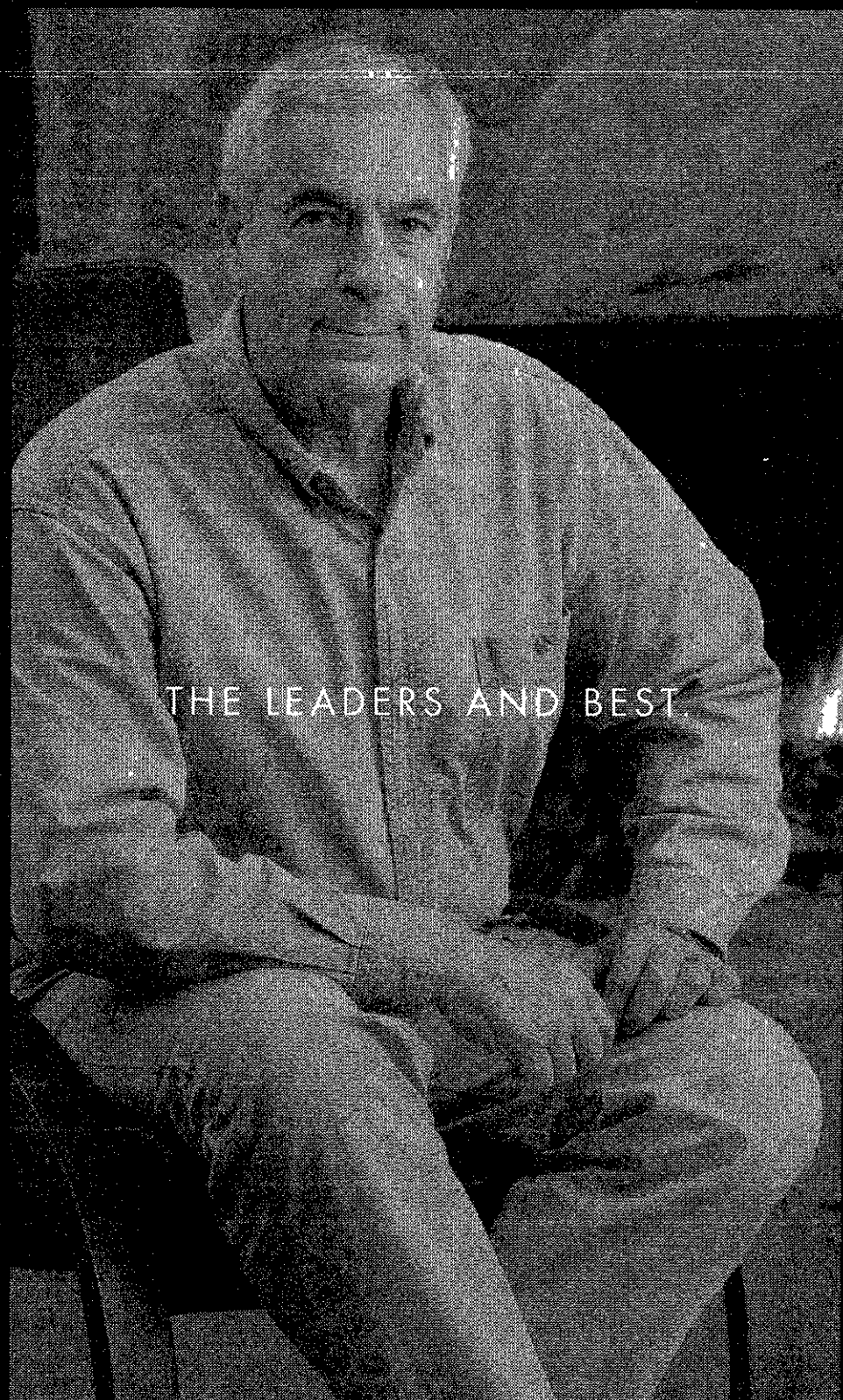
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# Concentrate on what you keep in your pocket

As 2006 tax returns are being prepared, I hear from clients and many others at local seminars about increased tax liability. The general consensus is this is a bad thing. When questioned about the increased tax liability, I don't treat it as a negative but rather a positive. Not that I think the money will be well spent by the government because I don't. The fact they are paying more in taxes is a good thing because it means that they made money.

My focus when it comes to taxes is to concentrate on what ends up in your pocket as opposed to the tax man's pocket. When your primary focus is on taxes, it is on the wrong place.

One question I always ask at seminars is who has as one of their main financial goals to lower their taxes. A substantial number of participants will raise their hand. My next question is why they don't want to win the \$3M lottery. If they win the \$3M lottery, it's going to cost \$1M in taxes. Of course, everyone wants to win the lottery because it's all about what ends up in our pocket. This simple example demonstrates the absurdity of having your primary focus on taxes.

Concentrating on what ends up in your pocket doesn't mean to ignore taxes. The key is to be smart and let the tax law work for you.

For example, if you're saving for a child's college education using a 529 Plan, the Michigan Education Savings Plan makes



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sense. When you use MESP, you can deduct the contribution off your Michigan income tax return. All the income generated by the plan grows tax-free and you have a very good investment with low costs.

Another example of this is to take advantage of the Roth IRA which allows money to grow tax-free, not tax-deferred.

I am always very suspicious when financial salespeople want to discuss the tax savings of an investment as opposed to the economics. Whenever anyone talks taxes first, I generally know that they are putting their emphasis in the wrong place.

There are many strategies that attempt to lower your taxes. As far as I am concerned, the great majority of them make no sense. Yes, they lower your taxes, but they do not increase your wealth.

I see it all the time when people invest in tax-free bonds and think it is a great strategy because it lowers their taxes. The problem is if they would have invested in a taxable bond and paid the taxes, they would have netted more money. Once again, the concentration should always be what ends up in your pocket.

One strategy I use – which does have the effect of lowering

taxes and at the same time doesn't compromise returns – is the placement of certain investments. When someone has a taxable and a tax-deferred account such as an IRA or a 401(k) plan, I try to put investments that generate ordinary income in the tax-deferred account while items that will receive capital gains treatment are kept outside of the tax-deferred account.

Capital gains rates are substantially lower than ordinary income rates and if I'm going to defer my taxes, I would prefer to defer items that produce ordinary income, not income that is taxed at capital gain rates.

Capital gains rates are at an all-time low. If I have to pay taxes, I would rather pay at my capital gains rate vs. my ordinary income rate.

Our tax laws are complicated and ever-changing. What is a good tax strategy today may not be a good tax strategy next year.

However, no matter what the government does with tax laws, the basic strategy remains the same and that is never let the tax tail wag the dog. Concentrate on what ends up in your pocket and you will make the right decision.

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Principal Carolyn Witte welcomes Mercy parents Marty and Janet Malloy.

## Spring auction blooms with success

A spectacular spring fling was had by all at the 28th annual Mercy High School Auction, dubbed Mercy's Garden. Where Minds Grow, held March 3 at the Farmington Hills school.

About 450 proud parents, students, staff, alumnae and friends filled Mercy to bask in the garden, dine on delights and bid with heart on 624 silent and live items.

Throughout the evening there were plenty of high bids on the Detroit Tigers Groundskeeper for a Day, Bob Seger and Red Wings tickets, trips to Maui and

tickets to see Dr. Phil in Hollywood.

A highlight of the live auction was when a friend of Mercy raised a paddle for a generous bid of \$6,000 for the Mercy High School Administrative Team 7-course dinner.

The crowd was on their feet applauding as an outstanding second and then third matching bid were placed, all in an effort to be served a fine feast by members of Mercy's administration.

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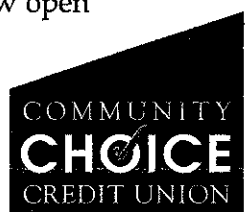
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# Perceptions are always at play when our schools are involved

I recently received an e-mail from a reader who was really peeved about our coverage of the announcement last month that Cantons Walker-Winter Elementary School earned a Blue Ribbon Award from the state board of education.

I have to admit I was a bit surprised by the woman's note, considering it was our lead story on the front page. But she was upset because our story didn't mention that Walker-Winter is a Wayne-Westland school — until the third paragraph. By waiting that long, she thought we were trying to mislead readers into thinking the school was part of the Plymouth-Canton district.

I think she was off-base, but, in the last paragraph of her note, she does bring up a valid point about perceptions when it comes to public schools in the area.

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

She is certainly right that there is a perception out there that children attending Plymouth-Canton Schools are getting a superior education to those children who happen to live within the Wayne-Westland or Van Buren districts. To back this up look no further than the cost of real estate. I'm told Canton homes in either the Wayne-Westland or Van Buren districts run \$50,000 less than those in the Plymouth-Canton boundaries and that is based solely on the perception of the school districts.

Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy, who says about 2,300 Canton children attend schools in his district, and other Wayne-Westland officials will come together tomorrow afternoon at Walker-Winter to celebrate the Blue Ribbon Award achievement. And I certainly think it is a grand achievement for not only Walker-Winter but the entire Wayne-Westland district. The main reason it helps break down those dreaded perceptions the letter writer alluded to.

I think it proves you can get a quality education in Wayne-Westland. Walker-Winter, which is located on Michigan Avenue east of I-275, was one of 23 elementaries in the state, and one of just three in Wayne County, to earn the award this year. According to state officials, the award recognizes schools that have achieved outstanding improvement in delivering a quality education to students.

And this is just the latest feather in Wayne-Westland's cap. The district recently dedicated a 12,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art addition to Wayne Memorial High School's Alumni Arena — a \$4.3 million project that added a fitness room, basketball court, and a room with batting cages and a practice area for golf.

Most of the cost was paid for with funds from a sinking fund millage district voters approved in 2003 that is expected to raise about \$28 million over 10 years, which the district has been using to upgrade its facilities. Anyone who has recently been to Wayne-Memorial in particular can see what dividends the sinking fund has paid. The high school campus has been dramatically improved and is reminiscent of a college campus. Schools across the district similarly have been upgraded.

Plymouth-Canton officials have been hoping to do similar upgrades, but district voters have shot down three straight bond measures that would have paid for them. Now, the district is looking at making serious budget cuts that could even impact the classroom.

Still, the perception that Wayne-Westland is inferior persists.

Sometimes, though, I wonder if these perceptions are less about the actual schools than they are about who attends the schools. Baracy says the main reason Wayne-Westland is seen as inferior is there are no \$400,000-plus mansions in the district like there are in Plymouth-Canton. The district is certainly much more blue-collar.

Undoubtedly some will disagree with me, and argue that Plymouth-Canton schools perform better on standardized tests than their Wayne Westland counterparts. This is true. But anyone who is honest with themselves will admit socio-economics play a major factor in test scores. Again, it is about who attends the school and not the teachers and administrators or schools.

Let's face it, even within Plymouth-Canton Schools similar perceptions exist that some schools are better than others.

Does anyone remember the flap a couple years ago when Plymouth Township residents living in the upscale Heather Hills and Rolling Oaks subdivisions blasted the district's plan to move their children from Burd Elementary to Farrand Elementary? While in public they argued they were against the move because of long bus rides and that test scores at Farrand were worse, it became known the real reason they were upset was because their children would have to go to school with children from a nearby trailer park. If that were to happen, they argued, the value of their homes would drop.

You could also see an intra-district animosity rear its ugly head during the last two bond elections between residents living in Canton, where a new middle school was going to be built, and those in Plymouth, who complained all the money was going to Canton — despite the fact that the vast majority of the district's recent growth has been in Canton. Plymouth voters overwhelmingly voted against the bond measures — a major factor in their defeat.

I guess the point I'm trying to make is these perceptions are always evident when it comes to our public schools. And that's probably because they play such a vital role in the quality of life we all want for our families. But perceptions don't make or break a school's ability to teach.

I have to admit, I've often fallen into the same trap of believing Plymouth-Canton is a superior district than Wayne Westland — and I'm a product of John Glenn High School (I'm not sure if this is an endorsement or indictment of the district). Looking back, I have fond memories of the education I received there. I had great teachers who cared about their students. I'm sure the same can be said for Wayne Westland's teachers today — not to mention those at Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren or any other district you want to look at.

So I salute the students, administrators, teachers and parents who will come together tomorrow at Walker-Winter. My guess is they probably won't be thinking about the fact that some consider them second-class citizens in Canton. Because they certainly shouldn't be.

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## LETTERS

### Be consistent

Oakwood is proposing building a 650,000 square foot medical campus on the northwest corner of Beck and Geddes. Let's go back to Jan. 24, 2000, when a drugstore was proposed on the southwest corner of Beck and Geddes, as part of the Chatterton development. The Planning Commission meeting minutes describe the drug store as follows:

The commercial element consists of 3 acres, to be used for the development of an approximately 22,600 sq. ft. neighborhood shopping center. In both concept plans, the commercial element has been reduced to serve residents within 1-2 miles of the site, and intended to contain a drug store, either stand-alone or with a few additional stores. The commercial element is also very residential in appearance with a lot of brick, clock tower, and a 2-story appearance."

This commercial element was not approved as part of the Chatterton development. The most outspoken commissioner was Melissa McLaughlin, who is documented in the same meeting minutes as stating the following:

In regard to the commercial component, Mrs. McLaughlin said that the Township has had a fairly rigid line of demarcation that there would not be any commercial development west of the Canton Center Road corridor, other than limited commercial in the Cherry Hill Village. She said that when commercial was discussed for the Central Park development, residents as far north as Ford and Beck Road asked the Township to not allow it. She added that a lot of healthy commercial development is occurring at Canton Center/Michigan Avenue, and although it won't be neighborhood shopping, it will be reasonably close to pick up everyday items."

In the same meeting's minutes, resident Cecil Thomas, 47765 River Woods, said that he moved to River Woods Subdivision because there was not supposed to be any commercial development on the west side of Beck Road.

Planning Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson said that the whole Commission feels that way.

Now let's fast forward to the present. Oakwood is proposing a 650,000 square foot medical campus more than 28 times larger than

the aforementioned drug store. It will draw people from a much larger radius than the 1-2 miles documented for the drug store. Based on all the above, how can it possibly make sense that this is the right location for this medical campus?

During the Oct. 23, 2006 Planning Commission meeting, Oakwood representatives stated that the intended use of the land was institutional, not commercial, so the statements made by the Planning Commission back in January 2000 did not apply to them.

I couldn't disagree more. This medical campus will provide services for fees rendered, be open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and draw people from miles and miles around. This, in my book, makes the proposed use of the land no different than any other commercial entity.

Tom Earles  
Canton

### Health in the workplace

This letter is in response to your March 11, 2007, article on wellness programs in the workplace ("Reducing health care costs, diseases"). Bravo to Linda Chomin for the comprehensive reporting on employers' ability to affect positive health changes in their employees through worksite wellness programs.

The proposed Wellness and Prevention Act of 2007 benefiting employers who offer health screening and disease prevention programs is a move in the right direction for a healthier Michigan. To truly improve the health and well-being of Michigan residents, we need to meet them where they live, be it the workplace or the marketplace.

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BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The Christian Peace Witness taking place in Washington, D.C., last weekend drew the Rev. Bryan Smith and his 15-year-old daughter, Julia, along with a number of others opposed to U.S. involvement in the Iraq war.

The Smiths, Canton residents, flew to the U.S. capital Thursday night, accompanied by fellow Geneva Presbyterian Church members Lindsey Anderson, a student at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, and Adam Delezenne, whose fiancée is enrolled at McCormick. Bryan Smith, pastor at Geneva in Canton, observed Christians across the spectrum of the faith at the protest.

"It was something I felt I needed to do," Smith said. "For me, the Christian faith is one that requires engagement."

The protesters met Friday at the National Cathedral for worship and walked to Lafayette Park across from the White House. Earlier that day, they had training on nonviolent resistance which he found helpful.

As an American, Smith believes the war has made things worse and has not resolved terrorism. More than 3,000 U.S. service personnel have died, and up to half a million Iraqi civilians are dead.

Smith, 46, questions national resources devoted to the war. "People hit by Katrina still can't get their homes rebuilt. The way our nation uses its resources greatly disturbs me."

He's also concerned about the president being identified as Christian and that conveying the idea the war is just. "Not all Christians agree the war is just," Smith said.

He's also working out his own faith and convictions, noting

Jesus didn't condone violence. Smith had known those teachings but is learning to take more seriously how to love enemies and not destroy them.

That's the obligation Christ lays upon us to oppose evil without violence.

There was a separate protest in which participants met at the Lincoln Memorial and marched to the Pentagon. In Smith's general group, some were arrested for refusing to disperse while praying.

He found the event organized and planned well, so didn't worry about his daughter's safety. Smith's not sure such protests have a great impact in the political arena.

There's no current U.S. draft, he noted, so average middle-class people aren't seeing their sons and daughters impacted. Voters did send a statement in the 2006 election, he said.

His hope is that more

Christians might be willing to speak out more in their churches. "I think there's been a lot of fear used. People worry about being labeled unpatriotic," he said, but he'd like to see peaceful, rational discussions on the war.

Smith also learned more about the methods of slain civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who promoted social change without resorting to violence.

Daughter Julia didn't fear for her safety in D.C.

"I'm glad I got to experience that. It was really exciting to be part of a huge group of people. She could feel the energy."

It's not a just war, said the younger Smith, a home-schooler who recently wrote a paper on the Iraq war. "We didn't have a just cause for going into Iraq. It's just not just."



Protesters marched to Lafayette Park across from the White House.

A Republican friend of hers also young, agrees U.S. involvement in the war is wrong, she added.

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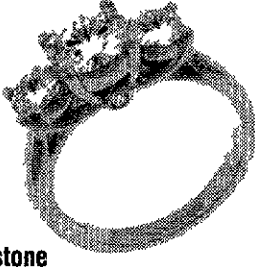


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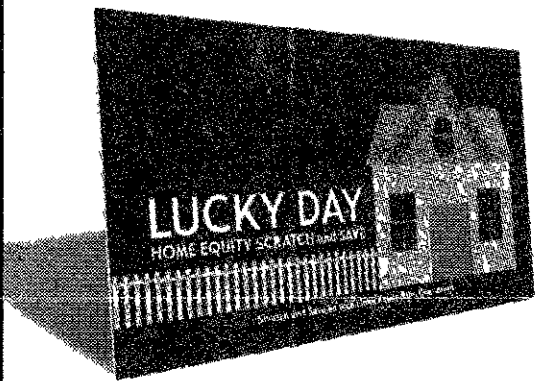
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## Parade celebrates Greek heritage

The Greek Community of metropolitan Detroit will celebrate Greek Independence Day on Sunday, March 25, 2007 with a parade in downtown Detroit.

The parade will start at 3 p.m. and will proceed on Monroe Street from Woodward to the heart of Detroit's Greektown. The parade will be led by the Grand Marshall, Philip Christopher, vice president of the World Council of Hellenes Abroad and World Coordinator for Cypriots. His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit, and political dignitaries, including representatives of the Michigan Legislature, Detroit City Council, and Consulate of Greece in Chicago will also lead the parade.

A unit of 'Evzones' from Boston who replicate the famous Greek Presidential Guard, will march in full uniform with precision military maneuvers. Participating in the parade will be over 40 marching units representing Greek Orthodox churches, Greek schools, dance groups, university clubs, and cultural organizations from metropolitan Detroit and nearby communities including Windsor, Toledo, Flint, Ann Arbor, and Lansing. Numerous floats will be included in the parade.



A float celebrates Greek history in the 2006 Greek Independence Day Parade in Greektown.

After the parade, a short program will be held near the end of the parade route. A proclamation from the State of Michigan honoring Greek Independence Day will be presented, signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and all four Greek-American members of the Michigan Legislature, State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland), State Senator John Pappageorge (R-Troy), State Representative Fran Amos (R-Waterford), and State Representative Bob Constan (D-Dearborn Heights).

Senator Carl Levin will present a proclamation on behalf of the U.S. Government.

After the program, dancers in colorful ethnic dress will perform a variety of Greek dances representing the various regions of Greece.



Marchers in traditional Greek clothing lead the 2006 Greek Independence Day Parade in Detroit's Greektown.

The Detroit Greek Independence Day Parade was revived in 2002 after an absence of over 30 years. It is

sponsored by the Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee, a non-profit corporation.

