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Trustee tells teachers: Take a pay cut

Incumbent says 6-percent slice would fix budget deficit

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As Superintendent Jim Ryan prepares to deliver \$75 million in 2007-08 budget cuts for consideration by the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education, one school board

trustee believes he has a solution that will generate millions of dollars to avoid cuts increasing class sizes, layoffs of teachers and cutting classroom programs

Richard Ham-Kucharski, completing his first term as a school board member, suggests asking teachers for a

one-time 6-percent salary reduction and eliminating annual step increases, which he said would generate millions of dollars in hard-to-find revenue

According to my calculation for the first year alone - if we just got the salary reduction - we would actu-

ally have a \$2 million surplus in the budget next year, Ham-Kucharski said. "As for the step elimination, that's \$1.9 million, guaranteed, added to our budget every year and growing, because their salaries grow over time."

Not unexpectedly, the idea

isn't going over well with the leadership of the 1,100-member Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which is prepared to begin negotiations next week on a wage reopener in the current contract

"Richard wants to balance the budget on the backs of teachers," said Chuck Portelli, P-CEA president. "I think the P-CEA has helped the district over and over

again. We're not unwilling to help them, but a 6-percent pay decrease is unacceptable."

Ham-Kucharski said the annual step increases, in which it takes 11 years for an educator to get to the top of the pay scale, is a hidden raise on top of the annual negotiated contract pay increase

PLEASE SEE TEACHERS, A5

Rev up your engines for the 19th annual chamber auction

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Snap on a helmet, buckle up and rev your engines for the Canton 500

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's 19th annual dinner auction will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight April 20 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia. This year's theme is "Canton 500" and attendees are encouraged to wear racing sportswear.

"The different themes are what really make it fun," said chamber President Dianne Cojei. "Last year, we had '007,' and we've done 'Motown' and 'Denim and Diamonds.'"

The event, which costs \$75 per person, raises money for chamber events, seminars, advertising, guest speakers and brochures. Cojei hopes to meet or beat last year's \$80,000.

"I hope we at least come out the same," she said. "With the economy the way it is, sponsors are still supporting us."

This year's platinum sponsor is Lou LaRiche Chevrolet. Other sponsors include Crumboh Nursery, Needle Graphics, Boyer Meat Processing, and Regal Construction, Inc.

The event will include dinner, dancing, an open bar, raffles and a live and silent auction. The chamber plans to raffle off more than 300 prizes in several categories including travel and entertainment, home goods, kids and electronics. Tickets can be bought for \$2, \$5 and \$10.

"We have a bicycle, a really nice patio set, a laptop and a portable DVD player," Cojei said.

About 500 people attended the 2006 fund-raiser at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. This year's event was moved to the Burton Manor to accommodate more people.

"We keep outgrowing each place," Cojei said. "We've been at Fellows Creek (Golf Club) and the Summit (on the Park)."

Around 400 tickets have been sold for the upcoming gala. Those interested in attending can call the chamber at (734) 453-4040 or log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Christopher Harris, founder of Need 2 Know Investigations, says it is critical to conceal his identity because he tracks down cheating spouses.

Private investigator is there when a spouse needs to know

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

He may go into seedy locations or hide behind a bush or two, but if you expect Christopher Harris to confront your cheating spouse with a slew of television cameras rolling - think again.

"This is not TV," said Harris, shaking his head and laughing. "It's real emotion and I have to try and protect all the parties involved."

Harris of Canton is the founder of Need 2 Know Investigations and specializes in getting to the bottom of someone's suspicions about a partner.

"I've seen it all and heard it all," said Harris, 36, who worked for another private investigation company for five years before starting Need 2 Know. "I've caught women cheating and I've had married men cheating with other men."

Unlike the syndicated television series, *Cheaters*, which shows detectives confronting the wayward partner and his newfound love with the victim in tow,



Christopher Harris of Canton runs Need 2 Know Investigations.

Harris, who grew up in Plymouth, said he doesn't sensationalize his findings.

If he calls a client to say that he's found her husband at a hotel with someone else, Harris said he doesn't divulge the hotel's location.

"Sometimes they demand the address because they are paying me, but I try to calm them down instead," he said. "People become really emotional."

Harris said it's not just worried wives and girlfriends that use his services.

"I've had as many men as women cry on my shoulder," he said. "Everyone has seen *Desperate Housewives*. Some women are at home by themselves longer and they are getting lonelier."

Describing himself as "happily married," Harris said before he met his wife he had been lied to by other women so he understands what many of his clients are feeling.

PLEASE SEE INVESTIGATOR, A4

Board approves improved plan for J.C. Penney

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Township board has given J.C. Penney officials a chance to "wow" residents. On Tuesday, the board approved site plans for the national retailer's proposed location on Ford Road near Target and Lowe's Home Improvement.

Residents that live directly north of the property in the Carnage Hills subdivision, have been vocal with their displeasure of Lowe's and met with J.C. Penney representatives twice to discuss their concerns, which ranged from noise to truck deliveries to visibility.

J.C. Penney addressed the concerns by adjusting several areas of its proposal.

The company agreed to move a 4-foot landscaped berm with pine trees closer to the store in efforts to maintain a "more undisturbed and natural" area for the homeowners. Officials also repositioned a detention pond and will put a muffler on the stores enclosed generator.

Referencing problems with previous development near the subdivision, Township Trustee Karl Zarbo applauded J.C. Penney for meeting with residents.

"You have a chance to wow these neighbors," he said, adding that the store's arrival could "turn the tide" on a "history of aggravation."

Residents that live on Westminister Way, just north of Ford Road, expressed the most concern about the project. After the second meeting between the homeowners and the company, Hosam Hassamen called J.C. Penney a "classy operation."

Hassamen lives on Westminister Way and has written letters to the township criticizing Lowe's Canton operation.

Mark Reimoehl of Nudell Architects said the concessions were made without hesitation.

"We're just doing good business," he said. "J.C. Penney is interested in making sure that everyone is happy with the end product because we'll be there for a long time."

Reimoehl pointed to lighting as a major concern and said once construction is complete, officials will visit the building at night to see if lighting on the back of the building is illuminating neighboring properties.

"If it's spilling out to the residents, we will take care of it," he said.

Construction on the site could begin by the end of the month. The store is slated for a March 2008 opening.

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Coming Sunday in Health

Dr. Neal Barnard to talk about reversing diabetes



Earth Day open house

Learn about solar energy and how it works at an Earth Day open house sponsored by Mechanical Energy Systems from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., April 21 at 8130 Canton Center Road in Canton.

Attendees will have an opportunity to see the impact of a natural daylighting system in an office environment, feel the sun's energy through a working solar hot water heating system, view a solar powered attic fan demonstrating conversion of sunlight to electricity, and experience the warmth of a solar thermal space heating system. Other solar and alternative energy applications will also be on display including a wind turbine.

Involved in the solar industry since 1980, Mechanical Energy Systems, owned by Joe and Donna Napolitano, is working hard to educate Michigan residents about the many benefits of solar technology. For more information on the Earth Day Open House at Mechanical Energy Systems, call (734) 453-6746, or visit their Web site at www.by-solar.com.

New radio program

Student radio station WSDP will be debuting a new program called *Dessert Island Picks*, which will feature local community members sharing their favorite musical selections, beginning April 18 at noon. The first program will feature local seniors from the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

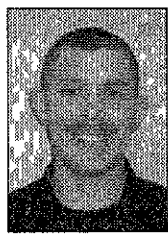
"We've asked each of the seniors to bring in some of their favorite music," said station manager Bill Kerth. "We'll spend a few moments talking about why they chose the song and then will give it a spin. I can't wait to hear the music."

they've selected.

WSDP is owned and operated by Plymouth Canton Community Schools, and is celebrating 35 years of service this year.

New firefighter

The Canton Fire Department recently hired Duane Lowe as a full-time firefighter/paramedic. Lowe, 28, completed his firefighter training at Oakland Community College in 1999 and his paramedic training at Baker College in 2001. Prior to joining the department, he worked as a



Lowe

paramedic for Livingston County EMS and as a firefighter for Rochester Hills Fire Department.

Candidates for the Canton Fire Department go through a rigorous testing process that includes both written and physical agility tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations and an extensive background check. To find out more about opportunities at the department, visit www.canton-mi.org.

