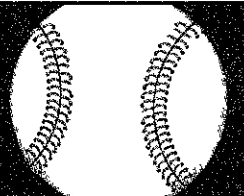


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Planning commission rejects hospital plan

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Like the orange and black sign at Meadow Villages subdivision requested, the Canton Planning Commission said no to Oakwood Healthcare Systems Monday.

After a marathon public hearing that threatened to hit midnight, the commission voted 6-1 to deny Oakwood's request to amend a planned development district agreement for 88 acres of land at Beck and Geddes to make room for a 650,000-square-foot hospital.

"The location is suspect said Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson. "It's just not good."

Although Gustafson received a rousing applause for that statement for most of the meeting, he and the other commissioners, along with Oakwood representatives, were jeered and booed by critics of the proposed project.

More than 540 people attended the meeting at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Nearly two-thirds of the audience was against Oakwood's plans while a



As the meeting dragged on, Planning Commissioner Ron Lieberman thinks about the issue

third supported the Dearborn-based corporation.

Gustafson threatened to shut down the meeting a couple times for "appalling" behavior.

Resigning herself to be the "unpopular" voice, long-time commissioner, Catherine Johnson, voted in favor of recommending the proposal to the Township Board and began crying as she gave her reasoning for wanting to push the project forward.

The township board dearly loves this community, she said, adding that if it weren't for the current

board's work, people never would've moved to the township.

Oakwood, which presented a detailed revision of its proposal from October, reiterated that they wanted to be good neighbors to surrounding homeowners and touted their proposed medical campus as an enhancement to the northwest corner of the intersection.

Bryan Amman, Oakwood attorney, elicited applause when he said the corporation may look to build outside of Canton if the commission didn't amend the PDD.

Dozens of residents that spoke out against the proposal agreed that Oakwood's plans were nice, but said they weren't appropriate for that parcel, which is owned by Singh Development and was previously slated for luxury homes and apartments.

The land was packaged under the PDD as additional phases of Singh's Charing Cross subdivision.

Canton resident Kiki Glenski lives directly west of the proposed hospital site and was part of an organized group that gave the

PLEASE SEE PLAN, A6

Canton gearing up to host Senior Olympics ceremonies

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The phone for Canton's Senior Adult Program is already ringing from residents ready to go for the gold.

The township will host the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2007 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, beginning Aug. 20.

The five-day event will feature hundreds of seniors from 15 communities, including Westland, Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City, Redford Township, Wayne, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

"People are calling me," said Janet Brady, Canton's senior program supervisor. "This is a good time for people to get together and be active."

The Senior Olympics are open to western Wayne County men and women age 50 and older. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded for a baking contest, football toss, soccer kick, euchre, creative writing, bowling, photography and tennis.

A \$5 registration fee will include a T-shirt. Some events require an additional \$2 fee. Brady said the Senior

Olympics committee is thrilled to offer several new events, including a 12-mile bicycle contest.

"It's so inspiring to see children rooting for their grandparents," she said.

The event will close Aug. 24 with a banquet at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

Participants must be registered by July 31. For more information, call (734) 394-5496.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Baylee Hollowell and her teammates will be playing during the winter, rather than in the fall, after the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal in the case.

Court's ruling will impact sports seasons

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton administrators said they expected Monday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that changes some sports seasons for boys and girls, so the next step will be to accommodate the changes before implementation in September. The ruling forced the Michigan High School

PLEASE SEE SEASONS, A3

QVC showers gifts on woman for buying billionth package

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

All Mary Pew wanted was a shiny, nine-speed Kitchen Aid hand mixer. She not only got that, but ended up with more than 200 other items for being the recipient of QVC's billionth package shipped in the United States.

With her husband, Ken, glancing over her shoulder, Pew, 50, beamed as dozens of

cardboard boxes bearing her favorite three letters in black print were placed in her family room Wednesday.

"I feel like I should break out into *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas*," she said.

Pew, who took the day off work to receive the delivery, was not only given all 230 items that QVC broadcasted during a 24-hour span March 22, she's been awarded a

\$10,000 gift card. "This is just like a bridal shower," she said, as she sat down beside her longtime friend, Debbie Emmons, and began opening various packages.

Pew, who kept belting out what she calls her "Betty Rubble laugh," excitedly screamed with Emmons as they unwrapped dishes, exercise equipment and cookware.

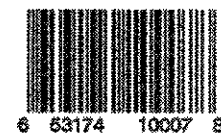
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Mary Pew of Canton, reacts as 53 packages containing a total of 230 items were delivered to her home Wednesday morning. She won the items, as well as a \$10,000 gift card, for being the recipient of QVC's billionth package.

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\$70,000 raised for firefighter

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Friends and supporters have raised about \$70,000 to help Westland Firefighter Todd Stanaway and his family as he battles an aggressive form of brain cancer.

"It's just amazing all that they've done," Stanaway's wife Julie, said. "It's overwhelming to know that so many people put so much of their time and effort into this. We're just so very thankful and overwhelmed with the outpouring of people's generosity."

Westland firefighters helped the Stanaways, who have a 3-year-old daughter, Samantha, by organizing a fund-raiser Saturday at the city's Friendship Center. The event, including dinner, a disc jockey, a silent auction and raffles, drew more than 1,000 people.

We weren't sure what to expect, so the turnout was awesome," Firefighter Keith Barthauer said.

Stanaway, 35, has endured two surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation as he battles glioblastoma multiforme grade four – a form of brain cancer that has a 5 percent survival rate.

He and his family attended Saturday's fund-raiser.

To see him just overwhelmed with emotion was a good feeling for me," said Carl Laubach, a Westland firefighter and one of Stanaway's closest friends. He really does know how much people love and care for him.

Stanaway, a 12-year veteran of the Westland Fire Department, was diagnosed with brain cancer earlier this year after he started having short-term memory loss and speech problems.

Firefighters in neighboring Wayne organized a bingo event



Westland Firefighter Todd Stanaway, who is battling brain cancer, carried a flag in New York City during an October 2002 ceremony honoring those who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

in early March to help raise money for the Stanaway family.

In all, an estimated \$70,000 has been raised, including money from firefighters in such communities as Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Dearborn, Inkster, Romulus, Northville, Taylor and Sterling Heights, said Ed Hosmer, president of Westland Firefighters Local 1279.

Hosmer also said Westland police officers gave \$800. And the single biggest contribution of \$2,000 came from Westland City Councilman Bill Johnson, who said he worked with council colleague Dewey Reeves and City Clerk Eileen DeHart to secure the money from United Auto Workers Local 900. Johnson is union plant chairman at Ford Motor Co.'s Wayne Assembly Plant.

We were moved by the outpouring of support from the community," Hosmer said.

Still other fund-raisers are pending. Canton firefighters are planning a golf outing in late July, Hosmer said.

Barthauer confirmed that anyone else who wants to donate may send checks made payable to Westland Firefighters, noting on the checks that the money is for the Todd Stanaway family. Checks may be sent to Westland Firefighters, P.O. Box 858187, Westland, MI, 48185.

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Men's Good Friday breakfast

The 32nd Annual Men's Good Friday Breakfast will be held at 8 a.m., April 6 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton. Christian singer-songwriter Chris Kokenos will be the guest speaker. All men and boys are invited. Tickets are \$5, and \$2 for boys 10 and under. Price includes an All-U-Can-Eat breakfast. Call church office at (734) 459-3333 for details.

Canton Homeowners Advisory Council

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council will meet at 7 p.m., April 9, in the lower level of the Canton Township Administrative Building. Jeffe Gourlie, Chief Operating Officer of Kramer-Triad Management Group, will be the guest speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your homeowner or condo questions.

Corriveau coffee hour

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) is inviting residents to sit down to talk over a cup of coffee from 8-9 a.m. Monday, April 9, at the McDonald's restaurant located at 40241 Michigan Avenue in Canton. If your business or organization is interested in hosting a coffee hour with Corriveau, please call his office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REF (208-4737) or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

LUMA light show

The LUMA Theater light show will take the stage at 8 p.m., April 7 at the Village Theater. It has been described as a one-of-a-kind light show. LUMA's creator paints dazzling, dancing images that tell stories, conjure surreal worlds, where abstract shapes career and collide, shooting stars flash across a night sky, EKG monitors trace the heart beat of the body electric.

To get geared up for the fantastic light show, the audience is invited to the Biltmore Studio at 7 p.m. to see what effects the black light has on vanilla ice cream and sprinkles at the Black Light Ice Cream Social. The social is at additional \$5 and is made possible by a donation from Coldstone Creamery.

Show tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for seniors and youth (this show is not recommended for children under 5) and can be purchased at



Baby benefit

Dan Fischer, Director of Child & Family Life for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, goes through some of the items at the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club 'Baby Shower' with Kiwanians Sue Photo (center) and Char Briggs. The shower initiated by Michigan Kiwanians targets needs for the hospital program. Gifts included crayons, coloring books, crafts, T-shirts for art, baby clothing, dolls, and other current popular toys and games. The 34 ladies from the senior center that gathered for a lunch of sandwiches, punch and cake also played 'Hospital Bingo.' C.S. Mott Children's Hospital serves all of Michigan with 209 beds for inpatient care. Club members are encouraging interested parties to develop their own 'baby shower.' For more information, e-mail info@pckiwani.org or call (734) 981-0460.

chased in advance at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office is open Monday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday & Saturday, 7-9 p.m.; Sunday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. and one hour prior to each performance. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

Wine event

Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton sponsors a Wine Event Friday, April 27.

This event, hosted by Holiday Market in Canton, will feature 150 wines from around the world, 25 premium beers, and a variety of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. All proceeds will benefit local and international charities.

The event takes place 7:30-9:30 p.m. at All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road in Canton, will be from 7:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Holiday Market at (734) 844-2200, Sarah at (734) 667-2287 or e-mail szydeck@aol.com.

Creative Day registration

Creative Day Nursery School on Cherry Hill in Canton is accepting registration for the fall. Creative Day is a developmental school that

encourages children to learn at their own pace while promoting social skills through music, art, story time and hands-on activities. Both morning and afternoon classes are available.

For more information, call (734) 981-3990 or (734) 981-6470.

Chamber dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Dinner Auction from 7 p.m. to 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 Cojer.

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@canton-chamber.com. For more information, visit the chamber's Web site at www.cantonchamber.com or contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

This year's auction is sponsored by Lou LaRiche 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. It 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.

School registration

Registrations are now being accepted at St. Michael Christian School in Canton for the 2007-2008 school year beginning in the fall. The school offers 3-year-old preschool through fifth grade, including a new Young Fives program. Classes are taught by qualified and credentialed teachers.

The school strongly supports the development of the whole child in a small class size setting.

For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

Home buyers seminar

Shore Mortgage will host a free home buyers/credit repair seminar at 7 p.m. April 26 at 7277 N. Lilley Road in Canton. Some of the topics will include repairing and improving your credit score, down payment assistance programs, and the home buying process.

For more information, call Richard Pasieka at (734) 776-5635.

Spotlight Players

Spotlight Players is presenting the show Children of Eden, April 27-29, May 4-6, 11-12 (Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.) at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Children of Eden was written by Stephen Schwartz, who wrote the music for Wicked.

This musical is based on the first 9-1/2 chapters of the Book of Genesis.

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Special device helps man overcome energy-draining sleeping disorder

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Until he mentioned it to his doctor, Ross Kadish spent two years thinking he had developed a new quirk.

"I would be sitting at the computer and then I would phase out," he said. "It was less than a second, but I would just go blank without any warning."

When the frequency of the fleeting blackouts increased, Kadish, 48, finally mentioned the episodes to his physician, who suspected he had sleep apnea.

Kadish of Canton said he knew about the condition but it wasn't something he ever considered could be inflicting him.

"I never felt tired or fatigued," said Kadish, the CEO of Associated Group Underwriters, Inc. in Livonia. "When I woke up in the morning, I thought I felt refreshed. I had no idea what was going on."

After undergoing a set of

sleep studies at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Kadish was diagnosed with obstructive sleep apnea.

According to the American Sleep Apnea Association, the disorder is common and affects more than 12 million Americans. Of the three types of the condition, obstructive sleep apnea, caused by a blockage of the airway, is most common. Sleep apnea causes a loss of breath and those with the condition are forced to wake up, sometimes hundreds of times, during the night. Although it strikes women and children, risk factors include being male, overweight and more than 40 years old.

Kadish, a married father of three daughters, has gotten his disorder under control through a CPAP device, which includes a mask connected to a tube and a fan that goes over his nose at nighttime.

"He's doing great," said Thomas Gravelyn, the director of the sleep disorder center at St. Joseph Mercy. He

has responded extremely well to treatment."

Kadish, who jokes that his wife of 25 years, Laurie, is thrilled the device has ended his snoring, said its usage has come with other benefits.

"My productivity is high and I have more energy. I used to be short tempered and irritable and I didn't know why and that changed immediately," he said, adding that the device is comfortable. "And while I thought I was getting a good night's sleep before, I feel such a difference now."

Kadish said he wants to story to help someone else.

"I have no idea why I waited so long to tell my doctor about this," he said, adding that the blackouts only happened when he was in front of a computer. "I'm not a person who's afraid of the doctor. I know they are my partners in health but I guess I was afraid of what they would find."

At his worst, Kadish was having nearly 10 episodes a day.

"I would tell anybody to get checked out if they had any symptoms," he said. "This has made a big, big difference in my life and there may be a solution you never anticipated."

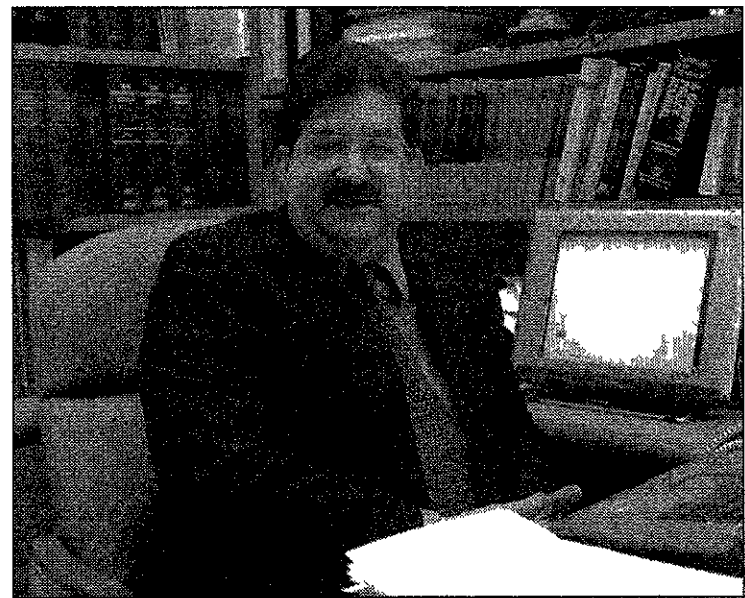
Although Kadish's diagnosis was accurate, Gravelyn said a lot of cases of sleep apnea are misdiagnosed as depression or anxiety.

On its Web site, www.sleepapnea.org, the American Sleep Apnea Association said if left untreated the disorder can cause "high blood pressure and other cardiovascular disease, memory problems, weight gain, impotency, and headaches. Moreover, untreated sleep apnea may be responsible for job impairment and motor vehicle crashes."

If someone believes they have sleep apnea, Gravelyn said they should answer a few questions — preferably with the help of a loved one — and then ask for an evaluation.

The questions include:

- Do I snore?
- Do I stop breathing for 10 or more seconds during sleep?
- Am I constantly being awakened?
- Am I tired during the day?
- Do I have high blood pressure?



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Ross Kadish suffers from obstructive sleep apnea

Calling his CPAP device his "new best friend," Kadish expects to wear the item for the rest of his life. "I noticed a difference the very next day," he said.

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Athletic Association to move volleyball from winter to fall and girls basketball from fall to winter, to correspond to boys seasons. Girls tennis will switch seasons with boys, from fall to spring. Girls golf will switch seasons with boys from spring to fall.

"The most important issues are how the ruling will affect some athletes," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "Some, who play multiple sports, may have to decide which sport to choose because of conflicts."

"We have some concerns with facilities, at Salem (High School) in particular," he added. "The original design, and the way it's operated, can't accommodate multiple

teams practicing. We'll have to make adjustments to that facility."

Bender also said some coaches, who coach multiple sports, will be impacted by the change. And the availability of referees — many who work multiple sports — could also become a problem.

Supt. Jim Ryan said the changes will affect community groups which use school facilities.

"While we want to serve our community, some of our athletic teams will have to have priorities in the middle schools," Ryan said. "You can say practice late at night, but our (high school) park starts so early, you can't have a practice going 8-10 p.m., it's just not fair. We'll be working with community education to work out schedules."

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Daughter tells father's story of surviving concentration camp

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Dana Kent remembers her father's nightmares

"Even as a child I have memories of him waking up and screaming, thinking he was still in the camp and about to be killed," she said.

Mitchell Pawlak spent three years in Nazi concentration camps in Poland, enduring torture, beatings, harsh forced labor and a starvation diet. He watched hundreds die around him. But he survived.

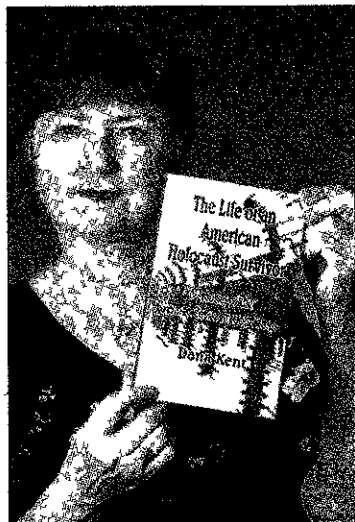
His story is unusual because he was an American Catholic trapped by the Germans before he could return to his native land.

Kent of Livonia tells his story through his eyes in a short but compelling book, *The Life of an American Survivor: Memories of the German Concentration Camps*.

"When I became a teenager, he talked so much about the camps that I would write term papers and reports about the concentration camps," she said. Later when I was in college, he kept talking about letting people know that he had survived and he had been a Catholic. Everyone hears about the Jewish people who died, but there were many priests in the camp, there were other people besides the Jewish people and he thought their story should be told.

Pawlak, now 86 and a long-time resident of Redford, was born in 1920 in New Jersey. Pawlak's father lost his job as a bus driver in the Depression and was encouraged by cousins to return to Poland and start a farm. But, Kent said, her father always dreamed of returning to the United States.

When the war broke out, Pawlak traveled to the American embassy in Berlin



Dana Kent with a copy of her book on her father's memories of his time in German concentration camps.

with his brother seeking papers to return to the States, but he was told he had to register for the Selective Service. That and his involvement as president of his local Catholic Youth Organization made him an immediate target for the Gestapo.

He tried to hide for a while, but his mother became very sick and he wanted to get back to see her and that's when he was arrested, Kent said.

IN HIS VOICE

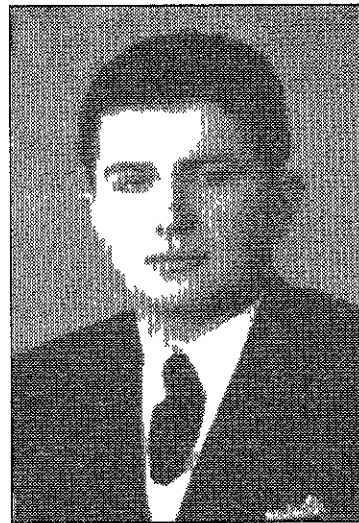
Kent tells her father's story in the first person in his voice.

I collected all of his journal entries, she said. He had pages and pages of handwritten notes, every experience that had happened. He had pictures that the soldiers who liberated him had given him at the camp, Camp Dachau. I wrote it as if he were telling the story, as I was using many of his notes to explain everything. I thought it would have more meaning if it were him telling the story.

It took Kent many years to find the time to tell her



The entrance to Camp Dachau. The words on the gate, "Arbeit Macht Frei," is German for "Work makes you free." This picture was taken by American soldiers who liberated the camp at the end of World War II.



Mitchell Pawlak was a young man of 21 when he was arrested by the Gestapo and began three years of internment in German concentration camps.

father's story. She was a business teacher in Novi for 25 years, worked for a while as a legal secretary and raised two daughters.

But at the back of my

mind, I knew I wanted to tell his story," she said.

She tells the story in short, direct chapters, following Pawlak's movement from camp to camp, finally coming to the death camp at Dachau in November of 1942. She describes the endless beatings, physical and psychological tortures, wretched conditions and inadequate diet that the prisoners endured.

Yet, Kent said her father's only criticism of the book is that it "isn't brutal enough."

AN ABIDING FAITH

But Pawlak survived that brutality, because he had a strong religious faith that was reinforced by the example of Catholic priests who continually defied the Nazis to carry out their religious obligations and help others in the camp.

Kent writes: In Camp Dachau, the older priests were usually harnessed to a roller and whipped by the guards to

pull it along. Often the priests were given humiliating tasks and treated miserably. Some of them were sent to clean the gutters or wash the latrines. We could see them doing their jobs without complaint, sometimes having to carry excrement with their bare hands. I would witness the terrible way the priests were treated with frustration that I could do nothing to help them. I could not even help myself escape the captivity.

Kent writes that her father was aware in the camp of Pope Pius XII's accommodations with the German government.

He didn't like it, but he was a true blue Catholic and felt if the pope was saying that, he must have been doing it for a reason," she said. He believed that faith led him to different things and faith created different situations that arose throughout the war. He had a strong faith and he used that

to overlook what had happened with the pope.

When Dachau was liberated, Pawlak reconnected with a neighbor girl, Jean, whose brother Eddie had also been taken off to the concentration camp. They married and petitioned to go to the United States. Despite a promise from a U.S. ambassador, there were delays. Finally, Pawlak confronted the ambassador and he and his wife, now pregnant with their daughter, boarded a ship to the United States.

My mother had a brother in Michigan and she had promised to look for him. Their goal was to find a place in Michigan and find a job. The most logical place was Hamtramck because that was where most of the Polish people were residing," she said.

Pawlak began working for General Motors as a tool and die worker. He tried to make contact with groups for Jewish concentration camp survivors and, Kent said, was told to find a group for Catholics. He did make contact with individual survivors and they shared their experiences.

In addition to Jews, the Nazis also imprisoned Catholics, political leftists, homosexuals and others who opposed them. William Styron's famous novel *Sophie's Choice* was about a Polish Catholic camp survivor.

The Pawlaks moved to Redford Township in the mid-1950s. Kent said her mother has been confined to bed for the past two years and Pawlak, though an invalid himself, has been caring for her.

Kent's book is published by Publish America and is available online at Amazon.com, PublishAmerica.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

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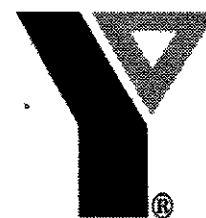
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commission a presentation on why they were against the medical facility in their neighborhood. She said harsh economic climates don't justify changing the township's master plan and said Canton officials should not be in the business of appeasing developers.