## Local pet owners worried about food recall

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

On Monday evening Dr. Brad Davis spent two hours returning phone calls from pet owners concerned about the recall of all 'cuts and gravy' style dog and cat food produced by Menu Foods Inc. at its Emporia, Kan., facility between Dec. 3 and March 6.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration released information about the recall of Menu Foods pet food packaged in cans and pouches on Saturday, March 17. The products were sold in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

There have been reports of cats and dogs developing kidney failure after eating the recalled food, and more than 14 have died as of the March 20.

For a complete list of the 51 affected dog foods, and 42 cat foods, visit [www.menu.com](http://www.menu.com).

The plant code number is 4197. For recall information, call 1-866-895-2708.

Davis suggests if pet owners suspect their dog or cat could be ill from eating the recalled pet food to call their veterinarian. Symptoms include increased thirst and urination, lack of appetite, and vomiting or diarrhea.

Davis says he has treated

animals with these symptoms, which are the same as renal failure, at VCA Animal Hospital of Garden City. The question remains is it because of the food. One dog Davis diagnosed in February with renal failure meets all of the criteria, including eating the recalled food.

"Call your veterinarian. He or she can check the blood for kidney function," said Davis, medical director of VCA Animal Hospital of Garden City and a columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"There's a lot of different food recalled. Hills and Science Diet, it's a voluntary recall, but they haven't had a case. I talked with them yesterday. It depends on the type of food. The problem isn't with all the food. Dry is safe right now."

A spokesperson for Roosevelt Veterinary Hospital in Plymouth said calls from worried pet owners were still coming in Tuesday morning. So far, the hospital staff hasn't treated any dogs or cats sickened by the recalled pet food.

Roosevelt Animal Hospital staff is warning pet owners not to feed any of the contaminated food to their animals.

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## Ficano hosts 3rd stormwater summit

The Wayne County Departments of Environment and Public Services will hold the third Stormwater Summit on Friday at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Fairlane Center, 19000 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn.

The event will update and educate municipal governments, engineers, developers, and environmentalists on the county's Stormwater Ordinance, which was adopted in 2000 and updated late last year.

The ordinance is required by state and federal law, and helps to improve water quality and habitat while controlling

flooding.

County Executive Robert A. Ficano will kick-off the morning event with an explanation of the his new 'One Stop' permitting process for Wayne County businesses. The goal of the CEO's initiative is to have all county permits approved in 45 to 60 days.

"The County's system of permits is essential to protecting the public health, environment, and safety, and we want to be the leader in making the permitting process fast and fair for our County's job creators," Ficano said.

For program details on the Stormwater Summit, call (734) 326-3936.

## Comcast holds youth talent hunt for TV ads

First, there was "American Idol," then "Grease: You're the One That I Want." Now the Comcast Casting Call presents an opportunity for young aspiring actors and actresses to make their debut. Comcast is the latest group to look to the general public to find a new "star." The Comcast Casting Call is a talent search for an 11 to 15-year-old Michigan resident - and the winner will be featured in an upcoming advertising campaign.

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This is a fun and different way to find the next face and voice of Comcast in Michigan," said Luis Casanova, vice president of Communications and Public Affairs for Comcast's Michigan Region. "We're excited to involve the community and looking forward to finding the next local Comcast spokesperson."

In addition to being awarded a contract from Comcast,

the winner will be awarded the ultimate media package: an HDTV, home computer system, digital phone system and a free year of Comcast Cable, Internet and Digital Voice.

Both professionals and amateurs are eligible to enter this talent search, as long as they meet the age and residency requirements.

From the auditions submitted online, 10 finalists will be selected by a panel of eight

judges and the finalists will participate in a live audition on Saturday, March 31, 2007.

To view the rules, regulations and directions of the Comcast Casting Call and to submit an application and audition, visit [www.comcastcastingcall.com](http://www.comcastcastingcall.com).

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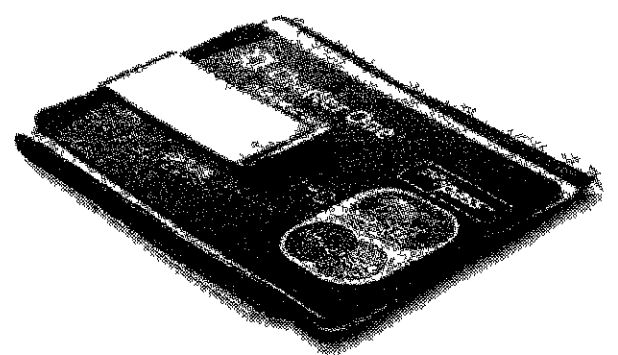
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MARCH

God's amazing grace

Frank Turner, former anchor for Channel 7 News of Detroit, shares 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.

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.

Lenten concerts

12:35 p.m. Thursday, March 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.

Lifeline screening

Residents living in and around the Bloomfield Hills community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Thursday, March 22, in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's, 165 East Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Pre-registration required. Call 1-800-324-1851.

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 are open to all. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Lenten fish fry

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 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 for whiting, \$5 for catfish sandwich, \$4 for whiting, \$1 for sides of spaghetti, coleslaw and green beans.

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.mensfellowship.com](http://www.mensfellowship.com). Day includes speakers, 2:30 p.m. Mass, confessions, available throughout the day.

Communion breakfast

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church hosts the Presbytery of Detroit's first annual Men's Lenten Communion Breakfast Celebration, Saturday, March 24, at the church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia.

The Communion service is at 8 a.m. followed by the breakfast at 8:45 a.m. The Rev. Jack Stewart delivers the keynote address at 9:30 a.m. Stewart recently retired as professor of evangelism at Princeton Theological Seminary. The event is open to all men of the community. Cost is \$10. For reservations, call (313) 345-6550 or (866) 345-6550, or the Rosedale Gardens church office at (734) 422-0494.

Blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at St. Kenneth Church, Five Mile and Haggerty, Plymouth. No appointment necessary.

Lenten Mass

Bethany Suburban West hosts a Lenten Mass, 9 a.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Felician Sister Chapel at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft (use Newburgh entrance), Livonia. 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.

Depression recovery

Trapped by depression? Depression Recovery Program began 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Cherry Hill Church, 33144 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. You can be happy again! Call (734) 673-5917 for more information.

Sunday services

Dan Streng, who was installed March 4 as church pastor, is leading services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is at 10 a.m., followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study takes place 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

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.

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.

Lenten dinner

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. At St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. Cost is \$6. Tickets available at door.

Jesus Unmasked

A sermon series with the Rev. C. Allen Kannappell, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, March 25. Unafraid, April 1: The Crucified God; April 8: The Unconquered at Anglican Church of Livonia in the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road. For more information, visit [www.hischurch.us](http://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 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](mailto:mmatsko@twm1rr.com).

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.

Midweek Lenten program

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

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 6:30 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 childcare available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to [MargyBurkhart@wardchurch.org](mailto:MargyBurkhart@wardchurch.org).

Who is he?

The Aerokhanas are flying into town. This group of teenage athletes love getting high, not on drugs, but on AcroSport, a combination of acrobatics and gymnastics. Why do they do these

incredible stunts? To get the attention of thousands of kids across Michigan each year and let them know it's better than getting high on drugs or alcohol. They will be performing 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Northville High School gym at 45700 Six Mile west of Sheldon before Beck, Northville. This very talented team will also be performing a Youth Impact Dramatic Play on the Life of Christ, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 30, in the Metropolitan Adventist Church, 15585 Haggerty north of Five Mile, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 420-4044. There is no charge for performances, but a donation will be taken to help defray travel and expenses.

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.

Southern gospel singing

7 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. New pastor Dan Streng invites everyone to enjoy The Journeymen. The only remaining original member of the group, Big John Bledsoe, is lead singer and a native of Livonia. For more information about the church or the concert by the male quartet, call (734) 425-6360.

Bethany together dance

8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, March 31, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster road, Redford. Proper attire, \$12 admission. For details, call (586) 264-0284. 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.

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. 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 the 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 Sundays 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, Sun. Rise Service at 8 a.m. Worship Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. for children (childcare for four-year-olds and under at both services), April 8, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, Call (248) 476-8860 or visit [www.nardinpark.org](http://www.nardinpark.org).

Church members wanted

The Solid Reformed Protestant doctrine and the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible may finally come together in a new church in your area. If you're interested in this type of preaching and teaching, write to Reformation Revival, P.O. Box 6156, Plymouth, MI 48170-0156 or send e-mail to [www.psalm12verse6@yahoo.com](mailto:www.psalm12verse6@yahoo.com) for more information.

UPCOMING

Holy Week activities

9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 1, children are invited to a festive Sunday school program (the children will lead the parade of palms for 10:30 a.m. worship which begins with a walk through Jerusalem). Maundy Thursday worship, 7 p.m. April 5, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia, call (734) 422-6038. Two Good Friday services, April 6, 12:30 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail east of Newburgh road, Livonia, call (734) 422-0149 and 7:30 p.m. at Redford, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly south of Plymouth road, call (313) 937-3170. And Easter Sunday, April 8, 7 a.m. Sunrise worship at Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh south of Eight Mile, Livonia, and 10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia, call (734) 422-6038.

Easter cantata

Once Upon a Cross by Randy Vader, Jay Rouse and Camp Kirkland, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

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, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 427-1414. Regular church services, 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.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org).

Good Friday drama

12 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.

Women's retreat

Deadline for registration is April 7. Retreat takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 960 Hubbard, Livonia. Cost is \$25, includes continental breakfast and lunch. For information, call (734) 422-0494. Keynote speaker is Rev. Carol Bechtel, professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland. Retreat features workshops, fellowship, Cokesbury Bookstore.

Monthly dance

8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster road, Redford. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716. 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.

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.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Peace pilgrimage

On Monday, April 9, a group of religious leaders and people of good will leave metro Detroit headed for the Middle East on an 8-day trip to help bring reconciliation to the children of Abraham. They will be going to support the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI), a project of the Universal Peace Federation. The MEPI focuses on bringing peace through the reconciliation of religious leaders. Participants will visit rabbis and imams with the spirit of love, service and dialogue. This is the 20th MEPI pilgrimage to the Middle East in the last four years. If you are a religious leader or person of good will who would like to join the pilgrimage, call Edward Taub at (313) 822-5553 or send e-mail to [etaub@provide.net](mailto:etaub@provide.net) for an information packet.

Wine tasting

Friday, April 13, at the St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. Admission is a dish of food to pass and \$5 at the door. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

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.

Retreat for widowed

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.

Monthly meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, Saturday, April 21, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road on the north side of the street, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. 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.

Hidden Secrets film

Debuts 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, a new feature-length movie that explores just how explosive it can be when your past becomes your present. Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia, and Commerce

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HAROLD W. "REX" RECTOR

March 19, 2007, age 88. Loving husband of Florence for 67 years. Dear father of Sandy Champe (Bill) and Heather Jenkins (Bill). Also survived by eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Beckwith. Memorial Service at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver), Friday, 11 AM. Family will receive friends Thursday, 5-8 PM. Memorial Tributes, Freeman Wilner Foundation, Rose Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile Road, Suite 103, Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com).

MARILYN MADGE CRESSWELL

Age 87 of Charlevoix, Michigan, formerly of Rochester, N.Y. Died Thursday, March 15, 2007, in Placida, Florida. Private family services were held in Florida. Burial will be held at Wildwood Cemetery in Chesaning, Michigan, on Monday, March 26, 2007, at 11:30 A.M. A Luncheon will immediately follow the burial at the Bonny Mill Inn in Chesaning, Michigan. Born in Owosso, Michigan, on August 7, 1919. Parents: Edward and Lesla (Bailey). Miller. Graduated from Chesaning High School in 1937 and Central Michigan Teaching College with a bachelor's degree in education. Married to Hugh Pat Elmer Cresswell in Petoskey, Michigan, in 1943. Resided most of her life in Rochester Hills, Michigan. She retired in 1987 from Rochester School District, completing her career of 40 years of teaching elementary education. Marilyn was a fun-loving, very gracious, elegant lady who had a wonderful sense of humor, a generous spirit, and always had a positive and optimistic outlook on life. Her strength was insurmountable. She and her husband, Pat, enjoyed spending their winters in Placida, Florida. She loved her career in teaching and was very devoted to the children she taught. Survived by: Devoted husband of 63 years, whom she loved dearly, Hugh Pat Cresswell of Placida, Florida; One Son, James T. & Candace Cresswell of Harrison Township, Michigan; One Daughter, Mary Jane & David Jack Brillman of Pittsburgh, PA; Three Grandchildren: Jon Cresswell, Alex Brillman, & Laura Brillman, whom she loved with all her heart. Predeceased by her parents and two brothers, Bob Miller and Edson Miller. Memorials may be made to Cara Cresswell Memorial Scholarship Fund at Alma College. Online condolences to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, St. Louis Chapel.

MARY ALICE "MICKIE" BEYER

March 17, 2007, Age 79 of Plymouth. Member Plymouth Garden Club and Plymouth Rotary. Anns Beloved wife of the late Robert O. Beyer. Dear mother of Susan (David) Hicks and R. Michael (Nancy) Beyer. Grandmother of Sarah Elizabeth (Daniel) Holliday and the soon to be born Alice. Leaves numerous step grandchildren and step great grandchildren. Sister of Freda Gale Carl Schuster, Gretchen Heeren, and the late Anne Bakhaus. Alfred Schuster and Betty Moe. Also leaves numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held Wednesday at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth. Contributions suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church or Rotary International Foundation. Share memories at [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com).

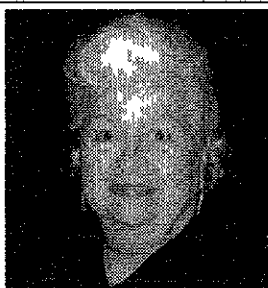


ROBERTA COLE HOLCOMB

Saratoga Springs, Birmingham, MI. Died Friday, (March 16, 2007) at the home of her daughter in Saratoga Springs. She was 83. Born on July 14, 1923, in Pontiac, MI. She was the daughter of the late Louis H. and Marie Kaufman Cole. Roberta attended Kingswood School, Cranbrook, and earned her BA degree in Philosophy & Psychology from Michigan State University and her MA degree in Library Science from Wayne State University. While in college, she was an active member in Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. In addition to her parents, Roberta is predeceased by her husband, Albert W. Holcomb, of Birmingham, MI, her companion of 18 years, Ed Shile, of St. Petersburg, FL, one sister, Virginia Cole Newcomb, of LaCanada, CA, and one brother, Louis H. Cole, Jr. of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Survivors include one son, Gary S. Holcomb, and his wife, Jeanette, of San Diego, CA; one daughter, Andrea H. Gardner, and her partner, Tim Shoen, of Saratoga Springs, NY; four grandchildren, Scott Holcomb and his wife, Melissa, of Manhattan Beach, CA; Chad Holcomb, of San Luis Obispo, CA; Ashley Gardner, and her partner, Kevin Wood, of Saratoga Springs, NY; and Rachel Gardner, of San Francisco, CA. She is also survived by two great grandchildren, Alex and Peyton Holcomb, of Manhattan Beach, CA. There will be no public calling hours and burial will be private in Michigan, at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to Community Hospice of Saratoga, 179 Lawrence St., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Arrangements are under the direction of the William J. Burke & Sons/Bussing & Cuniff Funeral Homes, 628 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, (518) 584-5373. Online remembrances may be made at [www.burkefuneralhome.com](http://www.burkefuneralhome.com).

MARGUERITE E WEBSTER

Age 88, formerly of Redford. Loving wife of the late Howard Beloved mother of Richard (Bethan) of Belfour, WA; Brian (Debbie) of Sterling, CO; and Daniel (Vicki) of Howell. Six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. A farewell service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Redford, gathering 10:11 a.m. at church. Memorials to Aldersgate. Please leave a message of comfort for Marguerite's family at 877-231-7900 or sign her guestbook at [borekjennings.com](http://borekjennings.com). Arrangements by Borek Jennings Funeral Home, 517-546-0100.



ELSIE PAULINE (TOLONEN) PRECOBB

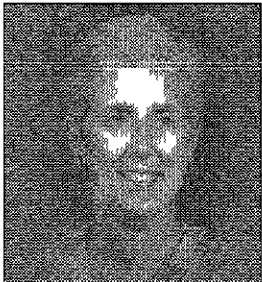
February 26, 2007. Beloved wife of the late John E. Precobb. Loving mother of Sue A. (Precobb) Rucker and Carol M. (Precobb) Leurck. Grandmother of six and great-grandmother of nine. She was cremated in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd. (south of Ann Arbor Trail), on Friday, March 23, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Hospice of Chattanooga, Inc., would be welcome.

CHARLES VICTOR BOOTH

Age 83 of Rochester, formerly of Petoskey, March 18, 2007. Loving husband of Mary Ellen for 58 years. Dear father of Charles V. III (Cherry) Booth and Wendy Booth (James) Boyd. Grandfather of James Patrick Jr. and Charles Matthew (Nikki) Boyd. Brother of McAllister Booth. Charles was the owner of H. H. Schultz Company, member of the Orchard Lake Country Club, Walloon Lake Country Club in Petoskey, graduate of University of Michigan and was an Army Air Force WWII veteran. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials to Walloon Lake Trust or American Cancer Society Arrangements in the care of the Potere Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester. Online guestbook: [www.modetzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.modetzfuneralhomes.com).

JON LEE BRIMHALL

Age 44, died March 9, 2007. Loving father of Kim and David Brimhall. Survived by loving family members: grandmother, Bessie, father, Leland, sisters, Susan, Marilee, Wanda, Angie, and foster sister, Molly; brother in law, Danny; nieces and nephews, Derek, Justin, Damien, J.R., Mike, David, Justin, Jessica, Dawn, and Lancy, and Jasper.



ELMER (nee BELL) EMOREY

Age 80, March 18, 2007. Beloved wife of Howard. Loving mother of Kathy (Steve Anderson), Emory, Martha (Ron) Ryan, Lee (Glen) Maygery, Proud Grandmother of Kyle, Jenna, Erin, Neal, Rachel, Rebecca, and Roland. Visitation at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak, on Thursday, 4-8 p.m. Instate Friday at First United Methodist Church, Royal Oak, from 10:30 a.m. until time of Service, 11:00 a.m. Memorials to Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, Rose Hill Foundation, or Alzheimer's Association. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).



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

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

**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

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**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**  
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# We're on the trail to spring at long last

Ninety degrees curious coatumundis, foot-stabbing jumping cholla cacti, and extremely grungy new friends. That's what I face today as you read the paper, sip coffee and watch spring flirt and fight with remnants of winter. I find myself sun soaked and sweaty at GPS coordinates 33 degrees 14 819 minutes north and 111 degrees 8 918 minutes west in the Northeast corner of the USGS 7.5 minute Mineral Mountain map. A knife, Pulaski and a mule hauling water are essential. Almost forgot, a compass and a topographic map are strapped to my pack straps. Anyone who relies solely on GPS, that direction dispersing automated God in a Box when they travel off the beaten track is a fool.

Where am I? Sort of on the Arizona Trail, near Picketpost Mountain, some what southeast of Apache Junction and the Superstition Wilderness. Lots of old mine shafts abound and the ghosts of wars, loves, conquest and shattered dreams of proud peoples seem to flicker behind every giant Saguaro. So does



On Nature

Jonathan Schechter

the occasional elf owl

I better explain what I mean as sort of on the Arizona Trail. Every now and then I feel a need to indulge my love of wilderness and adventurous spirit. Guess I am an addict. Wanderlust fever hit. And so I grabbed the back pack and hooked up with a Sierra Club trail stewardship team. When my week is done so will a small uncompleted section of this wild and wonderful narrow band of earth that stretches all the way from Utah down to the Mexican border. Some thought it odd that in my free time - and temporarily jobless to boot - I paid Sierra Club for the honor of working on a desert trail thousands of miles from my home. It was almost as if they regarded me as a freakish over-energized human oddity of PT Barnum.

Come and see this wretched beast forgotten by man and God alike. But I never have been a Myrtle Beach vacation type of guy rolling over every now and then in salty sunshine like a turkey on a rotisserie waiting for the stuffing.

Michigan has great trails. One day, our big Up North trails will stretch out like the arms of giant Saguaro Cacti and link with such wonders as Wisconsin's 1,000 mile Ice Age Trail.