Blue ribbon sales

The Exchange Club of Canton will hold two upcoming blue ribbon sales to support victims of child abuse. On April 21, club members will be at the Kroger Food and Pharmacy on Michigan Avenue from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. From 1-3 p.m., the members will be distributing a card for tips on shopping with children, which is part of the national Believe in the Blue campaign. The last sale will be at Farmer Jack (Canton Center and Cherry Hill), from 9 a.m.-7

p.m., April 28. For more information, call David at (734) 207-8943.

Special grillers

On Wednesday, April 18, 2007, the Mongolian Grill®, located at 42089 Ford Road in Canton, will have some special grillers. Area participants of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Hike for Discovery program will be guest grilling, for tips, to raise money for the Society. The event is from 6-8 p.m. Hike for Discovery is an adventure fundraising program that benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to help find a cure for blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and Hodgkins disease. Money that is raised goes to research, support groups, educational programs and financial planning for afflicted families in Michigan. This year alone it is estimated that more than 110,000 new cases of blood cancers will be diagnosed nationwide, and some 55,100 patients will die.

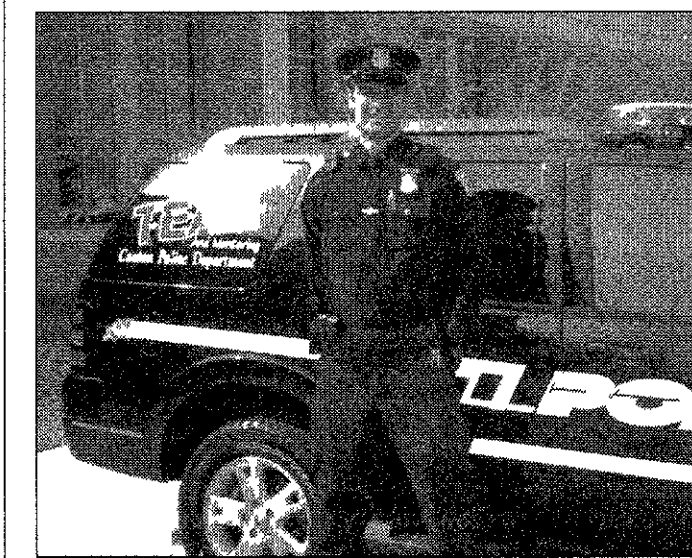
Rally4Canton

Canton's second annual Rally4Canton charity road rally is scheduled for Saturday, May 12. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Cady-Boyer Barn Fund, Senior Prescription Matching, and the Leadership Canton Alumni Fund. The cost to participate is \$35 and includes a T-shirt and entry into the IKEA Finish Line Party. There is a limit of 30 cars with 4-6 people per car. There are also various levels of sponsorships available ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

A road rally is a game played by a group of people who pit their intelligence and problem-solving skills against each other to solve puzzles, drive to the destination specified in the puzzle, and obtain a clue to the next puzzle. The route is in Canton, and the final destination is a location where participants socialize and eat while scores are tabulated and winners announced. For more information, visit the Web at www.rally4canton.com or call Deb Zevalink at (734) 394-5188.

Destination auditions

Destination Theatre will hold open auditions for High School Musical: the stage version of Disney's blockbuster



Giving one for the TEAM

Canton Police Officer/TEAM Instructor Mike Kennedy stands next to the Ford Explorer that John Blackwell III donated to the Canton Police Department for its TEAM (Teaching, Educating and Mentoring) program which strives to make schools and communities safer and to promote understanding of laws, consequences of unlawful behavior and citizen responsibility. TEAM officers and teachers from local elementary and middle schools collaborate to develop lesson plans geared specifically toward the school-age children. Blackwell, a long-time resident and business owner in the Plymouth-Canton area, is owner of Blackwell Ford on Plymouth Road, just east of Haggerty Road in Plymouth.

original movie, at 7 p.m., May 12 in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Callbacks will be at 7 p.m., May 3. Audition details and character descriptions can be found on the Destination Theatre Web site, www.destinationtheatre.org. Performances will be on the main stage at the Village Theater July 27-29, and Aug. 2-5.

Please direct any questions to Patrick Persons at person-sp@yahoo.com.

Model boat show

On Saturday, April 21, from noon to 2 p.m., the Michigan Scale Model Boat Club will be demonstrating several types of radio-controlled model ships at Canton's Heritage Park located at 1010 S. Canton Rd. directly behind the Canton Township Hall. For more information about the event, visit the group's Web site at www.michiganmodelboats.com.

Mom to mom sale

Children's clothes, toys, books, videos, maternity clothes and more will be sold at 30 tables when the Canton

Newcomers (found on the Web at cantonnewcomers.org), a social, civic and charitable group, host their public Mom 2 Mom sale from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., April 21 at Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway). Several home-based businesses will be on hand, including Bilingual Fun, Arbonne International, Tastefully Simple, Creative Memories, Jockey Person to Person, Lia Sophia and Tupperware.

Admission is \$1. For more information about the sale, call (734) 699-7398.

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 Pasiaka 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.

Tickets are \$15-\$18. For tickets or information, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.spotlightplayers.net.

Genealogical Society

John Castle will focus on researching Michigan's township records when the Western Wayne Genealogical Society meets Monday, April 16, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Castle will speak following the 7:30 p.m. business meeting. Sue Cromwell will speak about Obits, Death Records, Cemeteries, Funeral Homes and Their Connections at the 6:30 p.m. session. The meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome. For more information, visit the Web site at www.rootsweb.com/~miwwcgs or by calling Margie at (734) 522-4050.

While elephant sale

The Canton Place Seniors are hosting a White Elephant and Bake sale on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Community Room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and Sheldon). The public is invited to attend. Homemade baked goods and lunch are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Canton Place Resident Association.

Book signings

Canton poet/photographer Cheryl A. Martin will be holding numerous book signings in April, which is National Poetry Month.

Her first book signing will be held at the BearClaw Coffee (50166 Cherry Hill Road in Canton) from 2-5 p.m., on April 14. Martin will be signing copies of her book, *Woman Reclining*, her chapbook series and her children's Haiku workbook *Haiku for You*.

Martin, owner of Pero Inc., a full-service writing, editing, and publishing company, invited Steven Hill, owner of ASA Publishing Company, and a few of his authors to join her at this book signing.

In addition, Martin will hold a book signing at the Book Cellar and Cafe 2:30-5:50 p.m., April 21 in Plymouth, and one at the Ward Presbyterian Village in Westland, from 1-2 p.m., April 24.

"I really want to promote National Poetry Month in April, and I feel that by hosting numerous book signings, I can encourage others to read and write poetry," Martin said.

"There are a lot of poets out there who I know would love to meet fellow poets, and of course, purchase books of poetry, from other poets. Poets need to support one another, and encourage each other to dig deep and craft some nice poems."

Fellow poets and writers can embark on their literary journey when they take a Spring Class with Mrs. Martin at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, beginning in May.

To purchase a copy of *Woman Reclining*, please visit the Web site <http://outsirktspress.com/womanreclining>, or e-mail Martin at peronc5@comcast.net. She can also be reached by phone at (734) 397-1626.

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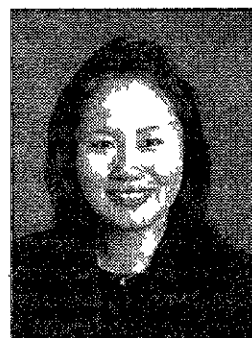
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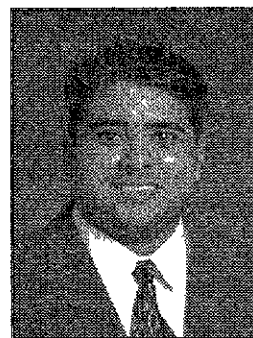
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Canton's Dan Carter recently signed a recording deal and is planning to record two albums

Canton's 'idol' lands record deal

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Like Clay Aiken before him, Dan Carter is trying to prove that coming in second place isn't so bad.

The Canton singer recently inked a deal with the Novi-based Charity Entertainment Group.

Last summer, Carter took second place out of 40,000 singers in the National Karaoke Idol Contest in Las Vegas. Before that, he was crowned Michigan's "Karaoke King."

"I just want to do quality music that people will want to purchase," said Carter, who performed at IKEA's grand opening celebration. "I want to be able to make a decent living doing this not necessarily be a national artist."

In between his full-time job as a caricaturist and playing with the popular wedding band, Chateau, the married father of a 4-year-old son is getting prepared to work on two albums.