A petition disapproving of the proposed location was signed by more than 1,000 people.

Tempers flared when a Canton resident suggested that Planning Commissioner Damon Garrett refrain from voting on the issue because his employer, Atwell-Hicks Development Consultants, has worked with Singh on the Charing Cross project. Garrett, who gave a long pause before voting to deny Oakwood's request, said he had no prior knowledge of his employer's affiliation with Singh and said his vote wouldn't be tainted by a conflict of interest.

In its revision, Oakwood proposed building a 130-foot wide berm to shield its facility from neighboring properties. Residents sarcastically

OAKWOOD'S TWO OPTIONS

Formally withdrawing its request to build a hospital at Beck and Geddes.

Proceed to the Township Board for a final decision.

They haven't indicated what they are going to do, said Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet, adding that if they choose to go before the board, the supervisor's office will determine what date they'll be placed on the agenda. If they do come before the board, at least one member said he will oppose the project. This just isn't the right location for the hospital, Trustee Todd LaJoy said.

referred to the berm as an unsightly 'small mountain' and Commission Vice Chairman Greg Greene said if the site was ideal for a hospital, Oakwood wouldn't have to go to such lengths to limit its

visibility.

"This intersection is the wrong place for this project," he said, adding that it could "literally, ruin one neighborhood."

One woman that identified herself as an Oakwood physician that lives near Beck and Geddes received a standing ovation by some audience members after she said, "I'm tired of developers changing their minds - right is right and wrong is wrong."

Melissa McLaughlin, the board representative on the commission, expressed reluctance in denying Oakwood's request.

"As much as I think this is a good thing, clearly (many residents) don't think so," she said.

If you're willing to take a gamble, I'll be there with you. The right thing to do is honor the (PDD).

Monday's denial may not mark the end of Oakwood's quest to plant roots at the intersection. David Ippel, Oakwood's division president of ambulatory services, said the corporation plans to "regroup."

"We have a love relationship with Canton," he said.

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OVC sent Mary Pew one of everything sold during a 24-hour period, including plenty of jewelry.

OVC

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"I know my way around a QVC box," she said while ripping into one full of women's clothing and began holding up various sweaters.

Before that, the two women pored over a box full of jewelry.

Isn't this beautiful, Pew said while gasping over a silver cuff bracelet, as a giddy Emmons chimed in, "Put it on!"

Pew's prizes, which were delivered by two UPS trucks, included a 37-inch flat-screen television, beauty products, gourmet foods, a Belgian waffle maker and various novelties. She's yet to order anything with her gift card.

The mother of three, who posed for pictures while kneeling in between all of her boxes, says she actually debated for a short while about placing her original order for the hand mixer March 19 and nearly missed the phone call letting her know she had QVC's bi-monthly shipment.

"I thought it was a solicitor," she chuckled, adding that she was busy playing with her 6-month-old granddaughter at the time.

They had to walk me through it a couple times before I could grasp it. Pew made her first pur-

chase, a scrapbooking kit, from the home shopping titan about six years ago. Family members, including her 25-year-old son, Tim, have constantly teased her for watching the channel and placing orders.

"That's past tense," Pew joked, adding that Tim has already staked his claim on a George Foreman grill that arrived.

While standing near a stack of boxes nearly as tall as him and calling dibs on the flat screen, Ken Pew quietly admitted he also made a few jokes about his wife's love of QVC.

Ken, who filmed Mary opening all the boxes, called the massive delivery a blessing because his wife is planning to donate several items to their church. Other trimmings are slated for birthday and Christmas gifts.

Saying that their family usually goes out to eat on Easter, Ken joked they'll be dining at home because a ham was included in the delivery.

"I'll guess we'll be eating ham this year," he said.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Audio Visual Equipment for Miller Elementary School**. Bid documents are available for pickup at the District's technology consultant, Innovate, located at 37555 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331, or via email at info@innovatetec.com (request document #0701). Sealed bids will be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, and must be clearly marked "MILLER AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT BID" and received no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Monday, April 16, 2007, at which time they will be read publicly. Bids must contain proper references and financial disclosure documents per State requirements. For additional information, please contact Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing, at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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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 24, 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 Bodycoat Thermal Processing Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property for their facility located at 8580 N. Haggerty Road, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from DADCO Inc. for a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemption for the cost of new personal property to be purchased and installed within the existing facility located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd, Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing, the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m. will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number: 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE

WEEDS TO BE CUT ON LOTS IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2007, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed-bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice and Section 32.059 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service as provided in Section 32.070 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 2007, without further notice to the property owners.

MARILEY MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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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 24, 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 Durcon Laboratory Tops Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property for their facility located at 8464 Ronda Drive, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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SPORTS coverage!

1 of 4 defendants pleads guilty in home invasion

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

One of four defendants charged in a brutal home invasion on Westland's northwest side will spend seven to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty Friday to armed robbery.

Laqunta Cuntez Terry, 19, admitted his guilt in an incident that happened last Sept. 20 at Westwood Village Apartments, on the southeast corner of Joy and Hix roads.

A 47-year-old victim told police that intruders came in his doorwall, robbed him a gunpoint, tied him up and put packing tape around his mouth and head. He said they ransacked his apartment and stole a gun, liquor, credit cards and a cell phone before fleeing in his 2005 Monte Carlo.

Terry's guilty plea came after prosecuting and defense attorneys reached an agreement for a sentence that will be imposed April 13 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Michael Hathaway.

"He'll do at least seven years," Westland police Sgt. David Heater said.

Terry, a Southfield teenager, pleaded guilty after prosecutors agreed to drop other criminal charges, including first-degree home invasion and stealing a vehicle.

Terry's arrest for the home invasion came after he was paroled on an earlier conviction involving a stolen vehicle.

Three other defendants have rejected offers to plead

guilty in return for lengthier sentences stemming from the Westwood Village incident, Heater said.

Those defendants are James Michael Hobson, 18, and Harry James Taylor, 23, both of Canton, and DeCory Lamar Sharpe, 19, of Westland.

Their trials by separate juries are expected to start in early May.

Hobson, Taylor and Sharpe face trial for torture, armed robbery, first-degree home invasion, stealing a vehicle, weapons charges and being habitual offenders.

Taylor and Hobson rejected a plea agreement that would have sent them to prison for 15-25 years, plus a mandatory two-year term for a felony firearms charge, Heater said.

Sharpe also refused a plea agreement. He would have received 12-25 years plus the two-year term for felony firearms, Heater said.

Westland police arrested the suspects last October after allegedly linking fingerprints to one of the defendants from another investigation in Canton.

A search warrant was executed in Canton, and Westland police Sgt. Steve Borisch said in court that evidence was found of more than one home invasion.

The case against the defendants allegedly mushroomed following statements that some of them made to police, authorities have said.

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DDA seeks photos for upcoming visitors guide

The Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is looking for photographs to be used for several community projects in 2007. Photographs should encompass the 'Canton Lifestyle' theme, and include subjects such as recreation, family fun, sporting events, and points of interest in Canton that capture the essence of life and diversity of cultures in the Canton community.

Photos must be submitted

no later than Wednesday, April 18, to photos@canton-creative.com. All images must be sent digitally in high-resolution format. The subject of the image, as well as the name and phone number of the photographer, must be included with submission to be considered. Photographers will be contacted if their photos are chosen for inclusion, and will be required to sign a photo release form.

Photos that are selected for

use will appear in the official 2007/08 Canton Visitors Guide as well as on the Visitors Guide electronic kiosk located inside IKEA Canton.

"The colorful Canton Visitor Guide publication is used extensively by our many visitors, Canton residents, and people in neighboring communities," said Kathleen Salla, DDA Coordinator. "It showcases what the Canton Community has to offer in a wonderful way."

Photographers will receive photo credit in the magazine.

The Canton Visitors Guide is scheduled to be published in May with a print run of 75,000, and will be available at various Michigan Department of Transportation rest areas throughout the state as well as many offices and businesses throughout the Canton community.

The Visitors Guide kiosk has been in place inside IKEA since its opening.

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■ MS Word II April 12, at 9-10 a.m. Add tables, headers and footers, insert symbols and

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■ Lunch and a Book April 12, at noon. The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards. Bring your lunch and join us for a discussion. No registration required.

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■ Power Point I April 14, at 9-10 a.m. Learn to create presentations with multimedia tool Power Point. Registration required.

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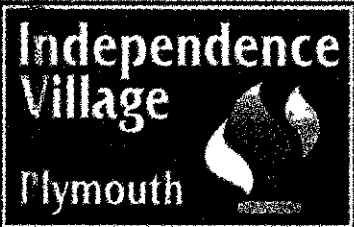
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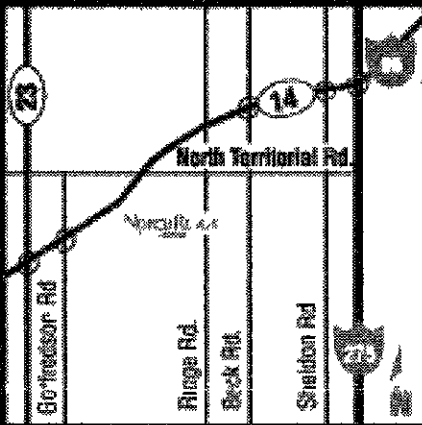
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When it comes to relationships, it REALLY is a jungle out there. Whether with co-workers, a spouse, children, parents, friends, or you name it...relationships are hard work. They don't reach their full potential without clearing out all of the naturally growing "underbrush" that keeps us from experiencing them at their best. Whatever relationships you're finding difficult to discover, develop, and/or experience in your life, this series will help you to identify the tools you need for clearing away the natural obstacles and making them work. It may be a jungle out there, but jungles were meant to be tamed.

Local church volunteers reach out to help rebuild Gulf Coast

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in August 2005, and conditions there are still cause for concern.

"It's still pretty bad," said Barb Fichtenberg of Canton, who recently traveled with a church group to Orange Grove, Miss., to work on home repair and rebuilding.

Fichtenberg, a medical technologist at Garden City Hospital, noted the contrasts while she was in the region in March. There would be brand new construction adjacent to leveled restaurants and apartment buildings, toilets by the

side of the road and draperies still stuck in trees.

Orange Grove is close to Biloxi and Gulfport and the seven people from Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton worked in those communities. They spent March 10-18 in the region as part of a group of more than 100 from the Presbytery of Detroit.

"There were people doing anything from drywall, siding mudding, painting and trim," said Fichtenberg, global mission elder at her church.

Some homes had to be gutted. They were all at various stages," she said. Skill levels of the volunteers also varied, and they were assigned according



Only the golden arches remain standing at this McDonald's near Gulfport.

ly, with a number of seniors volunteering for the mission. There's still a lot of work to be done. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has made a seven-

year commitment to the area, Fichtenberg said.

She was impressed with the large number of volunteers including "tons of college kids on alternative spring breaks. The place was flooded with volunteers and everybody was so grateful."

The local group stopped briefly in New Orleans, where a waitress when they were eating made a speech to thank volunteers. Fichtenberg met an 80-year-old woman whose house had been bulldozed. She received \$2,900 for insurance and still had mortgage payments.

Those people are still in some pretty bad situations

she said. Volunteers found some contractors who aren't legitimate had taken advantage of residents, and some work had to be redone.

"I think almost all of us are interested in going back," said Fichtenberg. "The people were very warm, grateful, friendly."

Thomas Friedow of Plymouth Township, a regular visitor at Geneva, also made the trip to Mississippi. I was redoing a kitchen," said Friedow, a mechanical engineer for an auto supplier in Livonia. His work included hanging cabinets, putting in a sink and stove, and doing some electrical wiring.

Friedow, from Germany,

had wanted to go to the Gulf Coast as a volunteer at the time of the disaster. "It just came up, the opportunity," he said of the March trip.

There's still a lot of houses where you see all the devastation, Friedow said. He too was impressed with people's faith. "I was really happy that I took this opportunity to go. I think it strengthened my faith." He plans to return in November 2007 for another presbytery mission project in that area.

Friedow found reaction at his company, Elingklinger Sealing Systems, positive. Staffers donated to support a microwave venting system.

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Caesars Salad (add chicken, shrimp or salmon for an additional charge)

3rd Course (Choose One)

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OUR VIEWS

Stalling pop-up tax is good first move

The state of Michigan is facing a crisis unmatched in decades. State government is bankrupt, our best and brightest residents continue to flee in droves in search of jobs and a brighter future, and our elected officials seem unable — or, worse, unwilling — to do anything about it.

To say that Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop have been derelict in their duties by placing political partisanship over their jobs to find a solution to the growing crisis is a huge understatement. Both political parties — Democrats led by Granholm and Republicans led by Bishop — appear perfectly content to spend all of their time blaming each other for the colossal mess instead of working together to do something about it.

Enough is enough. Granholm and Bishop accepted the public's trust to lead this state, and the current stalemate threatens to do irreparable harm to Michigan's economy and its residents. The two parties need a starting point, even if it is something relatively minor they can agree upon to gain traction to solving the larger budget issues.

One starting point could be a proposal to place a moratorium on the so-called real estate pop-up tax. Both parties appear to be in agreement that halting the pop-up tax, which would allow the buyer of a home to inherit the property tax amount the seller currently pays, would spur home sales and provide a jump-start to the economy.

Proposal A capped annual property tax increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever was less. Under current law, when a home is purchased it is reassessed to its full market value, which can dramatically increase the property tax bill of the new owner, which has helped stifle the sales of existing homes.

A healthier real estate market would mean more business for home supply stores and remodeling professionals, which will add badly needed sales and income taxes to state coffers.

Will halting the pop-up tax solve the state's budget crisis? No. But it could be what Granholm and Bishop need to find a starting point in working together to lead the state instead of continuing to play the blame game.

Easter promise is for all, Bible says

Trumpets will blare, cymbals will clang and Christians will shout 'Hallelujah. He is risen!' in churches every where Easter Sunday.

Christians will celebrate because they believe Jesus Christ raised himself from the grave that first Easter morning 2,000 years ago after being crucified on a cross three days before.

What's more, they believe Jesus will take them to heaven for eternity after they die because he paid the penalty for their sins through his death.

The Christian religion is unique in that it teaches believers have forgiveness of sins and eternal life simply through faith in Jesus, not by following rules or living up to a certain standard.

The Bible says everyone sins and need forgiveness from God. But because God loves all people and wants them to be saved, he sent Jesus, his only son, to Earth to live a perfect life and take the punishment for everyone else's sins by dying on the cross.

The good news, according to the Bible, is that forgiveness and eternal life are available to not just churchgoers on Easter morning, but all people everywhere through faith in Jesus Christ.

The lessons of Passover

Jewish families from throughout the metro area began observing eight days of Passover at sundown Monday.

Anyone who has struggled for freedom can appreciate the significance of Passover, which celebrates the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and their slavery under the pharaoh's reign.

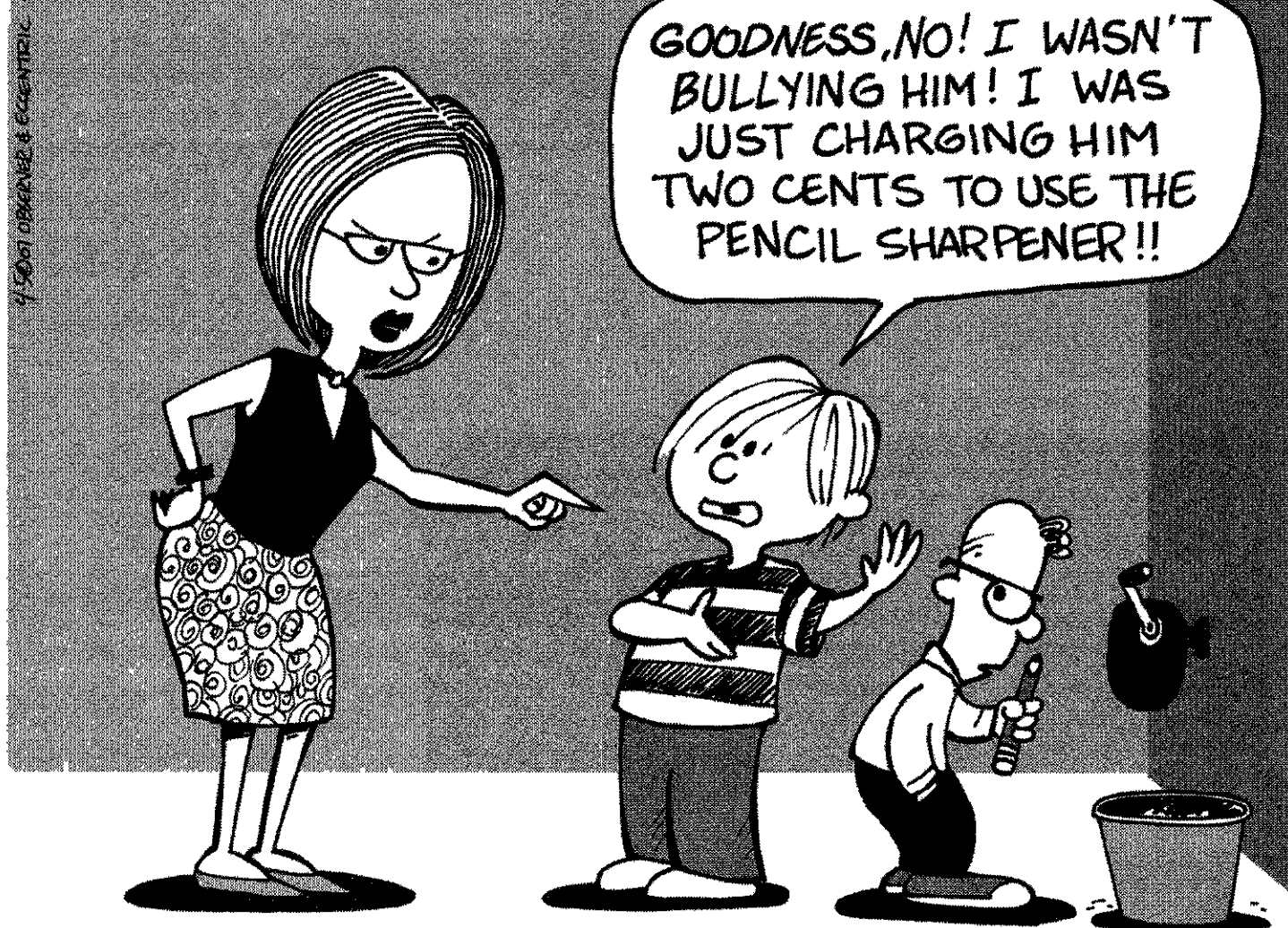
Passover is time of family and community. The National Jewish Population Survey conducted by United Jewish Communities indicated that some 67 percent of Jews will host or attend a Seder.

The Seder, with its special foods, customs, songs and prayers, is steeped in tradition and serves as a focal point of the Passover celebration. One of the primary symbols of Passover is matzo, unleavened bread which recalls the urgency of Jewish families who fled Egypt so long ago.

As the Passover celebration comes to a close, may we all be reminded that freedom is something we shouldn't take for granted. May we also be reminded it should be celebrated and passed on from generation to generation.

Geoff Brooks

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LETTERS

The right decision

The decision is in decisively! The Planning Commission voted 6-1 to recommend denial of the proposed Oakwood facility on the corner of Beck and Geddes roads. There were two public hearings on this issue, one in October and one on April 2. The first public hearing was record breaking, with hundreds of residents showing up opposed to this proposal. The second public hearing was so big that in order to accommodate the crowds, it was moved (for the first time in the history of the township) to the Village Theater. Again, hundreds and hundreds of residents showed up to voice their clear opposition to this project — not the hospital, mind you — but the location. In addition to the crowds, over 1,100 petitions from Canton residents across the township were submitted as further evidence that a hospital on the corner of Beck and Geddes was and is the wrong place.

The arguments submitted by the residents were clear, thorough and concise, and demonstrated beyond doubt using the township's own plans, documents, and stated comments from hearings past that Oakwood's proposal to locate in the middle of a residentially zoned community was not and is not and never will be an acceptable option. It is now time for Oakwood to do the right thing and withdraw its petition to amend the Charming Cross PDD amendment to allow a full-scale medical campus. You have heard the voice of the residents in massive and record numbers not once but twice on this issue. If you are truly interested in being good neighbors, work with us to help Oakwood find a more suitable location in the community. Wouldn't it be a travesty if we the residents were forced yet again to attend a third public hearing in front of the Board of Trustees? The people have spoken and the Planning Commission (the very people the township trusts to listen and make these decisions) voted overwhelmingly to deny this request. Surely this should finally and convincingly be enough for both Oakwood and the township to recognize that a hospital on the corner of Beck and Geddes is *not* acceptable.

Tom Cinzori
Canton

Scare tactics

I am tired of the scare tactics used by the critics of this current Board of Education. Mr. Maloney, where were you during all of our bond workshops? I never once saw you in attendance, nor have you ever come to a board meeting to make whatever suggestions you may be referring to in your letter. Perhaps you should use the facts when discussing board decisions.

Our plan was to build one new middle school to replace Central Middle School, and to add some minor expansions to existing schools within the district. Additionally, we were going to close Starkweather and sell the property, and move Community Education from Tanager all into a newly renovated and smaller Central Building.

All of these changes would have required only a minimal amount of new teachers, which would have been offset by student growth and operational savings from closing Starkweather, reducing Central's operating costs, and the reduced transportation expense by having another middle school in Canton, where over 70 percent of the population resides.

Next, there was nothing "stealthy" about this campaign. Articles were written in all the local papers, we visited over 70 organizations throughout the community, and even had a TV segment on Canton Cable television. If you have any ideas on more effective communications with the community, please let us know!

As for a lack of action or leadership by the board, as you state, we have cut over \$8 million from the budget over the last five years in areas that would have minimal to no impact to the learning environment and then utilized the fund balance to offset the remaining deficit, which I believe is the purpose of having a fund balance.

And as for that \$2.3 million dollars (not \$2.5 million) for the land to be used for a middle school, that has already been spent and will *not* cause any additional impact to our budget.

If you may recall, I did say we needed to be mindful of the community and I voted no on the first bond package.

Now I am looking at more creative solutions to solve our structural deficit, such as changes in our transportation model, changes to our athletic program model, and any other solution that will not require me to lay off teachers.

Yes, tough times are ahead, but this board is more than ready, willing and able to take these challenges head on. And I am ready to lead the charge!

When you have real suggestions, I am here and ready to listen. Otherwise, stop confusing the community, and get out of the way.

Everything I have stated is my opinion and does not reflect the views or opinions of any of my fellow board members or the district's staff and administration.

Rich Ham-Kucharski
Plymouth Canton Schools trustee

Fast and loose

After the League of Women Voters Forum for PCCS school board candidates March 23, we feel compelled to set the record straight on a point made by Mark Slavens.