Today in Oakland County our lives are enriched with the perennial favorite trails: the Paint Creek Trail, Polly Ann and Clinton River Trails as well as the much used and loved trail West Bloomfield Trail.

One day in the not too distant future that trail that passes the nature preserves heron rookery will link at both ends to other trails.

Talk to Gary Werner, the executive director of the partnership for national scenic and historic trails and he says the Arizona Trail offers grater diversity than any other comparable trail in the U.S.



Frogs are a sure sign of spring

Perhaps one day I'll do the entire 500 mile trek that encompasses 12 different life zones and climb up and down from 1,700 feet to 9,600 feet cross seven mountain ranges, four rivers, goes around five lakes through three national parks, four national forests and ranges in elevation from 1,700 feet to 9,600 feet.

That big trek must wait. But I'm greeting spring stubble faced, sleeping under stars with the old icon of the west - moon-howling western coyotes as my songster companions. That's my Five Star living. Just have to remember to shake boots in the morning. Scorpions and western diamondback rattlers don't like being jabbed by toes at sunrise.

Want a local service project? Laurel Malvitz at malvitzl@michigan.gov. For the big adventures, sierra-club.org. You never know where the trails of life and adventure lead.

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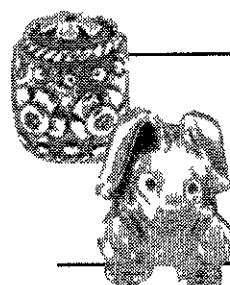
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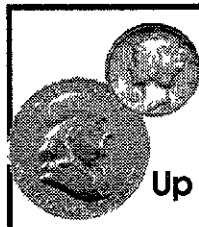
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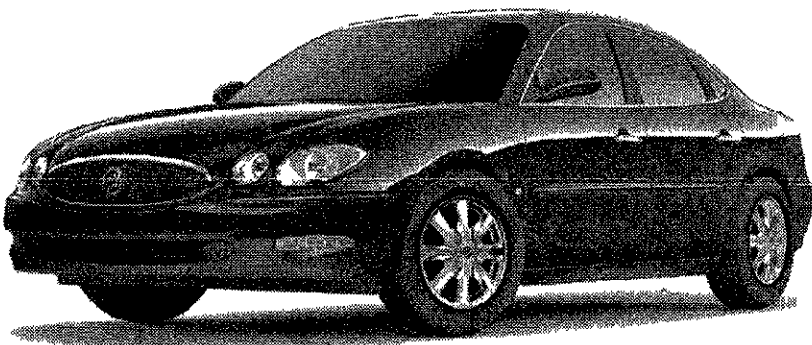
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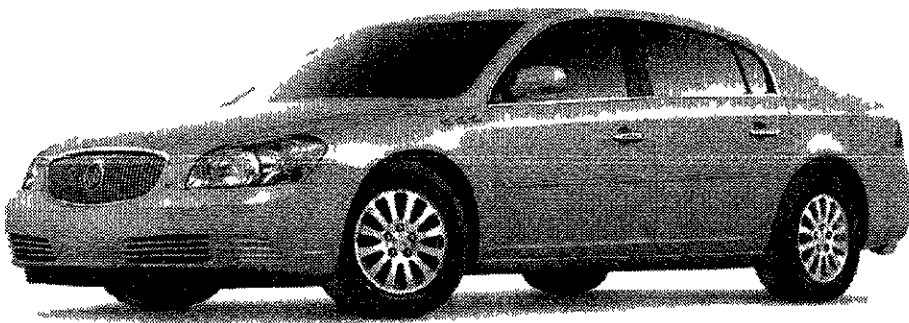
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P CEP figure skating team co-captains (from left) Kaitlin Forster, Kirstin Forster and Katie Summers hold three of the trophies the team has earned this season. The squad qualified for the Michigan High School Skating Series state championships set for March 31 in Bloomfield Hills.

## SKATING TO STATES

■ **Who:** P CEP figure skating team — a self-funded squad consisting of 41 Plymouth, Canton and Salem students. Figure skating is not an MHSAA recognized sport, but team members can earn varsity letters.

■ **What:** The team competes in a series of one-day competitions throughout the metropolitan Detroit area from October through March. Earlier this year, the P-CEP skaters qualified for the Michigan High School Skating Series state championship meet by placing third at its District meet.

■ **When:** The 15-team state championship event is set for Saturday, March 31, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.



P CEP figure skater Jennifer Hunsaker performs a shoot the duck move during a February practice at the Plymouth Cultural Center.



The P-CEP figure-skating team is led by (from left) coach Barb Miller, manager Ellen Kolarik and coach Suzie Smith.

## Spins, grins and wins

### Figure skating series offers fun, competition and medals

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The range of skills on display at a typical P-CEP figure-skating team practice stretches from lean-on-the-boards-for-support wobbly to flawless-flying-spin smooth.

However, the determination the 41 members of the seven-year-old program put forth is all the same: gold-medal quality.

Despite being limited to once a week, one-hour practices at the Plymouth Cultural Center, the P-CEP skaters have earned a coveted berth in the March 31 Michigan High School Skating Series State Championships at the Detroit Skating Club.

The team — which is made up of students from Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools — earned its state-meet ticket by placing in the top three in a 10-team district event held earlier this year. Michigan is divided into five districts — four in the lower peninsula and one in the UP.

The range in the girls' abilities is pretty wide," said Barb Miller, who coaches the team

along with Suzie Smith. "At our first practice this season, some of the girls were holding onto the boards for support while others were doing perfect spins and spirals."

The best thing about this team is that they all work hard and it's amazing how much a lot of the girls improve considering we only practice one hour a week. A lot of the more-experienced girls practice on their own in addition to our practices. What's really nice to see is that some of the less-experienced girls are starting to take skating classes because they like the sport so much and they want to get better.

### 'K'APABLE CAPTAINS

The P-CEP contingent is led by captains Kaitlin Forster, Kirstin Forster (no relation) and Katie Summers, all seniors who didn't even realize there was a high school figure-skating team until their freshman year at their respective schools.

"I don't play any other sports, so the figure-skating team gave me something to be involved in," said Kaitlin.

PLEASE SEE SKATING, B2

## 2007 OHL Playoffs Preview

### Hottest team on ice

### Whalers look to carry sizzling play into playoffs

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The pivotal moment in the Plymouth Whalers' 2006-07 regular season unfolded not on a sheet of ice, but in a locker room.

Not long after the Whalers had suffered their fifth consecutive loss (a 5-2 setback at Kingston) on Nov. 5, Head Coach Mike Vellucci gathered his skaters for a heart-to-heart discussion on what he expected from them during the final 51 games of the season.

"In so many words, I told them in that team meeting that I knew we were a championship team, even though we weren't playing like one at the time," said Vellucci. "I told them if they played up to their potential, this could turn out to be a very special season because I knew we had a lot of talent on this team."

"Our turnaround started right after that meeting. Whatever was said during the gathering should be bottled and sold. The Whalers have rolled to an incredible 41-5-5 record since the locker-room doors opened on that cold November afternoon, finishing with a 49-14-2-3 record (103 points), an Ontario Hockey League West Division title and the second-most points in the entire league (London notched 104).

The Whalers will take aim at the franchise's first league championship since 1995 on Saturday night when they host Guelph in Game 1 of a best-of-seven OHL first-round playoff series. The opening faceoff is set for 7:05 at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The Storm finished third in the OHL's Midwest Division with a 33-23-3-9 mark.

### ROUND OF 'GUELPH'

■ **What:** Round 1 best-of-seven series of Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

■ **Who:** Plymouth Whalers (49-14-2-3) vs. Guelph Storm (33-23-3-9).

■ **When:** Game 1 is Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Game 2 is Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Guelph. Game 3 is Tuesday at 7:05 at Compuware. Game 4 will be Thursday, March 29, in Guelph.

■ **Beware the 'D':** Led by stellar goaltenders, both teams yielded less than three goals per game.

■ **Tickets:** Are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400, or by visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Even though we had a great regular season, every one here knows the job is not done yet," said Vellucci. "The regular season is over now and the only thing a lot of people remember is how well you did in the playoffs."

"All eight teams that made the playoffs in the

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Plymouth Whalers defenseman Brett Bellemore finished the regular season with an Ontario Hockey League-best plus-48 in the all-important plus/minus category.

## Bellemore big plus to Whalers

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

As the number of "healthy scratches" grew on Brett Bellemore's stat sheet early this season, so did the level of frustration in the Plymouth Whalers' 6-foot-4, 193-pound defenseman.

A healthy scratch — as Bellemore can readily explain — means that you're fit enough to play in a game, but you don't because your coach doesn't think you're one of the top 20 players — or, in his case, one of the top six defensemen — available.

It may be the most humbling stat in hockey and it flattened Bellemore's season faster than a jet-propelled Zamboni — at least

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## Sidelines

### In search of elite coaches

Is there a youth sports coach you know who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to make your child's athletic experience a memorable one?

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Please e-mail the coach's name, phone number and the sport he or she coaches to [ewright@hometownlife.com](mailto:ewright@hometownlife.com) no later than Sunday, March 25.

### YMCA soccer

The Plymouth Family YMCA's spring soccer leagues are forming for children between the age of 4 and 11. Practices begin the week of April 9 and games start Saturday, April 11.

There will be eight practices and seven games. The cost is \$68 for program members or \$85 for community members. All participants will be required to purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 28. If you are interested in participating or coaching your child's team, please call (734) 453-2904 for more details. For more information, visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

The Plymouth Family YMCA is also accepting registrations for its fall soccer programs, which are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Diesel tryouts

Tryouts for the Detroit Diesels, a minor league football team that plays its home games in Livonia, will be held Saturday from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at High Velocity Sports, which is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton. Everyone 18 and older is eligible to try out. The registration fee for tryouts is \$30.

The team is also looking for assistant coaches.

For more information, call (313) 294-0890.

### 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 [pmyers@hotmail.com](mailto:pmyers@hotmail.com).

# 'Mr. P' will be greatly missed

They all called him Mr. P. George Prybyla was a stand out leader in the local bowling scene. Sadly, he passed away last week, preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Natalie, by only 18 days.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

George was born on July 18, 1914, in Hamtramck. During WWII, he served as a sergeant in the Army Air Corps based in the China India theatre.

George was well known for his many years as proprietor of Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. He had a great passion for the sport of bowling and he and his father built the Nortown Bowling alley in 1940.

In 1962, he opened Thunderbowl with 50 lanes and it was later expanded to its present complement of 96 lanes, making it the second largest bowling center in the USA. Throughout his years, Prybyla served the bowling community in many capacities. He was a member of the Bowling Proprietors Association of Michigan for 60 years and

served as president in 1978. He was instrumental in bringing the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame to a home of its own, finding suitable space right in the concourse of Thunderbowl Lanes. George was inducted into the hall of fame in 1980.

The Detroit All-Stars have called Thunderbowl Lanes their home for many years. Some of the area's strongest leagues, both men's and women's, are based there as well.

It also became the host site of the annual John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament every August and the annual Old Timers Tournament in November. Both events became highly successful under George's leadership.

He was quite an innovator and when George talked, people listened. He was highly respected everywhere and by all who knew him. George Prybyla will be missed by many.

Now there are nine. That is the number of senior bowlers in the Mayflower Wednesday Men's Senior Classic to score a perfect game this season.

Last week it was Bill Holloway of West Bloomfield with a 300 game. That same day also featured Rich Walczuk of Flat Rock who bowled an 800 series.

Circle May 2 on your calendar. That's the date of the USBC

Queens finals from Charlotte, N.C. Five of the world's top women bowlers will be competing for the top prize of \$30,000.

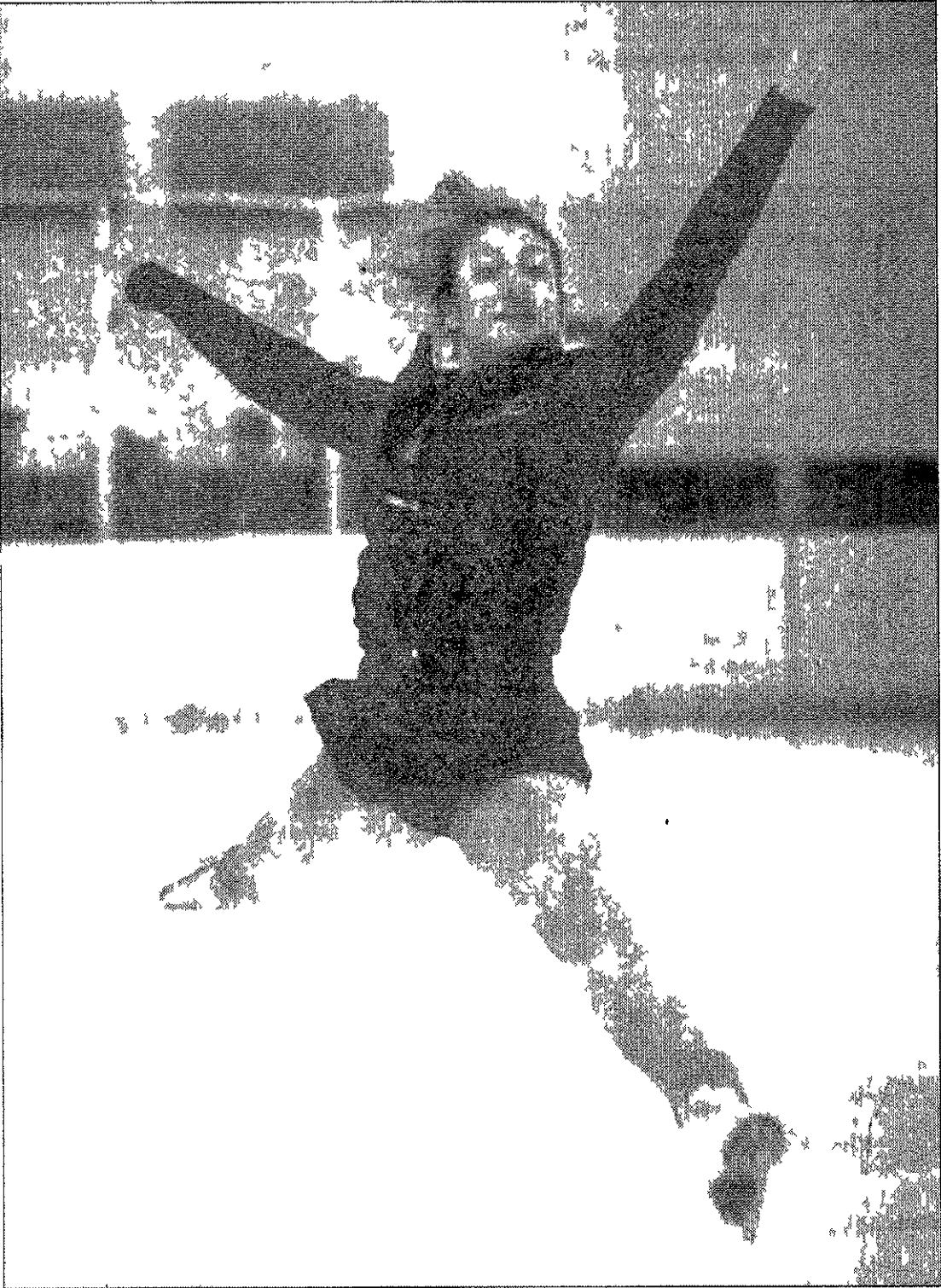
Three hundred women bowlers will be shooting at a total prize fund of \$200,000. The IV finals will feature the five finalists who survive the four days of qualifying and match play. If you miss it, it will be re-aired at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, on ESPN.

It's not just the old guys in senior leagues with those 300 games. How about 13-year-old Michael Nadratowski? He rolled a perfect game on March 4 in the Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic at Lodge Lanes.

Michael averages 191. His older brother, 17-year-old Dan, is pretty good, too. He averages around the 200 mark.

Both boys started bowling at the age of 5. Dan has also won a \$1,000 scholarship prize in the Westland Bowl Youth Tournament. A good measure of their success is due to the lessons they took with Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen at Country Lanes. Their proud parents are John and Kim Nadratowski of Canton.

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PCEP skater Kiki Kazi performs a split jump at a recent practice.



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## SKATING

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Forster, a Canton student. It's nice, too, because you don't have to be really good to participate.

The team has grown a lot since we were freshmen. Added skaters who also attend Canton. I think it's 125, so the team is first year and now we have 40.

We don't get big crowds like they do for soccer and football, but we have a lot of teammates who cheer us on.

## TRIPLE THE FUN

Multi-team competitions are held on Saturdays from October through March. Each competition is divided into three ability-based levels - A, B, and C - so that competitors are performing against skaters of their own skill level.

Four girls from each team are selected by their coaches to participate in a series of three elements - spins, jumps, and moves. Scores are awarded by five judges and team points are distributed accordingly.

## THREE SCHOOLS, ONE TEAM

Listed below are the members of PCEP figure skating team and the schools they attend.

**Plymouth:** Katie Alber, Ally Ciotti, Meredith Citkowski, Danielle Desilets, Kaitlin Forster, Bernadette Franklin, Pooja Kamani, Kiki Kazi, Shelby Locklear, Diane Postel, Jasmine Revels, Brooke Siepierski, Laura Sigler, Tara Stacey, Victoria Vlcek, Paige Wojcik, and Ashley Zaborowski.  
**Canton:** Alyssa Albers, Nan / Balewski, Melissa Buck, Eva DeBeliso, Karma Elchani, Kirstin Forster, Jennifer Fortais, Harmsha Hoggatt, Sarah Kopchia, Lauren Larsen, Allison Laurin, Kelsey Mason, Jillian Miller, Kirstie Newall, Ellita Perez, Jordan Puskar, and Katie Summers.  
**Salem:** Erika Hursaker, Emily Mire, Rachel Pawlowski, Amelia Peer, Leah Przytulski, Elyssa Rautiola, and Olivia Ziegler.

The team concept is stressed, so the girls are never told their individual scores, said Smith.

Following the basic element performances, the scores are tabulated and trophies are awarded to the top three finishing teams in A, B, and C. A longest element competition is then held that allows the

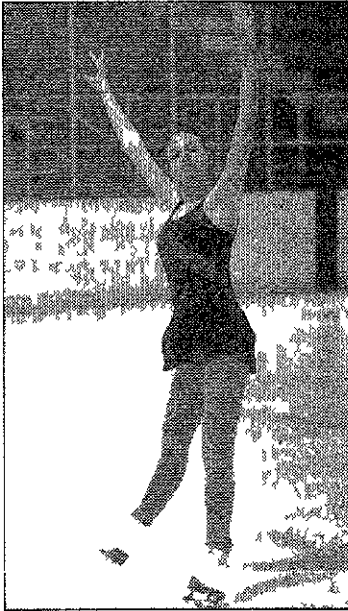
more accomplished skaters to try challenging moves like the flying spin, the sit spin, and the Ina Bauer. Longest element results do not factor into the team competition.

"We're totally self-funded," said team manager Ellen Kolank. "It's a lot like the cheer teams - it's not a varsity sport, but the girls do earn varsity letters. As of now, we're not recognized by the MHSAA, but our goal is to be recognized at some point."

Kolank said the average participation cost for each skater is roughly \$300, which covers the cost of the practice time at the Cultural Center as well as entry fees for the competitions.

"We do a lot of fund-raisers, too," said Kaitlin Forster. "Last summer we organized some car washes and the money we raised helped us pay for the new dresses that we wear during competitions."