One will be a compilation of Charity Entertainment artists called The Discovery Series. I heard him sing "I Heard It Through The Grapevine" and I was blown away," said Darek Smith, who created Charity Entertainment. "I wasn't expecting that."

Calling "Disco Inferno" his show-stopping tune, Carter can still remember singing his first solo, "Jesus Loves Me," to his church congregation and pretending to be the Jackson 5 with his brothers.

In middle and high school, Carter says his shyness got the best of him and he stopped per-



Darek Smith, of Charity Entertainment, recently signed Dan Carter to a record deal

forming

"I couldn't pull it back out but then it broke wide after high school," he said, recalling the first time he sang karaoke. "I had people telling me I should quit my day job."

Carter, who performs original tunes as well as cover songs, said his sound is influenced by Luther Vandross, Freddie Jackson and Marvin Gaye.

A huge fan of Motown recordings, Carter is now looking for a manager, a band and a steady place to perform.

For more information on Carter, visit www.myspace.com/dancarterlive.

Woman looking to press charges after items stolen during party

A 37-year-old Canton woman wants to press charges against a 18-year-old Plymouth Township man for allegedly stealing items from her home.

The woman told police that when she left her daughter, 17, alone for two hours late last month, she invited about a dozen people to their Ashford Street home. During the impromptu gathering, a laptop valued at \$1,600, a digital camera and a DVD were stolen.

The daughter said she didn't see anyone take the property but began calling her friends when her mother confronted her about the theft.

After a series of calls, the laptop was discovered in the backseat of one teenage boy's car and was returned.

The mother then learned of a Plymouth Township teen that had possession of the camera. When her daughter spoke with the man over the phone, he told her the camera had accidentally got in his pocket and that he would return it. The daughter said she knew he had taken the camera because he had bragged about it to another person.

When the woman called the teen's parents, she told them she wouldn't involve police if the items were returned but then changed her mind. The digital camera was valued at \$200.

Dog attacks boy

A 12-year-old boy found out that not all honey is sweet when he was bit by a pit bull named, Honey, last Monday.

The boy, who lives in a Honeytree Road residence, said the dog attacked him inside the apartment of a

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friend

Police observed that a small piece of skin was missing from the boy's upper lip. The boy said when he entered his friend's apartment, the dog bit him and then he ran home.

The mother of his 10-year-old friend said the boy entered the residence unannounced and without permission. She told police that she had been watching the dog for a 40-year-old Detroit man.

Although she claimed the dog had not been aggressive before it bit the boy, she told officers she wanted the man to come get Honey and her puppies because she had become "too mean."

The dog was seized by police.

Canton girl goes missing

A Canton girl has been entered into the system as a juvenile runaway after her father reported her missing last Tuesday. The man told police he dropped his daughter off for school and she never returned home.

He believes that she ran off with a 34-year-old man and showed officers e-mail correspondence between his daughter and the man he believes she is with.

When police arrived at an address given for the man, they were told he didn't live there.

Guitarist charged for pot

While on his way to play

guitar at a friend's house, an 18-year-old Canton man was arrested for marijuana possession. The man was the passenger in 1988 Jeep that had a broken license plate light.

When officers pulled the vehicle over, they found the man in the car with a guitar on his lap. According to the police report, the man's eyes were glassy and bloodshot.

During a search, two bags, one containing what appeared to be marijuana residue, were found on the man. Another bag that had been stuffed into his front pocket contained marijuana.

The driver of the Jeep told officers he had no knowledge of the drugs and was ticketed for not having a light on his license plate. The Canton man was arrested for drug possession.

The guitar was left with the driver.

Money missing from safe

The owner of Canton Center Road pizzeria has reported that someone stole more than \$500 from his safe.

The owner, a 29-year-old Canton man, said when he arrived at work last week he discovered the theft. There were two employees, including one that had keys to the business and the safe's combination, in the building.

Both men denied stealing the money.

When questioned by police, the man that had the safe's combination said the owner didn't do a good job of keeping the code under wraps from other employees.

Tiffany L. Parks

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Personal trainer takes his brand of fitness on the road

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

When he had appointments in the past, Rick Haber would wade through a sea of buff bodies and pricey equipment at a fitness club. These days, the personal trainer hops in his green Ford Explorer and drives to his client's home.

Haber of Dearborn Heights is the founder of MetFitChal, an in-home personal training business.

I'm here for the stay-at-home mom that would love to workout but can't get away," he said. And by me going to them, it's much more personalized.

Having trained at health club empires like Bally Total Fitness and Life Time Fitness, Haber said he felt it was time to go off on his own.

It had become almost more like a sales job because we had to promote so many products," he said. "I don't have that backing on me anymore and I can be more cognizant of each person without clock watching or talking over other people."

MET FIT CHAL

Owner: Rick Haber
Phone: (313) 303-1572
Web site: www.metfitchal.com
MetFitChal is an in-home personal training company designed for time-conscious professionals, stay-at-home moms or those that don't want to drive to a health club.

Haber, who started the company in February, said his personal training sessions are cheaper than those at fitness clubs.

According to his Web site, www.metfitchal.com, the \$200 "sampler" package includes four sessions, the \$360 "gets you started" option has eight sessions, the \$640 "changes occur" package features 16 sessions, and the 24-session "guaranteed results" option is \$840. All sessions

are an hour long.

Canton resident Barbara Woody began training with Haber at Life Time Fitness in Canton and said she immediately jumped on board when she learned of his new venture.

"I still go to the gym for aerobics, but I use Rick for my personal training," she said. "We talk about my needs and it's totally geared to me."

Haber doesn't lug around bulky equipment for his sessions, but insists his methods can yield results. Woody agreed and said she's lost 35 pounds in recent months.

"I can chuckle about it now," she said, as she warmed up by climbing her own stairs. "But a year ago, it was a pain for me to pick up a carton of bottled water. It was almost impossible but I'm so much stronger now."

Haber, who gave up his position as a computer technician to go into personal training, is also a certified massage therapist and said it's been a worthwhile career change. He smiled proudly when talking about a client that lost 60

pounds in a year and began kayaking and writing stand-up comedy.

"What a rush," he said. "I got into this because it seemed like a fun job - I never would have imagined the impact it's having."

While doing a move on an exercise ball in her living room, Woody jokes with Haber when he says "How about we do 12?"

"We?" she asked sarcastically and chuckled.

At the end of her 12th repetition, Woody sat up on the silver ball and said Haber makes exercise fun.

"If you're talking in a gym you can get distracted but I have his total attention here," she said. "It's great that he comes to me, especially on bad weather days."

Haber is accepting business within a 30-minute radius of Dearborn Heights.

"I'm not here to put you through Army bootcamp," he said. "I want to focus on being healthy."

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Trainer Rick Haber works with his client Barbara Woody, in her Canton home. Here they are working on Woody's flexibility.

INVESTIGATOR

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"It sucks," he said, adding that he remains objective when detailing the results of his investigations.

The farthest he's traveled to spy on a suspected cheater was Iron Mountain, located in the Upper Peninsula near the Wisconsin line.

With the rise of Internet dating services and hooking up via chatrooms, Harris said several people have called him to investigate someone they met in cyberspace.

People are concerned about who they expose their children to," he said. "I found someone that had just got out of prison and hadn't told (my client)."

In his time busting cheaters, Harris said some men tend to shave 10-12 years off their ages, people post older pictures of

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INVESTIGATIONS

Owner: Christopher Harris
Phone: (866) 502-5669 or (734) 716-8346
Web site: www.n2kpi.com
Need 2 Know Investigations is a full-service agency operating throughout Michigan and Ohio. In addition to other services, it offers background checks and surveillance on potential partners and spouses.

themselves online and often lie about their marital status and number of children.

He said nearly 90 percent of his cheating and dating investigations reveal infidelity or lying

SIGNS OF CHEATING

As listed on its Web site, www.n2kpi.com, Need 2 Know Investigations said the signs of a cheating partner could include:

- A lot of overtime work
- Hang up phone calls
- Excessive use of the Internet
- Unaccountable hours
- Hidden phone bills

"I'm here for when people need to know for sure," he said. "Hence, the cool name."

Harris runs the business with four employees and has multiple surveillance vehicles designed to blend in with varying neighborhoods.

The typical investigation lasts for three to four days and Need 2 Know turns over an informational packet including the person's real name, age, background profile, criminal record, marriage or divorce information, number of children and any judgment, liens or bankruptcy data. Clients must agree

that they won't use the information for malicious purposes.