Each candidate was asked about how much emphasis should be placed on academic achievement in the new school budget. Slavens responded by saying that before he was elected to the board, there was never any talk of measuring or improving student achievement.

Slavens' remark was not only incredibly self-serving, it's just not true. We know from personal experience (as PCCS board presidents who served well before Mr. Slavens' time) that every former trustee we know considered student achievement as *the* key objective.

To make a blanket statement that prior boards never worried about academic performance puts Slavens in the category of either being incredibly naive, or a liar. Either trait makes him unfit for re-election. Slavens owes all of us an apology.

Michael Maloney
Mark Horvath
Former PCCS board presidents

Watch out for Cox

Watch out for Attorney General Mike Cox running for governor next time the job is up for grabs. He recently hunted his intentions on the Drew and Mike local radio station.

show. He also bragged about the great job he has done collecting child support from deadbeat parents. However, if you go to his Web site, you see he will only go after deadbeats that owe \$40,000 or more. He said on the Drew and Mike radio show that going after parents without money isn't worth the effort.

This shows everyone where his loyalties lie — with wealthy citizens only — he takes from the rich and gives to the rich. Any amount of money is huge to a single parent struggling with no child support — I've been there. Even one thousand dollars pays the rent, mortgage, food, gas, car payment for the month. Why should single parents have to wait until they're owed \$40K before the state cracks down — and only if Mike Cox thinks he can get \$40,000 from the deadbeat.

My vote for Mike Cox in any office is a big, resounding no!

P. Pondell
Canton

Look out for animals

Spring is making its presence felt here in Canton, so it's time for some spring tips.

Baby ducks and baby chicks grow up to be big ducks and chicks, and they should live on farms, not in subdivision homes or thrown in a handy pond in the township when they outgrow their cuteness. In other words, please do not buy your children live animals for Easter unless you live on a farm. If you do choose to do this, please don't throw them out in the township parks and ponds. They are *not* wild animals and they aren't equipped to live there.

If you need another reason, there was a huge outbreak of salmonella reported in Michigan last year in children and adults who handled baby animals that were bred and sold here in southeastern Michigan. Please leave baby farm animals on the farms where they should be.

When the wild ducks hatch their babies here in Canton, please take 30 seconds to stop for them if they are crossing a street. It only takes a few seconds to let them cross without killing them with your vehicle. They are God's creatures, too, and need to be treated as such. It would be a much better world if we all took a moment to do the right thing. Everybody has 30 seconds to spare!

Happy Spring

Nancy Spencer
Canton

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"The location is suspect. It's just not good."

— Canton Planning Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson, who was one of six commissioners to vote against Oakwood Healthcare's plan to build a hospital at Beck and Geddes.

School board has worked hard

I am disappointed to see another bitter attack of the Plymouth-Canton School Board and Administration by Mr. Maloney ("It's time for the school board to lead or get out of the way," *Observer*, March 29)

I take exception to Mr. Maloney's statement that the P-CCS board is out of touch with the community. Last fall we held eight open and announced workshops when working to develop the bond proposal. Open discussion with the public occurred at each meeting. Mr. Maloney did not attend any of those workshops. In addition, we met with parent groups at every one of the 26 schools in our district to answer questions about the bond. Most of these meetings were well attended by the public.

We currently are in the budget-setting process for 2007 and are holding similar open workshops weekly. This paper has listed the times and locations for these meetings. We allow any and all citizens to comment during these meetings. We will be going out to the parent groups again this spring to discuss school finance.

Outside of these formal meetings, the P-CCS Web site has a mailbox for citizens to e-mail their comments to us and those letters are always distributed to all members of the board.

Regarding his comments on the proposed debate on the bond, the law prohibits the superintendent and elected board members from advocating a "yes" position on any bond. Mr. Maloney should know this, as he is a previous board member. The time for what items should be included in the bond was during the workshops, which Mr. Maloney did not attend. We understood not everyone would agree 100 percent with each element of the bond. That is impossible to achieve. But we worked hard to determine which items the community deemed most important. In the end, the tough economy, beset with lay-offs announced after our bond was set in stone by the state, was too difficult to overcome.

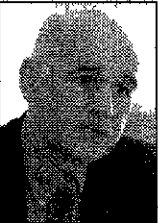
One gets the sense, from reading this and previous editorials by Mr. Maloney, that even if he had attended the workshops, and we had followed any and all recommendations made by him, that he would criticize us for doing so.

Mr. Maloney also charges members of this board are lazy. In addition to our regular twice-monthly board meetings, our board members cover seven subcommittees, each meeting monthly. Bond and budget workshops also occur, meeting weekly for several months at a time. This does not include time for expulsion hearings or public engagements outside of school board business that take up a lot of time for trustees. We have almost perfect attendance at these meetings.

Our meetings take as long as we need, until the topics covered are completed, and all members have had their questions answered satisfactorily so they can make informed votes. Requiring meetings take a set amount of time, whether it is needed or not, is insane and misses the point.

Looking at our fund balance for the past several years, we find that in 1999, when Mr. Maloney failed in his bid for re-election to the board, the fund balance was \$16.9 million. Over the next seven years, under new leadership, and even during a period of under-funding by the state, that balance has risen to \$17.7 million.

By law 97 percent of our school district's funding comes from the state. During Mr. Maloney's term in the 1990s the school district received enough state revenue to cover expenditures.



Barry Simescu

Since the turn of the century (2000), the district has not received the full inflation increases promised under the tax reform of 1994. Inflation averages almost 3 percent every year. On a \$150 million budget, that means the district needs about \$4.5 million (3 percent) more just to deliver the same service it did the year before. So far this decade, our district has received a full inflation increase only once. We received no foundation allowance increase from the state two of those years, and an actual decrease two other years.

This board did not whine about this situation as Mr. Maloney indicates. It went to work. Over the past five years it has made cuts that have equaled \$8 million. Without those service changes, our district would be deficit. But because of this board's foresight, it is not that is hardly lazy.

The state continues to under-fund, and more changes will be required this year. Unfortunately, cuts that don't affect the classroom are becoming impossible to find. Our district is fourth largest in the state, yet spends less on administration than 90 percent of all Michigan school districts. Future changes made will probably be more noticeable by students, parents and citizens in our community as they are likely to touch student programs more directly (something the board has worked hard to avoid in the past). But at some point, there will be nothing else left to cut in order to balance an under-funded budget.

As for Mr. Maloney's "Five Suggestions" I can address them as follows:

1) As stated above, we have and will continue to actively listen to the community. We are part of that community. We are parents of students at all levels of our district, just like everyone else.

2) Every opinion is welcome. Each board member takes into consideration the opinions of our students, teachers, administrators and the population at large when deciding how to vote on each issue.

3) To insinuate we don't consider every child is precious is insulting. We have put ourselves in the line of fire every day because of that very fact. As I have stated, we are parents in this community and got involved in this volunteer effort because we want to ensure the children in our community get the best possible education.

4) Our district works closely with the private schools in this area to ensure we are doing all we can for them without ruining us financially. Among other things, we provide transportation and special education services to them. When available, we also provide athletic resources to them. We consider them partners in education.

5) We have been serious about finances and will continue to be. As listed above, \$8 million in cuts is more than ever made in the 1990s when Mr. Maloney sat on the board. These are tough economic times, and unless the state makes a commitment to fully fund education, our school systems won't be able to contribute to improving the situation.

As for Mr. Maloney's comment about leadership, I would like to close by saying I have chosen to lead this year in a positive fashion by welcoming ideas and suggestions from the citizens.

I am disappointed he has chosen to sit back and snipe. Instead of focusing on the issues, he has chosen to politicize them.

That is never good for a school district. It is hardly fitting of a former board president. Instead, we are going to stay focused on our goal: making the Plymouth-Canton School District the absolute best it can be.

Barry Simescu is president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

Condemning Islamic terrorism is not attack on Arabs, Muslims

BY PAOLO MOTTA

I am writing in response to the March 18 Sunday Perspectives column titled, "Hateful rhetoric won't help ease tensions in Middle East." In the column, Terry Ahwal characterizes vocal condemnation of Islamic terrorism as hateful and ignorant. Her perspective is troubling on many counts.

First, Ms. Ahwal seems to ignore or trivialize the atrocious acts committed by terrorists acting in the name of Islam. Here's an abbreviated list: 1993 World Trade Center Bombing (six killed), 1998 bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania (224 killed), bombing of the U.S.S. Cole (17 killed), Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center (almost 3,000 killed), October 2002 bombing of a Bali nightclub (over 200 killed), March 2004 bombings in Spain (191 killed), July 2005 London bombings (53 killed). A complete list includes many more acts with many more deaths and injuries. The perpetrators of all of these incidents claimed to be acting in the name of Islam. Accurately identifying our enemy is not hateful; it is a necessary step in defending ourselves.

Second, Ms. Ahwal equates the condemnation of Islamic terrorism as an attack on all Muslims and Arabs. This is a gross mischaracterization.

None of the persons identified in her article - Thomas Friedman, Glenn Beck, or the president - claims that all Muslims or all Arabs are terrorists. Living in southeast Michigan, we live and work among the largest population of Muslims and Arabs in the U.S. We recognize them as our co-workers, neighbors and friends and as hard-working, peaceful people. Accurately identifying and fighting radical Islamists committing acts of terror is no more an indictment against all Muslims than identifying and prosecuting teachers who molest children is an indictment against all teachers. Assuming all Muslims or Arabs are terrorists is wrong. Failing to accurately identify our enemies as radical Islamists for the mistaken belief that we are offending all Muslims is dangerous.

One of the most disheartening aspects of the war on Islamic radicals has been the reluctance of peaceful Muslims to strongly denounce the violence of Islamic terrorists. It is this reluctance on the part of moderate Muslims that causes many people to question whether Islam itself is to blame for the terrorist threat. Ms. Ahwal only compounds this problem when she criticizes the president or Thomas Friedman rather than those who are committing the violence.

Has Ms. Ahwal written any columns denouncing Islamic terrorists for killing innocent civilians, including fellow Muslims?

Third, it is not hateful to defend ourselves against a threat to our existence. We are fac-

ing an enemy who wishes to kill us and destroy our way of life. The Islamic terrorists attack all whom they consider to be "infidels" and seek to eradicate any society that is not governed by Sharia law. Let's be clear: These are radicals who plan unprovoked attacks on thousands of civilians, issue death warrants for authors of books and cartoons, and behead journalists. It would be irresponsible for our government not to actively defend our country against those who wish to destroy us. In the years following the first World Trade Center bombing, we ignored the growing threat of Islamic terror. As a consequence, thousands of innocent Americans were murdered.

Ms. Ahwal's comments obfuscate the real issues that must be addressed in the war on terror. We must not be covered into refusing to identify and fight our enemy for fear of being labeled anti-Muslim or anti-Arab. It is not hate or ignorance that is motivating our war against Islamic terrorists; it is self-defense. Moderate Muslims in Afghanistan and Iraq, those who have most closely seen the danger of Islamic radicals, have joined us in the war against Islamic terror. Until moderate Muslims across the globe are willing to join in the fight against those who commit violence in the name of Islam, people of all religions and cultures will remain vulnerable to the threat of Islamic terror.

Rather than listen to those who would attack our resolve to defend ourselves with mistaken claims of hate and ignorance, we would be better served by remembering the response by Hamid Karzai, president of Afghanistan, to a reporter in a September 2006 press conference at The White House: "Terrorism was hurting us way before Iraq or September 11th. The President (Bush) mentioned some examples of it. These extremist forces were killing people in Afghanistan and around for years, closing schools, burning mosques, killing children, uprooting vineyards, with vine trees, grapes hanging on the ground, forcing populations to poverty and misery. They came to America on September 11th, but they were attacking you before September 11th in other parts of the world. We are a witness in Afghanistan to what they are and how they can hurt. You are a witness in New York. Do you forget people jumping off the 80th floor or 70th floor when the planes hit them? Can you imagine what it will be for a man or a woman to jump off that high? Who did that? And where are they now? And how do we fight them, how do we get rid of them, other than going after them? Should we wait for them to come and kill us again? That's why we need more action around the world, in Afghanistan and elsewhere, to get them defeated - extremism, their allies, terrorists and the like."

Paolo Motta is a resident of Canton.

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Dancers from Sandy Adams School of Dance perform some traditional Hawaiian dances during the Schoolcraft College Multicultural Fair Wednesday

MHS sponsors summer day camp

Back by popular demand, the Michigan Humane Society's Summer Tails Day Camp returns for its second season. The week-long camp is a hands-on, interactive animal learning experience for children this summer. Summer Tails Day Camp will be offered in seven one-week sessions beginning June 25 at the three MHS centers for animal care, held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Summer Tail Day Camp will be offered at the following dates and MHS locations:

■ Detroit adoption center the weeks of July 30 and Aug. 6

■ Rochester Hills adoption center the weeks of Aug. 20 and 27

■ Berman adoption center in Westland the weeks of June 25, July 16 and July 23

Summer Tail Day Camp is age-appropriate, with program materials suited to learning styles and maturity levels. The program is open to Junior Paw Pals (children ages 7 and 8), Paw Pals (children 9 to 11) and senior Paw Pals (ages 12 and 13).

Summer Tails offer kids with a love for animals the opportu-

nity to experience animal welfare first-hand, says Kimberly Korona, community humane initiatives coordinator at the Michigan Humane Society.

To provide the optimal learning experience for each Paw Pal, MHS has collaborated with other animal welfare organizations to expand and enhance knowledge of animal issues, humane training techniques and veterinary medicine. Children will also learn about ferrets from members of the Midwest Fellowship and may even get a visit with one of the stars of the Animal Planet *Animal Cops*, Detroit.

A scholarship program is available to ensure Summer Tails Day Camp is available for all children interested in attending. Registration and scholarship forms are available at all three MHS locations: 7401 Chrysler Drive, Detroit; 3600 W. Auburn Road, Rochester; and, 900 N. Newburgh Road, Westland.

For more information about Summer Tails Day Camp, visit www.michiganhumane.org or contact Kimberly Korona at (248) 799-7400, ext. 127 or kkorona@michiganhumane.org.



Schoolcraft College student Kristen Persh gets a Hawaiian dance lesson during the Schoolcraft College Multicultural Fair



Evelyn Nash of Westland, right, talks with Joanne Napiewocki Brady at the Poland display during the Schoolcraft College Multicultural Fair Wednesday

Schoolcraft celebrates world cultures

Schoolcraft College students and the community has an opportunity to take a trip around the world March 29 while never leaving the DiPonio Room at the Vis IlaTech Center.

Schoolcraft's Sixth Multicultural Fair 2007 featured exhibits, food and dance from every continent in the world.

Hawaiian and Tahitian dancers gave way to Irish Step

Dancers and the Philippine tinikling. Bamboo Dance Display tables featured items from as faraway as China and India to as close to home as Canada and Native Americans artifacts. Visitors could converse in Arabic, French, Hindi, Korean, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian and Spanish.

At the Indian exhibit, the ancient art of henna painting was demonstrated while a video showed a Bollywood pro-

duction.

The Multicultural Fair was started to promote cultural sensitivity and increase an awareness and appreciation for other cultures. The fair was organized by the Schoolcraft College International Institute.

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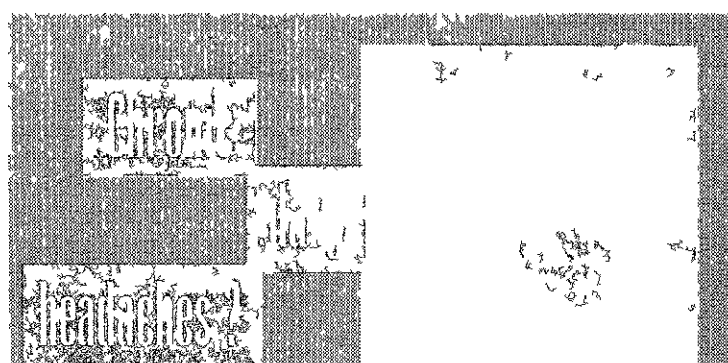


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APRIL

Holy Week services

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion April 5, 7 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae April 6, 7 p.m. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil April 7 and 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday April 8 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Holy Week activities

Maundy Thursday worship, 7 p.m. April 5 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia (734) 422-6038. Good Friday services April 6, 12:30 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh road, Livonia (734) 422-0149 and 7:30 p.m. at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, south of Plymouth road (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 (734) 422-6038.

Lent and Easter services

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

Holy Week services

Noon Maundy Thursday April 5, Holy Communion service and 7:30 p.m. (Communion) Good Friday April 6, Three Consecutive Good Friday Services beginning at noon with The Rev. Dr. David Eberhard, 2:15 p.m. The Symbolic Sealing of the Tomb of Christ and Tenebrae service at 7 p.m. with inspirational candlelight worship service built upon the Seven Words of the Cross at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit. The church was organized in 1850 and has remained in Detroit the past 153 years. Three Worship Services held each Sunday, 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages is held at 9:15 a.m. For details, call (313) 567-3100.

Holy week services

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday April 5, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Service of Darkness Good Friday April 6, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children's Easter Fair Holy Saturday April 7, parents accompany their children through dif-

ferent activity centers such as egg decorating, craft making, cookie decorating, outdoor egg hunt, video of Easter story and 8:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. services Easter Sunday April 8 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

Holy week worship

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy April 5, noon Good Friday Contemplative service and Liturgy of Darkness 7:30 p.m. April 6, 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Vigil of Easter Sunday April 7 and 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday April 8 at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7249.

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) 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.

Lenten services

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.

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.

Good Friday service

11:30 a.m. Friday April 6 at Fairhaven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette, between Wayne and Wildwood, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-4549.

Way of the Cross

7 p.m. Good Friday April 6, a Journey of Taizé Prayer and Reflection in the Shadow of the Cross, Easter Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m. (breakfast 9:10-15 a.m.) at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-2800.

Easter at NorthRidge

Services scheduled 11:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Friday April 6, 5:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Saturday April 7 and 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday April 8 at NorthRidge Church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Call (734) 414-7777.

Holy week services

7 p.m. Good Friday April 6, a candlelight service and 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Resurrection Sunday April 8 at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

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.

Red Cross blood drive

8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday April 6 at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call Marion at (734) 981-3433 or Peggy (734) 397-8495 for an appointment.

Christ Has Risen

Easter Pictures with Mr. Bunny, noon to 5 p.m. Friday Saturday April 6-7 at BORN to Build, Inc., 7351 West Warren, Detroit. \$5 (no sitting fee). Easter Gospel Celebration, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday April 7. Cookies and punch served. For information, call (313) 361-4322.

Singles lecture

7 p.m. Friday April 6, with David Edwards gives insight to help discover or recover a Christ-centered lifestyle at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Presented by Single Point Ministries for ages 40 and older. Call (248) 374-5920.

Easter egg hunt

10 a.m. Saturday April 7 at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information or to register, call (734) 425-2800.

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.

Lenten services

St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites 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. Services follow the church's Lenten Fish Fry Dinners and are open to all. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

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.

Jesus Unmasked

A sermon series with the Rev. C. Allen Kannappell, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday April 8, The Unconquered at Anglican Church of Livonia in the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road. For more information, visit www.hischurch.us.

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.

Worship services

Praise and worship, 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children's church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Donuts and coffee served.

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 for an information packet.

Kids night

Activities include games, crafts, mission projects and seasonal events, 5:30-7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. The program is free and open to all children, kindergarten through sixth grade. Light supper included. Call (734) 421-7620.

Crosstalk

7 p.m. Friday April 13, lively discourse on topic of current interest with Rev. Paul Clough in Room C309 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Presented by Single Point Ministries for ages 40 and older. Call (248) 374-5920. No charge. Free childcare.

Chili cook off

7:30 p.m. Friday April 13 at St. Patrick's Parish, 140 Superior, between 1st and 2nd Wyandotte. Presented by Bethany Suburban West, 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. Bring your spoon and \$5 and eat all the chili you want. Be a chef and possibly win \$100 if your chili is chosen the best. If interesting in competing with your recipe, call (734) 324-8983.

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.

Benefit auction

Silent auction to benefit Crossroads Soup Kitchen will be held 4-6 p.m. Saturday April 14 at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, north of Joy road, Livonia. Crossroads Soup Kitchen is located in Detroit and every week feeds hundreds of needy people. The auction features more than \$1,000 in great products and services from local businesses. For more information, call (734) 591-0734.

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, divorce 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.

Gospel concert

St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills hosts a free gospel concert by the International Gospel Centers. Voices of Deliverance, 6 p.m. Sunday April 22 at 23225 Gill Road, between Grand River and Freedom Road. Call (248) 474-0584 for details.

Herbs of the Bible

Presented by Jane Riddle, Lodi Farms, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday April 25 at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. No charge, but call for reservations. (734) 421-7259.

Religious leaders breakfast

The Freedom Institute for Economics

Social Justice and Political Empowerment is pleased to announce Dr. Martin Luther King's Executive Staffer and civil rights activist Rev. CT Vivian as keynote speaker for 2007 Religious Leaders Breakfast, 8:15 a.m. Thursday April 26 at Cobo Center during Freedom Weekend VI. Vivian, along with local panelists, discuss The Political Influence of the Church. Tickets available online at www.free-domweekend.info at the registration desk at Cobo Center or at the Freedom Institute office by calling (313) 533-3035.

Rummage sale

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday April 27 and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday April 28 in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. There will be a \$2 bag sale on Saturday. Call (734) 464-0211.

Benefit concert

Vocalist Mark Tisdell and pianist Phylis Bengary perform 8 p.m. Friday April 27 at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester. The cost is a free will donation. The annual benefit concert raises funds for Angels Place, a nonprofit providing residential and community-based services for adults and children with developmental disabilities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Special guest is Barbara Oga, a flutist and instructor at Oakland University. For more information, call Barbara Urbel at (248) 350-2203 or send e-mail to burbiel@angelsplace.com.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday April 28 at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

Blood drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday April 29 in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, ext. 309.

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 Township Stadium, 143033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake. Tickets now available at www.FathomEvents.com or at present-ing theater box offices for \$9. For a complete list of theaters, visit the Web site.

Preschool registration

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3-4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.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.psalms12verse6@yahoo.com for more information.

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 Strength, 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.

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, which began 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 during class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

UPCOMING

Rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia, will be holding a Rummage Sale fund-raiser. Pre-sale is 5-8 p.m. Thursday May 3 (admission \$2 per adult). Big Sale is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday May 4 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday May 5 (admission free). Saturday everything is half price. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

Concert

Fort Street Chorale & Chamber Orchestra perform Bach's B minor

Mass, 3 p.m. Sunday May 6 at historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort at Third, Detroit. Tickets \$15. Group rates and patron seating available. Free secure parking. Call (313) 961-4533 or visit www.fortstreet.org.

Prayer breakfast

Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, 7:15-9 a.m. Thursday May 10 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Guest speaker is Paul Maier, professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University. Tickets \$15. \$10 students and available by calling Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427 or visit www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org by Friday April 27. Tables of 10 available.