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PCEP skater Jennifer Fortais works on her spread eagle routine at a recent practice at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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### WHALERS

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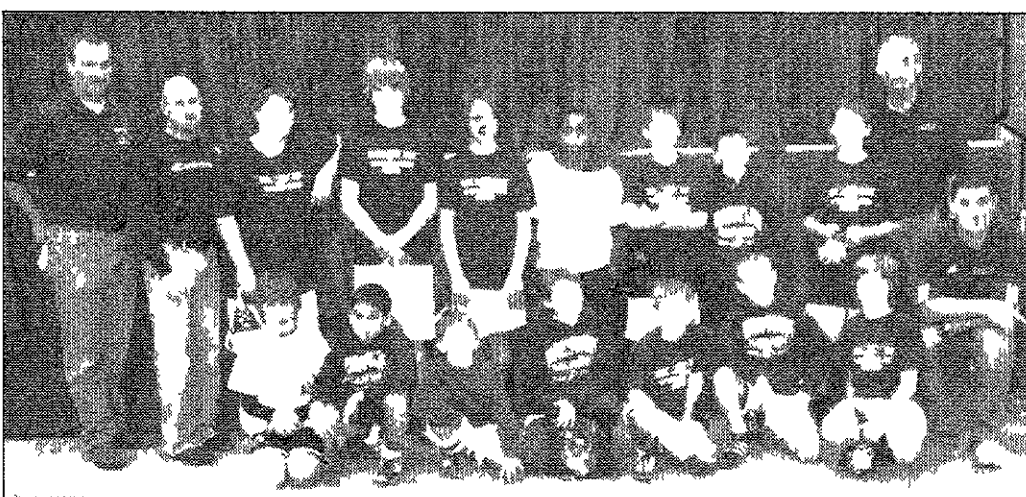
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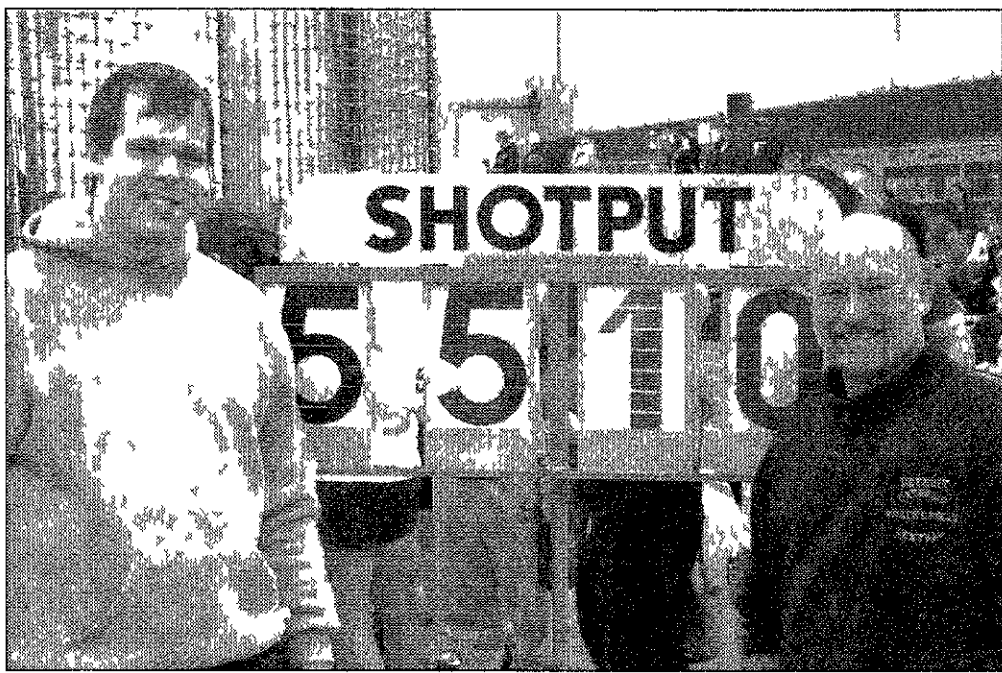
### Getting their 'Kicks'

The Plymouth Kicks 98 soccer team won the Boys U-9 Division 1 championship at the National Indoor Soccer Tournament held at Total Soccer in Fraser last month. Playing against teams from North Carolina, Chicago, Ohio and Grand Rapids, the Kicks tied first game before winning the rest to win their second consecutive national indoor title. The team consists of Bowen Burdette, Cooper Cormier, Matt Cook, Ben Ethier, Michael Kulczycki, Tyler Laurentius, A.J. Santavy, Aidan Shennan, Brian Sockow and Dante Toppi. The team is coached by Rich Kulczycki.



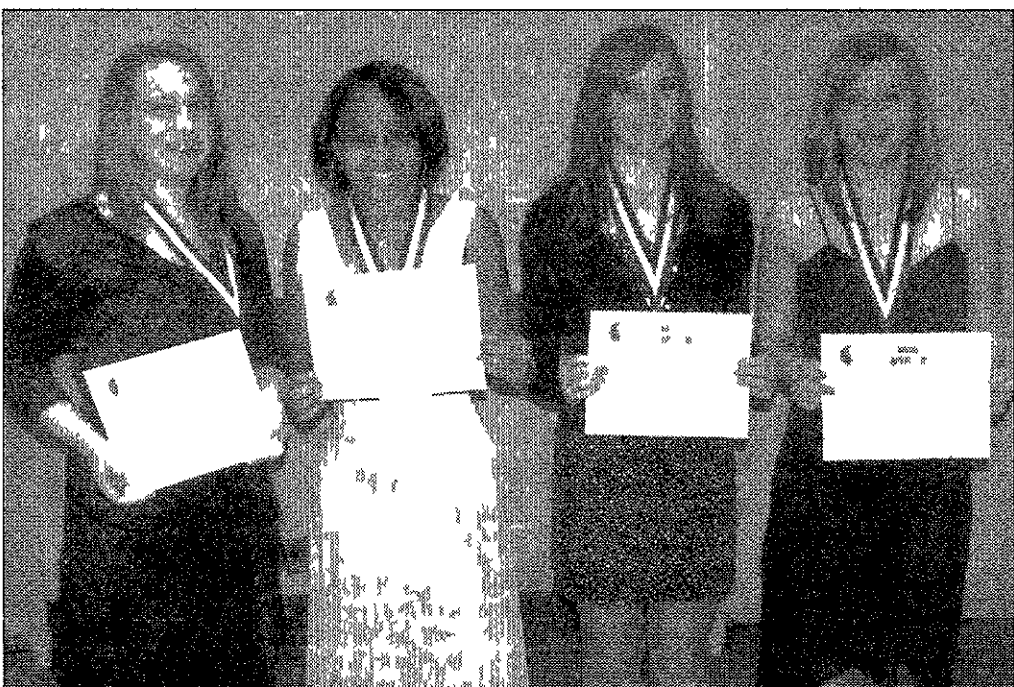
### Strong showing

On Sunday, March 4, the Canton Wrestling Club participated in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association team tournament in Battle Creek. Canton opened with a 41-28 victory over Hamilton before falling to Davison 42-28 in the semifinals. Canton won its consolation match 42-39 over Clarkston before dropping a 37-29 decision to Lowell to finish fourth. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Westin Price, Alec Pantaleo, Zach Blevins, Brandon Wilson, Sean Lee, Ben Griffin, Cody Korpus, Casey Randolph. (top row from left) Paul Denzer, Ben Griffin, Tim Johnson, Luke Denzer, Sean Lee, Malcolm Hollingsworth, Alec Breckenridge, Kyle Topper, Kyle Durham and Raymond Price.



### What a 'shot'!

Novi Catholic Central senior and Canton resident Jake Maloney (left) won the state championship in the shot put at the Michigan Independent Track Series on Saturday, March 17, at the University of Michigan. Maloney, who holds the shot put record at Plymouth's West Middle School, recorded a throw of 55 feet, 10 inches, his best ever effort by three inches. His next goal is the CC school record of 58-10. He is pictured above with his coach, Eugene Grewe.



### Pride-filled honor

Four members of the Plymouth/Canton Pride softball association were honored at the 2006 USSSA Hall of Fame banquet that was held Saturday, March 17, at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights. The players who earned 2006 All State honors were (from left) Alyssa Gietl (Livonia Ladywood), Briana Lee (West Middle School), Marissa Blassic (Central Middle School) and Kelli Janiczek (Pioneer Middle School).

### Weightlifter of the world

A recent book signing at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia provided a chance for a reunion between Dr. Bob Suchyta, owner of Doc's, and a former coach and Norbert Schemansky (right). The restaurant hosted a book signing for Schemansky's new biography, *Mr. Weightlifting*. Both men were accomplished Olympic lifters, with Schemansky (holder of four Olympic medals) being Suchyta's former coach. More than 120 leatherbound copies of the book, published by Wayne-based Immortal Investment Publishers, were sold and signed at the launch. For information on the book, call 1-800-475-2066.





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## BELLEMORE

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until early-November

The first part of the season was definitely frustrating for me because I wanted to play and contribute," said Bellemore, an 18-year-old native of Windsor. "I just tried to keep working on the little things in practice and when I did get my chance, I was determined to make the best of it."

That chance came Nov. 3 against Ottawa and, boy, did he ever optimize the opportunity.

One or two of our defensemen got hurt the week before, so I finally got an opportunity to play in Ottawa," he remembered. "On my first shift of the game, they made a suicide pass and I hammered a guy into the boards. I got a penalty for it, but it was worth it because I started playing better and playing more after that."

To make a long story short, Bellemore went from leading the Whalers in healthy scratches to leading the entire Ontario Hockey League in the plus/minus category with an amazing plus-48.

That means the Whalers scored 48 more goals when Bellemore was on the ice than they yielded when he was patrolling the blue line.

Brett has been outstanding for us this season," said Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci. He started a little slowly this year, but he's been great ever since.

Brett plays against all the top lines. He's so smart on the ice that it's scary. He anticipates the play so well and his stick has been great. With the new rules that are in place this year, it's important that defensemen can poke check, and that's something he does very well.

"We wouldn't be where we are right now without Brett."

That's saying something considering

the Whalers crafted the second-best record in the OHL over the course of the recently completed 2006-07 regular season. Although he hasn't scored a goal while netting just 12 assists, Bellemore has been a key element in the team's incredible success.

"I'm strictly a defensive defenseman," Bellemore admitted, smiling. "I try to contribute offensively when I can, but the opportunity doesn't come up very often."

He definitely contributed to the Whalers' offense on the night of Feb. 18. Thanks in large part to Bellemore's three assists, Plymouth overcame a 5-0 deficit to defeat Sault Ste. Marie, 8-6, in what may be the most memorable victory to date for the team this season.

"That's probably the highlight of my season so far," he said.

Growing up in Windsor, Bellemore was a huge fan of the OHL Spitfires, who now serve the role as the Whalers' arch-enemies. The proximity to his hometown is ideal for the 2004 12th-round draft pick.

It's great playing so close to home because my parents, family and friends can get to a lot of my games," he said. "It's especially exciting when we play Windsor because of the rivalry between the Spitfires and the Whalers."

"I was a huge Spits fan growing up. I went to a lot of their games and I always dreamed about someday playing in the OHL. It was very exciting getting drafted by the Whalers. It's a great group of guys and a great atmosphere to play in, especially now that we're winning like we are."

The modest Bellemore attributes his league-leading plus-minus rating more to his talented teammates than his own skills.

"We have a great group of forwards who can put the puck in the net from anywhere, anytime," he said. "I just try to get them the puck and let them do their thing."

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WALT DMOCH

Plymouth defenseman Joe McCann, pictured above in a game earlier this season against Guelph, will play a key role in the Whalers' quest for an Ontario Hockey League title this spring.

## WHALERS

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Western Conference are dangerous, including Guelph. Their goaltender is very good and they're not far below us in terms of goals-against average. They have a great corps of defensemen and they're a very, very hard-working team.

Statistically, it's hard to find a flaw in the Whalers, who led the OHL in goals against (173) while finishing third in goals scored (299). Their two rotating goalies — Michael Neuvirth and Jeremy Smith — both finished in the top four in the league in goals-against average while a pair of Plymouth forwards — Evan Brophey (107 points) and Daniel Ryder (92) — earned spots in the league's top 10 points leaders. The Whalers' offense will be bolstered by the return of talented forward James Neal, who missed the previous two

months with an injury.

Vellucci was noncommittal when asked whether he would continue splitting the goal-tending chores.

"I'm not sure yet what I'm going to do," he said. "I'm going to play it by ear, see what happens in Game 1, then take it from there."

Storm goaltender Thomas McCollums season has paralleled Neuvirth and Smith's — at least in terms of goals-against average (2.39) and save percentage (91.8). His record (26-18-3-7) isn't as gaudy as the Whalers' combined numbers, but that's because he doesn't have the backing of the high-powered offense that Plymouth possesses.

Offensively, Guelph has been paced by Drew Doughty (73 points) and Rafael Roter (63).

Game 2 of the series is set for Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Guelph. The two teams will return to Plymouth Tuesday for Game 3.

## Sestito's goal leads Whalers to 3-2 win

Tom Sestito's power play goal at 4:45 of the third period snapped a 2-2 tie and the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Kitchener Rangers, 3-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 3,199 at the Computware Sports Arena. Plymouth finishes the regular season at 49-14-2-3, good for 103 points, second overall in the OHL and the second highest point total in franchise history. The 1998-99 Whalers went 51-13-4 for 106 points.

Kitchener finishes the regular season at 47-17-1-3 for 98 points.

Evan Brophey scored the other two Plymouth goals and has 36 on the season with 71 assists for a team-leading 107 points. Chris Terry added two assists for the Whalers as the game's second star. Nazem Kadri (7) and Kevin Henderson (33) replied for Kitchener. Charles Lavigne stopped 51-of-54 Plymouth shots in goal for Kitchener as the game's third star. Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith stopped 31-of-33 Kitchener shots to pick up the victory.

The teams traded a goal apiece less than one minute apart in the first period. Kadri accepted Steve Downie's cross-crease pass and banged home the puck from the right wing goal line at 16:46 to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead. Brophey tied the game at 17:42. Plymouth tied the game at 17:42 when Terry was checked on the left wing side of the Kitchener goal, the puck pinballed into the slot for Brophey, who made no mistake.

Henderson (power play at 5:24) and Brophey (power play at 10:30) traded goals in the second period.

Terry set up Sestito for the game-winning goal. On the play, Lavigne challenged Terry, who came in tight on the left wing. As Lavigne got tied up with a Kitchener defenseman, Terry slid the puck in front of Sestito, who put the puck into the empty net.

Plymouth outshot Kitchener, 54-33.

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4076 - James Peters - Toolbox Portable TV Misc Items  
4233 - Renata Broughton - Washer Dryer Microwave  
4236 - Carol Hall - 20 Boxes 5 Totes Misc Items  
5006 - Kirk Surface - Microwave 15 boxes Loveseat  
5202 - Nyesha Penn - 50 Totes Kids Toys, 10 Bags  
6014 - Mountain Jacks - Chairs Oven Tables  
6016 - Mammoth Video - 2 Boxes Cabinets Misc Items  
6224 - Mark Mayo - 10 Bags 10 Totes Misc Items

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Personal property described below in the matter of:  
1058 - Jonathan Rose - 100 Boxes 6 Filing Cabinets 6 Chairs  
5014 - Jami Campbell - Dryer Tool Box Washer  
5075 - Gillian Barclay - 15 Boxes 20 Totes Console TV

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Personal property described below in the matter of:  
4017 - Brandi Weyer - Bed Couch Stove  
9260 - Dustin Mitchell - Computer Chair Boxes  
4062 - Gary Harkins - Couch Tool Box Lawnmower

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Personal property described below in the matter of:  
4216 - Steven Leach - 10 Boxes Toys Portable TV  
2036 - Robert Wilcox - Kid's Bike 10 Bags Bed mattress  
4274 - Marry Woods - 25 Boxes Bed mattress Bed box springs  
5245 - Erin Morley - 20 Boxes Dresser Headboard  
4145 - Kevin Steele - 5 Bags 10 Boxes Misc Items  
3027 - Rhonda Knight - Washer Dryer Refrigerator

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**Thursday, March 22, 2007**  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
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## TENNIS CHAMPS

Several local players played key roles in the Huron Valley Tennis Clubs three USA Team Tennis youth teams that qualified for sectional championships in Indianapolis in August.

The HVTC Hornets 18-and-under advanced division team, which is coached by Plymouth resident Mike Ware, consists of Matt Monich, Ted Masten, Peter Keshtkar, Will Darwell, Patrick Cole, Michael Cole, Neil Bakshi, Don Zhang, Austin Taylor, Nick Schwartz, Jason Quint, Chris Gordon, Tracy Lytle, Sarah Koupal, Spencer Hogikyan, Spencer Hogikyan, Anna Davis, Saemee Chung, Emily Chiao, Alex Ware, Meghan Teunis, Lindsay Petrusha and Corinne Pasley.

The HVTC Hurricanes 14-and-under advanced division team, which is coached by Clare North, consists of Juha Peterson, Christine Mei, Erik Ljungman, Laura Hogikyan, Brock Foster, Brett Foster, Stephanie Colwell, Yeon Chung, Jonathan Chuko, Kevin Chang, Victoria Amponsah, Jonathan Zhou, Douglas Wang, Margaret Wu, Jacob Scott and Stephanie Petrusha.

The HVTC Rolling Thunder 12-and-under advanced division team, which is coached by Lisa Worzniak, consists of Tiffany Chang, Wil Heider, Jesse Katch, Dan Ho Lee, George Lu, Kevin Mei, Colleen O'Brien, Erica Oosterhout, Chloe Ouellet-Pizer, Valerie Peng, Jack Petersen, Colin Williams, Andy Wu and Rosa Wu.

## SPRING BREAK 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.

## BEACH PARTY

## FUND-RAISER

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

The night will be highlighted by a reverse draw down that will award \$1,000 to the 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](http://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.

## 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 Hillsides 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 to 6 miles.

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

## 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 fol-

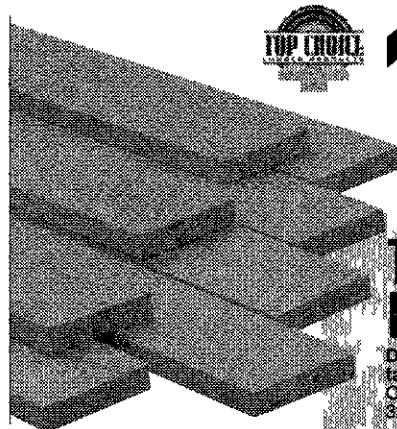
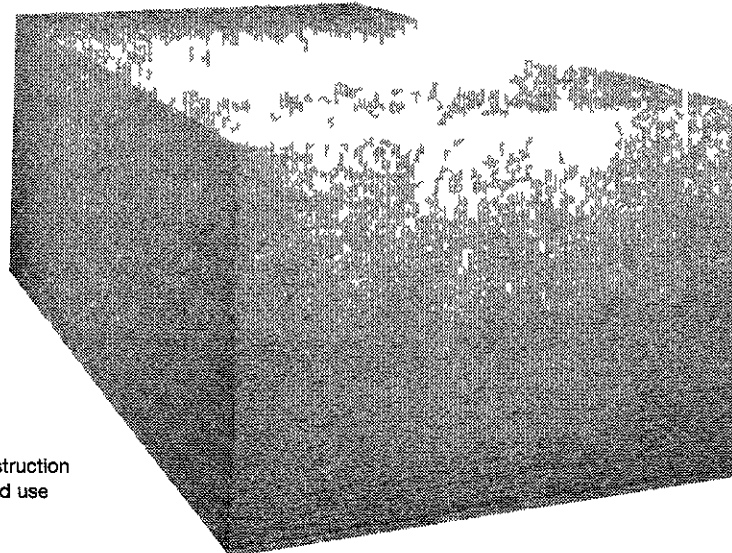
lowing parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third graders only) and St. John Neumann.

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](mailto:ksuppelsa@wowway.com), or (734) 414-8275, or visit [www.olgcfotball.net](http://www.olgcfotball.net).