Harris also does investigations into insurance fraud, child custody cases and general background checks.

Before becoming a private eye, Harris was a line worker for Ford Motor Co.

"I couldn't stomach the grind," he said. "With this, it's a different day of work everyday. I love it. Ninety percent is the job and the other 10 percent is pure adrenaline. It's not as easy as it looks on TV."

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Symphony set for pops concert

Under award-winning Music Director and Conductor, Nan Washburn, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents "The Roaring 20s," the PSO's annual POPS Concert and Benefit Auction 6 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

From the rambunctious and colorful decade of the 1920's, the program will feature the vocal talents of Lauren Norris and many well-known dance favorites including "Happy Days Are Here Again," "You Made Me Love You," "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue," "Rock-a-Bye Your Baby With A Dixie Melody," "Toot, Toot Tootsie, Goodbye," "Blue Skies," "Aggravatin' Papa," "I'm Just Wild About Harry" and "Kitten

On The Keys," along with George Gershwin's "Strike Up the Band" and selections from Jerome Kern's "Night Boat."

Patrons are encouraged to dress in costume for the event.

In addition to toe-tapping music and Charleston lessons, the evening will also feature fine dining, and the Plymouth Symphony League's fund-raising auction. Silent and live auctions will take place throughout the evening and will include items such as an amethyst-and-diamond ring donated by the Showroom of Elegance, a hot-air balloon ride, two signed Red Wings jerseys (one by Steve Yzerman), golf packages, dinner packages at several area restaurants and a chance to conduct the PSO or host Orchestra Canton's rehearsal of Handel's Water Music in 2008.

The event is supported by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Mike and Mary Gladchun, at REMAX on the Trail, sponsored the invitations for the POPS.

Tickets for the event are \$75 for adults and \$35 for children. Table sponsorship for groups is also available. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, contact the Plymouth Symphony Office at (734) 461-2112, at info@plymouthsymphony.org or visit the PSO's Web site at www.plymouth-symphony.org.

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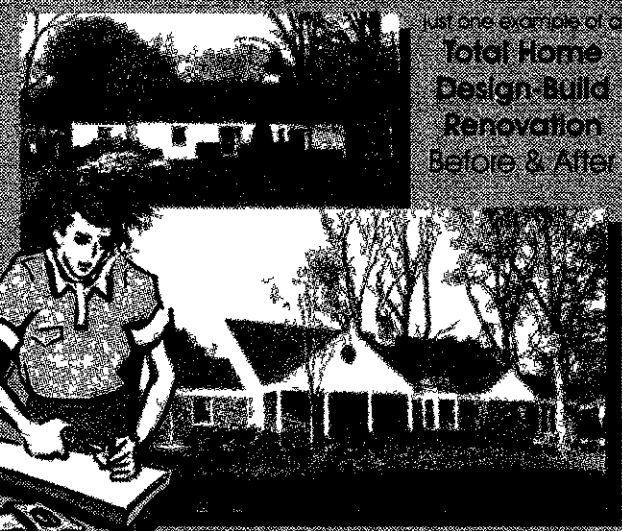
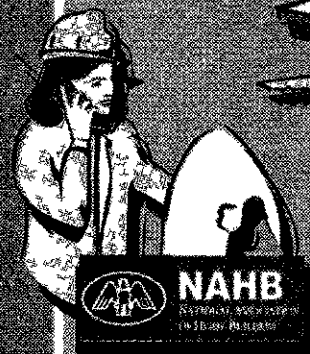
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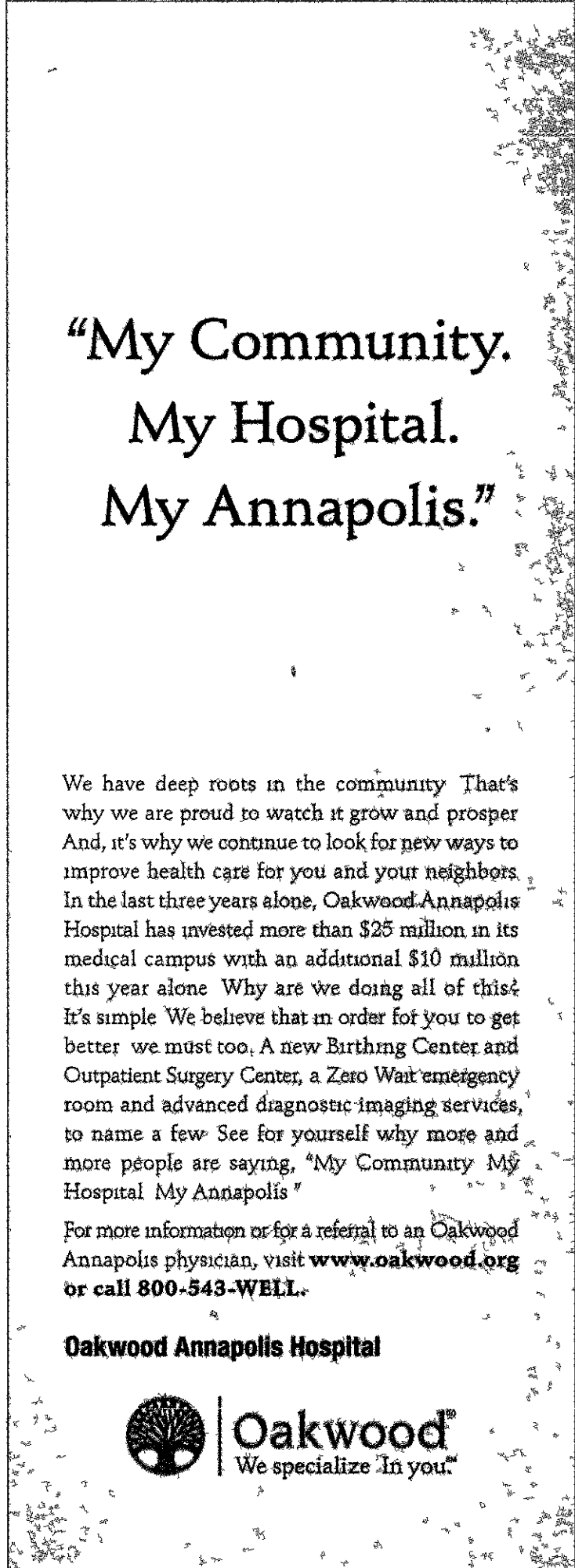
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TEACHERS

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“For every year of service they get an automatic incremental increase,” Ham-Kucharski said. “The union says that’s not a raise, but I’ve never understood that. If you’re going to get a raise, you’re going to get a raise and not a hidden raise plus a raise.”

The community thinks that when we give these 1- and 2-percent raises, that’s all we’re giving teachers and they feel sympathetic. If that were the truth, I would be, as well,” he said. “They get these 6-15 percent increases per step, plus the 1- and 2-percent raises on top of that. Eliminating that would also have an impact on our health care and retirement costs.”

Ham-Kucharski called the one-time pay reduction of 6 percent a correction.

“It’s where we need to be to eliminate our structural deficit,” said Ham-Kucharski. (The teacher’s pay) is the bulk of our structural deficit, and we’ve shied away from that. And, that’s a mistake.”

Portelli said it isn’t the P-CEA’s fault their contract has step increases attached to it.

“The step increases were a creation of administration,” Portelli said. They were here 33 years ago when I came into the district. Every district in the state has step increases.

“I’ve never gotten a 6-14 percent raise except during the years of (President)

PAYING THE PRICE

Here’s a look at how Plymouth-Canton teacher salaries compare to other districts.

	BA Min	MA Max	School Year
Ann Arbor	\$37,260	\$73,815	05-06
Northville	\$38,154	\$80,989	05-06
Livonia	\$37,832	\$78,501	04-05
Wayne Westland	\$34,409	\$72,164	05-06
Birmingham	\$39,023	\$82,131	06-07
West Bloomfield	\$37,432	\$83,454	06-07
Plymouth-Canton	\$39,170	\$76,387	05-06
Huron Valley	\$33,164	\$69,096	04-05
Farmington	\$38,930	\$83,417	06-07
Rochester	\$36,519	\$80,861	05-06

Jimmy Carter, when inflation was at 7 percent and there were 14-percent interest rates,” he said.

Ham-Kucharski said he compared salaries in Plymouth-Canton with others in the area in developing his plan.