Real estate seminar

14 p.m. Saturday May 12 at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. No charge. This seminar covers buying and selling a home, attaining a residential mortgage and refinancing, appraisals, homeowners insurance for primary residence, investment, vacation and vacant homes, remodeling, new construction and home inspections. All presenters are members of Newburg United Methodist Church or friends of the church. For more information, call (734) 422-0149 or send e-mail to rodney@newburgumc.org.

ONGOING

Classes

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8 at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self-defense class, Scrap booking, Mops Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club and much more. Register online at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.

Tiny Tots Preschool

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 Café (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study

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

Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope began 7:45 p.m. Monday Feb. 5 and continues for eight weeks to March 26 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. For those grieving the loss of a loved one, it is normal to feel overwhelmed, angry and alone. Advance registration appreciated. For more information, call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374-5966.

Sunday service

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

Bible study series

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

Scripture study

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

Worship service

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

Worship services

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

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DONALD R. ERICKSON

of Livonia, MI, March 30, 2007, age 73. Born July 15, 1933 in Joliet, Illinois to Oscar Erickson and Thelma Nelson. Survived by his wife Barbara Erickson, dear father of Elizabeth and David (Kathy), and grandfather to Adrienne and Cameron. Funeral service will be held Saturday April 7, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Newburgh United Methodist Church, Livonia, with Rev. Marsha M. Wooley. Arrangements by Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI.

WILLIAM KELLY

CALENDAR

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Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church 16175 Delaware at Puritan Redford Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. For more information call (313) 255-6330

Adult literacy classes

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a non-denominational, multicultural, full-gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information call (248) 960-

8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

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

Scripture studies

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

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly. The group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weight loss is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information call Mary at (734) 394-1328

Learner's Bible study

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

Church service

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

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Church activities

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

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information call (734) 261-5331

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470

Unity of Livonia

Serv. ces at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974

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Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m. Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages at 11575 Belleville Road (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830

Sunday school


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Weigh pros and cons of taking early Social Security benefits

Recently I sat down with couples who have taken early retirement from the auto industry and many of them also are eligible to collect Social Security. The question is whether it is beneficial to accept Social Security early or not. One client stated that she had heard it is never beneficial to accept Social Security before you can collect your full benefit. My answer to her was there are very few absolutes in the financial world and in fact in many cases taking Social Security early is a good move.

It is important first to understand the rules. Many believe they receive full benefits at age 65, but this is not the case. If you were born between 1943 and 1954, your full benefits don't kick in until you reach 66 years of age. Therefore, the benefit of receiving early benefits is that you are going to receive Social Security payments for a longer period of time. The downside, of course, is that your benefits are reduced. Everyone is eligible to begin to receive Social Security at 62; however, if you accept benefits at that point you will receive up to a 25 percent reduction in benefits.

Although there are a variety of factors to consider, the break-even point is approximately when someone is in their early 80s. That means if someone accepts early benefits and they are living past their early 80s, they would have collected more if they would have deferred benefits.

Another item is the give back rules. If you accept early benefits and you continue to work, you may have to surrender some of those benefits. If you make more than \$12,960 in 2007, for every two dollars you earn over the limit (\$12,960) you will surrender one dollar in benefits. Therefore, if you make \$25,000, you are \$12,040 over the limit which means you will lose a little over \$6,000 in benefits. This is not a permanent loss because future benefits are recomputed and adjusted. Taking early benefits is a permanent lifetime reduction.

Another issue is tax consequences. Many people believe Social Security is not taxed. However, that's not the case. To determine whether your Social Security is subject to tax status, what is known as a base amount (basically your income plus half the Social Security benefits you receive plus any income from municipal bonds). If you are single and your base amount is over \$25,000 or married and your base amount is over \$32,000, then 50 percent of your Social Security is subject to income tax. If your base amount is \$34,000 and you're single or \$44,000 and you're married, then 85 percent of your Social Security is subject to income tax.

After factoring in various



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

issues, my general rule is only consider taking early Social Security benefits if you need the money to cover your living

expenses. If you don't need the money, then it pays to delay taking the benefits.

In addition, if you are subject to the give back rules and you were going to give back half or more of your benefits, then it generally pays to delay taking benefits. On the other hand, if your pension does not cover your living expenses, then taking Social Security early may be a benefit to you.

If it comes down to tapping your investments or collecting Social Security early, it depends upon the type of investor you are. If you are conservative and investing in CDs and government bonds, then for those individuals I would recommend using my investment portfolio for my income needs and delay accepting Social Security. If you have stocks and growth

mutual funds in your portfolio, then I generally would recommend tapping Social Security early to cover my needs, allowing the investments to reinvest and grow. The theory is over the long run, a well-balanced and diversified portfolio will return substantially more than the loss from Social Security.

The bottom line of whether to accept Social Security early or not is an individual decision.

The key is to base it upon the factors I have discussed, not what everyone else is doing.

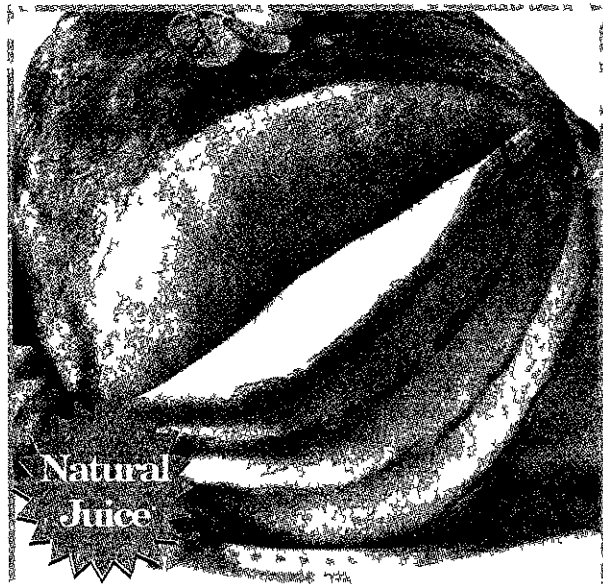
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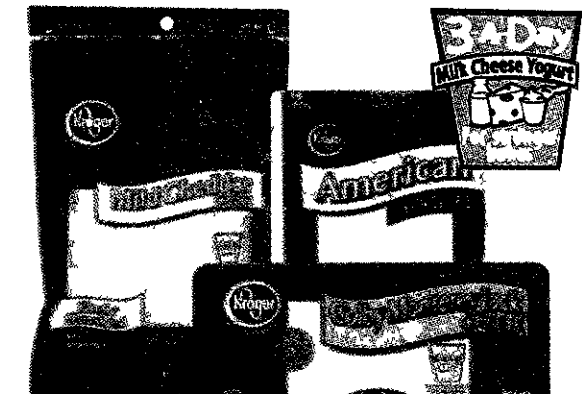


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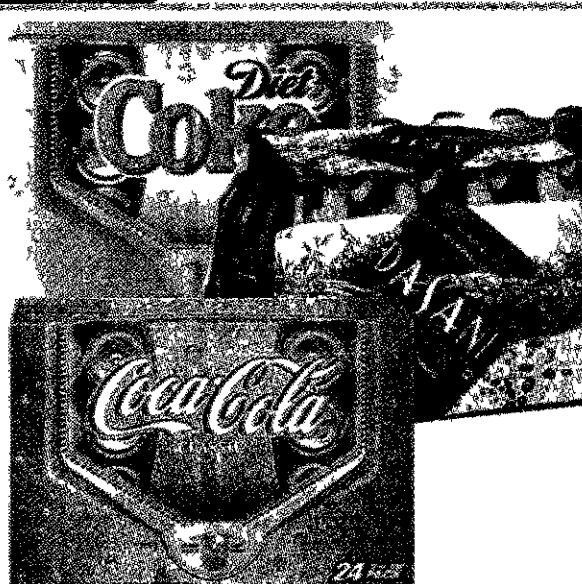


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Shifting sports seasons bring on headaches

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The price of equity in boys and girls high school sports scheduling may include overcrowded practice facilities and a diluted officiating pool, according to some local administrators, coaches and officials.

On Monday, the United States Supreme Court denied a certiorari request by the Michigan High School Athletic Association regarding its nine-year-old sports-season litigation. As a result, boys and girls basketball seasons will run concurrently from November through March while girls volleyball will be pushed ahead from winter to fall.

Also, boys golf and girls tennis will swap with girls golf and boys tennis (see accompanying information box).

The ruling extinguished the MHSAA's almost decade-long fight to defeat the lawsuit, which was originally filed in 1998 by a group of Grand Rapids area parents who felt their daughters were being discriminated against by Michigan's unique high school sports scheduling set-up.

It also ignited potential headaches for local athletic directors who must figure out — among other things — how to schedule six basketball practices — freshmen, junior varsity

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CHANGES IN THE WIND

When the United States Supreme Court decided not to hear the Michigan High School Athletic Association's appeal, it opened the doors for the following changes in the high school sports schedule:

- Girls basketball will be moved from the fall to the winter,
- Girls volleyball will be moved from the winter to the fall;
- Boys tennis will be moved from the spring to the fall,
- Girls tennis will be moved from the fall to the spring,
- Boys golf will be moved from the fall to the spring, and
- Girls golf will be moved from the spring to the fall.

Sidelines

PCEP figure skaters excel

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's figure-skating team captured second place March 31 at the Michigan State Championships, which were held at the Detroit Skate Club in Bloomfield Hills.

The PCEP's 'A' team earned second behind Bloomfield Hills United while the "B" squad tied for first with Farmington Hills Mercy.

The PCEP skaters qualified for the state meet with a top-three finish in a 12-team district competition earlier this year.

Medaling in individual events for the local team were Brooke Siepierski (first place in pre-bronze solo dance), Shelby Locklear (second place in pre-junior freeskate), Diane Postel (second place in pre-preliminary freeskate), and Danielle Desilets (third place in preliminary freeskate).

The team is coached by Barb Miller and Suzie Smith, who are assisted by parent manager Ellen Kolarik.

Coaches: Please call in results

Local high school spring sports coaches are encouraged to report all of their teams' results to the Observer so that their players' achievements can be deservedly publicized.

To report results, call Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright at (734) 953-2108. You can also e-mail results to ewright@hometownlife.com, or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

The deadline for the Thursday print editions of the Observer is Tuesday at 11 p.m. Sunday's deadline is Friday at 11 p.m.

Wildcat football

The Plymouth Wildcat football program will be holding an important informational meeting for all incoming ninth-graders and their parents from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

Contact head football coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 if you cannot attend or if you have any questions.

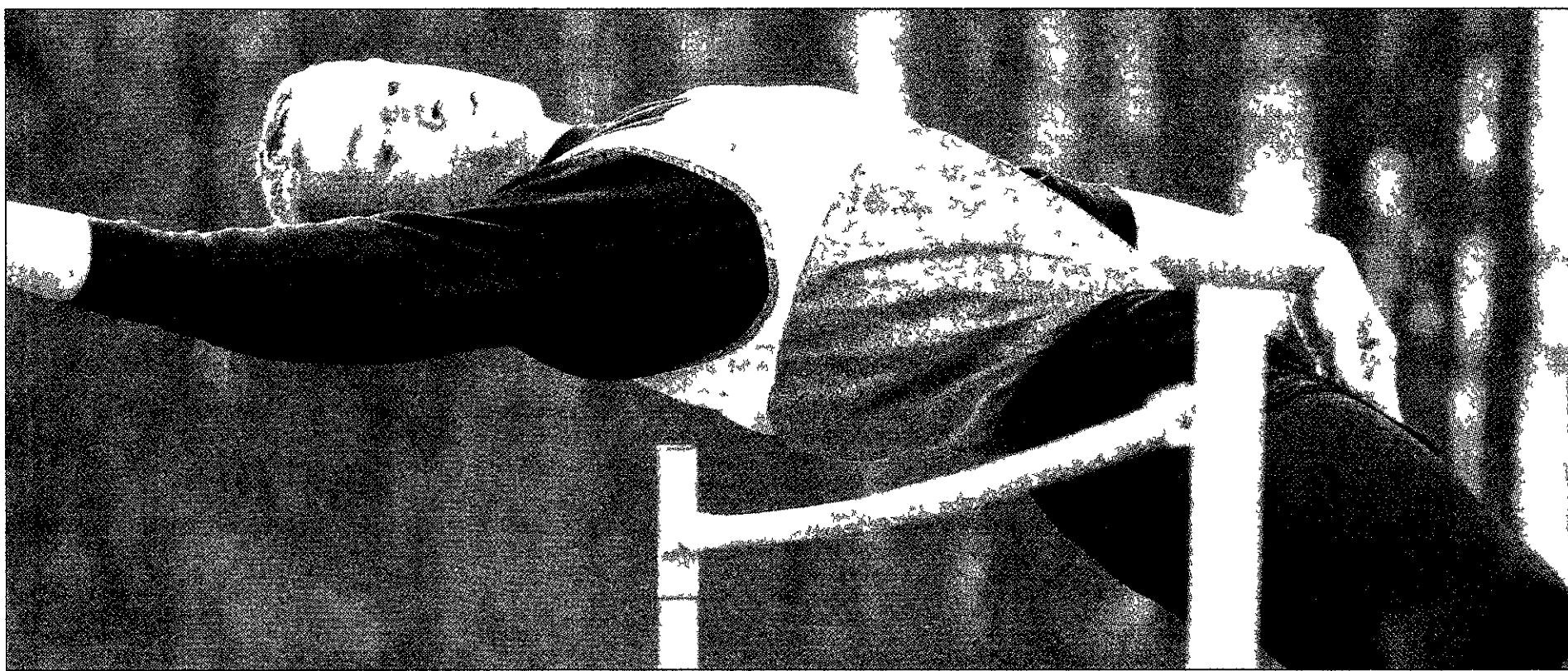
Schmitt shines

Allison Schmitt, a junior at Canton High School, recently excelled for Club Wolverine at the USA Swimming Championships held in East Meadow (Long Island) New York.

On Sunday, Schmitt capped a stellar week by anchoring the USA's 400-meter medley relay team to a sixth-place finish.

Earlier last week, she finished third in the 200-meter freestyle (2:02.67), 12th in the 100-meter freestyle (57.41) and 12th in the 400-meter freestyle (4:20.16).

Schmitt also anchored Club Wolverine's 400-meter relay team's gold-medal performance.



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Canton high jumper Eric Thornton placed first in Tuesday's dual meet with Northville with a leap of 6 feet, 5 inches — eight inches higher than his closest rival from Northville. Thornton's performance helped the Chiefs establish a 33-12 lead after the field events, however, the Mustangs rallied to take a 70-67 decision.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Northville edges Canton's boys, girls

See details of Canton's girls team's loss to Northville on B2

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday afternoon's Canton-Northville boys track meet came down to a photo finish.

But in the end, it wasn't a pretty picture for the Chiefs.

In the season-opening Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet for both teams, the Mustangs used a microscopic first-place finish in the meet closing 1,600-meter relay to edge Canton, 70-67, at the P-CEP varsity stadium.

Canton built a 33-12 advantage after the five field events and owned a narrow 67-65 lead heading into the final event, but the Mustangs crossed the tape

one-tenth of a second faster than the Chiefs to earn the victory.

"It was a great meet," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "It was exciting to see all the people standing and cheering right to the end."

"The boys did an awesome job. We were missing a few key performers with injuries, but some other kids stepped up and really competed."

Canton senior Nick Moores excelled in his first meet for the Chiefs. The former Novi Catholic Central transfer student won the shot put, the 100-meter dash and was a member of the first-place 400-meter relay team. He also earned second-place points in the discus.

"I'd say Nick had a pretty good day," Richardson said.

Canton also notched first-place points in the field events from Adam Somers (long jump) and Steve Paye (discus).

The Mustangs started their comeback immediately following the field events when they took first in

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Canton's Maggie Carlson takes the hand-off from Paula Schubatis in the 3,200-meter relay event during Tuesday's meet against Northville. The Mustangs won, 107-29. For complete results on the meet, please see page B2.

Power Rangers?

Whalers' goal: defuse Kitchener in Western semis

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

SWEEP DREAMS

■ **What:** OHL Western Conference semifinal series (best of seven).

■ **Who:** Plymouth Whalers (49-14-2-3, 103 points) vs. the Kitchener Rangers (47-17-1-3, 98 points), both teams swept their opponents in the first round.

■ **Where:** Games 1, 3, 5 (if necessary) and 7 (if necessary) will be played at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Games 2, 4 and 6 (if necessary) will be played in Kitchener.

■ **When:** Game 1 is set for Friday night at 7:05 p.m. Following is the remainder of the series schedule: Game 2 Sunday April 8, 7 p.m.; Game 3 Tuesday April 10, 7:05 p.m.; Game 4 Wednesday April 11, 7:05 p.m.

■ **Ed Wright's prediction:** Whalers in 6

Historically, a first-round sweep in the playoffs equates to a second-round advantage for the sweeper.

That's not necessarily the case for the Plymouth Whalers as they prepare to embark on their Ontario Hockey League Western Conference semifinal series against Kitchener beginning Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Yes, the Whalers will be rested following their four-game sweep of Guelph, but so will the Rangers, who recorded a first-round sweep of Sarnia.

When the first puck is dropped Friday at 7:05 p.m., the Whalers will have seven full days of inactivity to deal with.

"At this point in the season, we know our team and we know the opponent, so we didn't really need the time off for preparation," said Plymouth coach Mike Vellucci. "With this much time off, we just have to make sure we don't get stale."

Vellucci said he was obviously pleased with the clean sweep of the Storm, but he also admitted his team could have played better.

"I really don't think we played that great," he said.

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Plymouth Whalers forward Sean O'Connor will play a key role in the team's upcoming Ontario Hockey League Western Conference semifinal series against Kitchener. The best-of-seven series opens Friday at 7:05 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Chief runners fall in opener to Mustangs

Canton's young and inexperienced girls track team was no match for perennial powerhouse Northville Tuesday afternoon as the Mustangs ran away with a 108-29 decision in a dual meet held at the P-CEP varsity stadium.

The dual meet was the season opener for both teams and the first as head coach of the Chiefs for Pam Schaufele.

"Considering how young we are and the fact that Northville is very very good, I thought we did as well as could be expected," said Schaufele. "As a first-

year coach with a lot of young runners, we're just starting to lay the foundation for the program.

"I thought we did very well in the field events, and we had some strong performances out of our sprinters."

Canton thrower Ashley McClellan excelled, placing second in both the discus and shot put (28 feet, six-and-a-half inches).

The lone first-place effort for the Chiefs came from Ashley Banks, who won the 100-meter dash in 13.28 seconds, three-

hundredths of a second faster than teammate Tonia Davis.

NORTHVILLE 108 CANTON 29

Tuesday at Canton

Discus: 1 Northville 2 Ashley McClellan (C) 3 Jessica Colton (C)

Shot put: 1 Anita Foss (N) 30 10 75 2 Ashley McClellan (C) 28 6 5 3 Bonnie Reina (C) 26 9

Pole vault: 1 Julie Foncher (N) 9 0 2 Becky Murphy (N) 7 6 3 Amy Reynolds (N) 7 6

Long jump: 1 Stewart (N) 14 7 5 2 McKinney (C) 14 4 5 3 Ciara Williams (C) 13 9 5

High jump: 1 Jenkins (N) 4 9 2 Megan Matheny (C) 4 6 3 Jenna Grezlik (N) 4 3

3,200-meter relay: 1 Northville 10 20 44 2 Canton 10 56 0

100 hurdles: 1 King (N) 16 00 2 Kochhar

(N) 17 0 3 Macalaguni (N) 18 40

100 dash: 1 Ashley Banks (C) 13 28 2 Tonia Davis (C) 13 31 3 Pichen (N) 13 53

800 relay: 1 Northville 1 50 69 2 Canton 1 51 39

1,600 run: 1 Hagan (N) 5 25 40 2 Sprader (N) 5 50 88 3 Paula Schubatis (C) 6 07 78

400 run: 1 Drury (N) 1 04 03 2 Krelchelt (N) 1 05 68 3 Jenkins (N) 1 06 84

300 hurdles: 1 King (N) 51 28 2 Konopka (N) 51 85 3 Sprader (N) 52 75

800 run: 1 Hagan (N) 2 29 57 2 Puskorius (N) 2 38 72 3 Beth Swanberg (C) 2 39 84

200 run: 1 Krelchelt (N) 27 84 2 Ashley Banks (C) 27 94 3 Tonia Davis (C) 28 28

3,200 run: 1 Murphy (N) 12 13 38 2 Katinski (N) 13 01 3 Forsythe (N) 13 33

1,600 relay: 1 Northville 4 24 84 2 Canton 4 31

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton 0 1 Northville 1 0

Tidwell mows down state-ranked Dexter

Canton junior right-hander William Tidwell made his first varsity start look easy Tuesday afternoon as he silenced state-ranked Dexter, 2-0, in a non-league game played at Canton.

Tidwell dominated the Dreadnaughts from the first pitch to the last, yielding just two hits while striking out five. The flame-throwing right hander did not walk a batter.

"William pitched a great game," said Canton coach Scott Dickey.

Senior outfielder Kyle Gring paced the Chiefs' offensive attack with a double, triple and RBI.

The second game of the teams twinbill was called due to darkness with the score knotted at 2-all. Freshman pitcher Kevin Delapaz and senior Brad Barath both threw well for the Chiefs.

On Saturday, Canton opened its season by splitting a double-header with Novi Catholic Central. The Chiefs won the opener, 3-2, thanks to a game-winning hit by Delapaz. The Shamrocks captured the night cap, 4-0. Canton is now 2-1-1.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 6, PCA 5 It took nine innings Monday as Lutheran High Westland (1-0) pulled out the season-opening victory over host Plymouth Christian Academy (0-1).

The Warriors scored the game-winning run in the top of the ninth.

Austin Baglow led off with a single and pinch runner Rob Seltz advanced to second on a sacrifice fly by Nate Bachert. After Aaron Derminer reached

base on an error, Seltz scored from third on Billy Meier's fielders' choice.

Ryan Baglow came on in relief to pitch the ninth, fanning two batters and picking off a runner, to secure the victory.

"It was definitely the first game of the year," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We made a few mistakes, both physical and mental, but were happy to be able to come away with the victory."

The Warriors took a 5-3 lead in the top of the eighth on RBI singles by Meier and Ryan Baglow, but PCA got two back against reliever Austin Baglow on a walk, three straight singles and an error.

Adam Zehel's infield single in the seventh scoring Meier sent the game into extra innings.

Chris Ake, who went 2-for-2, belted a solo homer, walked once and was hit twice. Zehel also had two hits with a double, two walks and two RBI.

Brent Zinn went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and two RBI for PCA.

Warriors starter Derek Fleetham went the first seven innings, striking out a school-record 15 while allowing just three earned runs on five hits, a walk and a hit batsmen.

Losing pitcher Trevor Zinn worked the final five innings, allowing two two earned runs on six hits, three walks and two hit batters. Starter Matt Saagman went the first four innings, allowing just one hit and four walks while fanning five.