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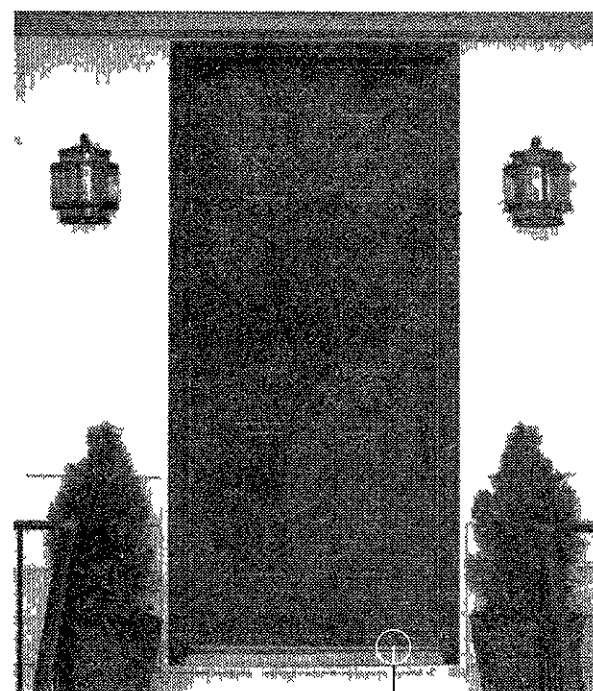
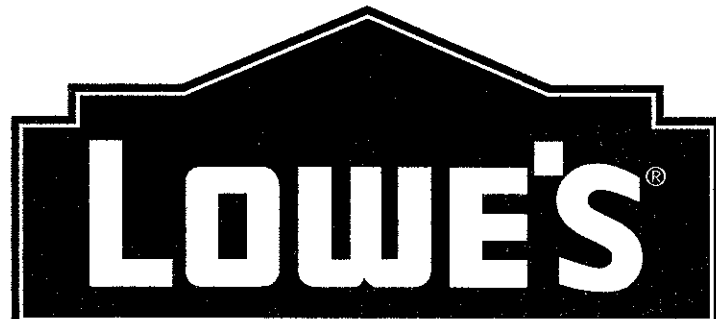


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1" x 10"	#971 \$5.98	#972 \$6.98	#973 \$9.25	#974 \$10.88	#975 \$13.49
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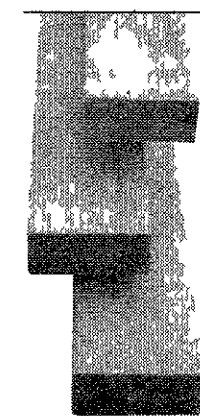
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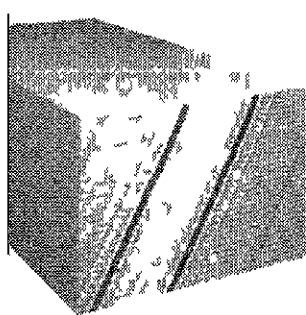
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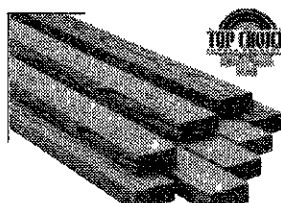
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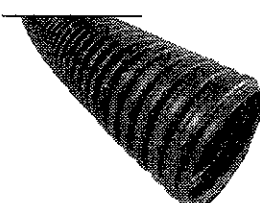
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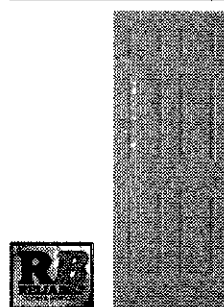
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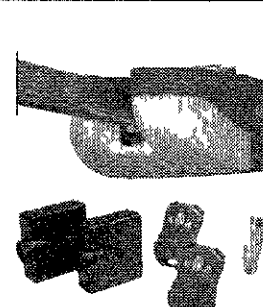
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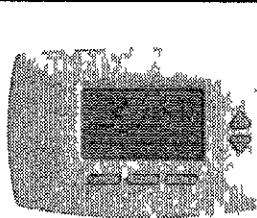
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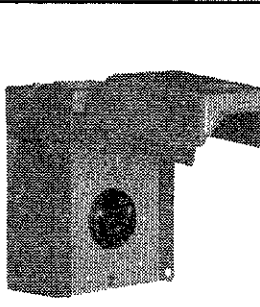
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Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 1 47 21  
Nick Leone (Salem) 1 48 19  
Kyle Hermann (Stevenson) 1 48 59  
Drew Randall (Churchill) 1 50 33  
Ross Schwarz (Canton) 1 50 73  
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Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 1 56 31  
Matt Carlson (Canton) 1 59 06  
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Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 2 05 30  
Michael Cruce (Stevenson) 2 05 51  
Robert Luke (Stevenson) 2 08 76  
Rob Blaesser (Canton) 2 09 27  
Bryan Brielicki (Stevenson) 2 09 59  
Nick Leone (Salem) 2 10 32  
Scott Geverink (Stevenson) 2 10 62  
**50 FREESTYLE**  
Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 22 16  
Jon Templeton (Canton) 22 35  
Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 22 90  
Jason Williams (Salem) 22 91  
Drew Randall (Churchill) 23 06  
Kyle Hermann (Stevenson) 23 12  
Chris Marinica (Canton) 23 16  
Mark Gordon (Churchill) 23 19  
Nick Leone (Salem) 23 33  
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**1-METER DIVING**  
(11 dive total)  
Jon Whitt (John Glenn) 347 00  
Jeff Kinsvater (Stevenson) 292 75  
Chris McGinnis (Canton) 284 55

Matt Hope (Churchill) 247 75  
Luke McKay (Stevenson) 243 00  
Dylan Thomas (Wayne) 238 60  
Kevin Smith (Salem) 238 50  
Travis Hatt (Churchill) 212 35  
Andrew Richards (Churchill) 203 80  
Kyle Wilkenson (Plymouth) 197 50  
**100 BUTTERFLY**  
Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 50 82  
Robert Luke (Stevenson) 53 14  
Matt Carlson (Canton) 55 75  
Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 55 84  
Michael Cruce (Stevenson) 55 88  
Scott Geverink (Stevenson) 56 57  
Chris Marinica (Canton) 57 00  
Nick Anthony (Franklin) 57 08  
Nick Leone (Salem) 57 52  
Stan Chen (Salem) 57 88  
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Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 48 04  
Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 48 35  
Drew Randall (Churchill) 48 44  
Jon Templeton (Canton) 48 95  
Nick Leone (Salem) 49 53  
Kyle Hermann (Stevenson) 50 18  
Matt Carlson (Canton) 50 43  
Matt Underhill (Salem) 50 96  
Ben Lamerand (Churchill) 51 56  
Ross Schwarz (Canton) 51 60  
**500 FREESTYLE**  
Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 4 39 82  
Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 4 51 68  
Matt Carlson (Canton) 4 57 10  
Matt Underhill (Salem) 4 57 55  
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Drew Randall (Churchill) 5 07 90  
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Nick Leone (Salem) 5 08 99  
Charles Turlo (Stevenson) 5 09 05  
**200 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
Canton 1 29 98  
Livonia Stevenson 1 30 41  
Salem 1 30 85  
Livonia Churchill 1 31 19  
Plymouth 1 36 64

**100 BACKSTROKE**  
Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 53 62  
Robert Luke (Stevenson) 54 34  
Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 54 86  
Mike Conger (Plymouth) 56 90  
Rob Blaesser (Canton) 57 68  
Matt Carlson (Canton) 58 73

Bryan Brielicki (Stevenson) 59 89  
Matt Underhill (Salem) 1 00 16  
Michael Cruce (Stevenson) 1 00 65  
Brendan Schoff (Stevenson) 1 01 56  
**100 BREASTSTROKE**  
Matt Carlson (Canton) 1 01 14  
Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 1 01 85

Stan Chen (Salem) 1 01 95  
Joey Wingett (Stevenson) 1 04 26  
Kevin Karlinski (Canton) 1 05 30  
Mark Gordon (Churchill) 1 05 81  
John Loria (Stevenson) 1 07 67  
David Bladecki (Stevenson) 1 07 67  
Nathan Spala (Salem) 1 08 55

Eric Schuman (Stevenson) 1 09 04  
**400 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
Livonia Stevenson 3 16 26  
Canton 3 22 66  
Salem 3 23 08  
Livonia Churchill 3 23 46  
Plymouth 3 33 44

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings  
March 13, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday March 13 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S Motion by Bennett seconded by McLaughlin to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter as chair in the absence of Supervisor Yack Motion carried by all members present Treasurer Kirchgatter 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 Members Absent Caccamo (on Military leave) Yack Zarbo Staff Present Director Eva Executive Director Santomauro Director Conklin Director Faas Sgt Debra Newsome Dianne Neuhengen **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as amended adding the approval of Board meeting minutes for March 6 2007 Motion carried by all members present **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes and Study Minutes of March 6 2007 Motion carried by all members present **Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments** Charles Mott 3800 Herby presented a certificate to Canton Township from the Barn Preservation Network on behalf of the Cady Barn that was moved from the Plymouth Canton School District to Cherry Hill Village **Payment of Bills** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented Motion carried by all members present **Expenditure Recap for March 13, 2006**

General Fund	101	\$	476 993 05
Fire Fund	206		65 464 039
Police Fund	207		120 501 65
Summit Operating	208		40 082 55
Street Lighting	219		18 152 31
Cable TV Fund	230		1 845 72
Public Improvement	245		390 00
Twp Improvement	246		4 859 38
E 911 Utility	261		2 637 65
Auto Forfeiture(wva)	267		1 203 00
Federal Grants Fund	274		34 054 00
Auto Theft Grant	289		27 80
Downtown Dev Auth	294		67 511 99
Cap Proj Road Paving	403		34 458 62
Bldg Auth Construction	469		35 157 80
Golf Fund58420 752 56			
Water & Sewer Fund	592		496 308 64
Construction Escrows	702		125 00
Post Employ Benefits	736		55 831 19
<b>Total - All Funds</b>			<b>1,476,357 30</b>

**PRESENTATION, 1 CHECK PRESENTATION FROM AT&T FOR SENIORS PROGRAM (CLS)** Yvette Pew External Affairs Vice President for AT & T stated on behalf of AT & T and the 12 000 employees presented the Senior Center with a check for \$9 700 to further communication purchase equipment and expand computer training for the seniors in Canton Township **PUBLIC HEARING; 1 PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF DNR GRANT APPLICATION (FINANCE)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7 09 p.m. for consideration of the submission of an application to the Department of Natural Resources for a \$450 000 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for engineering and the construction/installation of six pedestrian bridges plus installation of wayfinding signage along the Lower Rouge River Motion carried by all members present There were no public comments either for or against this project Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to close the public hearing at 7 12 p.m. for consideration of the submission of an application to the Department of Natural Resources for a \$450 000 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for engineering and the construction/installation of six pedestrian bridges plus installation of wayfinding signage along the Lower Rouge River Motion carried by all members present Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the following Resolution **RESOLUTION** Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton WHEREAS the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund provides grant funds for select community projects on a matching basis and

WHEREAS the Canton Board of Trustees is committed to the construction of a trail system in the Lower Rouge River floodplain between Canton Center Road and Haggerty Road and WHEREAS the Charter Township of Canton will submit an application that requests \$450 000 in grant funding through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and WHEREAS the Charter Township of Canton will match an amount of \$200 000 to the project subject to the award of the grant THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby authorize the submission of a grant application requesting \$450 000 through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the construction and/or installation of six pedestrian bridges in the trail between Canton Center Road and Haggerty Road installation of trail wayfinding signage and for engineering services The Board further agrees to fully fund the project and then undertake the project should grant funding be received and should the total finance package be approved The total project cost is \$650 000 The match will be \$200 000 Motion by all members present **CONSENT CALENDAR Item 1 SET PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE WITH FOOD SERVICE PERMIT (SERVING FOOD AT 11 00 A.M. SUNDAYS) FOR MARIACHI, LLC, AT 1759 N CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON TOWNSHIP, CANTON, MI 48187, WAYNE COUNTY (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to set the Public Hearing date for April 10 2007 to consider a Class C liquor license with early food service permit for Mariachi LLC located at 1759 N Canton Center Road Canton MI 48187 Wayne County Motion carried by all members present **Item 2 APPROVE EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DETROIT EDISON (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Clerk to sign the agreement with Detroit Edison for the installation and maintenance of underground electrical utility lines on Pheasant Run Golf Club property at Hole 5 Motion carried by all members present **Item 3 SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR METALTEC STEEL ABRASIVE COMPANY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to set the public hearing for April 3 2007 to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company for new real and personal property at their facility located at 41155 Joy Road Motion carried by all members present **GENERAL CALENDAR, Item 1 CONSIDER MCLENNAN REZONING (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution to consider McClelland Rezoning Motion carried by all members present **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of McClelland WHEREAS,** the petitioner has requested approximately 4.84 acres located on the south side of Cherry Hill Road and west of Beck Road be rezoned from RR Rural Residential to R 2 Single Family Residential District **WHEREAS,** the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan and **WHEREAS,** the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP no 077 99 0002 000 from RR Rural Residential to R 2 Single Family Residential District Effective date March 29 2007 A complete copy of the amendment may be inspected or purchased at the Administration Building Planning Services 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan 48188 (9 30 a.m. to 5 00 p.m. M-F) **Item 2 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$25,432 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES (ARC) (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to authorize payment of the invoice for \$25 432 (account for stormwater permit fees #101 445 928 0000) to continue our membership in the Alliance of Rouge Communities Motion carried by all members present **Item 3 APPROVE TREE REMOVAL SERVICES (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to award the bid to Davey Tree Company 8250 Rhonda Canton MI 48187 in the amount of \$38 750 to be taken from Tree Fund Maintenance and Repair Account #101 285 930 0000 Motion carried by all members present **Item 4 APPROVE PUMP REPAIR AT THE SUMMIT (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the pump repair at the Summit on the Park and award the project to Kennedy Industries Inc PO Box 809 4975 Technical Drive Milford MI 48326 0809 in the amount of \$9 600 to be taken

from Budget Account #208 757 932 5000 Maintenance/Repair of Equipment Motion carried by all members present **Item 5 APPROVE PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER AND PLANT PROTECTANTS (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 15 0 8 and 30 2 12 fertilizers to Tri Turf Inc 24016 Haggerty Road Farmington Hills MI 48335 in the amount of \$56 905 32 Funds to be taken from Pheasant Run Golf Club account #584 756 930 0000 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds for \$33 043 20 and Parks Division account #101 270 930 0000 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds for \$23 862 12 I move to approve the purchase of Banner Link Packs (Spector Ultra) to Lescos Inc 1301 East 9th Street Cleveland OH 44114 in the amount of \$25 184 00 Funds to be taken from Pheasant Run Golf Club account # 584 756 930 0000 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds Motion carried by all members present **Item 6 APPROVE PURCHASE OF TROPHIES FOR 2007 SOFTBALL SEASON AT THE CANTON SPORTS CENTER (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase of trophies for Canton Sports Center from Little Bills Trophies 25886 W 6 Mile Rd Redford MI 48240 in the amount of \$5 824 charged to Account #101 755 740 0000 Motion carried by all members present **Item 7 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF START SMART SUPPLIES FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of Start Smart Sports supplies in the amount of \$13 000 from account number 101 691 742 6000 (Recreation Program/Activity Supplies - Sports) from the National Alliance for Youth Sports 2050 Vista Parkway West Palm Beach Florida 33411 Motion carried by all members present **Item 8 AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF SUMMIT BANQUET WALK IN COOLER FLOOR (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to award the Replacement of the Summit Banquet Walk in Cooler Floor to the Chrysler Koppin Company 7000 Intervale Detroit MI 48238 in the amount of \$7 190 with all expenses charged to account # 101 757 975 0000 (Capital Outlay Building) Motion carried by all members present **Item 9 AWARD CONTRACT FOR GOOSE CONTROL AT PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB AND HERITAGE PARK (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to award the contract for humane goose control services at Pheasant Run Golf Club and Heritage Park to Gooseworks LLC 12040 Crooked Lane South Lyon MI in the amount of \$12 000 to be paid from Pheasant Run account #584 756 818 0000 (\$8 400) and Parks Division account #101 270 818 0000 (\$3 600) Motion carried by all members present **Item 10 PURCHASE GAS AND DIESEL FOR PARKS AND GOLF MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase of unleaded gas and diesel fuel for the Parks and Pheasant Run Golf Club operations to Oakland Fuels 3943 Airport Rd Waterford MI 48329 in the amount of \$62 000 Funds are available in the 2007 Parks budget account #101 270 860 0000/Transportation for \$40 000 and the 2007 Pheasant Run Golf Club budget account #584 756 860 0000/Transportation for \$22 000 Motion carried by all members present **Item 11 APPROVAL OF EMERALD ASH BORER TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT (FBD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Emerald Ash Borer Tree Planting Grant Program Agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and the Charter Township of Canton for \$20 000 to be used towards the purchase of street trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer I further move to approve the following budget amendment for this grant Increase Revenues State Grants

Public Works Projects #101 000 574 0000 \$20 000  
Increase Appropriations  
Tree Planting Grant #101 860 930 0000 \$20 000  
This budget amendment increases the Grants Division budget from \$24 000 to \$44 000 and the General Fund budget from \$27 037,686 to \$27 057,686 Motion carried by all members present **Item 12. APPROVE ZERO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR TEAM VEHICLE (FBD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for zero lease agreement for Team vehicle Motion carried by all members present **RESOLVED** that the Charter Township of Canton is hereby authorized to lease from Blackwell Ford a 2007Ford Explorer VIN 1FMEU63E37UB31975 for a two year period commencing on the delivery date of the new vehicle Blackwell Ford is prepaying the lease as a donation to the TEAM program **RESOLVED FURTHER** that Thomas J Yack the Supervisor and Terry G Bennett the Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton whose authorized signatures are set forth below be and are hereby authorized directed and empowered to execute and deliver to Blackwell Ford such contracts, leases and other documents as may be requested by Blackwell Ford in connection with such lease of said vehicle **FURTHER** that Blackwell Ford is authorized to act upon this resolution until written notice of its revocation is delivered to Blackwell Ford at its principal place of business in Plymouth Michigan I Terry G Bennett Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy of resolutions of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of said Board of Trustees duly and regularly held on the thirteenth day of March 2007 I further certify that said resolutions are still in full force and effect and have not been amended or revoked and that the specimen signature appearing above is the signature of the officer of this corporation authorized to sign purchase contracts or leases for and on behalf of this corporation **IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton and affixed the corporate seal this 14th day of March 2007 **Item 13 CLEMIS WEBSITE OPTION FOR PSD (PSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to authorize the Canton Public Safety department to utilize the CLEMIS website as part of Canton PSD participation in the CLEMIS system Further I move to approve the following budget amendment to appropriate the additional funds Increase Revenues

Appropriation from Drug Forfeiture #207 000 655 0000 \$ 11 152  
Increase Appropriations  
Drug Forfeiture Expenditure #207 301 744 0000 \$ 11 152  
This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$14 746 250 to \$ 14 757 402 Motion carried by all members present **Item 14 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 5-REPLACEMENT PATROL VEHICLES, 1-NEW PATROL VEHICLE AND 1-RRU VEHICLE (PSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of six Patrol Interceptors (5 replacement and 1 new) and one Ford Expedition from Signature Ford 3942 W Lansing Road Perry MI 48872 through the Macomb County Bids in the amount of \$149 614 Funds to come from Police Capital Outlay 207 301 977 2580 Cost Center P00049 0000 0000 Motion carried by all members present **Item 15 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT AND PURCHASE OF A RICOH COPIER 3025SFF FOR THE CLERK'S OFFICE (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 3025SFF copier with a recirculating document feeder DF 83 Stapler/finisher SR820 500 sheet finisher 2 extended paper supply PS 490 and postscript in the amount of \$7 819 00 from account #101 215 977 0000 Clerk Capital Outlay Equipment I further move to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to appropriate additional funds for this purchase Increase (decrease) Appropriations  
Capital Outlay Equipment  
Clerk's Office #101 215 977 0000 \$2 819 00  
Transfer Fund Balance #101 959 999 0000 (2 819 00)  
Total \$ 0

This budget amendment increases the Clerk's Office budget from \$509 800 to \$512 619 decreases the Transfers Out department budget from \$3 037 026 to \$3 034 207 and does not change the General Fund budget total Motion carried by all members present **Item 16 APPROVE FLOOR PAINTING FOR THE PARKS/ GOLF MAINTENANCE FACILITY (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to award the painting of the floor at the Parks/ Golf Maintenance Building to Concrete Floor Treatment in the amount of \$3 864 and to charge it to Parks Operating Account line item 101 270 930 0000 Maintenance and Repair Motion carried by all members present **OTHER.** There will be a Board study session on March 20 2007 at 7 00 p.m. at the Administration Building First Floor Board Room 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan 48188 **ADJOURN** Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8 04 p.m. Motion carried by all members present  
- Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk -

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE  
TO MARIACHI, LLC,  
1759 N CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON,  
MICHIGAN 48187