“Our teachers, compared to districts around us, get paid considerably more at almost every level,” he said. “Some districts are getting up to \$1,000 more per pupil (from the state) and their teachers are still being paid less.”

Portelli argued that’s not the case.

“We are, by far, not the highest paid teachers in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties,” Portelli said.

When I started we were in the top three, but in Wayne County alone we are probably in the middle of the pack.”

Salem High School teacher Cyndi Burnstein, who has been teaching English since 1973, said cutting wages isn’t

the way to improve the state’s struggling educational system.

“I can’t imagine a 6-percent cut would be helpful in attracting and retaining talented teachers,” Burnstein said. The think-tanks and researchers agree that if we want to improve, we have to have high-quality teachers.

School board Secretary Judy Mardigian, who has been part of several negotiated contracts with the P-CEA, declined to comment on Ham-Kucharski’s scenario to balance the budget because of upcoming contract negotiations. However, she said the current system of interest-based bargaining has worked well, and the district plans to continue with it.

The way it works is that everybody understands everybody’s issues and interests, and we come up with a mutually agreeable decision,” Mardigian said. It has worked well for us.

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Parents concerned about boundaries

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A recommendation by the Plymouth-Canton Schools Housing Committee to move nearly 50 students from Isbister Elementary in Plymouth Township to Workman Elementary in Canton Township has some parents concerned the move won’t be permanent.

Residents in the Royal Pointe subdivision in Canton — south of Warren Road and west of Beck Road — don’t believe the move will be the last for their children.

Looking at the housing committee numbers and what we get from Canton Township, there’s going to be a lot of building around Workman, said Karen Suggs, whose 9-year-old daughter, Kate, is currently a third-grader at Isbister. It may take a few years, but when Workman starts getting new kids, who is going to get moved — again?

“We’re also not happy because class size will go up, making us concerned about the amount of attention our kids will get from teachers,” Suggs added. “They could do split classes, but that’s not an option I like very well.”

Suggs and her neighbors plan to attend a public hearing on the housing committee’s recommendations scheduled for 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at Discovery Middle School in Canton. The board is expected to vote on the recommendation at its May 8 meeting.

Along with the move from Isbister to Workman, approximately 40 students are scheduled to be transferred from Gallimore Elementary in Canton to Workman.

Barbara Rodenberg, Plymouth-Canton’s assistant superintendent of instructional services, said the housing committee looked at data four years out and determined Workman won’t be overcrowded anytime soon.

“It appears to be a trend that people are moving away for economic reasons, and we’re not seeing an end in sight,” Rodenberg said. The housing committee, after looking at the data, felt safe in recommending the move of the three neighborhoods.”

Rodenberg said the likelihood the two portable classrooms at Isbister will be gone within the next couple of years also played a part in the decision.

One of the reasons to lower the population at Isbister was because we will be losing the portables in the near future, she said.

Suggs’ daughter will be going from a class size this year of 26 to about 29 next year at Workman, if the enrollment figures hold up. However, Rodenberg said it appears most of the other grades next year at Workman will have lower class sizes.

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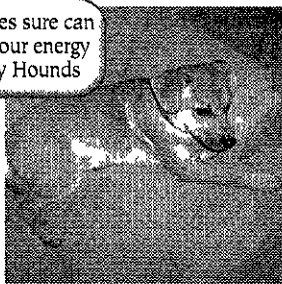
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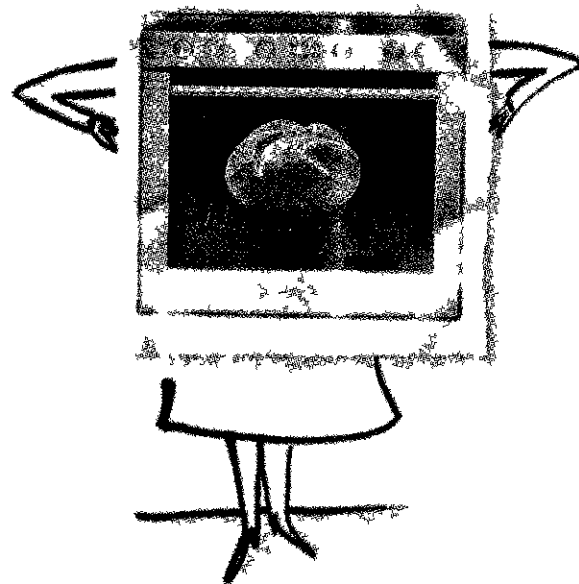
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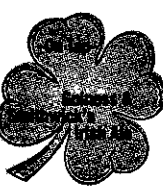
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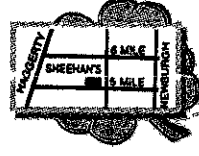
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OUR VIEWS

Eggenberger, Slavens our picks

With the budget issues facing the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and a search for a new superintendent on the horizon, it's a critical time to get the right people to serve on the Board of Education

We believe the two from this year's field who are best suited to fill the two open seats are incumbent Mark Slavens and challenger Nancy Eggenberger

Slavens is a veteran board member who has served a couple of terms as board president and currently sits as the board's vice president He is completing his second term and has, in eight years, proven to be one of the board's go-to leaders

Even before joining the board, Slavens devoted himself to the issue of equitable funding for public schools, forming a grass-roots group to take the fight to Lansing Its a battle he has carried on during his board tenure Slavens has stressed academic excellence and accountability throughout his service

His experience battling budget problems makes his opinion valuable as the district struggles with a structural deficit But it's Slavens' experience with the other big issue — finding a new superintendent to replace the retiring Dr James Ryan — that makes him our choice for re-election

Ryan will step down in Spring 2008 Slavens and trustee Judy Mardigan are the only current board members who've been through the search process before Slavens' leadership through another search will be important

Eggenberger has already shown a gift for leadership without having actually served on the board She has co-chaired two bond committees and she led the committee formed to make the transition process from middle school to life on the huge high school campus smooth

Eggenberger is familiar with the issues facing the district, she is a critical thinker who isn't afraid to say unpopular things, for instance, she thinks a state tax increase might be the only way out of Michigan's economic mess

While she hasn't participated in a superintendent search, Eggenberger has worked closely with administrators and board members and has definite opinions on what the district needs She has been one of the district's most dedicated supporters, now she's earned the right to become one of its leaders

A third candidate, Kurt Heise, warrants a mention Heise, director of the department of environment for Wayne County, is new to the district, having moved here last fall He has educated himself on the issues facing the district and, perhaps more importantly, manages a budget that mirrors the school district's in size However, we believe he needs to set down stronger roots and become more knowledgeable about the district before being handed a leadership position

That's exactly what Mark Slavens and Nancy Eggenberger have done, which is why they get our nod in the May 8 election

Expand deposit law on drink containers

Now that the snow is gone, the litter that has accumulated along our roadways is visible for all to see

Making up much of that litter are throwaway water, juice and sports drink bottles

Thirty years ago, Michigan residents voted in favor of a law that placed a 10-cent deposit on cans and bottles containing carbonated beverages — mainly beer and pop

The law has helped to keep our roadsides — and landfills — clean According to a recently published report, more than 97 percent of the bottles and cans of carbonated beverages sold in Michigan each year are returned

Now the law needs to be updated to include plastic containers for water, juice and sports drinks

The legislators who wrote Michigan's successful bottle and can law couldn't foresee three decades later when people would pay for water in drink-size containers They couldn't predict that in 2007 the sale of water, juice and sports drinks would be on its way to outpacing the sale of traditional beverages

Distributors and grocers don't want the law to be expanded because they say it adds to the cost of doing business and is especially hard on small, independently owned stores They say trash — dirty cans and bottles — doesn't belong in stores where food is sold

So far, lawmakers have listened to the lobbyists

Some have instead introduced plans to expand general recycling in Michigan But participation in voluntary recycling, even when it's curb-side convenient, is lackluster at best

A recent survey by Waste Away, a trash disposal contractor based in north Oakland County, showed 23 percent to 43 percent participation in eight communities

That's a far cry from the 97 percent of pop cans and bottles that get returned

Clearly, the best way to clean up Michigan's roadways — and help reduce landfill waste — is to expand the returnable container law to include water, juice and sports drinks



LETTERS

Here's some suggestions

I recently received a pamphlet from State Rep Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, asking what services I would do without so we could reduce taxes — of course the standard basic services were listed that any humanitarian would reject It then listed suggestions where we could raise taxes to pay for some of our current services — of course they also were taxes that would hurt important segments of our population

What I didn't see were any suggestions to reduce legislative salaries, which are the second highest in the nation (now at \$130K after a recent 40 percent increase they voted themselves) I also did not see any benefit reductions for them listed as a suggestion What about making them work more than 90 session days per year They are only part time for full time pay and fully vested with lifetime benefits after just eight years for a senator and six for a representative — unheard of with any employers in Michigan now Cutting salaries by 20 percent across the board would annually bring in \$3,848,000 to our budget That doesn't include any benefit cuts

According to the *Michigan Daily*, California has 135 legislators for 30 million people Michigan has 148 for 9.5 million Giving up 38 senators would still leave us with far more representation than California, a more complex state The state representatives and senators do redundant jobs — any good corporation would start eliminating jobs that are redundant This would annually place \$4,940,000 back into Michigan coffers Where is that box Mr LaJoy?