TRACK

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four straight running events — the 3,200-meter relay, 110 high hurdles, 100-meter dash and 800-meter relay. The Chiefs countered by placing first in the next three events — the 1,600-meter run, which Eric Zech won in 4:38.2, the 400-meter relay (Moore's, Antwan Hawkins, Ryan Randall and Adam Somers) and the 400-meter dash (Andrew Manuel).

Manuel registered another first in the 200-meter dash with a clocking of 23.2 seconds.

On Saturday, the Chiefs placed 11th at the 26-team EMU Huron River Relays by compiling 21 points.

Ann Arbor Pioneer won the event with 74 points followed by Detroit Mumford (66), Fort Wayne Wayne (47.5), Monroe (44) and Saline (43).

Thornton was the lone Chief to earn first-place points with his 6-6 effort in the high jump.

Also scoring points for Canton were long jumper Okemdi Oparaeke (eighth with a 19.65), pole vaulter Ryan Langdon (sixth with a 11-6), shot-putter Moore's (sixth with a 46.425), the shuttle hurdle relay four some of Tim Belcher, Jon Rykalski, Sherif Hassamen and Josh Elm placed ninth, while the 1,600-meter relay quartet of Belcher, Langdon, Hassamen and Marcus Sylvester was seventh with a time of 3:40.3.

NORTHVILLE 70 CANTON 67

Tuesday at Canton

Discus: 1 Steve Payne (C) 138 9 2 Nick Moore's



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Canton's Jon Rykalski clears a hurdle as he runs the 100-meter high hurdles during Tuesday's meet against Northville.

(C) 135 9 3 Gorley (N) 120 2

High jump: 1 Eric Thornton (C) 6 5 2 Franceschi (N) 5 9 3 Okemdi Oparaeke (C) 5 6

Long jump: 1 Adam Somers (C) 19 5 2 Tosin Adedeji (C) 18 5 3 Okemdi Oparaeke (C) 18 2

Pole vault: 1 Yassay (N) 13 0 2 Chris McGinnis (C) 12 0 3 Ryan Langdon (C) 11 6

Shot put: 1 Nick Moore's (C) 48 0 75 2 Markstorm (N) 47 7 75 3 Wardell Fuqua (C) 44 9 75

3,200-meter relay: 1 Northville 8 34 5 2 Canton (Josh Godwin Josh Hurst Keith Zech Scott Zech) 9 06 1

110 high hurdles: 1 Corcoran (N) 15 1 2 Gerish (N) 15 8 3 Tim Belcher (C) 16 5

100 dash: 1 Nick Moore's (C) 11 8 2 Gorley (N) 11 8 3 Beatty (N) 11 9

800 relay: 1 Northville 1 36 8 2 Canton (Adam Somers Ryan Randall Ryan Langdon Tim Belcher) 1 36 9

1,600 run: 1 Eric Zech (C) 4 38 2 Dalton (N) 4 45 3 Jacob (N) 4 49 6

400 relay: 1 Canton (Nick Moore's Antwan Hawkins Ryan Randall Adam Somers) 46 8 2 Northville 47 4

400 dash: 1 Andrew Manuel (C) 51 4 2

Kolbow (N) 52 8 3 Josh Elm (C) 53 8

300 hurdles: 1 Corcoran (N) 41 5 2 Tim Belcher (C) 41 9 3 Brown (N) 42 6

800 run: 1 Turnbull (N) 1 59 8 2 Kolbow (N) 2 00 9 3 Scott Zech (C) 2 01 3

200 dash: 1 Andrew Manuel (C) 23 2 2 Ryan Randall (C) 24 3 3 Beatty (N) 24 8

3,200 run: 1 Zurek (N) 10 37 8 2 Dalton (N) 10 38 5 3 Jacob (N) 10 39 2

1,600 relay: 1 Northville 3 31 4 2 Canton (Tim Belcher Josh Elm Sherif Hassamen Andrew Manuel) 3 31 5

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton 0 1 Northville 1 0

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discus: Matt Broome (LS) 127 7

high jump: Mitchell White (LS) 6 3

long jump: Myles White (LS) 20 6

pole vault: Brad Dow (LS) 10 0

110-meter hurdles: Baze Efremov (Salem) 15 76

300 hurdles: Myles White (LS) 40 97

100 dash: Steve Eideh (LS) 11 52

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Thursday April 5

Salem at Livonia Stevenson

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Thursday April 5

Salem at Livonia Stevenson 3 30 p.m.

Saturday April 7

Canton at A.A. Pioneer 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

Thursday April 5

Madonna at Indiana Northwest 2 p.m.

Friday April 6

Madonna at St. Xavier (Ill.) 5 p.m.

Saturday April 7

Madonna at St. Xavier (Ill.) 2 noon

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Thursday April 5

Madonna at Aquinas College (2) 3 p.m.

Friday April 6

(St. Francis Ill. Tournament)

Madonna vs St. Francis 4 30 p.m.

Madonna vs Ind Wesleyan 6 15 p.m.

Saturday April 7

(St. Francis, Ill. Tournament)

Madonna vs Lindenwood (Mo.) 10 a.m.

Madonna vs St. Xavier (Ill.) 1 30 p.m.

Madonna vs Harris Stowe (Mo.) 3 15 p.m.

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MIAMI HERALD

Roberts satisfied with effort, but disappointed in outcome

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

John E. 'Jack' Roberts, executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, was disappointed with Monday's loss in the sports gender-equity lawsuit case. But he was not disappointed with the effort his organization gave Diane Madsen, a mom from the state's west side who believed all along that Michigan's prep female athletes were discriminated against, was thrilled that the Supreme Court decided not to hear an appeal of a U.S. District court decision originally levied against the MHSAA back in 2001. She's glad the whole gender-equity issue is finally resolved and the girls are now on equal footing with the boys.

Roberts felt the MHSAA was simply upholding the wishes of its membership schools across the state. Time after time, in surveys filled out by various high school administrators, the mandate was given to continue the fight against Communities for Equity (CFE). Madsen's Grand Rapids-based group that filed the original lawsuit in 1998.

Backed by his constituency and financed by a \$2 million insurance policy, Roberts firmly

battled for nine years to maintain the status quo in the state's prep sports seasons schedule.

Just because Michigan was the only state in the country where girls played basketball in the fall and volleyball in the winter, the MHSAA insisted it was not a good enough reason to change. Roberts believed his organization complied with all Title IX regulations and was non-discriminatory in the way it conducted its scheduling.

Roberts defended the decision to continually challenge the various court setbacks over the years.

"If ever our constituents had said we should not defend the current seasons because they are not beneficial to boys and girls, then the MHSAA would not have defended those decisions," he said at a press conference at the MHSAA's East Lansing headquarters late Monday afternoon.

Because our constituents believe their seasons structure is much better than what the District Court had ordered, the MHSAA gave its best effort to defend those seasons. And we did so without any expenditure of time or money by schools, and without any distraction from MHSAA services to those schools.

Ultimately our efforts to preserve the schools' seasons have been unsuccessful," he said. "We have to apologize to schools, not for making the efforts, but for not making successful efforts. We are disappointed with the results, but we couldn't have lived with ourselves if we were also disappointed with the effort."

Madsen and the CFE, on the other hand, consistently argued it was disadvantageous for the girls to play winter volleyball.

The CFE believed the girls were not only discriminated against, but were not afforded the proper scholarship opportunities as players across the nation were.

I am very happy that young women in Michigan will now have all the opportunities and benefits that they are entitled to under the law that the boys have had all along, said Madsen Tuesday evening. The overall importance of this decision in not about athletics. The overall importance is that gender discrimination is wrong. That can't happen in Michigan.

I realize that it will be a tough couple of years of change, she said. "It's time for everyone to get together. Forty-nine other states have done it this way and we can learn from them."

games they're going to watch, so it will dilute the fan base," she said.

The notion that Michigan's unique scheduling format — it was the only state to play girls basketball in the fall and volleyball in the winter — hurt volleyball players' chances for earning a scholarship was off the mark, Heinzman said.

Michigan has always been among the top states when it comes to scholarships, so that really wasn't an issue," she said.

"The MHSAA has stated from the beginning that it's not in the business of making sure student athletes get scholarships," added Willette. "In fact, 98 percent of high school athletes won't get a scholarship."

The bottom line is that the change in sports seasons is not in the best interest of the athletes.

Salem volleyball coach Amanda Suder said she sees pros and cons resulting from the season-changing ruling.

One of the pros is that now the volleyball players will get to go right into the high school season from their AAU seasons, which usually end in late summer, she said. "Before, there would be a couple-month break between AAU and high school. Our practice times will be better now, too, because we won't have to share the gym with the basketball teams."

"One of the cons is that there were a lot of high school volleyball tournaments hosted by small colleges that may be

in jeopardy now because the small colleges play in the fall, too. We'll just have to wait and see what happens."

Longtime basketball official Joe Kavulich, a resident of Plymouth, said he fears the double dose of winter basketball may diminish the quality level of the officiating.

"A lot of the top high school basketball officials also officiate college games," Kavulich explained. "So if they have to choose between working a boys game or a girls game, they're going to choose the boys game because they're going to be looking for something that's more equivalent to the college game. The girls game is a good game, but it's a different game."

Asking referees to work several nights a week may be asking for problems, the Hall of Fame official added.

"I don't care how good the officials are — if you ask them to work four or five straight nights in a week, they're not going to be as sharp as if they were only doing two games a week," he said. "We didn't have enough top-notch officials before this ruling, especially around tournament time. What's it going to be like now?"

Kavulich noted that there is a bright side to the ruling as far as officials are concerned.

"It will give a lot of guys an opportunity to officiate at the high school level that before they may never have gotten," he said.

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WHALERS

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"The first two games we kind of struggled coming out of the gate, but we won anyway, which was nice. I thought we played a lot better the last two games."

Vellucci said the Whalers were bolstered against the Storm by the return of veteran James Neal, who missed the final two months of the regular season with an injury.

"He scored big goals in the last two games against Guelph, so it was definitely nice to have him back," Vellucci said. "He's a big part of this team. Without James, we're a good team. With him, we can be great."

The Rangers gave the Whalers all they could handle during the regular season as Kitchener won three of four games. All the contests were hard fought, however, as one went to overtime and another was decided in a shootout.

"We match up pretty well," said Vellucci.

The Rangers gave the Whalers all they could handle during the regular season — as Kitchener won three of four games.

"They're a very aggressive team and they forecheck hard. Their defensemen like to jump in on rushes and join the play. Their goalie has done a nice job against us, too, so we're going to have to make sure we get a lot of traffic in front of him."

Vellucci said the Rangers' most potent weapon is forward Steve Downie, who was acquired from Peterborough in a mid-season trade.

The series will rotate between Plymouth and Kitchener on a game-by-game basis.

"The only time the OHL has teams play two consecutive games in one city is if the cities are more than four hours apart," Vellucci said.

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Lady Warriors double up Waterford, 10-5

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team upended Waterford United, 10-5, to improve its record to 2-2.

This was a good win for us because Waterford is in their eighth year of girls lacrosse and we're in our second," said PCS coach Dave Medley.

"Early in the game I was able to put girls into varsity competition who had never had that opportunity before."

Leading the goal-scoring charge for PCS were Morgan Franke (three) and freshman center Lauryn Ebersole (two). Heather Duncan, Stephanie

Matusiak, Kate Spangler and Jessica Murray all tallied one goal a piece for the winners.

Defensively, the winners were paced by Murray, Edra Burris, Kaylin Moore, Nicole Sheldon and Laura Hahn.

Nicole Rotell (Plymouth) started for the first time and earned the victory in goal for the Lady Warriors.

"Nicole was a little nervous at first, but she handled herself like a true veteran," said Medley.

Medley also credited his seniors for the positive outcome. Ashlee Forchione, Lauren Patterson, Alex Rabe,

Megan Early, Jillian Miller, Heather Duncan and Sarah Palczynski.

"They're the nucleus of this team with everything beginning with them and ending with them," Medley said.

The Lady Warriors will host Northville on Friday, April 27, in the first girls lacrosse game ever played on the PCEP campus.

There is a lot of excitement surrounding this team," said Medley. "Nineteen of our 20 players returned from last season and we added 21 more. Giving the new girls an opportunity is the team focus."

SEASONS

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ty and varsity for both boys and girls — on a nightly basis during the winter.

"It creates a problem for schools with balcony gyms like we have because we have less space on the main gym floor and the courts up on the balconies are too narrow for basketball practice," said Salem Athletic Director Tom Willette. "It's not as much of an issue at Plymouth and Canton because they have three full courts, but we only have two on the main floor. Before this came down, two were enough. Now — with six teams needing practice time — it's not going to be."

"The last thing we want — and I'm sure the parents would agree — is kids in here until 10:30 at night practicing."

Practice space will also be a problem at Canton because its thriving wrestling program has outgrown the school's wrestling room and wrestlers often spill out onto the western-most third of the gymnasium to practice.

Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman said that while the initial intention of the landscape-changing lawsuit was to benefit female high school athletes, it may end up hurting them in some respects.

"With boys basketball and girls basketball being played at the same time, it's going to make people choose which

PCS lacrosse team knocks off Hartland

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team got the 2006-07 season off on the right foot March 30 when it upended Hartland, 4-2. The victory was the unofficial season opener for the Warriors, whose original first game against Bloomfield Hills was suspended due to poor weather.

The loss dropped Hartland to 1-2.

PCS jumped to a 2-0 first-quarter advantage thanks to goals from Devin Murphy and Nick Cote. Cote assisted on Murphy's goal while Patrick Downey was credited with a helper on Cote's net-finder.

Jared Ruark upped the Warriors' lead to 3-0 with a 44 left in the first half when he han-

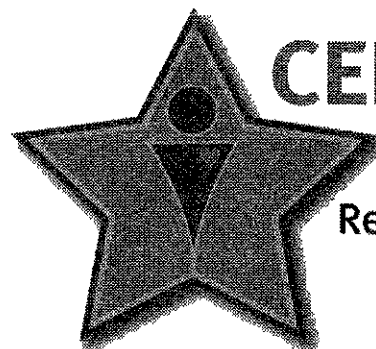
dled a pass from Cote before depositing the ball in the back of the net.

Hartland mounted a semi-rally late in the first half when it scored to make it 3-1, however, Ruark's unassisted goal 4:23 into the third quarter gave the Warriors some insurance.

Hartland tallied the game's final goal with 7:50 left in the third.

Hartland outshot PCS, 21-20. PCS won the faceoff battle, 5-4, and accumulated more groundballs, 24-19. Hartland was whistled for eight penalties to five for the Warriors.

PCS goal keeper Justin Scott recorded seven saves.

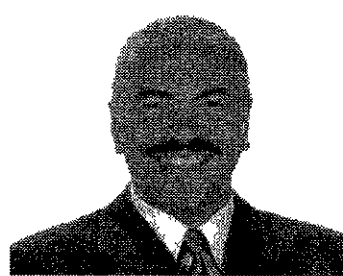


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Storm delays Ignition title plans Plymouth girls trounce Zebras

The Detroit Ignition was unable to secure first place in its inaugural Major Indoor Soccer League regular season Sunday when it dropped an 18-13 setback to Chicago before a sell-out crowd of 3,694 at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. The loss dropped the Ignition to 18-12 while the Storm improved to 17-12.

The game-winning goal was registered by Chicago's Mark Ughy - one of his five scores on the night - with 7:21 left.

The first round of the MISL Championship Series will begin for the Ignition on Saturday, April 14, against a yet-to-be-determined opponent. Detroit will host the second game of that series at Compuware Sports Arena on Sunday, April 15 at 4:35 p.m. with the second game being broadcast live on Comcast Local.

Chicago forward Mark Ughy beat Ignition netminder Sanaldo with a two-point goal to hand the Storm the early 2-0 advantage at 2:50 of the opening quarter of play. Stephen Armstrong extended the Storm lead to 4-0 with a two-point power play goal at 8:13. Ughy scored his second goal on a penalty kick at 9:44 to make it 6-0.

Following a scoreless second quarter, forward Worth Sampson put the Ignition on the board with a two-pointer at the 2:31 mark of the third quarter. Ughy countered with his third goal of the night, a three-point goal at 3:43 as the Storm extended its advantage to 9-2.

Detroit midfielder Kyt Selaidopoulos connected on a two-point goal off a textbook give-and-go from Carlos Farias at 6:07 as the Ignition cut its deficit to 9-4.

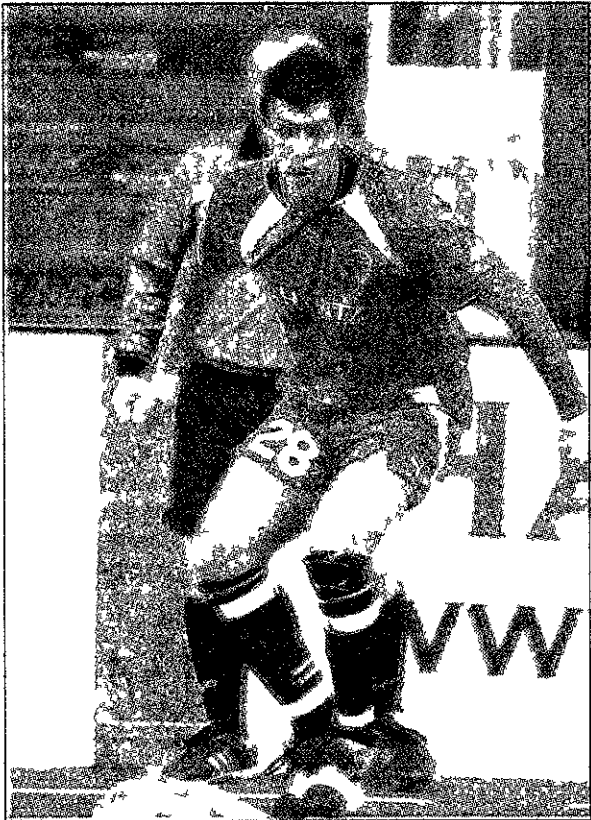
Chicago responded again with a two-pointer from midfielder Andy Rosenband at 6:30.

Farias was the Ignition's player of the game after notching four points on one assist and one three-point goal.

Ignition net-minder Sanaldo stopped 14 of 21 shots.

DETROIT 10, PHILADELPHIA 9: On Saturday at the Wachovia Spectrum in Philadelphia, the Ignition secured an MISL playoff berth thanks to Worth Sampson's game-winning goal with 12:15 left. The KiXX dropped to 17-13 with the setback.

Sampson finished with two goals and an assist. Detroit goalie Danny Waltman stopped 13 of 17 shots to earn the victory.



Ignition defenseman Jonathan Greenfield lines up a shot during Sunday's 18-13 loss to Chicago.

Kurt Britnell's first dual meet as the head coach of the Plymouth girls track team was a successful one Tuesday afternoon as the Wildcats lapped Wayne Memorial, 102-33, in a meet held on the Zebras track.

Plymouth was bolstered by Chrysten Guyton and Kelly Hahn, both of whom earned multiple first-place finishes.

"The girls ran very well today," said Britnell, who also coaches the Wildcats boys team. "I'm still trying to learn what everybody is capable of doing. We won just about every event except three or four, so it was a good meet for us across the board — especially because we're so young."

Guyton nearly outpointed Wayne by herself as she captured first place points in the shot put, discus and 110-meter hurdles. Hahn won the mile and two mile while a pair of Plymouth relay squads shined: the 800 (Megan Davis, Tori Davis, Whitney Askew and Jill Morton) and the 1,600 (Gabrielle Zuzo, Angela Calcaterra, Mandy McManus and Brittany Petty).

Petty also won the high jump with an effort of 5'6".

(P) 18-42 300 hurdles. Mandy McManus (P) 54-6 100 dash. Candy Williams (WM) 13-18 200. Williams (WM) 29-7 400. Gabrielle Zuzo (P) 1:09.0 800. Mema (P) 2:46.0 1,600. Kelly Hahn (P) 5:45.0 3,200. Hahn (P) 12:31.0 400 relay. Wayne (Lakeisha Allen, Lynette Bell, Williams, Denique Pace) 55:03 800 relay. Plymouth 1:58.0 1,600 relay. Plymouth, 4:37.0 3,200 relay. Plymouth 11:07.0 Wayne 2nds. Goines 100 hurdles (19:77). Hansen shot put (27:85) 3rds. Bre Ana Sims, 100 dash (13:8) Lalita Hayes 400 (1:16:12). Dual meet records: Plymouth 10 overall 10 WLAA Western Division Wayne 0 overall 01 WLAA Western Division DUAL MEET RECORDS Plymouth 10 Wayne, 01

LIVONIA STEVENSON 118.5 SALEM 18.5

April 3 at Stevenson

Shot put: Becca Bartek (LS) 32 feet 10 inches discus: Bartek (LS) 99 ft 11 high jump: Kara Piorkowski (LS) 4'6" long jump: Chelsea Pashnick (LS) 15'2.25 pole vault: Maria Winkler (LS) 10'6" (tied school record set by Jenny Perkins in 2005) 100-meter hurdles: Brittany Gentile (LS), 16'4" 300 hurdles: Gentile (LS) 51'1" 100 dash: Deja Wright (Salem) 13'7" 200: Alie Plisko (LS), 28'9" 400: Brittany Mrozek (LS) 1:02'6" 800: Kristen Frey (LS) 2:32'9" 1,600: Courtney Calka (LS) 5:20'6" 3,200: Calka (LS) 11:35'0" 400 relay: Stevenson (Pashnick, Laura Nomura, Gentile, Michelle Blackstone) 54'9" 800 relay: Stevenson (Pashnick, Gentile, Plisko, Mrozek) 1:53'7" 1,600 relay: Stevenson (Denise Meier, Claire LeBlanc, Brooke Knochel, Christine Armstrong) 4:27'1" 3,200 relay: Stevenson (LeBlanc, Frey, Katie Glynn, Meier) 10:33'5"

Stevenson 2nds: Rebecca Adamcheck 100 hurdles (18'2") 300 hurdles (51'3") Pashnick 100 (13'74") Knochel 400 (1:04'7") Glynn 800 (2:33'3") Bartek 200 (28'9") Nomura high jump (4'3") Maame Adomako shot put (29'6'25") Colette Fodera discus (94'10") Plisko long jump (15'0'75") 3rds: Bartek 100 (13'8") Stephanie Perez 1600 (5:53'8") Armstrong 300 hurdles (52'9") Sarah Opydyke 800 (2:40'6") Perez 3200 (13'05'2") Emily Schifano high jump (4'0") Adomako discus (85'4") Darin Simon long jump (14'9") Blackstone pole vault (8'0")

Dual meet records: Stevenson 10 overall 10 WLAA Lakes Division Salem 0 overall 01 WLAA Lakes Division

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Plymouth's boys track team humbles Zebras

The Plymouth boys track and field team opened its 2007 dual-meet schedule with a convincing 81-55 victory over Wayne Memorial Tuesday afternoon in a meet held at the Zebras' facility.