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 6 Article II of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a **Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 10, 2007,** in the Township Administration Building Board Room 1150 South Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48187 at 7 00 p.m. for the following purpose

To hear and for testimony to consider and recommend an action to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request of Mariachi LLC issuance of a Class C Liquor License with after hours permit to be located at 1759 N Canton Center Canton Township Canton Michigan 48187 Wayne County

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188 prior to the hearing date

Terry G Bennett  
Canton Clerk

Published March 22 2007

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday April 3 2007 at 7 00 PM in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for their facility expansion located at 41165 Joy Road, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District the legal description of which is as follows

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**PARCEL 2** Part of the northwest 1/4 of section 1 town 2 south range 8 east described as beginning at a point distant south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 1205 33 feet along the north section line of section 1 centerline of Joy Road from the northwest corner of section 1 town 2 south range 8 east and proceeding thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 200 02 feet along the north section line of section 1 centerline of Joy Road thence due south 375 00 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds west 200 00 feet thence due north 375 00 feet to the point of beginning

**PARCEL 3** Part of the northwest 1/4 of section 1 town 2 south range 8 east Canton Township described as beginning at a point distant south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 1405 35 feet along the north section line of section 1 centerline of Joy Road and due south 375 feet along centerline of Haggerty Road from the northwest corner of section 1 town 2 south range 8 east and proceeding thence due south 200 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds west 316 89 feet thence north 28 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds west 229 91 feet along the easterly right of way line of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 427 72 feet to the point of beginning also reserving the east 33 feet for road purposes

**PARCEL 4** That part of the northwest 1/4 of section 1 town 2 south range 8 east Canton Township Wayne County Michigan described as beginning at a point distant south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 1405 35 feet along the north line of section 1 centerline of Joy Road and due south 575 00 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road and proceeding thence due south 571 85 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road thence north 28 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds west 657 38 feet along the easterly right of way line of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 316 89 feet to the point of beginning

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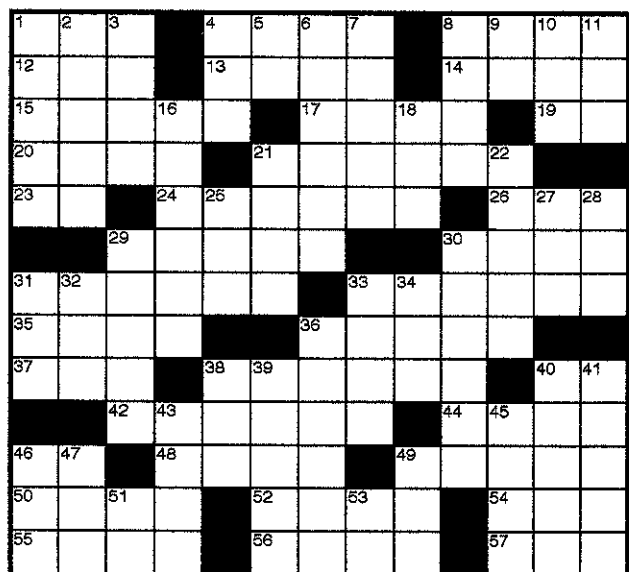
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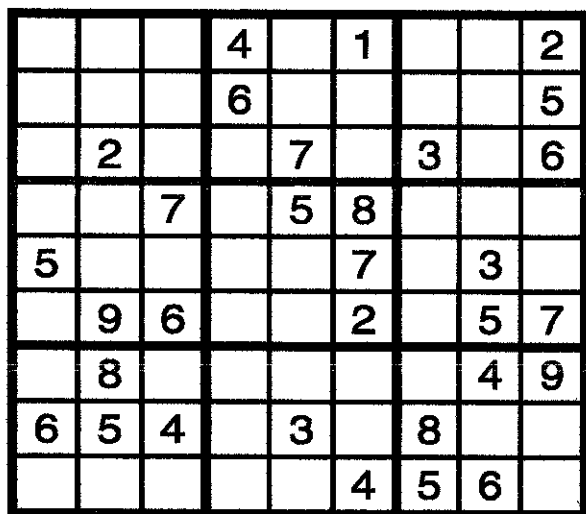
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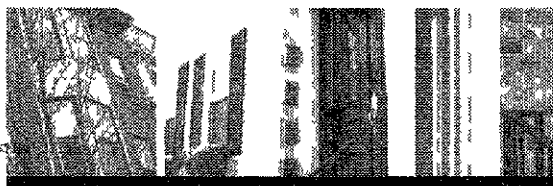
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How can you deal with a person who's incompetent? Can you trust that person on any level?

Bonnie Monych, president of The New Workplace Inc., in Houston, Texas, reports that you can trust the person to jeopardize your health. She cites research confirming that incompetent co-workers multiply your work load as much as 300 percent and increase your stress so much that a confrontation with them may be followed by a heart attack 12 hours later.

If incompetence can increase stress for you, you need to determine if the incompetence is willful before proceeding. Pamela Harper, president of Business Advancement Inc., in Glen Rock, N.J., which consults to high-growth companies, says that you should first check your assumptions to determine if the person is capable of doing the job. She mentions several factors -- "knowledge, skills, ability, resources, systems, processes and priorities" -- and suggests that willfulness might be prompted by cultural assumptions, conflict, even mental illness. She also says that there can be a mismatch caused by organizational stress or a poor hiring decision.

Wally Bock of Greensboro, N.C.'s Three Star Leadership trains and coaches first-

line supervisors to be leaders. He says that there are methods for determining whether the person is incompetent, but "it's always a judgment call." Has he done similar work before? Does he have the training for it? "Most of the time," he says, "if you can establish that they should know how to do it, look at their ability to perform the task and if they have the right resources. If they have it and aren't doing it, they're choosing not to do what they're supposed to do." He also mentions that, if the person avoids one particular kind of task, confidence may be the problem. That person isn't incompetent. The able person who's doing little most likely points to willfulness.

## WHAT TO DO

If the person is a co-worker, you may not be in a position to have him fired. Harper advocates remaining focused on your objective. A willfully incompetent person presents the challenge, she states, to "get around it and move forward."

Jim Bolton of consulting firm Ridge Associates Inc., in St. Paul, Minn., believes that much incompetence stems from lack of accountability. He advocates formulating an agreement with the co-worker, but adds, "An agreement won't help someone who isn't capable of doing a job."

It is, perhaps, at this point that you decide to resign from all tasks that involve working with the person or speak with a supervisor. However, Wally Adamchik, president of FireStarter Speaking and



Pamela Harper (standing) is training Evan Chart, president, and Cathleen Watters, marketing director, on site at Elite Athletic Performance Institute/Kinetic Physical Therapy in Ramsey, N.J.

Consulting in Raleigh, N.C., observes, "Of course, in this scenario, we need to wonder where the supervisor is in the first place and if the incompetent peer is related to him." If the supervisor is unaware, then we need to explain the situation. If he is aware, ask if he intends to apply corrective action and if he understands the bad signal it sends to let the behavior persist."

Adamchik further states that a conflict-averse supervisor may not be helpful. "If all of this is making you look bad and you

want to keep your job, you need to get the conversation started. Often the boss is aware of the situation and grateful for you to be there to make it right."

If you can't decide what to do, consider which mountain is greater -- the one through the door out of your office or the one into your supervisor. Then, think about whether there's an alternative between the two.

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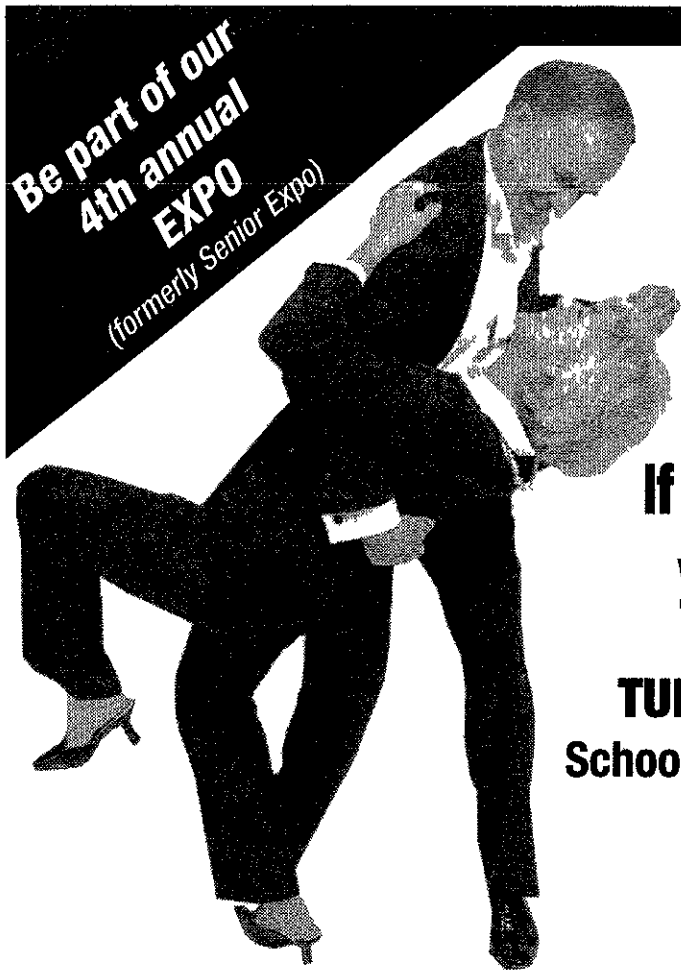
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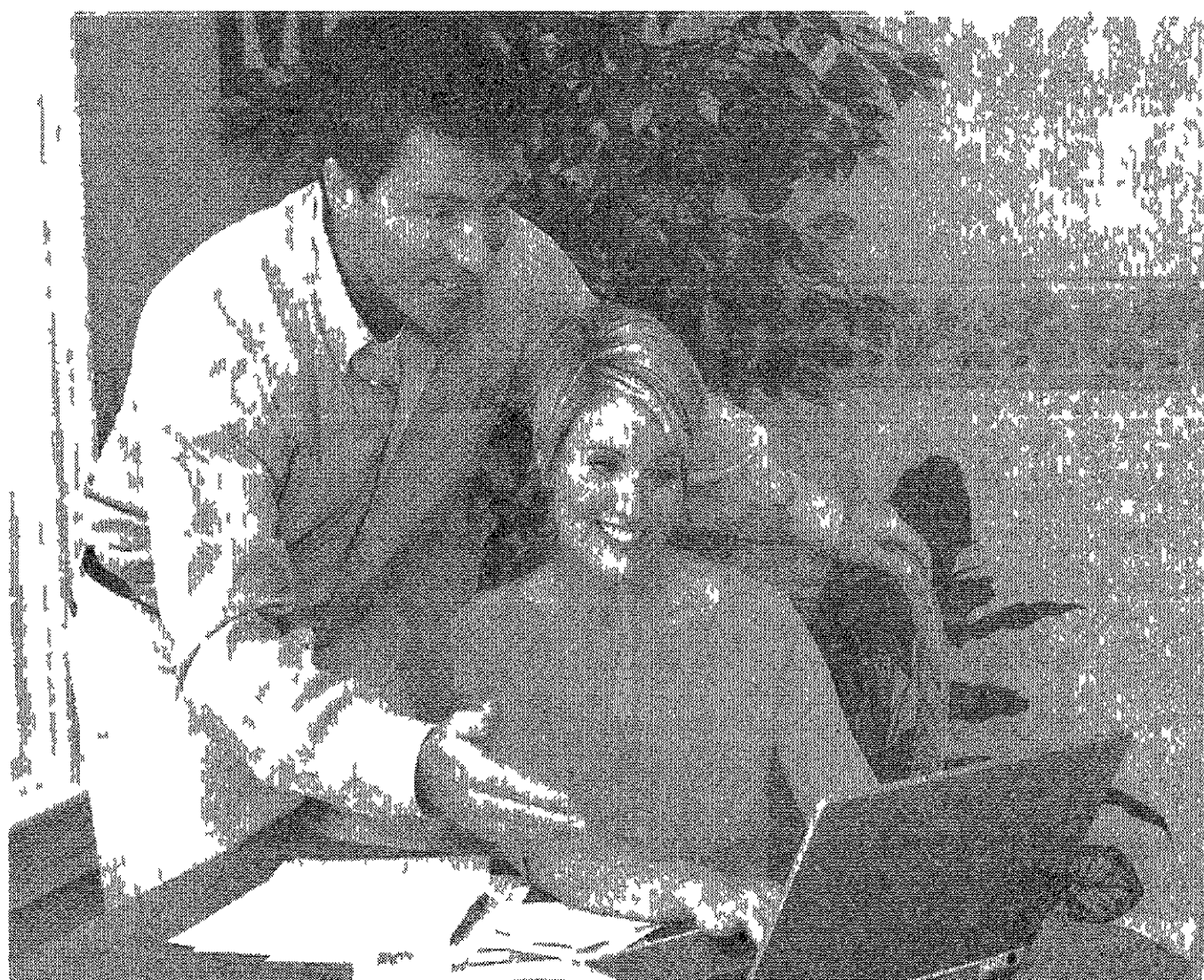
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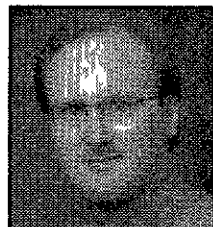
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### CAReport



By Dale Buss



Take yourself back to a simpler era, about 2004. The Tigers were the laughingstock of Major League Baseball. Housing prices were going up, not down. In the auto industry, current DaimlerChrysler Chairman Dieter Zetsche, as CEO of the high-flying Chrysler Group, was one of the most revered executives in town — instead of the most reviled. And sales of big SUVs were themselves massive, even with gasoline prices nearing \$2 a gallon. In 2004, General Motors sold 1.7 million of the behemoth vehicles based on its GMT800 platform, including the Cadillac Escalade ESV and the Chevrolet Tahoe, alone netting the company as much as \$9 billion in net profit.

Lots of things have changed in three years, of course. By far the worst for GM is the fact that, thanks largely to the spike in gasoline prices, sales of its large SUVs tanked last year, driving an overall decline in the company's truck and SUV sales of around 10% for 2006. But as spring beckons in metro Detroit, so too are there signs of life for GM even in the SUV segment. Sales of its brand-new, smaller, "crossover" SUVs, GMC's Acadia and Saturn's Outlook, drove a near doubling in GM sales in February in the mid-crossover segment compared with 2006.

Also encouraging is that, when gasoline prices have settled down enough and American consumers are tired of squeezing themselves into smaller vehicles — and they return in larger numbers to huge SUVs — GM has fielded a lineup that will entice them. Recently the company has come out with new versions of its largest and most profitable vehicles. And while



Still GM's best-selling full-size SUV, Chevrolet Tahoe is brand new for 2007.



The 2007 Cadillac Escalade ESV is GM's biggest and most luxurious vehicle.

you could argue with their timing, you can't fault their executions. I recently drove two members of the new lineup, the Escalade ESV and the Tahoe, and in these as well as their sibling vehicles, GM has made the clear statement that it's not backing away from its commitment to improve its bread-and-butter models as it hopes for the overall market to turn more friendly to them. ESV is the creme de la creme of GM's vehicle lineup, as an extended version of the standard Escalade. Its wheelbase is a whopping 14 inches longer, and ESV is 21 inches longer overall, which is a huge differential on a vehicle. At about 18.5 feet long, it isn't going to fit into many standard garages. But keeping it outside makes it all the better to look at this nearly \$60,000 vehicle. Its styling is more consistent than ever with Cadillac's overall bold and chiseled theme. And unlike some very large SUVs, ESV manages to carry its styling theme convincingly throughout the entire chassis, ending in skinny taillights that are reminiscent of Cadillac's classic taillights of a half-century ago. Inside is where the fun really begins with ESV, however. Its streamlined dashboard makes it much more like a car than expected. Its white-on-black, backlit gauges are clear and bright. Standard leather seating is firm and flexible, with electronic seat controls ranging in several directions. Levers and handles all have a supple

and sophisticated feel that, naturally, you'll demand in a vehicle this expensive. The third row of seating is roomy and easily accessible from the second-row doors, and it has a separate DVD system from second-row passengers. Don't expect much by way of fuel economy with the huge 6.2-liter V8 engine that powers all versions of Escalade. But you can look for a ride that is firm and very manageable despite the great bulk of the vehicle, a major accomplishment that helps the new ESV beat its predecessors handsily. Tahoe is a new version as well, though built on a different platform than ESV. America's long time best-selling full-size SUV now has a slightly more aerodynamic look, though overall, Tahoe remains an exemplar of the big box and proud look. It rides on an all-new chassis with a fully boxed frame that is stiffer than the previous model's and reduces noise, vibration and harshness, for a more refined feel. Chevrolet carried over the previous generation's 320-horsepower, 5.3-liter V8 engine into the new version. But it now displays improved fuel economy — about 16mpg in the city, about 22mpg on the highway — thanks to GM's use of its Displacement on Demand Technology, in which half of the engine's cylinders are deactivated in low-demand driving situations.

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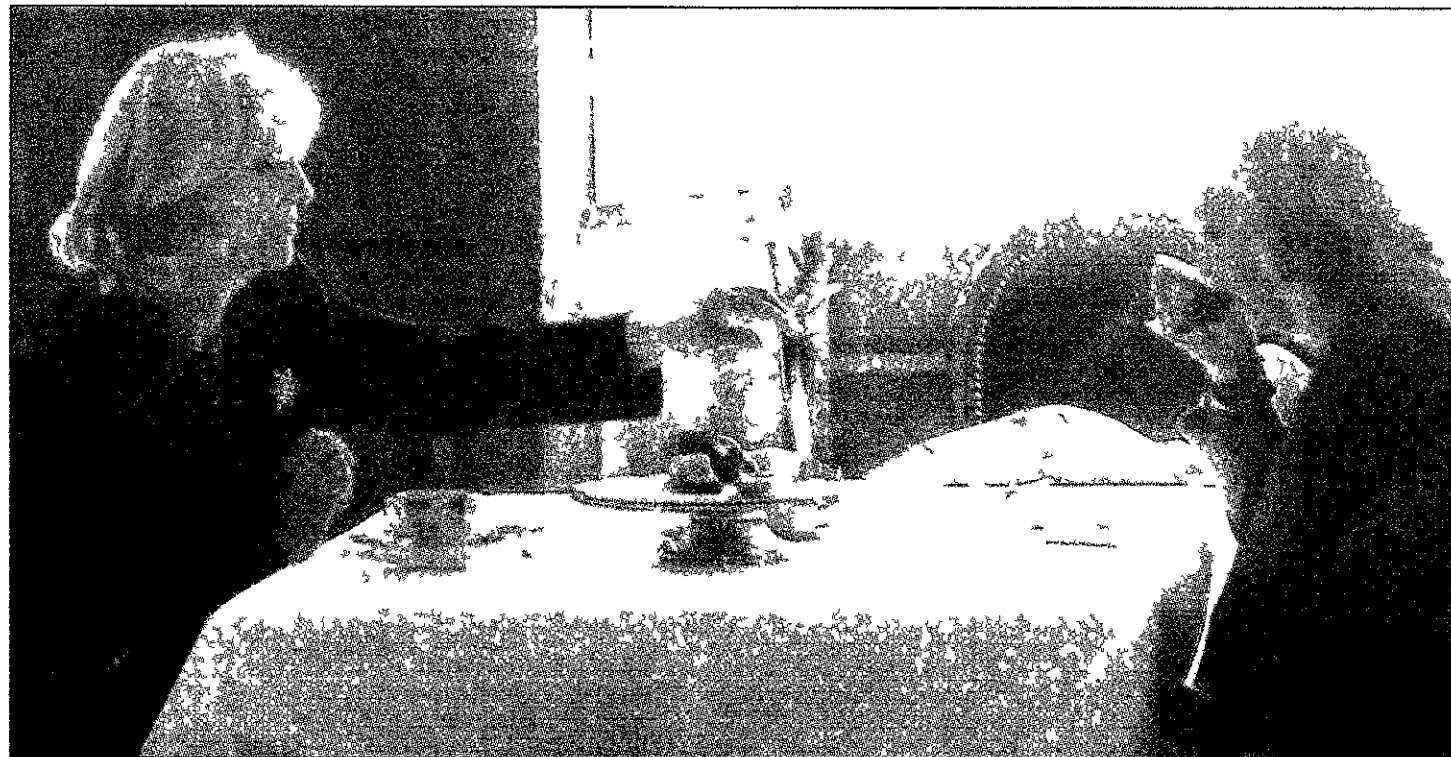
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Wilma Wimmer and Jean Ann Larson share Afternoon Tea at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel

## OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN AND PURTAN'S PEOPLE

### Awsome odds don't stop lottery dreams

As a rule, I don't play the lottery. For that matter, I don't play Parcheesi, Pachinko, Yahtzee, Bingo, Pick Up Sticks or strip poker, either. But, other than the latter I don't think any of those games involves significant amounts of money.