Lobbyist contributions are up over 30 percent this year in Michigan to record levels Where are the checks and balances against the lobbyists and outcry in the news? I didn't see any box to check to eliminate lobbyist contributions or taxes/fees placed on them for these contributions What about placing fees on lobbyist contributions — this would be a huge source of income According to the National Institute on Money in State Politics, \$98,358,085 was contributed to Michigan candidates in 2006 elections A 5 percent fee on that is \$4,917,904 Where is that committee?

Mr LaJoy, we've just given you several suggestions to bring income into Michigan We could have health care for everyone in this state, the best roads, schools and economy — when do you get started?

Hadley Hudak
Canton

Battle not over yet

We are very pleased that the Planning Commission voted 6 to 1 rejecting the Oakwood Hospital project for our area. The battle is won, but the war is not quite over yet We will not give up until victory is clear and "surrender" is assured An almost unanimous vote of the commission, two public forums and many signatures certainly are enough to end the process

At least 20 objections were put forth at the meeting which showed that the words in the official documents were not being followed If the trustees do not fol-

low the directives put forth in the PDDs, no one will be able to trust them or the documents ever again, and this will have unfortunate ramifications for our township in the future We fully expect that our elected officials will honor that trust and scrap the proposal for the Beck/Geddes area as soon as possible

Duane and Carol Putzig
Canton

Disappointed with decision

I am disappointed by the Planning Commission's recommendation of rejection of the Oakwood Hospital proposal and I hope that there can be a way to make an Oakwood hospital in Canton a reality It is my sincere hope that Oakwood Health Systems knows there are residents in Canton who would welcome them and their hospital in our community It is refreshing that we can attract a quality, non retail development to our growing community A hospital will definitely improve our quality of life and would fit well with our township

I urge people within range of this proposed development to not be quick to object and look at this carefully A hospital is an important component to public safety Having a full-service emergency center would actually enhance property values as it would make the area safer Would there be objection to a police station or fire station on the land? The traffic issues often pointed out would be worse with a residential development Hospitals and the quality jobs they provide are good for the community They bring nothing negative to a growing community such as ours

With the economy as bad as it is now, there may be something else on the horizon for Beck and Geddes roads If not a hospital it could be more retail

Khalil S. Kandah
Canton

Thanks for listening

As a new resident of Central Park South, I am so relieved that the Planning Commission denied the rezoning of the property at Geddes and Beck As was stated by many residents at the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 2, a new hospital in Canton is welcomed, just not in the residential area of Geddes and Beck

As residents of Canton, we put our trust in the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees I am thankful the Planning Commission makes decisions based on the voices of the residents My gratitude goes to the Planning Commission for listening to our voices

Rachel Dean
Canton

Money talks

The elite west side of Canton is sure screaming "Not in my back yard" when it comes to putting up anything commercial around them, but we who have lived in Canton for any amount of years know that promises are not kept For instance most of the land on the west end when we moved here in 1979 was in the farm preservation section of the township and would never be built on Look at it now

— full of expensive homes and condos Money sure does talk doesn't it

Beverly Bazzell
Canton

Oakwood sells half-truths

I live in Canton on Wall Street My back yard faces the proposed site for the Oakwood Hospital project I went to the meeting last week and had a hard time sitting through the obvious half truths put forward by Oakwood They must think we are really stupid and uninformed — I think after that meeting they know better Kiki Gleneski and quite a few others have searched this issue from one end to the other If the board were to allow this there would have to be at the least five unlawful violations of the code set forth in Canton and the subdivisions surrounding this corner

If they were to get this put on this corner, and they did the berm, the run-off alone for where I live would flood my yard and basement every time it rained Oakwood has scaled back their phase one thinking we aren't smart enough to know this is called getting your foot in the door

I am 64 years old, and probably going to need some kind of hospital care at one time or the other in the future — it's a fact of life I am all for Oakwood building a full-service hospital in Canton, but not on that residential corner, and surely not in my back yard

The truth of the traffic, noise, lights 24 hours a day, and phase 2 making all of it worse is a horrible thought I have sold real estate in Canton for 19 years, and this is one of the worst mistakes Canton can make It is tough enough for us to sell Canton now because of the traffic flow — this would really make this problem worse

There is a ton of land for sale on Michigan Avenue that people would be happy to have Oakwood put their hospital and even though the property is probably more costly, I'm sure Oakwood can afford it With the growth in Canton, I have no doubt they would be in the money shortly after the doors opened

As for our elected officials on the board, they are supposed to be doing the job for us as we put our trust in them

Sally White
Canton

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"I hope they send us a letter withdrawing their request. I don't think it's (necessary) to go through that whole thing again."

— Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, on what he would like to see Oakwood Healthcare Systems do concerning its hospital proposal at Beck and Geddes, which was shot down by the planning commission last week

Forget the iPods, lawmakers, fix Michigan's ailing economy

Just recently, the Michigan House Democrats revealed a plan of giving every student in Michigan schools an iPod. This made national headlines from TV to newsprint.

This is outrageous! Is this the kind of work we want our elected officials in Lansing to do – despite us facing one of the worst economies in the nation and the highest unemployment rates? Shame on Lansing!

Moreover, the pledging of \$100 million to create better downtowns is misguided because it lacks a budget source in which the Legislature has failed to provide. This is basically an unfunded mandate.

We need to be shown where and how the money is going to be spent by legislators.

Legislators in Lansing have at their disposal an entity called the HFA or the House Fiscal Agency, a nonpartisan wing that helps lawmakers understand the true fiscal implication of a particular piece of legislation. They should take advantage of this valuable resource. I guess many lawmakers are not doing their homework.

Speaker Andy Dillon's plan to shift business taxes to companies who do business here but have no facility here is economic suicide. Let's get back to the drawing table, Speaker Dillon, and come up with a coherent plan to stimulate Michigan's economy and balance our budget. Let's look at non-essential spending habits. Let's create a plan in downsizing government and selling off or leasing some of the states most lucrative real estate operations and bring the state into a surplus. Pick up the phone and contact your colleagues at the Department of Management & Budget and see what property there is in surplus that should be sold or leased off. You'd be amazed by how much money not only we can save the state, but the money the state can make and put back into our coffers.

Let's evaluate every single state program and streamline state agencies, accordingly. Every year, Michigan should review between 20-30 percent of state agencies and see where government downsizing and consolidations can take place, respectively. We need a mandate to limit the growth of state government.

There are Republicans and Democrats who oppose tax increases as this would impede on the economy and continue to send it into more of a quagmire and cost thousands of jobs all across Michigan. There are Republicans and Democrats who reject cuts to programs that they feel would result in losses to the vital services to the poor, women and children.

Moreover, some have a mixed use plan such

as raising taxes and cutting services. To bring about a balance, let's keep our taxes low and stimulate job growth and a low cost of living and ensure vital public services are carried out in a quality manner.

Lawmakers in Lansing seem to have a plan to fix our economy. Raise taxes! Not the answer, folks. Balancing a budget cannot be measured by raising a dollar in taxes for every single dollar cut in services. We need to make our state the most business-friendly state in the entire nation. I couldn't stress it more. Our laws have failed us and our laws have destroyed our economy.

Let's look at some cuts in our corrections system and release nonviolent offenders and help them get on their feet and work, so they can dispose their incomes in the Michigan economy. We spend almost \$2 billion annually in Michigan prisons. Michigan ranks No. 4 in the nation in terms of spending on prisons, a whopping \$1.6 billion per year to be exact. Throughout the nation, the increase in cost of corrections outpaced the costs of health, education, and natural resources.