Pole vaulter Ben Ambrose got things off on the right foot when he vaulted to a personal-best height of 13 feet even to win that event.

The Wildcats also received a strong showing from their 3,200-meter relay contingent of Kyle Wallath, Justin Huey, Matt Lewandowski and Anthony Scaparo, who navigated the eight laps in 8:28.

Other standouts for Plymouth included Pat Slavens (first in the two-mile in 10:30), Jenarian Caldwell (first in the

100-meter dash in 1:11.1) and Nate Gholston, who won the 110-meter high hurdles in 1:53.

Plymouth swept the 100 meters as Malik Rich (1:14.4) and Connor McKinney placed second and third, respectively, behind Caldwell.

Wallath also won the 800-meter run in 2:02.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- March 27, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday March 27, 2007 at 11:50 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave). Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Faas, Sean Fletcher, Mike Rorabacher. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as amended adding C-6. Set Public Hearing Date for Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of March 13, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Minutes of March 20, 2007. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Nays: None. Abstain: Bennett. Motion carried. **Payment of Bills:** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for March 27, 2006		
General Fund	101	\$ 211,367.11
Fire Fund	206	31,453.58
Police Fund	207	26,784.76
Summit Operating	208	37,809.61
Auto Theft Grant	289	1,711.59
Cap Proj Road Paving	403	91,014.77
Bldg Auth Construction	469	9,360.00
Golf Fund	584	34,569.94
Water & Sewer Fund	592	647,084.2
Cable TV Fund	230	594.81
Twp Improvement	246	20,777.46
E 911 Utility	261	975.98
Auto Forfeiture (w/wa)	267	6,175.18
Federal Grants Fund	274	9,201.36
Trust & Agency Fund	701	4,505.00
Construction Escrows	702	83,014.60
Post Employ Benefits	736	1,285.92
Total - All Funds		1,217,686.58

RECOGNITION, 1. RECOGNITION OF OFFICER DAVEY LEBLANC'S RETIREMENT: Officer Davey LeBlanc was one of Canton's original full-time police officers hired by the department in 1978. Officer LeBlanc was instrumental in Canton Police Department becoming one of the premier police motorcycle certification programs in Michigan. Officer LeBlanc has made significant contributions to the Canton Police Department and will be missed by colleagues and co-workers alike. **PUBLIC HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM CHERRY MARTINI, LLC, 50296 CHERRY HILL ROAD (PARCEL ID# 072-99-0017-702, PART OF), WITH ENTERTAINMENT, AFTER HOURS AND OUTSIDE BAR/SERVICE PERMITS, CANTON, MICHIGAN, 48188, WAYNE COUNTY, (CLERK):** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. for a Class "C" Liquor License for Cherry Martini, LLC, 50296 Cherry Hill Road, (Parcel ID# 072-99-0017-702, Part of) Canton, Michigan, Wayne County, with entertainment after hours and outside bar/service permits. There were no public comments either in opposition or approval. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to close the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. for a Class "C" Liquor License for Cherry Martini, LLC, 50296 Cherry Hill Road, (Parcel ID# 072-99-0017-702, Part of) Canton, Michigan, Wayne County, with entertainment after hours and outside bar/service permits. Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve a Class "C" Liquor License for Cherry Martini, LLC, with entertainment after hours and outside bar/service permits "above all others" at 50296 Cherry Hill Road, (Parcel ID# 072-99-0017-702, Part of) Canton, Michigan, Wayne County. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Nays: None. Abstain: Karl Zarbo. Motion carried. **CONSENT CALENDAR, Item 1. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO BE THE DESIGNATED OFFICER TO SIGN PERMITS FOR WORK WITHIN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING 2007 (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Township Clerk as the designated officer to execute the 2007 Annual Permit for Underground Utility Operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Township Clerk as the designated officer to sign permits for operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way not covered by the annual permit. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CHRISTMAS IN ACTION (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for the Christmas in Action Work Day, April 28, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING ST THOMAS A'BECKETT'S "MOM-TO-MOM" SALE (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to grant special event status and to approve installation of signs advertising St. Thomas A'Beckett's "Mom-to-Mom" sale on May 19, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY + RAMINDER COURT ORDINANCE CHAPTER 70, SECTION 70-1 ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, R 28.1212, RULE 212 (PSD):** In response to their application and in compliance with Local Ordinance Chapter 70, Section 70.1 Adoption of the Uniform Traffic Code R28.1212 Rule 212, effective immediately, Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to allow traffic enforcement on private property for Raminder Court. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR BODYCOAT THERMAL PROCESSING, INC. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (SUPERVISOR):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for April 24, 2007 to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Bodycoat Thermal Processing, Inc. for real and personal property for the expansion of their facility located at 8580 N. Haggerty. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE DURCON LABORATORY TOPS, INC. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (SUPERVISOR):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to move to set the public hearing for April 24, 2007 to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. personal property at their facility located at 8464 Ronda Drive. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR, Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR MICHIGAN AVENUE MARKETPLACE (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for special use for Michigan Avenue Marketplace. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Michigan Avenue Marketplace WHEREAS:** The Project Sponsor Mr. Bryan Amann has requested special use approval for a shopping center in excess of 200,000 square feet superstore and fast food restaurant to be located on Michigan Avenue at Morton Taylor Road, identified as tax EDP #s 103 99 0001 003, 138 99 0004 000, 133 99 0001 001 through 004, 133 99 0002 000, 133 99 0004 000, 133 99 0006 000, 133 99 0007 000, 133 99 0008 000 and 133 99 0009 000 and WHEREAS the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval based upon the findings included in this analysis and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the

request of the Project Sponsor Mr. Bryan Amann to conduct the special use for the proposed Michigan Avenue Marketplace conditioned upon receipt review and acceptance of the revised traffic study by Public Works Division and subject to compliance with any additional conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR SUPER FINE WINES AND LIQUOR (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for site plan for Super Fine Wines and Liquor. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Super Fine Wines and Liquor WHEREAS:** the Project Sponsor Mr. Robert Cole has requested site plan approval for Super Fine Wines and Liquor to be located on Haggerty Road between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads, identified as tax EDP # 050 99 0017 001 and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Robert Cole to approve the site plan for the proposed Super Fine Wines and Liquor subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Dan McCausland, 328 Haggerty spoke in opposition to this project. **Item 3. CONSIDER PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to accept the Planning Commission's decision to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan changing the land use designation on parcel no. 017 99 0009 001 from Community Facilities to Very Low Density Residential (up to 1 dwelling unit/acre). Effective April 11, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. "A zoning ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the legislative body of the Charter Township of Canton, Canton, Michigan, Wayne County." A complete copy of the amendment may be inspected or purchased at the Administration Building, Planning Services, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M-F). **Item 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2007 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) FOR WATER, SEWER AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2007 Municipal Services Department Capital Improvement Program as shown in the Budget Worksheets for 2007 and the projects tentatively scheduled for 2008. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF THE CITYWORKS SOFTWARE APPLICATION FROM AZTECA, INC. FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION TO FULLY IMPLEMENT A COMPUTERIZED MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of the Azteca, Inc., Cityworks software associated update and support services and on-site training and technical services for a total cost of \$106,960 from the Public Works Office Furniture & Fixtures account #592 000 144 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. CONSIDER THE PAYMENT OF YEARLY MAINTENANCE FEES FOR EXISTING ESRI (ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.) SOFTWARE AND PURCHASE OF AGGCS ENGINE TO SUPPORT THE CITYWORKS SOFTWARE (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the payment to ESRI for Maintenance and Support from March 2007 to March 2008 for a total cost not to exceed \$12,306.85. Funds are available in the 2007 Budget for

Planning Services capital account	#101 853 977 0000
Public Works account	#592 441 818 0000
Public Safety account	#207 301 818 0000
Leisure Services account	#101 270 818 0000

Cost center L00065 0000 0307 AND I also move to authorize the purchase of ESRI's ArcGIS Engine software, for a total cost not to exceed \$8,509.89. Funds are available in the Water & Sewer Fund Account #592 441 803 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF HEWLETT PACKARD PROLiant SERVER AND WINDOWS SERVER ENTERPRISE 2003 FROM EDS THROUGH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN CONTRACT (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of a Hewlett Packard ProLiant Server from EDS and Windows Server Enterprise 2003 from Micro Source, Inc. State of Michigan Contract MI - REMC (WSCAI) (HP WSCA 04) for a cost not to exceed \$9,601 with funds from Public Works Office Furniture & Fixtures account #592 000 144 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PARCEL DIMENSION ANNOTATION OF TAX MAP (PLAT) BOOKS (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to waive the formal bidding requirement based on prior bidding of this work in 2005 and to authorize the award of the contract to North Arrow Technologies to provide parcel dimension annotations for the community's tax map (plat) book in an amount not to exceed \$26,250 with funds from Planning Services Professional Consultants account #101 853 808 0000. I further move to approve the following budget amendment for this contract: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations

Professional Consultants	#101 853 808 0000	\$ 26,250
Transfer to Fund Balance	101 959 999 0000	(26,250)
Total		\$ 0-

This budget amendment increases the Planning Services Division budget from \$619,951 to \$648,201, decreases the Transfers Out Department budget from \$3,034,207 to \$3,007,957 and does not change the General Fund budget total. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. SPRING 2007 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for street tree maintenance and planting on County roads. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON STREET TREE MAINTENANCE AND PLANTING ON COUNTY ROADS WHEREAS,** street tree maintenance and planting on county roads is a community priority and WHEREAS, Wayne County has agreed to allow streetscape maintenance and improvements to be performed on county roads within rights of way provided the community agrees to maintain and indemnify Wayne County relative to installation of the plantings **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** The Charter Township of Canton agrees to maintain the permitted tree planting at no expense to Wayne County, indemnify and save harmless Wayne County and its employees against all claims, suits and judgments of every name and description arising out of the operation covered by the permit and authorizes the Municipal Services Director to sign the permit on behalf of the Township. **Item 10. CONSIDER EXTENDING THE WEEK CUTTING CONTRACT WITH M.S.T. & L., INC. FOR THE 2007 WEED CUTTING PROGRAM (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to award the 2007 Weed Cutting Program to M.S.T. & L., Inc. in the amount of \$47.94 per acre/lot (Contractual Services Weed Cutting Account #101 521 823 0000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. CONSIDER AWARDED THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE LOWER ROUGE RIVER RECREATIONAL TRAILHEAD PROJECT TO JJR, LLC. (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the award of the Design and Construction Management Services for the Lower Rouge River Trailhead Project to JJR, LLC for an amount of \$73,600 plus a 10% contingency of \$7,360 (Account no. 246 750 970 0000), for a not to exceed amount of \$80,960. I further move to approve the transfer of \$80,960 from the Public Improvement Fund to the Community Improvement Fund to provide funding for this project cost. Funds were included in the 2007 budgets for this transfer. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. CONSIDER 2007 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GRAVEL ROAD (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize Suburban Oil Co. to provide Canton's 2007

dust control program for an amount not to exceed \$15,750 (Account Number 101 521 822 0000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CHRISTIAN EXPANSION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,695 TO ACQUIRE A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BECK/WARREN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to authorize the purchase of a 75-foot wide drainage easement on Parcel No. 71 020 99 0009 000 in the amount of \$12,695 (Account No. 403 506 969 1000) from Christian Expansion, Inc. upon receipt of the executed purchase agreement. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WALL BLINDS FOR THE BUILDING OFFICIAL'S OFFICE (MSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase and installation of wall blinds in the amount of \$1,900.00 from Nitsa's Interiors to be charged to Account #101 371 977 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. AUTHORIZE LEASE OF MOWING EQUIPMENT FOR THE PARKS DIVISION (CLS):** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to waive the normal bidding procedures and authorize the purchase of maintenance equipment for the Parks Division through the State bid program from WF Miller Co., P.O. Box 605, Novi, MI 48376 in the amount of \$128,627 with the cost charged to Parks Division account #101 270 977 0000 capital equipment. I further move to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to increase the capital budget for this purchase: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations

Capital Outlay		
Equipment Parks Division	#101 270 977 0000	\$ 91,627
Transfer to Fund Balance	101 959 999 0000	(91,627)
Total		\$ 0

This budget amendment increases the Parks Division budget from \$1,988,538 to \$2,080,165, decreases the Transfers Out Department budget from \$3,053,067 to \$2,961,440 and does not change the General Fund budget total. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 16. AWARD BID FOR LEISURE SERVICES APPAREL AWARDS (CLS):** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to award the 2007 Leisure Services staff program apparel bid to the lowest, qualified bidder: Apple Imprints Apparel, 2336 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211 in the following per unit cost in an amount not to exceed \$21,500 utilizing the following account numbers:

Account Number	Amount
101 755 740 0000 (CSC) Staff Apparel	\$462.80
101 755 740 0000 (CSC) League Awards	\$8,379.30
584 756 722 0000 (Golf Maint.) Staff Apparel	\$731.76
101 270 722 0000 (Park Maint.) Staff Apparel	\$1,189.08
101 672 742 0000 (SRS) Senior Play Participants	\$111.68
101 672 722 0000 (SRS) Staff Apparel	\$158.28
101 691 741 0000 (Rec.) Plydrgs/Mobil Rec Staff	\$970.74
101 691 742 1000 (Rec.) Camp Able Staff & Part	\$686.69
101 691 742 2000 (Rec.) Enrichment & Camp	\$3,741.35
101 691-742 3000 (Rec.) Teen Staff Apparel	\$710.56
101 691 742 4000 (Rec.) Special Events Staff	\$1,746.68
101 691 742-4000 (Rec.) Special Events Resale	\$485.70
101 760 740 0000 Village Theater Staff Apparel	\$476.93
101 691 742 7000 (Rec. Aquatics Instructors	\$200.00
208 757 722 1000 (Summit) Aquatics Staff Apparel	\$652.06
208 757 722 2000 (Summit) Kid's Corner & Staff Jackets	\$796.39

Motion carried by all members present. **Item 17. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR THE GOLF PROFESSIONAL AT PHEASANT RUN (CLS):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve an incentive-based pay contract with Greg Bores as Golf Professional with a base salary not to exceed \$38,000 and an additional incentive as outlined in Exhibit A not to exceed \$54,000. Funds are budgeted in the Golf Course Fund -Part-Time/Seasonal Salaries Account # 584 756 706 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 18. AMEND CONTINENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO OPERATE PHEASANT RUN GRILL (CLS):** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the amendment to the Continental Services contract for the operation of Pheasant Run Golf Club Grill. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 19. BUDGET AMENDMENT - BUILDING AUTHORITY DEBT SERVICE FUND (FBD):** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment in the Building Authority Debt Service Fund to account for the Canton Public Library portion of the 2005 Limited Tax General Obligation refunding bond issue: Increase Revenues

Financing Revenue Library	#369 000 670 0000	\$225,665
Increase Appropriations		
Bond principal	369 900 991 0000	\$ 25,000
Bond interest	369 900 996 0000	200,425
Bond agent fees	369 900 998 0000	240
Total		\$225,665

This budget amendment increases the Building Authority Debt Service Fund budget from \$683,241 to \$908,906. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 20. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 6-LAERDAL SUCTION UNITS - FIRE (PDS):** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 6 Laerdal Suction Units from Boundtree Medical, 5200 Rings Rd., Suite A, Dublin, OH 43017 in the amount of \$6192. Funding to come from Fire Capital Outlay Account # 206 336 977 0000. Cost Center P00055 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 21. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 12-SCBA'S - FIRE (PSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of 12-SCBAs and accessories from Pressure Vessel Testing, 34740 Gratiot Ave., Clinton Twp, MI 48035 in the amount of \$61,944.80. Funding to come from Fire Capital Outlay Account # 206 336 977 0000. Cost Center P00055 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 22. CONSIDER REVISION TO EMS FEES & AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH COLLECTIONS FOR NON-RESIDENT NON-PAYMENTS. (PSD):** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the increase in EMS Fees as follows and to authorize collection of nonresident non-paid EMS service fees. Motion carried by all members present.

	Proposed ALS	Proposed ALS II	Proposed BLS	Proposed Additional Charges
Canton	\$500	\$575	\$350	Mileage \$7, Oxygen \$40 Extraction \$500
Resident				
Non				
Resident	\$625	\$720	\$440	Mileage \$7, Oxygen \$40 Extraction \$500

Anthony Cauchi, 7410 Hillsboro Drive, inquired if the book store in the former Franks Nursery is still being built. Supervisor Yack stated yes. The Borders Bookstore and Petco are in progress with the footings in place. Dan McCausland, 328 Haggerty, stated he was invited to a community board meeting recently. Mr. McCausland stated this community has an annual budget of \$20 million in revenue. Mr. McCausland stated this board meeting took place in a local YMCA and people were seated in folding chairs with the board members seated among the residents. **OTHER:** Trustee LaJoy stated he would like to suggest recycling the envelopes that the board members receives their board packet in each week. Supervisor Yack stated he would collect those envelopes each week for recycling. Supervisor Yack stated the next study session will be April 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. A public hearing for a tax abatement will be on the agenda, as well as a tour of the new Park Maintenance Facility, Victory Park and Fellows Creek. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 9:23 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.cantonmi.org after Board Approval.

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Adsit's late goal sinks Plymouth

2007 Rock kickers:
new and improved

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The moon was full and the nets were empty for the first 78 minutes and 26 seconds of Monday night's Salem-Plymouth girls soccer game. Then with 1:34 remaining, Rock senior captain Kelly Adsit eclipsed the Wildcats' night with a scintillating goal to give her team a hard-earned 1-0 victory.

Adsit secured a pass from Taylor Carlson about 15 yards out, dribbled through a pair of

Plymouth defenders and ripped a low shot past Wildcat goalie Brittany Warner for the contest's lone net-finder.

"When I got the ball, the girls in front of me just kind of parted, I split them and kicked it in," said Adsit, recalling her goal. "I was struggling a little bit up until then, but as soon as I got past their defense, I was confident I could score."

The triumph improved the Rocks' record to 2-0. The Wildcats, who have yet to score this season, dropped to 0-3. "It's frustrating to lose this

one because it's probably the best game we've played all season," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "We had a lot of opportunities, but we just couldn't capitalize on them."

Salem coach Joe Nora said Adsit's game-winning shot was a classic example of supreme perseverance.

I think Kelly was getting frustrated throughout the game because Plymouth was doing a good job of defending her, Nora said. "But we kept getting the ball to her and like I always tell her — it only takes one."

Nora praised the play of his goal-keeper, Jill Slabey, who matched Warner save for save and finished with eight stops.

Jill was very good tonight, he said. She communicated well with her defenders, which is something we've been working on improving."

Salem nearly scored with 10:20 to play, however, Warner sprinted all the way out to the edge of the 18-yard box to smother the ball just as Rock sophomore forward Jourdin Jaaska was going in for the potential game-winning shot.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

You would think Salem's girls soccer team would struggle out of the gate this season, considering that close to three-quarters of the Rocks' roster is new due to graduation and injuries.

Think again.

Led by timely scoring and solid defense, the Rocks have surged to a 2-0 start one year after recording a less-than-Salem-like 5-8-3 mark.

"With the injuries and influx of new players, we've probably had a 75 percent turnover in players this year compared to last," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We're young and inexperienced, but we have some talent, too. Most of the girls have played in good club programs, they're dedicated and they're getting better every day."

Our team's strength is probably our team speed," Nora said. "We have players with good outside speed. Hopefully, we can possess the ball like I think we can."

Sparkling the Rocks' offensive attack will be senior forward Kelly Adsit, who earned All-State and All-Conference recognition last season.

"Kelly has an incredible desire to win and to get better," said Nora. "She's a complete player and a natural. She does things you can't teach kids. She never stops until the ball is in the net."

Defenseman Miranda Evers will share the captains' duties with Adsit. The three-year starter will anchor what has already proven to be a strong defensive unit.

"Miranda is a tough kid with a lot of speed and intelligence on the field," said Nora. She always marks the other team's best player."

Nora also praised the skills that junior central mid-fielder Katie Shull brings to the Rocks.

"Katie is a flat-out playmaker," he said. "She has great field vision and she's the type of player who gets the team kick-started."

Filling out the forward corps are sophomore Jourdin Jaaska, who lettered as a freshman, and two newcomers: Megan McCord and Cally Brooks.

Joining Shull in the mid-field will be junior Taylor Carlson, freshman Lindsey Newton, sophomore Jill Berhman and junior Rachel Gizicki. They will be spelled by key reserves Kara Winczkowski, Kristen Thompson and Maggie Huls.

Jill Slabey will handle most of the goal-keeping chores after splitting time with Kristin Dondzila last season. Providing depth to the Rocks' talented roster will be Sara O'Leary, Sara Stanislawski, Megan Grady, Caryn Kosteva, Brittany Miller and Amanda Krause.

Warner-led 'Cats will be tough to score on

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Led by four-year starting goal-keeper Brittany Warner, the Plymouth girls soccer team should make life difficult for opponents when it comes to depositing the ball into the back of the net this season.

Brittany is very solid in front of the net," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, whose team finished 8-9-2 in 2006, including a third-place showing in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. "She does a great job of playing the angles and her technique is incredible. Including Monday night's

1-0, last-minute loss to Salem, the Wildcats have started the campaign 0-3 as they adjust to the departure of last year's senior leaders Stacey Dillon (Coastal Carolina University) and Courtney Picard.

"We need to improve on our counter attack and we obviously need to score more," said Neschich. "We lost nine seniors from last year's team, though, so it's going to be a challenge early in the season as we work on things."

Leading the charge this year for the Wildcats will be a senior nucleus that includes Warner, forward Clare Baptist, mid-fielders Chelsea Quinlan and Val Klemmer,

and defensive standout Brittany Hengesh.

"Clare is a fast, aggressive, go-to player," said Neschich. Chelsea was sick a few days before the Salem game, but she came out and played awesome. She's the quarterback of our mid-field, a very smart player who distributes the ball well."

"Brittany brings a lot of athleticism and toughness to the team. She's kind of bounced around positions the past four years, but it seems like she was meant to play where she's playing now — in the back."

Also playing major roles this season will be a pair of freshmen defensemen Megan Hughes and Katie

Karjewski.

"Megan's sister played for us last year, so I knew a little bit about her," said Neschich. "You never know how well they'll do until you match them up in tryouts. Both Megan and Katie went out there against older kids and really did well. They did a nice job against Salem's Kelly Adsit, who is one of the best players around, until she scored late in the game."

Other key contributors to the Wildcats' cause this season include forwards Jenna Livingston and Julie Forster, mid-fielders Liz Koet, Kelly Dobbs, Kasey Webb, Lindsay Jewett and Ashley Lewis, and defenders Carlee Barackman and Katie Heck.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

LADIES GOLF LEAGUE

The "Par-Tee" Girls Ladies Golf League, which plays at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Canton, is looking for new members. The course is located at the intersection of Ford and Napier roads.