The recent Mega Millions jackpot that reached something like \$370 million created another round of "lottery."

I almost didn't play because

a) The odds against winning are amazing

b) I'm not a truck driver from Georgia, and people like that always win the lottery. I've never won. You've never won. Someone always wins, but they seem to come from West Virginia or Arkansas or Butte, Mont. And all they want to do is quit their jobs and go fishing.

According to lottery officials, the odds of winning that astronomical jackpot was along the lines of one in 175,711,536.

I know, it only costs a buck and the payoff is life-changing. But those are pretty long odds.

Not as long as, say, having a meteor land on your house. The chance of that happening is more than 182 trillion to one!

You have a better chance of winning the lottery than getting attacked by a shark in the United States. Those odds are about eight million to one.

(I imagine those odds go up in southeast Michigan. Last I checked, there were no indigenous shark species in Lake St. Clair.)

On the other hand, you are more likely to get injured setting off fireworks. The odds of that happening to you are 19,556 to one.

Head over to Comerica instead and catch the Tigers. The likelihood of catching a foul ball is only 563 to one!

If you're a golfer, you'll be happy to know that chances are you'll get a hole in one (12,000 to one) before you are struck by lightning (400,000 to one).

On a more sobering note, the chances that Earth will be struck by an asteroid by the year 2029 is a mere 40 to one!

However, when you compare that with the odds of the Lions winning Super Bowl XLII (125 to one) you may want to put your money on that random rock hurtling through space.

Like I said at the beginning of this column: as a rule I don't play the lottery. But when you start throwing around figures like \$370 million it is hard to resist.

So, I took the plunge and dreamed the dream of untold riches. Started fantasizing about what I would say to all the television cameras while holding that big cardboard check.

Come to think of it, I've spent more money on less entertainment countless times before. (You know, like when you bought this paper to read this column.)

Dick Purtan will be on vacation next week.

The odds of hearing Dick Purtan on your radio are excellent! Every weekday 5-10 a.m. on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.

## Use your cell phone for anytime, anywhere access to the Internet

You may have a wireless modem in your pocket and not even know it.

That's what I discovered recently when investigating a story on "tethering," the process of connecting your cell phone to your PC for high-speed wireless Internet access.

As you may know, many phones now afford this kind of connectivity for built-in e-mail and Web apps, leveraging newly revamped data networks from the likes of AT&T, Sprint and Verizon.

But it's a surprisingly well-kept secret that if you plug such a phone into your computer, it turns into a wireless modem, delivering access speeds about on par with a wired DSL line.

That should come as good news to travelers and mobile workers who often find themselves without access to

Rick Broida

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2

# Turn over a new leaf:

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

## Opt for Afternoon Tea



Shari Schock receives a warm welcome from Tea Director Laura Klein at the Townsend Hotel

For a switch from that daily cup of java, more and more people are turning to tea. It's not only the most popular beverage worldwide, said Denise Whipple, it's healthy and soothing too.

"It's a nice alternative to coffee," added Whipple, owner of Traveling Tea Time. The Clarkston-based business brings all the elegance of Formal Afternoon Tea right to a guest's home or office. Whipple suggests it's a perfect fit for getting friends together and calming down. It's a nice, genteel, civilized kind of time.

She started her business in 2003 after realizing how frustrating it was to find a decent cup of tea anywhere.

So Whipple developed traveling tea parties. The events are suitable for special occasions, or a relaxing afternoon with friends. She uses fine bone china tea cups and saucers, a silver teapot and adorns a table with lace and fresh flowers.

Whipple even developed her own menu. In addition to a variety of English teas by Twinings, she serves three-course traditional finger sandwiches, like Cucumber with Dill and Cream Cheese or Roast Beef with Horseradish Cream, then fresh scones with real Devonshire Cream.

PLEASE SEE TEA, D3



Afternoon Tea is served with elegance in mind at the Townsend Hotel

### TIME FOR TEA

Here's an assortment of area tea rooms and shops to try:

**Crazy Wisdom Tea Room**, 114 South Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 665-9468

**Karma Tea + Tonics**, 309 W. 9 Mile Road, Ferndale, (248) 548-1424

**The Purple Door Tea Room**, 35 Grand River E., Detroit, (313) 961-0634

**Sweet Afton Tea Room**, 450 Forest Ave., Plymouth, (734) 454-0777

**Sweetwaters Cafe**, 123 W. Washington St., Ann

Arbor, (734) 769-2331 or 106 S. Main St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-9602

**Sheila Teas**, 115 E. 4th Street, Rochester, (248) 601-0648

**Spot O' Tea**, 261 E. Merrill Street, Birmingham, (248) 723-4TEA

**Tranquil Tea**, 580-3 Forest Ave., Plymouth, (734) 459-9666

**Victorian Rose**, 118 W. 3rd St., Rochester, (248) 652-8595

**Victorian Parlor Tea and Gifts**, 2737 12 Mile Road, Berkeley, (248) 542-5253 or **Victorian Parlor**, 15212 Charlevoix St., Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 821-8060

### NOVI BACKYARD, POOL & SPA SHOW

**When:** 3-9 30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 30 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** Rock Financial Showplace on Grand River between Novi and Beck roads

**Admission:** Adults, \$8, ages 6-14 \$4, ages 5 and under, free

**Information:** (800) 328-6550 or www.NoviPoolShow.com

## Show offers ideas for backyard retreat

With gas prices skyrocketing and the economy at a standstill, many families may be forced to forgo their summer vacation this year.

Why not "get away from it all" by creating an oasis in your own backyard?

The Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show, set for Friday-Sunday, March 23-25, at Rock Financial Showplace, is a great place to find ideas to transform your surroundings into a spa.

Every weekend is a vacation when homeowners have a pool, spa or hot tub," said ShowSpan's Mike Wilbraham.

Enjoy a vacation atmosphere without leaving the comfort of home with a multitude of products and services on display at our show.

Sponsored by the Michigan Pool & Spa Association, the show will include swimming pools, spas, swim spas, decks, patios, fencing, furniture, grills, patio enclosures, sunrooms and accessories. Experts will be on hand to offer tips and advice on buying, planning, maintenance,



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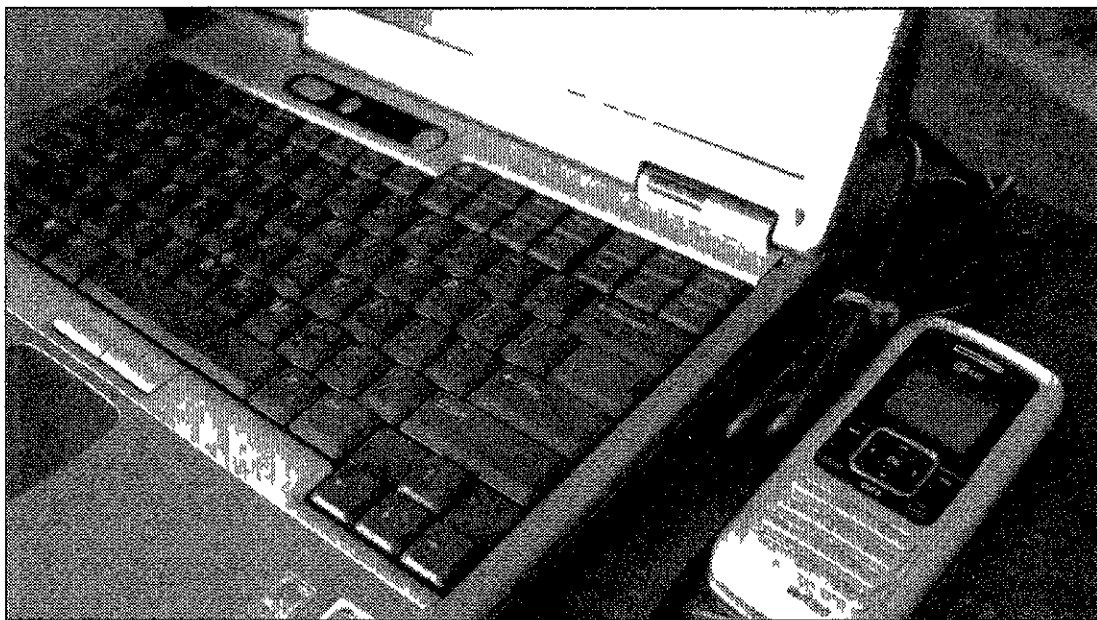
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With the right phone and service plan you can enjoy high speed Internet access just about anywhere

## BROIDA

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a Wi-Fi hotspot. The phone enables access anywhere there's a cell tower, which, of course, is just about everywhere these days.

I got a chance to put this to the test during a recent trip to Austin.

Verizon Wireless was kind enough to lend me an LG enV (a phone I really like, by the way), the \$40 software/cable kit needed to connect it to my notebook, and a BroadbandAccess Connect account.

The latter costs \$60 per month, though the price drops if you have a BlackBerry or smartphone and you're already paying for an unlimited-data plan. Check Verizon's BroadbandAccess site (<http://tinyurl.com/ogp5f>) for details.

When I reached the Austin Radisson, I discovered that the hotel wanted \$9.95 per day for Internet access. Scoffing, I plugged in the enV, fired up the Verizon software, and presto! I was online.

The real coup came later at the Austin Convention Center, where scores of music, film and Web geeks had gathered for the annual South by Southwest con-

ference.

I couldn't connect to the center's free Wi-Fi network, which apparently was overloaded by the heavy traffic.

But while countless MacBook users around me pounded their keyboards in frustration, I tethered the enV and bypassed the jam. Envy, indeed.

Verizon also promises better security via BroadbandAccess than you get from a typical public Wi-Fi hotspot. I agree. Nearby hackers won't be able to access your PC because you're on a totally different network.

### CAVEATS

A few caveats. First, although Internet access can be had anywhere there's a signal, high-speed access is available only in select metropolitan areas.

If you commonly work or travel outside these areas (check with your provider for a coverage map), expect Web pages to load at speeds closer to dial-up than broadband.

The bigger problem, at least with Verizon's service, turned out to be power. Using the enV as a modem burned through its battery in fairly short order (about two hours, by my estimate).

Thus, plan on bringing along your charger. It's unfortunate the USB cable alone can't recharge (or at least power) the

phone, my only real complaint with tethering on the whole. But that's true of only certain phones, some models can, in fact, charge this way.

As for the enV, the cable does have a separate port for plugging in the charger, meaning you can work indefinitely as long as there's an AC outlet nearby.

You can overcome this issue entirely by opting for a PC Card modem, which plugs directly into your notebook and leaves your phone out of the equation. The monthly rates are the same, but you'll need to buy the card.

Personally, I love the idea of using the phone I'm already carrying as a high-speed modem for my notebook.

And if Verizon's BroadbandAccess is any indication, tethering is an excellent alternative to Wi-Fi. It's fast, secure, and available in most big cities and suburbs.

Check with your provider to see what options are available for your phone and service plan. You may be surprised by the power that's already in your pocket.

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## Faulty vent line flapper invites critters

I was reading another newspaper and this short headline jumped out at me: Suit claims Whirlpool didn't fix icemakers.

A federal lawsuit has been filed in Arkansas against Benton Harbor-based Whirlpool Corp. claiming the company has done nothing to fix or warn customers of leaky icemakers in some of its side-by-side refrigerators under the Whirlpool, KitchenAid and Roper brand names. The suit seeks class-action status.



**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

It means I'll have to use my resources to find out more about this recall. Until then, let me give you my opinions on icemakers.

When manufacturers first introduced icemakers way back when, they weren't installed at the factory. They were an add-on accessory that the dealers would install or you could buy and install yourself.

It was a beautiful gift for con-

versation that you could show off to visiting friends and family who needed ice for their beverage. No more chopping it off the block, putting in a tin pail.

And then the refrigerator marketing experts thought it would be a good idea to include them in not all of their refrigerators, just a certain amount of them.

I believe their theory was to create a demand for icemakers in steps, and it appears to have worked. Today, there are very few homeowners who don't buy a refrigerator without the icemaker already installed.

For all of you consumers out there who have spent your hard-earned dollars on a service call getting your icemaker repaired, the appliance industry thanks you. That amount spent across America reaches into many millions of dollars.

Icemakers have an average life of seven years and then cost \$100-plus to replace. It's tough to live without one.

In all honesty, there has been so much trouble with icemakers I wish they hadn't been invented.

Ask General Electric how many millions of dollars it has spent to resolve the class action suit it settled last year over icemakers. Take a look at [bringgoodthingstolife.org](http://bringgoodthingstolife.org).

### SQUIRREL IN DRYER

I just received a call from a gentleman who was removing an

armful of clothes from his dryer and noticed a big black squirrel right smack in the middle of all the clothes.

Needless to say, it scared the pants off him. He wanted to know how the squirrel got into the dryer. Let me say, it happens quite often.

If the flapper outside on the exit for the dryer vent line isn't closing all the way, it's a welcome sign to a critter.

It's cold outside, and the little guy wants some heat and he is coming in whether you want him to or not.

If he isn't too smart and bites onto one of the electrical wires inside the dryer, he will become a very serious odor problem.

Removing a dead critter that has been involved in a dryer suicide isn't something you even want to think about.

Here is the secret tip that many service technicians don't want me to tell you: Take an old toothbrush and clean the little hinges on the flapper door outside. Stay tuned.

**Joe Gagnon** can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to [mklemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com) and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

## Global ReLeaf selling trees, shrubs

Once again Global ReLeaf of Michigan is selling to the public bare-root trees especially selected for their hardiness and ability to prosper in both urban and rural areas.

Funds raised through the annual tree sale – now in its 17th year – support community tree plantings throughout Michigan. Orders must be prepaid by Friday, April 6. Quantities are limited.

Trees are \$28 each, or \$25 each for five or more. Specialty trees are \$50 each. Shrubs and evergreens are \$20 each, or \$18 each for five or more.

Pay by check, money order or credit card.

For an order form, call (800) 642-7353 or e-mail [GlobalReLeafMI@aol.com](mailto:GlobalReLeafMI@aol.com).

Order forms can be printed off the Global ReLeaf Web site, [www.globalreleaf.org](http://www.globalreleaf.org).

Pick-up date is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Locations include the city of Livonia DPW Yard, Friendship Park in Lake Orion, Mikes Tree Surgeons Inc. in Troy, Ann Arbor City Nursery in Ann Arbor and Springfield Oaks Park in Davisburg.

A map of locations will be sent before the pick-up date. Maps will be on the Web site.

All trees and shrubs are bare-root, single or multi-stemmed and 3 to 6 feet in height depending on species.

Trees offered are Sugar Maple, Red Maple, Crimson King Norway Maple, Swamp White Oak, Littleleaf Linden, River Birch, Autumn Brilliance

Serviceberry, Japanese Tree Lilac, Red Bud, White and Red Flowering Crabapple, and Honeycrisp Apple.

New offerings this year are specialty trees consisting of species not readily available at most local nurseries. These will also be 3 to 6 feet. They include Paperbark Maple, Yellowwood, and Green Vase Zelkova.

Four types of bare-root shrubs (1 to 2 feet) and three types of bare-root evergreens (about 2 feet) are for sale this year.

The shrubs are "Endless Summer" Hydrangea, "Blue Muffin" Arrowwood Viburnum, "Wine and Roses" Wiegela, and Oakleaf Hydrangea.

The evergreens are Eastern White Pine, Serbian Spruce, and American Arborvitae.

### GARDEN CALENDAR

#### Metro Detroit Hosta Society

The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 26, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham. Clarence Owens will discuss biodiversity. Cost is \$3 for guests. Call (248) 795-0065.

#### Orchid show

The Michigan Orchid Society will present its annual Palm Sunday Orchid Show Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1, at Laurel Park Place at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia, just east of the I-275 Six Mile interchange. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 31, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1. Admission is free. More than 20 exhibits and 500 plants will be on display. Plants will be judged on their merit of quality. For more information, call (586) 416-1496 between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

#### Garden Party

English Gardens will celebrate National Gardening Month (April) with its annual Garden Party Weekend, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1. The weekend will kick off the gardening season and feature free gardening

presentations, landscape advice, refreshments and a look at what's new for 2007. The event is free and the public may attend. It will take place at all six English Gardens stores in West Bloomfield (248) 851-7506, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-4433, Royal Oak/Troy (248) 280-9500, Ann Arbor (734) 332-7900, Clinton Township (586) 286-6100 and Eastpointe (586) 771-4200.

For more information, call the stores or visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

Among the featured speakers will be Roger Swain, former host of PBS' The Victory Garden, Paul Tukey, co-host of HGTV's People, Places & Plants, Janet Macunovich, professional gardener and writer, and experts from English Gardens' English Gardens Landscape Company. Representatives will offer free landscape advice 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Royal Oak/Troy and Dearborn Heights (March 31) and West Bloomfield and Clinton Township (April 1). Representatives from Trainers Academy will present Therapy Dogs and What They Do 4 p.m. March 31 in Royal Oak/Troy. Customers will have the opportunity to

visit with the Easter Bunny 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 31 at all stores.

#### Good Earth Institute

The Good Earth Landscape Institute invites the public to attend Designing your Garden from the Inside Out, a seminar that focuses on designing using the view from a favorite window. Bring snap shots of the area. Sessions run 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays through March 27 at The Community House in Birmingham. Cost is \$125 plus a \$10 materials fee. Call (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

#### Downriver Rose Society

Downriver Rose Society will host its April meeting, There's Nothing Square About a Rose, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph. Admission is free. The public may attend. Join Joyce Latta, a professional landscape designer, and learn how to create striking designs using roses as the key element. Latta will share tips and show slides that are sure to inspire new ideas. For more information, call Mike at (734) 246-3635 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.



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## Afternoon Tea: A primer

### THE HISTORY

The tradition began in 1840 with Anna, the Duchess of Bedford. According to Denise Whipple, a native of England and owner of Traveling Tea Time in Clarkston, at that time it was typical to eat an early lunch and a very late dinner. Because of the long gap in between, Anna would become hungry around 3 or 4 o'clock.

'She wanted something hot and a little something to go along with it,' said Whipple. At first she enjoyed her tea alone in her boudoir, but later began inviting friends over to share tea in the living room.

"It was Afternoon Tea," said Whipple. "It got to be the thing to do."

At first it was only for the wealthy, since tea was very expensive. But the tradition became widespread. Now, such an elaborate tea time isn't a daily occurrence in most English homes, but it is still served with formality at hotels.

### VARIE-TEA

"Like fine wine, there are many varieties of tea from many locations worldwide - each one having its own distinctive taste, smell and body," said Whipple.

From traditional varieties like English Breakfast or Earl Grey, to herbal varieties that are not true teas at all, the beverage suits any taste.

Tea is categorized by the part of the Camellia sinensis plant that is used, and the amount of fermentation it undergoes.

Types of tea include:

■ **White tea** is derived from the top two leaves and the bud of the plant, which are hand-picked and harvested before it fully opens. Try Silver Needle or White Peony.

■ **Green tea** is not fermented. The leaves are steamed and undergo minimal oxidation. Try Sencha, Gunpowder or Jasmine-infused varieties.

■ **Oolong tea** is semi-fermented. Some varieties are Pouchong or Ti Kuan Yin.

■ **Black tea** is fully fermented for a deep, distinctive flavor. Popular choices include Assam, Lapsang Souchong or Darjeeling.

■ **Rooibos** is not a tea at all. It comes from a South African bush and is known for its sweet, nutty flavor and red color.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT IT

The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shop, 685 South Adams in Adams Square in Birmingham, is hosting free tea seminars now through April 20.