Lawmakers need to stop focusing on their own state retirement plan benefits or legislative salary increases and need to put the people of Michigan first. It is your duty! Let's rewrite our tax code and be business friendly in the likes of Texas, Nevada and Delaware etc. The Democratic and Republican plan to raise taxes is not going to work. The proposed gas tax is not a viable plan either.

Lawmakers need to heed the hurt and pain and voice of Michigan citizens. NO NEW TAXES! WE NEED ACTION! The career of lawmakers in Lansing is dependent on a stroke of a pen by the electorate in November 2008. You swore on oath to execute and uphold the Constitution, so let's focus on serious action to restore the economic pride and glory of what Michigan once was and not worry about reckless spending on gadgets.

If you cannot uphold, defend and execute the Constitution to the best of your ability, then you don't belong in the Legislature. You will certainly pave the foundation for a new generation of leaders who will come to Lansing to clean up the House and Senate and put the interests of the citizens before the interests of the lawmakers and the special interests.

I urge our lawmakers in Lansing to engage in a constructive bipartisan dialogue to the long-term solutions to the Michigan's fiscal disaster and quality of life challenges. Enough is enough! We are bleeding badly here and need help ASAP! God Bless Michigan and May God Bless the United State of America!

Johnny Oram is a Farmington Hills resident and former chief of staff to former state Rep. Ken Daniels, a Democrat of Detroit.



Johnny Oram

LETTERS

Muslims condemn terrorists

In support of Mrs. Ahwal's column and in response to letters to the editor from both Jason Vorva and Brian Hill, I would like to bring up a few points. I can not begin to opine as to why Arab and Islamic voices are not heard in the public square denouncing terrorism. However, I am sure that it is in direct correlation with the reason why blowhards like Ann Coulter represent the right, and Al Franken the left, on the major media outlets. I doubt intelligent discourse and level-headed dialogue offers the same ratings as emotional outbursts and controversial statements.

However, even though you do not see it, it is important to note, that a number of prominent Muslims have denounced terrorist methods. A list compiled by Sheila Musaji offered the names of roughly 117 individual members of the Islamic community that have done so in books, speeches and letters.

One need look no further than our own Muslim Community of Western Suburbs mosque in Canton to hear voices echoing those on the list. I have heard representatives from this community speak out against terrorism on three separate occasions. Maybe you only hear those voices when you actually listen.

Michael Siegrist
Canton

Supports Gebhardt

Joan Gebhardt, who is a candidate for trustee for Schoolcraft College, is currently serving the community in that capacity as the result of her unanimous appointment by the incumbent trustees to fill the vacancy that was created when Kevin McNamara was elected to serve on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Gebhardt is abundantly qualified to hold that office and voters would make a wise decision to keep her in that position by voting for her in the May election to serve a full term. She brings to the table a wealth of experience as a school administrator, adjunct professor in the College of Education at Madonna University and by appointment of the governor, previous service as vice president of the State of Michigan Utility Consumers Protection Board.

Joan Gebhardt is a member of the Board of Directors for the Northwest Wayne County League Of Women Voters and she was president of the Taylor Principals Association. She has 31 years in public K-12 education.

As a resident of Livonia for 27 years, Joan is committed to ensuring that Schoolcraft College maintains its highly valued reputation for education and its prominent role in serving the community.

James Amar
Plymouth

Endorsing Gebhardt

The Faculty Forum at Schoolcraft College (an affiliate of the Michigan Education Association) and the American Federation of Teachers Michigan are endorsing Joan

Gebhardt for trustee for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in the Tuesday, May 8, election.

As educators and staff, they have selected someone who they think will be an ambassador and advocate for the college and do what is in the best interest of the students and staff attending Schoolcraft.

I join those two professional organizations in supporting Joan Gebhardt because I was an educator who worked with Joan in the Taylor schools for 30 years. Joan is a consummate educator who truly understands the needs of education and of the stakeholders she represents. I attended her swearing-in ceremony in January, and have followed her progress.

Joan takes this position very seriously — she has attended every event that has occurred during her time on the trustee board. She has prepared for the meetings and asks thoughtful, intelligent and practical questions about issues brought before the board.

Joan Gebhardt should be retained in her position on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees. I ask that voters give her serious consideration when they cast their ballot and join me in putting Joan back as a trustee to represent us.

Peggy Koppy
Northville

No trust in Oakwood

I am writing this letter to address my concerns regarding the project proposed by Oakwood to build a 650,000-square-foot hospital at the corner of Beck and Geddes roads. My home in the Charing Cross subdivision backs to what would be the four-story patient tower if this amendment is ultimately passed by the Board of Trustees. To my dismay, the Oakwood presentation on April 2 showed a picture of what was described by the presenter as the view of the hospital from my house. This picture was taken at my driveway, and at an angle that shows Beck Road through the woods, *not* where the hospital actually would be. Using the map with hospital overlay found on Oakwood's Web site, it's easy to see that the photo they showed is nearly 50 degrees off from the actual angle that would show an accurate view of where the proposed hospital would go. In the actual location of the hospital you would clearly see the buildings through only a few deciduous trees.

When I purchased my home, I was told by Singh that the land behind me would be residential. It was to become the next phases of Charing Cross. I confidently paid a \$25,000 lot premium so I could look upon the wooded creek, *not* a hospital. Certainly, Oakwood is aware of the proposed hospital's location with regard to my home. They made the map for our entire township to use in evaluating this proposal. I can't help thinking that Oakwood is misleading all of us. I was shocked to discover this. How can we trust any of Oakwood's presentation, when they aren't even able to find their own proposed hospital through the trees?

Chuanxi Ju
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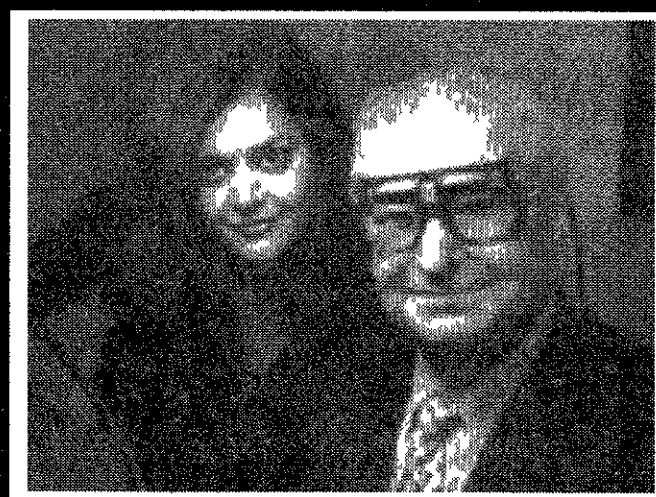
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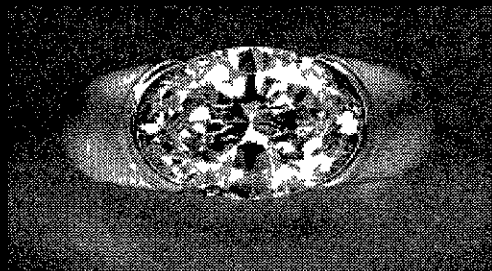


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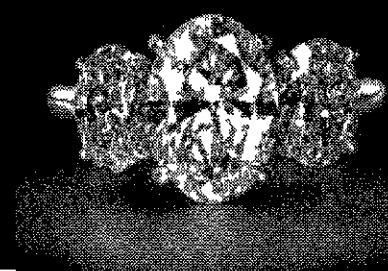
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International investments enhance portfolios

Although this was a rocky quarter, with the Dow falling more than 400 points in one day, the Dow ended the quarter losing less than 1 percent, and the S&P 500 was up fractionally. It is interesting to note that the average U.S. mutual fund was up more than 2 percent and that the average international stock fund was up better than 3 percent. In fact, if you go back over the last 12 months, the average U.S. stock fund was up about 8 1/2 percent, while the average international fund was up more than 17 percent. Something that I have stressed to investors for years is the importance of investing internationally.

All too often, too many investors avoid international funds because they believe they are too aggressive, yet nothing can be further from the truth. In fact, because international funds don't always operate on the same cycle that domestic funds do, you can actually lower the overall risk of a portfolio and enhance returns by investing a portion of your portfolio internationally.