The nine-hole league plays on Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. beginning May 3. For more information, contact Susan Morman at (734) 414-9941.

CAREER CONFERENCE

Anyone interested in a career

in sports is invited to attend Wayne State University's 7th Annual "Careers in Sports" conference, which will be held April 14 at the Wayne State University Student Center.

The conference will have guest speakers from the areas of inter-

scholastic, intercollegiate, professional and commercial sports programs.

"This is a unique opportunity for students and professionals to explore careers in the sports industry," said Katie Bione, the conference organizer. "We have

had tremendous success with this conference in the past and we hope to make the 2007 conference the best one yet."

For more information on the conference, visit <http://www.wayne.edu>, or call (616) 581-9523.

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED 2007-08 BUDGET**

In compliance with Act No. 43, State of Michigan Public Act of 1963 and Act No. 2, State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 (Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2006-07 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Jill F. O'Sullivan
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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The Senior Alliance will host two Public Hearing Sessions for input regarding the FY 2008 Annual Implementation Plan for services to persons age 60 and older in Western and Southern Wayne County.

Monday, May 7, 2007
Romulus Senior Center
36525 Bibbins
Romulus, MI 48174
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Monday, May 14, 2007
The Senior Alliance
3850 Second Street, Suite 201
Wayne, MI 48184
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

A summary of the FY 2008 Annual Implementation Plan will be available online Friday, April 20, 2007, at www.aaa1C.org. Written comments accepted through Friday, May 18, 2007.

For more information, call 734-727-2058.

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WILDCAT BASEBALL CLINIC

A one-day Plymouth Wildcat Youth Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday, April 21, at the Plymouth High School baseball complex.

Kids in third through eighth grades are invited to the clinic, which is limited to the first 100 registrants.

For the \$40 registration fee, kids will receive a camp T-shirt, lunch and instruction on the following topics: hitting (stance, balance, swing plane), mental preparation and plate discipline, base running, infield play (corner and middle), fielding/throwing technique, outfield play, and catcher skills.

There will also be controlled scrimmages and each participant

will be entitled to a video analysis of their swing.

If it is raining, the camp will be held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. Campers will need to bring a baseball glove and wear a baseball hat. Bats are optional.

Offering instruction will be offered by 2007 Plymouth players and coaches.

For more information on registering, contact John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.

WRESTLING FUND-RAISER

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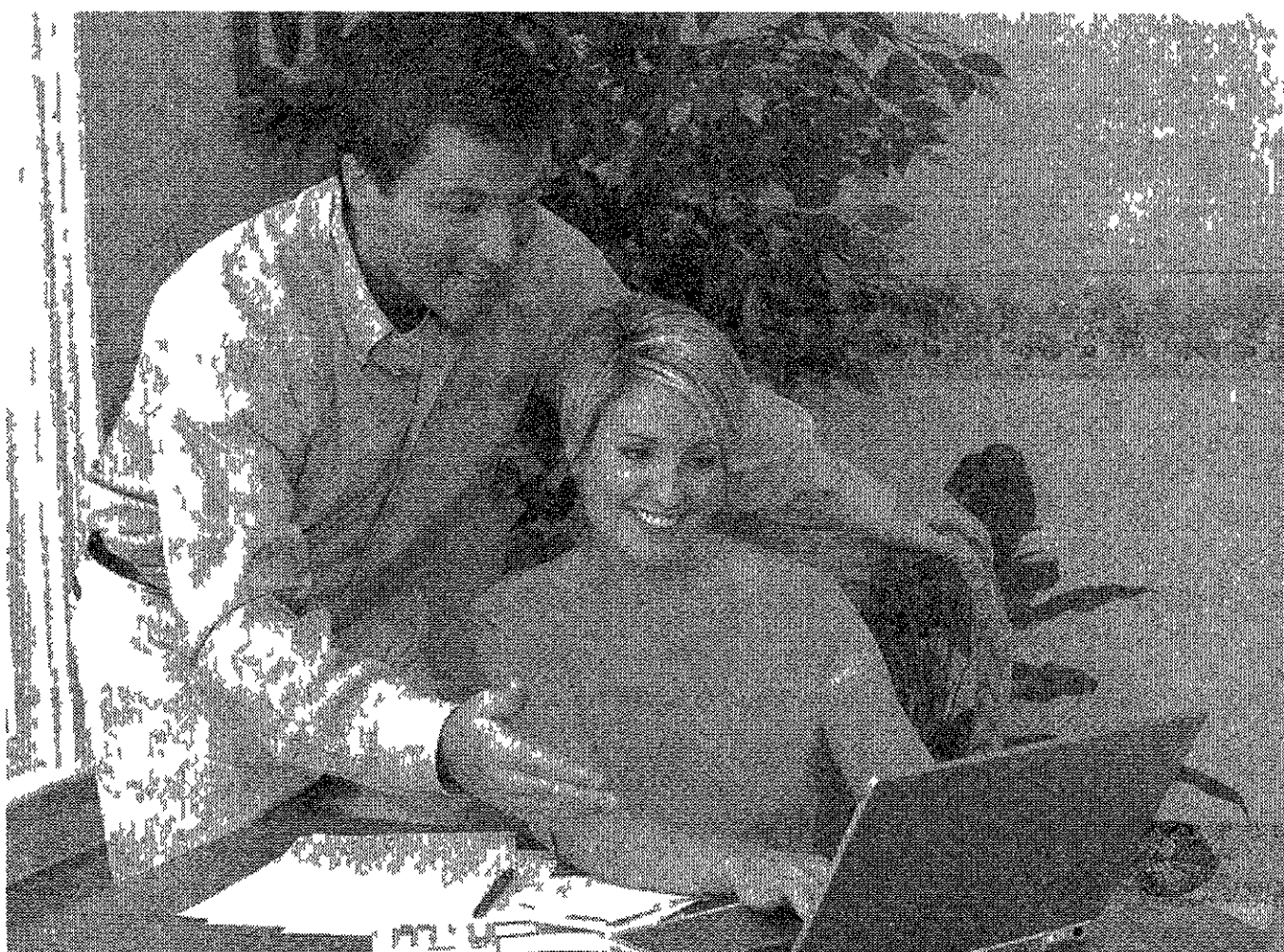
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- 4 Make a wager
- 7 Think ahead
- 11 Marble streak
- 13 Yecch!
- 14 Cartoonist — Goldberg
- 15 Hence
- 16 Install carpeting
- 17 Island near Corsica
- 18 Knight's gear
- 20 Musical key (2 wds.)
- 21 Right to decide
- 22 Travel word
- 23 Yard tool
- 26 Slaw ingredient
- 30 Ms. Lupino
- 31 Grain morsel
- 32 Delay with off
- 33 "The Natural" star
- 36 Coffeehouse order
- 38 Supplement

DOWN

- 39 Crooner — Damone
- 40 Found out
- 43 Mississippi explorer
- 46 Pickling ingredient
- 47 Just bought
- 48 Colorless
- 50 Passion
- 51 Fruit drink
- 52 Agree with
- 53 Rip
- 54 Buy at auction
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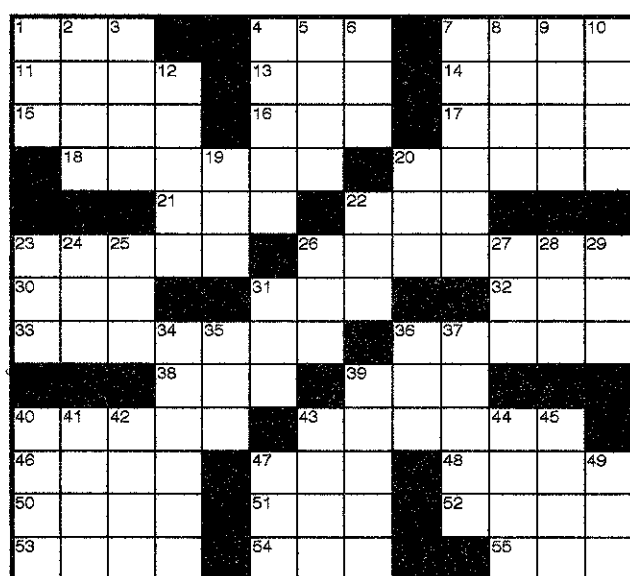
DOWN

- 1 Curie daughter
- 2 The woman's
- 3 Express relief
- 4 Browbeat
- 5 Mild rejoinder
- 6 Quaker pro noun
- 7 Built in advance
- 8 Soothe
- 9 Fernando band

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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LIME LUG EDIE
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SENIOR SPOOL
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		3	5		1	9	4	
1		5	7		8		6	
				9	6			4
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

6	9	1	8	7	9	8	2	7
8	2	9	5	1	2	7	6	8
8	2	7	2	8	6	1	9	9
1	6	9	2	7	9	8	6	8
1	9	8	2	7	2	1	6	8
4	8	2	9	6	8	2	1	9
9	8	8	6	2	2	9	4	1
2	7	6	1	9	9	8	2	8
2	1	5	8	6	7	2	9	6

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C	N	N	E	R	D	A	T	d
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"I don't think companies do what the Roper Corp did back in the 70s," e-

mails Eva Rosenberg of TaxMama.com "They sent a personality/psych test to my (then) husband to fill in and send back. He was applying for a position in sales."

"We crawled into bed that night with the test pages spread out and read each question out loud," she continues. "Then we asked how a salesman/sales personality would answer this question. That's the answer he chose. He got the job. And within two years, after some training, he was salesman of the year! So perhaps my teaching him how to think as a salesman helped?"

Clearly, that man had what it took to be a salesman, and psych-ing out a test might not have been essential to his being hired. Michael Josephson of the Josephson Institute of Ethics in Los Angeles expresses extreme scepticism about tests, saying, "You have assume that most people when trying to get a job will do whatever it takes. They're not going to take it neutrally. Anyone with an IQ over 100 won't get trapped. I think the test-taker is smarter than the test-maker."

PROPOSERS

Rod McKinnis of The McKinnis Consulting Group L.L.C., in Chandler, outside of Phoenix, and Robert Troutwine of Troutwine & Associates Inc., in Liberty, Mo., a suburb of Kansas City, have developed assessment tools. McKinnis specializes in tests for salespeople, which focus upon 21 behaviors that salespeople need. "The questions aren't easily manipulated," he says. "You can't answer them hypothetically. They're real life examples. If you don't have the actual experience in answering them, they will pick up on it." He abjures personality tests because of "research that found no correlation between personality and sales productivity." He correlates personality tests with skills but says that they can't measure a "person's desire and what drives them to make sales." For the field of sales, such behavioral tools are essential, he maintains, because, sales, unlike the medical and legal professions, lacks standardized training.

Troutwine doesn't believe that any one category of test should be discounted. "You can't classify a test, behavioral or personality," he states, "as easy to cheat on. Some tests are very transparent and others aren't. It doesn't seem related to the category or type. It's more in the items and test construction." He says that most cheaters, whether "elusive or not totally frank," will be "tripped up."

BEYOND TESTING

Should employers do more -- or do without -- these assessment tools? McKinnis would make a lot of people happy in remarking that "the role of the employer isn't to select the right person but know how to manage and develop that person." His tools help with that, too, because they identify which behaviors a salesperson needs to hone. McKinnis achieves high accuracy in six-month predictions -- more than 90 percent in predicting washouts, more than 80 percent in predicting top performers.

What's the best source of information for hiring? Josephson believes that employers can secure more reliable information not just by interviewing applicants but by conducting background checks "beyond the first layer of people." This involves obtaining referrals from the person's initial list of references to other people. "Judgment, diligence, drinking habits," he comments, "those not so closely attached to them might be more



Rod McKinnis advocates behavioral tests. He is based near Phoenix at the McKinnis Consulting Group, L.L.C., in Chandler, Ariz.

forthcoming

What does this mean for the applicant? Assessment tools have become big business, but not something to fear. Troutwine advises, "Be yourself, because the purpose is to see if it's a fit. You want a job, but do you really want one with behaviors you're uncomfortable with? Not natural with?" Meanwhile, employers and applicants need to get together to remove what Josephson calls "the molve to lie in an intake exam."

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Infiniti M45 Rocks - And Rockets

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CAReport



By Dale Buss



In a completely allegorical and vague kind of way, the Infiniti M45 reminds me of a car built for a demolition derby. In the same sense that those vehicles are built for a single, narrow purpose and so have such a robust vital essence - a seat, a seat belt and a sturdy frame - the M45 is a car with a definite focus: speed and acceleration. The 2007 M45 knocks you back in your seat better than anything else I've driven except for sports cars such as the Audi TT and Chevrolet Corvette.

The good thing about Infiniti M45, however, is that it does a lot more than just rocket from zero to 60 miles an hour in less than six seconds. The car also is fun as well as fast to drive, comfortable and refined on the inside - and it looks good too. So if you are ready to plunk down about \$50,000 for a car that will beat practically everybody away from the spotlight and also provide you with the finest comforts available from Nissan's luxury brand, M45 is for you.

While much has been made of Infiniti's penchant for breathtaking design with vehicles such as the FX crossover vehicle, the real heart of Infiniti's lineup is the much more conventional-looking M45. And, in turn, the heart of the M45 is the muscle-bound, 4.5-liter V8 engine that makes it soar. Generating 325 horsepower, the V8 also puts out 336 pound-feet of torque. So you get absolutely explosive, twitch quick power, more than ample low-end torque, and nearly seamless transitions between gears to boot.

In itself, that kind of power makes M45 fun to drive. But Infiniti also has provided a pleasingly firm suspension that feels balanced even when you drive this car aggressively. And in the Sport version of the M45 that I drove, there's something



Infiniti M45 offers an enjoyable ride.

called an active-rear-steering system. It involves an actuator that is powered and controlled electrically to move the rear wheels a maximum of one degree, in an opposite phase going into a corner or the same phase exiting a corner at medium or high speeds. This helps turn the car into a corner more quickly and helps it from sliding out on exit. And it gives you an optimum feeling of control over all that power.

Of course, a car with this much oomph doesn't do all that well in terms of fuel economy. But its EPA rating of 17mpg in the city and 23mpg on the highway isn't atrocious either.

And while M45 isn't a visual statement like other Infiniti models, it is appealing nonetheless. The extreme wedge shape is accented by short overhangs at both ends of the body that give M45 its aggressive look. The distinct Infiniti badge occupies the center of the grill, and the edge of the hood cuts into the headlight cover with three jeweled lamps behind. The rear fenders flare out playfully a bit, just before you get to the rear tires.

From inside the vehicle, ridges running the length of the hood on either side highlight the car's speedy feel. The huge windshield and ample side windows also add to the sense that this is a driver's car. The front seats are highly bolstered

and extremely comfortable. The nifty backlit dials on the instrument panel also scream performance. Aluminum trim complemented the black leather that predominates in the Sport version I drove, the standard M has pleasant rosewood accents instead of aluminum.

Yet there also are some drawbacks to M45 once you crawl inside. The surroundings up front are just a bit snug for a vehicle this large and with this kind of price tag. The compartment to the rear of the center console is too small, most of its space being taken up by the DVD player. The compartments inside the driver and front passenger's door are too short to hold, say, a magazine.

Most disappointingly, the controls on the dashboard console take up way too much space. The segregation of climate controls is annoying. And for anyone shorter than average height, the angle of the console is simply way too shallow for easy reading and reaching of the dials. And one more thing: the trunk is too small.

So Infiniti has a bit of work to do before the M45 - which is basically unchanged this model year from its brand new manifestation for the 2006 model year - is a finished work. But in the meantime, it certainly offers an enjoyable ride.

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No place like it: Make the most of your home page

Q uick What's the first thing you see when you start your Web browser?

For most users, I'm guessing it's the default home page configured by your computer maker or Microsoft. Thus, it's probably Google, MSN or Yahoo.

You can do better. A home page should be like your real home, a place that reflects your tastes and interests. Something personal. A nice place to hang out.

My new favorite home on the Web is Netvibes (netvibes.com), which corrals news, weather, search tools, e-mail, eBay, RSS feeds, YouTube, podcasts and just about anything else you could want into an elegant, customizable, tabbed interface.

Simply select the modules and feeds you want, then arrange them to your liking by dragging them around the page. Not enough room? Add another tab.

My news tab, for instance, includes headlines from Associated Press, *The New York Times*, *National Geographic*, *Entertainment Weekly* and this very newspaper.

(Yes, the *Observer & Eccentric* has RSS feeds! To subscribe to any of them, head to hometownlife.com and click the blue RSS Feeds box.)

I've also created a Google tab that provides me with one-stop access to various services, including Google Calendar, Google Maps, Google Notebook and Gmail.

Half the fun of Netvibes is browsing the available modules, which number in the hundreds. I've got a daily *Calvin & Hobbes* cartoon, a Sudoku game, a calendar, a word of the day and a little notepad to name just a few.

I'm particularly fond of the YouSendIt module, which lets me send large files (up to 100MB) to anyone without having to visit another Web site.

Netvibes can even play podcasts. With the click of a button I can play or download the latest episode of *This American Life* or *All Songs Considered*.

Honestly, once you've appointed Netvibes with all your favorite Weborabilia, you may never leave it. It's fun, it's free, and it's a great way to be greeted before you venture out onto the Web at large.

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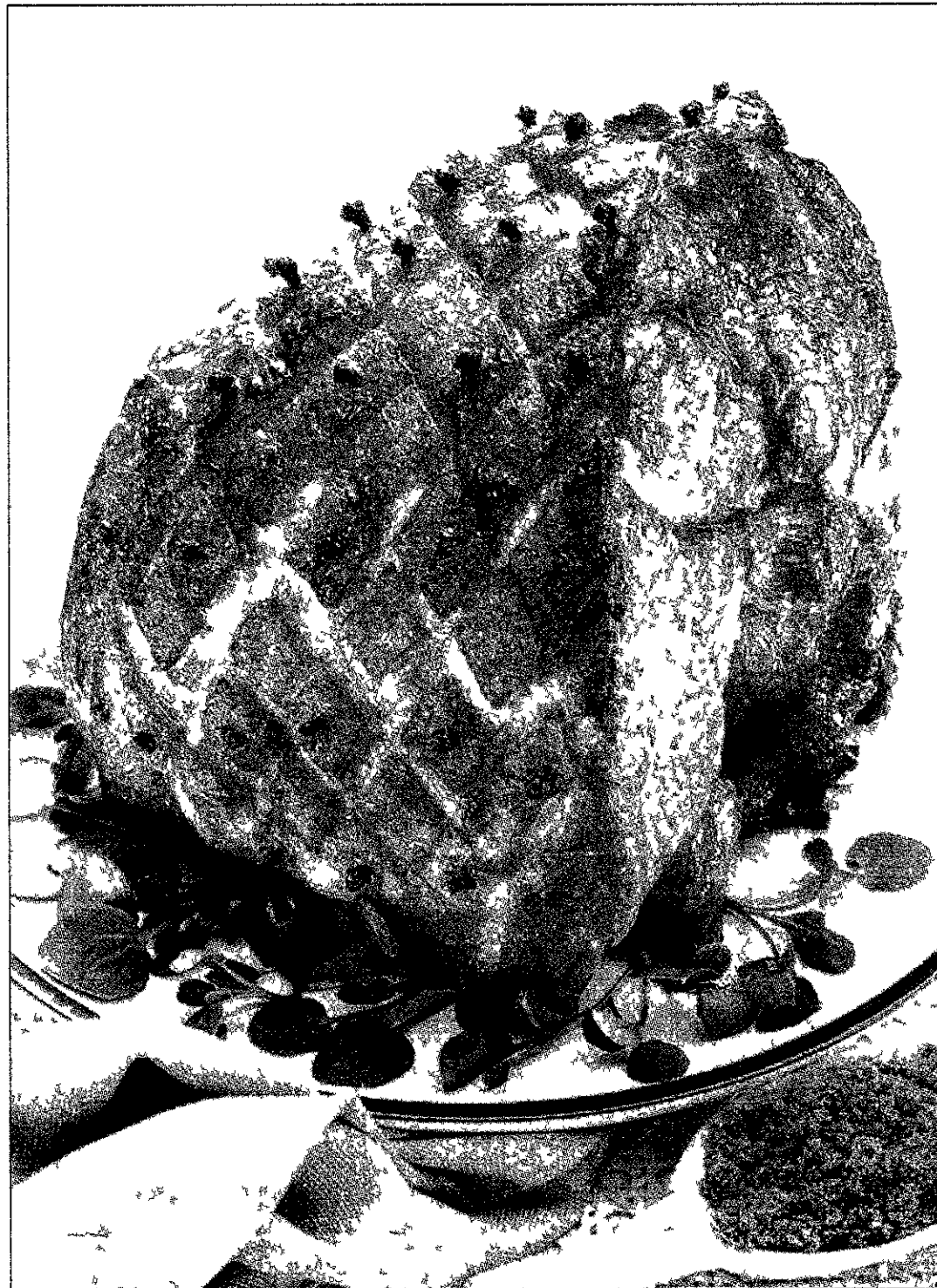
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Easy Easter



Let your grocer do most of your dinner prep. By relying on an already cooked ham, you'll save time for other things on Easter Sunday.

Ham, simple sides, make for a great meal

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP FOOD WRITER

Looking to make your life easier this Easter? Let your grocer do most of your dinner prep. Relying on an already cooked ham, a few supermarket shortcuts and fresh herbs to liven up things will minimize your work and ensure you have time for what really matters — say, eating the ears off chocolate bunnies.

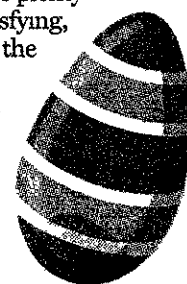
Most prepared hams take about an hour (plan 6 minutes per pound at 350°F) in the oven to come up to temperature. For even the least adept cook, that's plenty of time to assemble a satisfying, vibrant meal to celebrate the arrival of spring: roasted new potatoes tossed with olive oil and fresh rosemary, steamed baby carrots with thyme butter, and asparagus spears drizzled with a quick cheese sauce.

Accompany that with purchased rolls and finish with vanilla ice cream topped with warm berry sauce, and you've got a great Easter dinner that can easily be pulled together after you return from religious services or while the kids are hunting for their eggs.

Here's how to do it, counting down from the hour it takes to heat most hams.

1 HOUR TO GO The ham will take the longest, so start there. Follow the directions for your ham, but plan to preheat the oven for at least 15 minutes. Once the ham is in the oven, you can focus on the rest of the meal.

50 MINUTES TO GO Give the potatoes a good scrub, then place them in a bowl and

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Tell us about cooking with Mom and Dad



Most home cooks bring a wealth of memories or an appreciation of food from their parents.

For many of us who grew up in the 1960s and 1970s, it was Mom who did most of the cooking, but in recent years, Dad has taken a more active role in the kitchen, too.

Parental input can be a strong foundation in a kitchen. If you like to cook, you were probably influenced to a degree by your parents.