Learn about tea culture as Registered Nurse Kristin Sanders shares presentations at 3 p.m. every Friday, along with a hot cup of tea or coffee. Topics include: **Types & Tasting** on March 23, **Good Health with Tea** on March 30, **How to Buy, Store, Brew** on April 6, **Best Foods with Tea** on April 13, and **Tea Ceremonies Around the World** on April 20.

Donations of tea cups, teapots, linens, diffusers and other decor are encouraged, and tax-deductible. All items in the Discovery Shop are donated with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. For more information, call (248) 647-7467.

By Stephanie A. Casola

## TEA

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strawberry jam and lemon curd, and desserts, like chocolate-covered strawberries or fresh fruit tartlets.

"People say 'I've had tea before, but I've never had tea that tasted this good,'" Whipple said. She and her sister Caroline will travel anywhere to provide the service, and bring all the necessary elements to the location.

For those who prefer to go out for Afternoon Tea, Birmingham's Townsend Hotel has offered an elegant option for 17 years.

Tea Director Laura Klein arranges events from an intimate setting for two to parties so large they span two afternoons. Her clients reserve tables for special events, such as birthdays, wedding or baby showers.

"Tea is a really positive experience," said Klein. "From hotel guests to business meetings to a small group of friends, afternoon tea offers a chance to relax in an elegant environment."

And it's not just for women. Klein and Whipple agreed that more men are trying Afternoon Tea, too. "There's a lot of interest," said Klein.

At the Townsend, guests can expect to be greeted at the door. The staff is accommodating so guests can prepare to be pampered, said Klein.

The Townsend's tea service runs Tuesday-Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m. Guests are treated to tables adorned with white linen and an array of Royal Albert china, in either the sun-drenched main lobby, or the more private Tea Lobby.

From the Waterford crystal chandeliers, to a daily arrangement of fresh flowers, to two cozy fireplaces, the setting offers an escape from the world outside.

The Townsend offers a choice of Earl Grey or Decaffeinated Raspberry tea. Loose-rolled tea bags are prepared daily. A light 3-course menu begins with hors d'oeuvres, such as Chicken Curry Salad or Pear, Walnut and Blue Cheese, followed by hot items like Vegetarian Quiche. Then, guests are treated to Cranberry Orange scones with clotted cream and lemon curd, and assorted pastries, from Fresh Fruit Flan to Chocolate Mousse Cups.

"We make everything fresh," said Klein, adding that the kitchen can accommodate individual tastes. They even serve child-friendly finger foods, like grilled cheese sandwiches.

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## Cono Sur is no play on words

Although wines branded as Cono Sur ring like a play on words, they're not. Cono Sur refers to the shape of South America or the "southern cone" on which lies the western edge of Chile and its renowned wine valleys.

Admittedly though, the name (pronounced like *connoisseur*) is a good fit for today's interest in popularly priced, value wines retailing around \$10 per bottle. They just became available in Michigan.

Founded in 1993 with the goal of crafting innovative premium wines expressing their place of origin, Cono Sur Vineyard & Winery is located in Chile's Colchagua Valley. Its 2,200 vineyard acres are parceled into 40 distinct estate vineyards in a number of appellations from Elqui (the most northern) to Maipo and Bio-Bio (the most southern in Chile).

Such vineyard diversity allows Cono Sur, owned by the families who also own the well-known Concha y Toro winery, to make wines that many Chilean wineries can't.

### FIRSTS

Thus in 1999, Cono Sur started its pinot noir project and now has become the largest producer of pinot noir in South America and among the top five producers of pinot noir in the world.

Cono Sur was the first to produce and export Chilean viognier and the first to make riesling with a Bio-Bio appellation.

It was the first Chilean winery to use synthetic cork closures and the first to adopt Stelvin closures for the export market.

Most importantly in the age of increased concern for the environment is Cono Sur's commitment in 2000 to become an organically managed vineyard that resulted in their first certified organically grown cabernet sauvignon-carmenere blend in 2003.

### CONO SUR WINES TO BUY

2006 Sauvignon Blanc (\$10) sports fresh, crisp, bright grapefruit and lime flavors complemented by peach and tropical fruit. A steal. 2005 Vision Chardonnay (\$14) from Casablanca appellation is bright and crisp with a nice kiss of oak.

2006 Pinot Noir (\$10) has classic pinot noir aromas with cherry flavors. It's the best pinot noir at this price on the planet!

2006 Vision Pinot Noir (\$14) is a big step up for only \$4 more. Vines are Pommard clonal selection from Burgundy and show it in darker berry fruit and bigger finish. Cono Sur's winemaker Adolfo Hurtado credits Martin Prieur of Burgundy's Domaine Jacques Prieur for teaching him the secrets of growing and making great pinot noir. Prieur continues as a regular consultant for Cono Sur.

2006 Syrah (\$10) is an excellent value for lovers of this variety with its blackberry smoked meat and vanilla notes.

2005 Vision Merlot (\$14) delights with its deep, dark color, dark berry and cherry flavors with hints of tobacco, a silky spice and melon finish.

2004 20 Barrels Cabernet (\$25) It's difficult to find as generously flavored and layered cabernet merlot-syrah blend at this price. Dark plums, black cherry and black currant flavors make this wine a delicious charmer.

### WINE PICKS

#### SPANISH WINE VALUES

When it comes to great wine values, Spain also has some real deals. Iconic labels make the following wines fun and there's loads of information on the back label so that you know what you're buying. Grape names may be unfamiliar but you'll love the flavors. Try these:

#### WHITE

2005 Ipsum, Bodegas Villar, \$9.50 (60 percent verdejo and 40 percent viura)

2006 Marques de Caceres White, \$7 (100 percent viura)

#### REDS

2005 Zestos Vinos Sin-ley, \$7.35 (blend of tempranillo and garnacha)

2004 Cortijo III, Bodegas Aldeanueva, \$8.40 (100 percent tempranillo)

2005 Carro Tinto, Bodegas Barahonda, \$8.40 (blend of monastrell, syrah, tempranillo and merlot)

2005 Ludovicus, Bodegas Pinol, \$10.50 (blend of garnacha, tempranillo, syrah and cabernet sauvignon)

2005 Tempranillo "TM" Bodegas Torremoron, \$10.50 (100 percent tempranillo)

2004 Avan Nacimiento Bodegas Burgos, \$16 (100 percent tempranillo aged in French oak)

2003 Falset Old Vines, Bodegas Falset Marca, \$15.75 (85 percent garnacha and 15 percent cabernet sauvignon in a Priorat-style blend for a lot less money)

2003 Juan Rojo, Bodegas Matarredonda, \$19.60 (100 percent tempranillo from the Toro region)

2005 Heredad de Candela, Bodegas Barahonda, \$21 (100 percent monastrell)

**Note on Grape Names:** garnacha is grenache, monastrell is mourvedre and tempranillo is the great red wine of Spain as is viura for white wines.

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

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

## FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com or fax (734) 591-7279.

### Schoolcraft College

Stroll through the state of the art instructional kitchens and meet culinary instructors while tasting exceptional foods prepared at VistaGala: The Art of Fine Dining, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the VistaTech Center, DiPonio Room at the college's campus in Livonia. Tickets \$150 per person. Call (734) 462-4518.

### 2 Unique classes

Kelli Lewton, executive chef of 2 Unique Catering and Event Planning and Julie Kowalski, healthy lifestyle coach from Forget Perfect Now, teach cooking classes including Healthy Soups and Casseroles, 6:30 p.m. March 22 and 3:30 p.m. April 15. Making Healthy Fast Food, 6:30 p.m. April 29 and Scrumptious Healthy Desserts, 3:30 p.m. May 6. At 2 Unique, 4303

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### Taste of the Vines

Enroll in five mini courses in wine series offered by Madonna University, 7:30 p.m. Conducted in collaboration with Hillier's Markets, instructed by wine buyer Eric Novak and Rick Halberg, Hillier's director of culinary services. Classes include French Wines, March 28 and Throwing Wine Parties, April 4. Students will sample finger foods and taste wines. Each course is \$36. Register online at [www.madonna.edu/pages/continuingregistration.cfm](http://www.madonna.edu/pages/continuingregistration.cfm) or call (734) 432-5804 for more information.

### Who Has Time To Cook?

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register. Contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832 or online at [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

### Vinology Wine Classes

Vinology 110 S. Main in Ann Arbor is a bar and restaurant owned by the Jonna Family. Price is \$45 each for all six classes. \$50 per class for a four class package or \$55 per class individually. Classes are: Take the Road Less Traveled, Discover New Varieties and Regions, April 18; Wines of Spain and Portugal, May 16; Wines of Italy, June 20; Wines of France, July 18. Call (734) 222-9841.

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## HOME CALENDAR

### Easter Bunny

Art Van stores invite guests to bring the kids to meet the Easter Bunny 1:30 p.m. at the following Saturdays and locations: March 24 at 22555 Greenfield in Southfield and April 7 at 29905 Seven Mile in Livonia.

### Backyard, Pool & Spa Show

The 12th annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show will take place Friday, Sunday, March 23-25 at the Rock Financial Showplace on Grand River, 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.showspan.com](http://www.showspan.com) for more information.

### Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010 or e-mail [ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com](mailto:ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com) or visit [www.HabermanFabrics.com](http://www.HabermanFabrics.com). In Simple Curtain (5:45-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, March 22 to April 5, cost is \$60), beginning sewers will learn how to dress up a room with a simple rod pocket window treatment to use alone or with blinds or shades.

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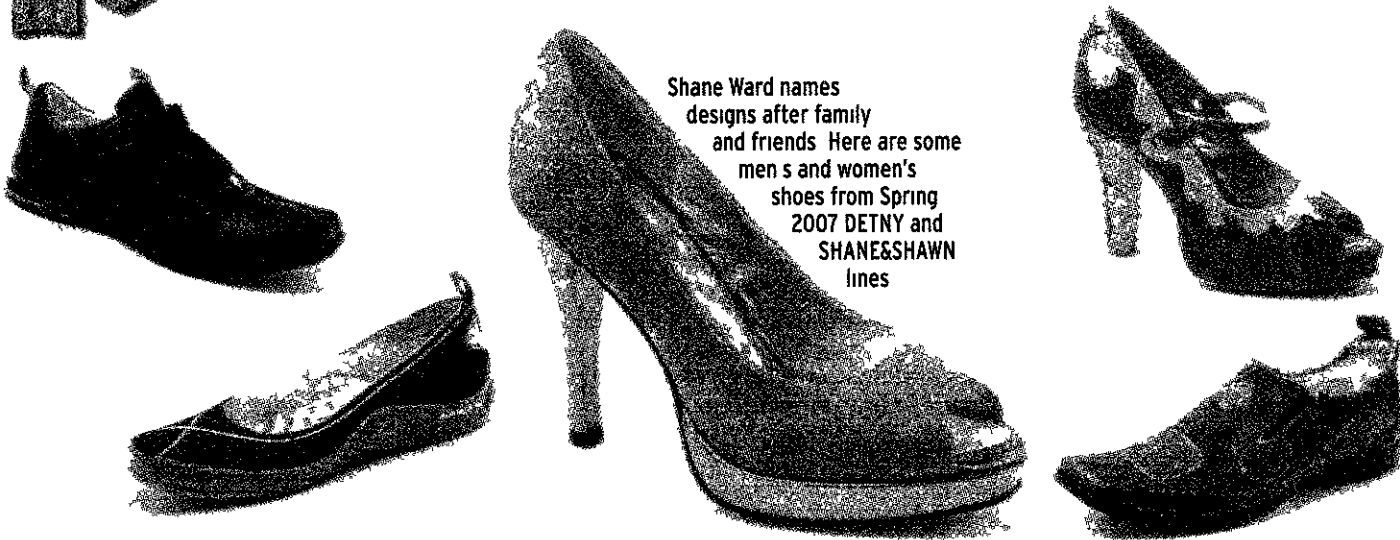
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## Designing a Future

The Detroit Chapter of Fashion Group International awarded two student scholarships during its Career Day on March 2 held at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Inga Lenz of Farmington Hills (left) an aspiring designer received a \$500 scholarship for fashion merchandising. Raminta Vilkiene, of Livonia, received a \$1,000 scholarship for fashion design. She stands next to a gray suit with silver inlay of her own creation. Both are students at the International Academy of Design & Technology in Troy.



Shane Ward names designs after family and friends. Here are some men's and women's shoes from Spring 2007 DETNY and SHANE&SHAWN lines.

## DETNY twins bare soles at FGI Career Day

By Wendy Von Buskirk

Walk a mile in Shane and Shawn's shoes, and you'll be as comfy as you are stylish.

The Ward twins, 34, are founders of an international shoe design business that's revolutionized the comfort shoe industry.

The Detroit natives returned to their hometown to speak to students during Fashion Group International's annual Career Day, held at Glen Oaks Country Club on March 2.

Shane and Shawn are twins from Detroit who are rocking, literally rocking, the shoe design world," said Susan Howes, fashion editor of Hour Detroit, as she introduced the pair. "Sport comfort shoes — that design influence is coming from Detroit, our boys."

Shane and Shawn, dressed in jeans, blazers and skinny ties, charmed the audience as they described their steps to success. The journey began after they graduated from Detroit's Cass Technical High School in 1991 and went to the University of Michigan.

Shane was the creative one. "When you grow up in the Midwest, you wonder 'what am I going to do with an art degree?'" Shane said. "I finally became comfortable with being an artist when I saw career paths you could take."

Earning a degree in industrial design, Shane created exhibits for General Motors until he got a call about a job opening at Adidas in Portland, Oregon.

He flew out for an interview and found employees wearing shorts and flip-flops, a basketball court in the center of the office, and a keg in the corner for Fridays.

He took the job, and set foot on the path to shoe designer.

Shane quickly became recognized as a shining star, creating signature shoes for famous athletes and traveling the world to find manufacturing plants and inspiration. "It changed my life," he said. "It really opened my eyes to different cultures, what people wear, what they eat, how they feel."

Shane became the youngest person ever to head a department at Adidas. As senior designer for cross-trainers, women's workout and cleated shoes, he oversaw \$300 million in business annually.

After four years with the company, Shane left for a stint at And 1 in Philadelphia, designing footwear for basketball stars. Soon, he got the urge to venture off on his own.

"The entrepreneurial spirit inside of me was just ready to explode. I learned about the business of freelancing and consulting and I had a great portfolio to present to different customers," Shane said.

And that's where he got back in step with Shawn.

Since the twins had parted ways, Shawn had been forging a unique career of his own, although he downplays his achievements.

"My story's not as cool," he quipped.

Shawn earned a degree in mechanical engineering and was completely satisfied working his way up the corporate ladder at Chrysler. That is until his vagabond shoes strayed to



PHOTO BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK

Shoe gurus Shane and Shawn Ward recently visited Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Here the twins pose at the piano with their Seso shoe for men.

### New York City

After a few trips to the Big Apple, Shawn sold everything and moved there to become a day trader.

"I left my house, my motorcycle, my Durango and moved into a two bedroom place with a roommate I had never met before," he said. "That's what you do — you sacrifice what you think is really important for a long term goal."

Shawn was smart on the stock exchange, and made money before the market crashed in 2001. Shane eventually joined him in New York City and their partnership began.

"I had been designing sneakers for all these great companies, but we never wore sneakers, except to the gym," Shane said. "We started noticing that women in New York wore high heels at the office, but wore their New Balance to walk to work. We thought, why don't we close that gap and create shoes that are as comfortable as a sneaker, but sexy enough to wear to a bar or club."

Shane set to work sketching hip, fashion-forward sneaker hybrids under the label DETNY, which stands for Detroit-New York. Shawn put his business acumen behind the brand, pursuing a patent on an inlay sole and writing a solid business plan.

They ordered samples from China, and their line was born.

"We were building what we thought would be the next great shoe," Shane said.

It turned out they were right.

Orders from a single boutique turned into contracts at major department stores. Now, their men's line is carried at Nordstrom and their women's shoes are at Macy's Herald

### Lace up your future

DETNY's Shane and Shawn Ward shared advice with students at Fashion Group International-Detroit's Career Day on March 2. Here are their three steps to success.

**1) Make a 5-year plan.** Think about where you want to see yourself in five years, then make the necessary moves to get there. Take classes, network and above all, find a mentor. "Everything you do should lead up to that goal," Shawn said.

**2) Be yourself.** Embrace the things that make you unique and others will take notice. When you acknowledge what you are truly passionate about, you will find your calling. You will become incredibly successful, and even more importantly, incredibly happy," Shane said.

**3) Stay focused.** The path to success isn't always smooth, but persistence pays off. "We've been through so many ups and downs," Shawn said. "We've had to cancel thousands of shoes because they didn't work out, but whatever you're doing, don't give up."

Square. The twins were recently featured on the WE reality show "Unwrapping Macy's," and they have signed with Picture This Productions to do a reality show of their own, possibly this fall.

Their new higher-end line of men's and women's shoes under the label SHANE&SHAWN will hit the market April 15. The collection is comprised of heels and boots for women and dress shoes for men featuring sleek European silhouettes and imported leathers. But the styles still stress comfort.

They feature cushioned insoles, injected rubber pods on the soles for padding and traction, and platforms made from foam instead of wood or stacked leather.

Someone said to us once: "If you guys can do this kind of comfort in high heels, you'll be millionaires," Shane said.

They might be onto something. Oprah Magazine recently listed a SHANE&SHAWN pump among "45 killer shoes that won't kill your feet."

The twins plan to launch an accessory line with handbags, belt buckles, tees, hats and limited edition jackets in the fall.

Yet even with all their success, the pair aren't resting on their insoles.

"Our drive is to be more than a small shoe company. We want to be the next lifestyle brand, the next Kenneth Cole, the next Diesel," Shawn said.

DETNY shoes start around \$115 and are available in Metro Detroit at Edward Dorian, Sole Sisters and Simply Casual. For more information, visit [www.detny.com](http://www.detny.com).

## Local lady wins AARP model search

AARP The Magazine recently announced that Dearborn Heights resident Hoda Amine was chosen as a 2007 Faces of 50+ Real People Models.

The Magazine toured 10 cities last summer searching for beauties over 50.

Women entered by having their pictures taken at AARP The Magazine Road Show stops.

Editor Steve Slon and Beauty Editor Gabrielle Redford sifted through applicants looking for vibrant, healthy individuals who reflect the magazine's core belief that life starts at 50. They hand-selected nine women out of a pool of nearly 2,000 applicants.

Amine, the only winner from Michigan, entered during the Woodward Dream Cruise last August.



Amine

In December, she was flown out to New York City where she had a skincare and beauty makeover in preparation for a professional photo shoot.

Amine and the other 'real people' models represent women in their 50s, 60s and 70s, and appear in the March/April edition along with a feature story which gives readers tips on how to determine the best skincare regime for their skin type.

Due to the popularity of the Faces of 50+ Real People Model Search, eligible applicants will be able to apply online this year.

For more information, visit [www.aarpmagazine.com](http://www.aarpmagazine.com).

### List

#### Girls Night Out

Join Saks Fifth Avenue and the Troy Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Forum for a Girl's Night Out March 29. Donate gently used career clothing to Dress for Success, then enjoy an overview of spring 2007 fashion and beauty must-haves as you sip wine and sample hors d'oeuvres. Tickets: \$35, include a \$25 SFA gift card. Call (248) 641-8151.

#### Detroit Ignition Dance Clinic

The Detroit Ignition Dance Team will host a dance clinic on Saturday, March 31 at High Velocity Sports, 46255 Michigan Ave., Canton. Participants will learn dance techniques from the Ignition's official dance team, The Spark, then perform live during an Ignition.

home game April 1 at Compuware Sports Arena. Dancers ages 13-18 will participate from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for \$55; dancers ages 7-12 will take part from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for \$40. Fee includes lunch, a ticket to the April 1 game, and discounted tickets for friends and family. Call 1-888-436-GOAL or visit [www.detroitignition.com](http://www.detroitignition.com).

#### Materialistic

See head-to-toe creations by three Metro Detroit artists during Materialistic, 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 30 at The Community Arts Gallery, 22635 Woodward Ave. Individual and collaborative works include jewelry by Sarah Kate Burgess, dresses by Annica Cuppetelli and shoes by Tom Carbone, exhibited and modeled for patrons. Call (248) 414-6500.

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