Maybe it was Mom's favorite meat loaf, potato salad, beef stew, chocolate cake or blueberry pie. Dad may have ruled the grill with his barbecued ribs or chicken.

We want to hear about your cooking experiences with your parents, whether it was Mom, Dad or both, and what favorite recipes they gave to you that you use today.

We'd like to feature you (and them, if that's possible), the recipes and your story in an upcoming article for Mothers' Day or Father's Day in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. If we use your recipe and/or story, we'll send you a cookbook.

Please write a short summary to send with the recipe, and include the community in which you live and a daytime phone number where you can be reached.

Send to Mary Klemic, food editor, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com. Please send the information by Thursday, April 19.

'Spectacular' book shows design talents



PHOTO BY JEFF GARLAND

Photos of Anne Musson's residence, including this one of her living room, are featured in *Spectacular Homes of Michigan*.

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

A spectacular new coffee table book offers showhouses at your fingertips.

Spectacular Homes of Michigan: An Exclusive Showcase of Michigan's Finest Designers, edited by Khristi Zimmeth, presents rooms by 40 designers from around Michigan.

The book can serve as inspiration, or a way to savor work by talented designers from the state. It also shares their philosophies and backgrounds.

"It showcases your style and your ability," said Anne Musson of AM Designs LLC of Plymouth, one of the designers.

I was very pleased." Musson's own residence is featured in the book. The photos illustrate its traditional tone, with antiques and family heirlooms, as well as a wreath she designed, among the furnishings.

The book displays a wide variety of homes, including modern, contemporary and cottage, Musson said.

It covers everybody's taste, she said.



Many local designers are featured in the book.

Francine Laenen of Francine Laenen Interiors of Troy, another featured designer, selected a project that had the challenge of bringing in color.

Laenen credits carpenter Martin Ender of Hammerhead Construction — whose work included a custom-made fireplace with hand glazing — and faux painter Cynthia Bodine.

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Recent washer recall catches attention

Fall the recalls that I have written about in this column this one caught my immediate attention

Our purchase of a Maytag Neptune washer 10 months ago caused my darling Valorie to ask, "Is our washer a part of this recall?"

She had watched a consumer alert story where Ruth Spencer announced the recall information provided by the U.S. Consumer

Product Safety Commission. Here is the pertinent information: Maytag and Samsung brand front-loading washing machines. About 250,000 Maytag brand units and about 20,000 Samsung brand units. All of these products were manufactured in South Korea.

The reason for the recall is that water leakage onto the electrical connections to the washing machines thermal sensor could cause an electrical short and ignite a circuit board, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

The recall involves certain Maytag and Samsung brand front-load washers.

The Maytag washers have model numbers beginning with MAH9700 or MAH8700. The

Samsung model number is WF306BHW or begins with WF316.

These products were sold nationwide from April 2005 through August 2006 for between \$1,000 and \$1,200.

If you own one of these products, you should stop using it and contact Maytag at (800) 868-5109 or Samsung at (800) 515-7902.

The follow-up story by Ruth Spencer said that Maytag's repair solution to the problem is to send a GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) to the consumer's home to plug into the wall outlet.

You plug the washer electrical cord into the GFCI, and if that trips off, Maytag will send out a repairman.

Ruth asked if I agreed with this fix, and I don't. A washing machine isn't to be plugged into a GFCI.

How can a manufacturer know that a product is unsafe? Homeowners are using it, and let's just say the GFCI is defective - the product could burn the house down or worse.

There was once a large recall on a certain brand of GFCI that failed to work correctly.

I think that this whole Maytag recall procedure is going to turn out to be another of those class action lawsuits that has made the older model Neptune washers the laughingstock of the appliance industry.

By the way, Maytag is now owned by Whirlpool, who may have its image tarnished by something created by Maytag before it was bought.

Last year Maytag had a front-load washer made by Samsung out of South Korea, and had the nerve to put the name Neptune on it.

In the past eight years or so, I have read many stories about how proud Maytag was to be the leader in new front-load design with its American-made Neptune. It seems to me that someone has been snowing the snowman.

Although our washer was bought during the time of this recalled product and has the name Neptune on it, it isn't a part of this recall.

Ours is of the old style where all of the problems of the past have been corrected, I hope!

Valorie still loves the washer and we haven't had one problem with it.

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 and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

'SPECTACULAR'

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I had a great client Laenen said.

"You really have to have good rapport with your designer. I think I'm very good at working within a budget."

Laenen said it was very nice to be featured.

"It was nice to be published like that."

Featured designers Arlene Cohen and Robbie Segel of Innovative Interiors Inc. of West Bloomfield chose a home that was a five-year

project, a blend of contemporary and traditional.

We want a room to be a reflection of the people who live there, Cohen said.

A benefit of working with an interior designer is that it is more cost effective, she said.

They've done it. They know what you can expect from certain materials.

Spectacular Homes of Michigan (\$39.95) is available at area book stores.

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Book showcases the state's finest designers

This is a complete list of designers featured in *Spectacular Homes of Michigan*.

Linda Axe, LVL Enterprises, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donna Brown, Dazzling Designs, Northville.

Janet Child Chism, Janet Chism Design, Grand Rapids.

Arlene Cohen and Robbie Segel, Innovative Interiors Inc., West Bloomfield.

Brian Clay Collins, Brian Collins Interior Design, Grosse Pointe.

Lucy Earl and Nicole Withers Jones Keena & Co., Birmingham.

Kathleen Emig, Cedar Creek Interiors, Harbor Springs.

Mary Jane Fabiano, Samuel Designs Inc., Grand Rapids.

Michael Foran, Michael Foran Interiors, Rochester.

Mary Greiner-Keiser, Dwelling Concepts LLC, North Muskegon.

Renee Guthrie, Lake Street Design Studio, Royal Oak.

Jennifer Holtrop, Nancy Olender, Rhiannon Clow, Spaces Unlimited, Caledonia.

David Michael Johns, DMJ Interiors, Rochester.

Josephine Sesi Kassab, J.S. Kassab Interiors, Bloomfield Hills.

Rock Kauffman, Rock Home Studio, Grand Rapids.

DJ Kennedy, Kennedy & Company, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Jeffrey King, Jeffrey King Interiors, Birmingham.

Barbi Krass, Colorworks Studio, West Bloomfield.

Tern Kunkel, TK Designs, Saugatuck.

Francine Laenen, Francine Laenen Interiors, Troy.

Linda Mason, Mason Interiors, Charlevoix.

Anne Musson, AM Designs LLC, Plymouth.

Tim O'Neill and Stephame Harrington O'Neill, O'Neill Harrington Interiors, Royal Oak.

Cynthia S. Ohanian, Cynthia S. Ohanian Interiors, Bloomfield Hills.

George A. Pavick, Pleats Interior Design, Lansing.

Leslie Ann Pilling, Leslie Ann Pilling Design/Presence II, Bloomfield Hills.

Wendy Reeve, Cottage Interiors, Harbor Springs.

Arturo Sanchez and Barry Harrison, Art-Harrison Interior Design Studio, Royal Oak.

Margaret Skinner, Margeaux Interiors Inc., Birmingham.

Lisa Skocelas Lubin, Schulz & Skocelas, Bloomfield Hills.

Jennifer Taylor, Jennifer Taylor Studio, Royal Oak.

Wayne Visbeen, Visbeen Associates Inc., Grand Rapids.

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Some very good \$10 wines to try

Are you wondering if there are any really good \$10 wines on the market? Need a quality wine to drink on a daily basis?

We all need that. Look no further. Check out the Rosemount Estate Diamond label series of varietal wines. Rosemount sells one third of its 3.5 million to 4 million cases of wine annually in the United States and purposely designs wine to interest American consumers.

Rosemount Diamond label wines provide pure, vibrant fruit and soft mouthfeel without being over oaked,' said Henry Dawson-Damer, Rosemount's senior manager and educator. Dawson-Damer formerly made wine at Rosemount and now works on the marketing side. He can do that because he was educated at Roseworthy College near Adelaide, South Australia, where all winemakers are trained in grape growing, winemaking and marketing.

Not everything that Rosemount makes has been successful in the United States. 'We found that Americans didn't take to semillon,' Dawson-Damer admits, 'or even our blend of semillon with chardonnay.'

But then we changed the varietal blend to chardonnay-semillon, with the majority of the blend being chardonnay and sales picked up dramatically. When reading an Aussie wine label on a wine containing more than one grape variety, the major grape is listed first.

FLAGSHIP WINE

We questioned Dawson-Damer about Rosemount's flagship wine, expecting him to list the most expensive, such as the Balmoral Syrah \$50 or the GSM \$30 (grenache-syrah-mourvedre) blend. But to our surprise, he didn't. Instead he said, 'Our flagship wine is the Diamond label Shiraz \$10, a great day-to-day pour.' That seems to prove Rosemount is really serious about making an affordable wine of consistent quality for the American consumer.

Rosemount was purchased



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

by Foster's Brewing Company in 2005. Dawson-Damer admitted 'in typical Aussie directness, that following the purchase, we lost our way for a while, but now we have regained our center of gravity with renewed emphasis on fruit and easy-drinking wines. Rosemount wines remain consistent vintage to vintage because they're blended from many different growing areas within Southeast Australia. Champagne producers maintain a house style by blending,' said Dawson-Damer. In Burgundy, each producer has a little vineyard plot with its unique terroir. Australians, on the other hand, look out to the horizon to find the best fruit for their blends.

MEETING CONSUMER PREFERENCES

In an effort to follow consumer preferences, Rosemount recently launched its first Pinot Grigio \$10 (2006 vintage), under its Diamond label because Rosemount recognized the popularity of the variety in the United States. It's unoaked, with floral aromas and hints of grapefruit in a light, bright zesty version with a twist-off closure that's easy to open and drink.

Other Rosemount Diamond label wines to look for include the chardonnay, merlot and shiraz all at \$10.

If you are seeking a more serious wine with a sense of place, try the seriously delicious Rosemount 2003 GSM \$30 with notes of black fruits and black raspberries, sporting a plump middle and solid core with generous length. Rosemount 2002 Balmoral Syrah \$50 is generous, full and rich with good structure and great length, boasting a wonderful black fruit melange. Both wines are grown in the McLaren Vale appellation south of Adelaide in South Australia.

MICHIGAN WINE MONTH

April is Michigan Wine Month. It will be celebrated by the state's 50-plus wineries experiencing burgeoning growth and quality recognition across the United States in wine competitions.

You can discover vineyards producing award-winning wines on one of Michigan's Wine Trails, all described on the Web site www.michigan.org/travel.

Southeast Michigan Pioneer Wine Trail is the closest to metro Detroit and on Saturday, April 21, and Sunday, April 22, Cherry Creek Cellars winemaker John Burtka indicates that each winery along this trail will feature a generous tasting of one of their wines paired with a special appetizer or dessert made with their wine and prepared by a local chef. You'll also receive a small Michigan-related gift at each winery. The wineries included in this event are: Burgdorf Winery, Cherry Creek Cellars (Parma & Cement City), Lone Oak Vineyard Estate, Pentamere Winery, Sandhill Crane Vineyards, St. Julian Winery (Parma & Dundee), and Uncle John's Fruit House Winery.

Hours of the event are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 21, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22. Tickets at \$25 per person can be ordered online at www.pioneerwinetrail.com/tickets. Exact addresses for each winery can be found at www.michiganwines.com.

Annually, the Michigan wine industry contributes \$790 million to the state's economy. Support it not only this month but all 12.

Eleanor and 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 efocusonwine@aol.com.

EASTER

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add the oil and seasonings. Toss to coat, then arrange the potatoes on a rimmed baking sheet. Add them to the oven 10 minutes after the ham.

15 MINUTES TO GO Working between the two other vegetable dishes, start those recipes, making thyme butter and cheese sauce while the carrots and asparagus steam.

5 MINUTES TO GO Wrap the rolls in foil in bunches of six. Pop the rolls in the oven so they'll be warm when you bring them to the table.

After dinner, start the warm berry sauce about 10 minutes before you want to serve dessert. Remove the ice cream from the freezer about 5 minutes before you plan to scoop it to give it time to soften a bit.

Except for the cheese sauce, the following recipes make enough to serve four people, but are easily doubled or tripled to accommodate your crowd. As written, the cheese sauce should make enough to serve at least eight.

If you're looking for a wine to accompany the meal, consider a vinho verde, a light, low-alcohol and slightly effervescent Portuguese white wine. Serve it room temperature or slightly chilled.

TO PURCHASE

■ Precooked ham (heat according to package directions)

■ Rolls (to be wrapped in foil and heated in the oven during final 10 minutes of ham heating time)

■ Vanilla ice cream

ROSEMARY ROASTED POTATOES

1½ pounds new potatoes (a mix of colors, such as purple and yellow is nice), halved

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 sprigs fresh rosemary, leaves stripped and roughly chopped

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Kosher salt to taste

If oven is not already going, preheat to 350° F.

Wash the potatoes and transfer to a large bowl. Add the oil, rosemary and pepper. Toss to coat, then transfer to a rimmed baking sheet. Roast, turning once during cooking, 50 minutes or until lightly browned and cooked through.

As soon as the potatoes come out of the oven, sprinkle with kosher salt.

Makes 4 servings

BABY CARROTS WITH THYME BUTTER

8 ounces baby carrots (half of a standard size bag)

4 tablespoons salted butter

2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves

Fill a small saucepan with about ½ inch of water. Add the carrots, cover and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Lower heat to simmer and steam the carrots for about 5 minutes or until tender.

Drain the carrots and return them to the pan and cover.

In a microwave-safe measuring cup, combine the butter and thyme. Microwave in 30-second bursts until the butter is melted. Add to the carrots and toss to coat. Cover the pan and let rest for several minutes. Makes 4 servings.

STEAMED ASPARAGUS WITH CHEESE SAUCE

1 pound asparagus spears, bottoms trimmed

1 recipe for Creamy Microwave Cheese Sauce (recipe follows)

Arrange the asparagus in a large, deep skillet. Add about ½ cup water, cover and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Steam the asparagus for about 5 minutes, or until just tender.

While the asparagus cooks, make the sauce. To serve, arrange asparagus on serving plates and drizzle with sauce. Makes 4 servings.

CREAMY MICROWAVE CHEESE SAUCE

1 cup whole milk plain yogurt

4 ounces cream cheese, softened

1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1 tablespoon butter

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 dashes hot pepper sauce, or to taste

Combine all ingredients in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 1½ minutes. Let sit for 2 minutes, then whisk and microwave again on high for 1 minute.

Let sit for 2 minutes, then whisk until smooth. If necessary, microwave for an additional minute.

Makes 2 cups

Recipe from *Joy of Cooking*, Scribner, 2006

BALSAMIC BERRY SAUCE

10 ounce bag frozen mixed berries

3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1 teaspoon cornstarch

In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the berries and balsamic vinegar. Bring to a simmer and cook, stirring often, 5 minutes, or until the berries become a liquid.

In a small glass, combine the cornstarch with 2 tablespoons cold water. Add this mixture to the berries and cook, stirring constantly, until the sauce thickens. Let cool for several minutes, then drizzle over ice cream.

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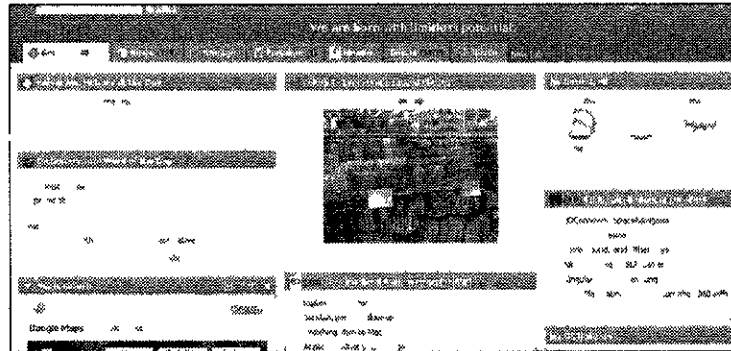
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In the meantime, let me hear from you! Tell me what topics you'd like me to cover in future columns. I'm all ears, and I'm open to ideas. Get those fingers moving, readers!

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Local yogi 'X-flodes' with series of workout DVDs

By Wendy Von Buskirk

West Bloomfield-based yogi Eric Paskel is making a bid to break into the international fitness world with a series of high profile DVDs

If pre buzz is any indication, hes likely to succeed

Paskel's Xflowson series hasn't even been released yet, and already stars like Jessica Biel and Elisha Cuthbert have touted the workouts in national magazines like InStyle and Us Weekly

At local Yoga Shelter locations, where Paskel teaches Xflowson classes on Sunday mornings, students can't stop talking about the DVDs, and are already circulating advanced copies

National infomercials starring Paskel with testimonials from many of his local students will begin airing this spring on several channels at various times

The entire Xflowson kit, which features 4 DVDs, 2 audio CDs, a meal plan and printed exercise guide, will be available to the public soon for \$49.95

Xflowson blends yoga with dance moves and martial arts to create a unique new exercise program. As a live band plays on stage, Paskel, covered in tattoos, leads workouts that stress letting loose as you lose pounds and inches

It's a party, Paskel says. It's the most fun you'll ever have working out

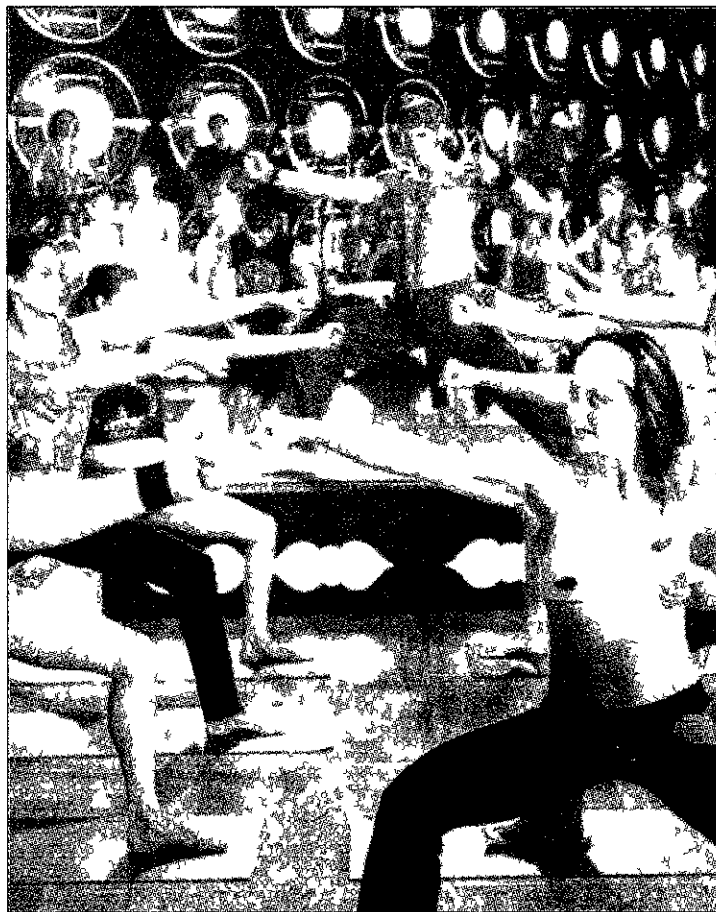
Paskel is co-owner of the Yoga Shelter, with locations in West Bloomfield, Royal Oak and Birmingham

The former actor and licensed marriage and family therapist started doing yoga in earnest in 1999, and taught at Johnny Kest's Center for Yoga before breaking off to open his own studio with business partner Steve Feldman

Paskel's popular classes often feature chanting, live drumming, and sometimes wrap up with Paskel himself on guitar

They also offer plenty of good vibes. Paskel uses his experience as a therapist to sprinkle positive insights into his instruction, but he said he doesn't want to preach during practice

His mission is to drop the dogma normally associated with



Eric Paskel (on podium) leads an Xflowson class backed by a live band. His wife Lisa (right front) is among students practicing the yoga fusion workout

yoga and help others become fit in body and mind without having to endure a sermonizing guru

The result is Xflowson. Yoga traditionalists might not approve of these non-traditional workouts, which add free form hip swaying and arm movements to standard poses. It takes an open mind to come out of downward facing dog and break into kick boxing, but Paskel says that's the point

The whole idea was essentially to introduce people to the heart of what we do in a way that is less intimidating, Paskel says. "We want to demystify yoga and make it accessible to everyone"

Paskel's approach resonated with uKarma Corporation, the multi-media fitness company that backed Xflowson. uKarma brought Paskel to Los Angeles to film the series, the first of its kind to use High Definition cinematography and 5.1 surround sound

Paskel's wife, Lisa, and sister Caren, both of whom teach at Yoga Shelter, appear in the DVDs. Others were cast for the classes. Paskel worked with models for a month to prepare them for filming, and they got results

They had little experience with yoga and I just threw it all at them, he said. "In 30 days I had people who lost 18 pounds, 17-19 inches off their body, and they didn't even want to talk about it. They wanted to talk about what they learned about their lives"

Paskel maintains "looking good" is a by-product of feeling good, and during classes, he recites mantras such as "we do this for our sanity, not our vanity," and "today we will free ourselves so we can be ourselves"

He is hoping Xflowson's message goes beyond skin deep

It's really not about the pose, he says. It's about shaping people's lives. The beauty is, we get people in the door by talking

Xflowson

Eric Paskel's Xflowson set includes:
Xflowson Live In Hollywood (80 mins) - A warm-up, core workout and final relaxation, accompanied by a live band.
Body Blast (26 mins) -



A high-intensity workout that condenses the best elements of Xflowson Live
Amazing Abs (22 mins) - A high-intensity abdominal workout featuring standing and seated poses
Calm Down Dog (26 mins) - A restorative and tranquil yoga-centric workout that helps reduce stress and anxiety
Real Meals - Lean and Natural - A 35-page meal plan with shopping and diet tips
Flow by Flow Exercise Guide - A printed guide to the poses
Dreams Realized - An audio CD featuring a motivational lecture by Paskel
Xflowson CD - An audio Xflowson class led by Paskel

about weight loss but then they lose weight and get ripped, and they don't even care

These days, Paskel is busy leading yoga retreats in Costa Rica and teaching in Los Angeles at a studio owned by Johnny Kest's brother, Bryan, a Birmingham native famous in yoga circles for his "Power Yoga" classes and DVDs. It's at Kest's studio that Paskel meets some of the Hollywood stars who are giving Xflowson such positive press

Soon, the world will be able to see what all the fuss is about. The response has been awesome," Paskel said

Eric Paskel teaches Xflowson on select Sundays at 9:45 a.m. at the Yoga Shelter in West Bloomfield. For more information visit www.yogashelter.com or www.xflowson.com.

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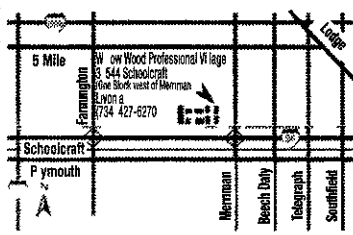
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