I believe there are at least four distinct areas of international investing that every investor needs to consider. These areas are large cap, small cap, emerging markets and international bonds. In fact, there is even now emerging a fifth category of international investing that can further diversify a portfolio and that I am now using in accounts that my firm manages and that area is international real estate.

I know that some people think I am crazy to invest in real estate, considering what is happening to real estate values in Michigan and residential properties around the country. However, it is important to recognize that the residential real estate market does not represent the entire real estate industry. Commercial real estate, for example, has done quite well of late. The residential markets are particularly volatile at this point in time because too many consumers overpaid for their houses.

It is interesting to note that real estate as a sector was up more than 3 percent for the quarter and up nearly 22 percent over the last year. Because many of the laws around the world have changed, allowing real estate investment trust (REIT) investments, this category provides investors a further way to diversify their portfolio, reduce risk and enhance returns. At this point in time, there are not many options for the no-load investor in inter-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

national real estate. In my managed accounts, I have started to use the Cohen and Steers International real estate fund. Most investors, though, cannot buy this fund on a no-load basis, therefore an alternative would be the Alpine International Real Estate Fund (888-785-5578).

Another area on international investing for all investors to consider is emerging markets. In the past, I only recommended emerging market funds for long-term investors who consider themselves aggressive. My reasoning was based upon the volatility of these investments. However, as markets have matured and world economies have changed, I believe that just about every type of investor needs to add a small portion of their portfolio into emerging market funds. My recommendation for an allocation is somewhere in the area of 2 to 5 percent.

It is important that if you invest in emerging markets, you need to recognize that they can be volatile. In February, when the markets around the world took a downturn because of the Chinese situation, the emerging market funds took a substantial hit. Although they have come back, it is important for investors to recognize that when you invest in this type of investment, you should expect to see a roller-

coaster ride. However, these funds over the long run will substantially enhance an investor's return.

Many investors do not have any small cap international funds in their portfolio. Just like we have seen in our market, where small caps have outperformed large caps, we have also seen the same situation internationally. A fund like the Forward International Small Companies Fund (800-999-6809) is a no-load fund that once again will further diversify a portfolio and at the same time enhance returns.

Recently at a talk I gave, someone questioned whether it was patriotic or not to invest internationally. My answer was that this was not an issue of patriotism, but rather an issue of good business. We live in a global economy and it is important for investors to protect themselves, and one way to do that is to make sure that you have international exposure in your portfolios.

Although international funds have outperformed domestic funds, one mistake that investors may make is to overfund the international exposure in their portfolios. My thought is that depending upon the type of investor you are, a 15- to 25-percent exposure in international markets is justified. Investors that invest greater portions of their portfolio in the international market places are taking a greater risk. It is important to recognize that, by far, the No. 1

economy in the world is the United States. Even though countries like China have made significant gains, they are still a fraction of our economy. In addition, there are certain risks inherent to international investing such as the fluctuation of the U.S. dollar and geopolitical concerns. The reality of the situation is that there is no economy as safe and secure as the U.S. economy. That is why I've always recommended to investors that the bulk of their money be invested here.

One last note and that is investors should not fall for the mistake of restructuring their portfolio and investing in what was hot last quarter. As I have stated many times before, what was hot last quarter may not be hot this quarter.

The bottom line is if you attempt to chase returns, you inevitably will end up buying high and then being frustrated when that sector of the economy doesn't perform, causing you to sell low — which is exactly what an investor should not do. Although I believe the bottom line is the bottom line, chasing short-term performance is a fool's game. Good luck!

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Varied works highlight Schoolcraft's Collage Concert

A rich and eclectic program awaits music lovers at the Collage Concert, Schoolcraft College's annual collaboration musical genres, on Saturday, April 14. Composers range from Richard Strauss and J.S. Bach to Pat Metheny, Dizzy Gillespie and Dmitri Shostakovich, with traditional spirituals and folk-songs included.

The concert will take place in the VisTaTech Center's DiPonio Room on the Livonia Campus at 8 p.m.

Performers include the college's Choral Union, Jazz Band, Piano

Department, Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble. The groups are composed of college students and staff and community residents.

Program selections include Strauss's *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, Robert Schumann's *Arabesque*, Opus 18, David Holsinger's *On a Hymn of Philip Bliss*, Robert Lamm's *Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is* and the traditional spiritual *Shall We Gather at the River*.

The concert is free, but donations are encouraged. For more information call (734) 462-4403.

Seminar focuses on marketing to U.S.

Contractors who would like to learn about General Services Administration federal supply schedules can receive assistance in marketing to the federal government at a Schoolcraft College seminar on Tuesday, April 24. The session runs 1-4 p.m. and the fee is \$40 per person.

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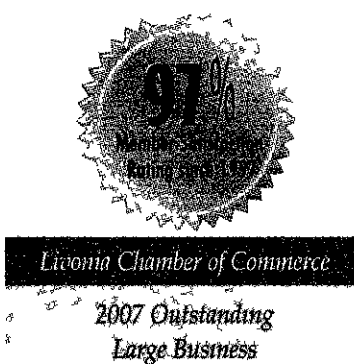
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Arts groups to protest state's grant cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Representatives from the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society and the Plymouth Community Arts Council plan to be in Lansing next week to protest the lack of state funding for the arts.

Delegates representing arts groups from across the state will converge on the steps of the state Capitol to voice their displeasure with a March 29 Executive Order from Gov. Jennifer Granholm declaring a moratorium on state grant expenditures until at least Sept. 30, the end of the state's fiscal year.

"We're going to have to make serious cuts next year," said Jennifer Philpot-Munson, executive director of the Symphony Society. "We've already spent the money, so we'll have to run a deficit this year and make up for it with some serious cuts next year."

Philpot-Munson said the

society received an initial disbursement of \$3,000 for the 2006-07 fiscal year. However, they've been told not to expect the remaining \$7,300.

"The state has become less and less a source of income," Philpot-Munson said about the society's \$500,000 annual budget. "We used to get up to \$30,000 from the state. Now we're only allowed to apply for up to \$15,000."

"We're probably going to have to cut some concerts, probably in Plymouth," she added. Orchestra Canton gets more funding from the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, the 501(c)(3) connected to Canton Leisure Services.

The PCAC was told earlier this year it would not receive any state grants this year, meaning \$10,000 of the nearly \$300,000 budget was eliminated altogether.

It's a huge chunk because it helps us offer free programs to the community," said

Executive Director Paula Gangopadhyay, who added that a proposed art enrichment program with Plymouth-Canton Schools may have to be scrapped.

"We're trying to come up with other kinds of funding. But with the economy as it is, we have a difficult time tapping corporate resources and retail businesses to provide the funding."

The arts have to be made an integral part of education and to the overall quality of life," she added.

"The total denial of funds hurts grass-roots organizations like the PCAC that are supported by private funds, memberships and generous donations. Funds from the state are not only helpful from a monetary perspective, but also show moral support that art and culture is important."

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Associate professor

Andrew Urbaczewski, associate professor of management information systems at the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Management, has been named chair of the school's Department of Management Studies.

Urbaczewski's appointment, which will run through the end of 2009, was approved by the U-M Regents at their January meeting in Ann Arbor.

Professor Urbaczewski is a scholar who has consistently excelled in his research activities, and he also is a strong teacher, according to Bruce Bublitz, dean of the U-M-Dearborn School of Management. He also is active in service to his profession and to the school, where he has developed a reputation as an outstanding leader.



Urbaczewski

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Urbaczewski joined the U-M-Dearborn faculty as assistant professor in 2003 and was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2006. Before joining the U-M-Dearborn faculty, he served as a visiting professor at the Helsinki School of Economics and Business Administration and as assistant professor at Washington State University, where he received the "Professor of the Year" award for 2002-2003 from the WSU MIS Club.

Urbaczewski's research focuses on the areas of electronic commerce and Internet privacy and security. He has published in top-tier academic journals including the Journal of Management Information Systems, the Journal of Organizational Computing and Electronic Commerce, and Communications of the ACM (Association for Computing Machinery). Andrew Urbaczewski, associate professor of management information systems at the University of Michigan-Dearborn School

of Management, has been named chair of the school's Department of Management Studies.

Walsh graduations

The following Canton residents received a Walsh College diploma at the school's winter commencement ceremonies:

Anton Botosan, master of science in management, Christine Braun, master of business administration, Holly Davis, bachelor of accountancy, Joseph DiPonio, bachelor of business administration, Rayhana Karim, master of accountancy, Michael Merkel, master of science in taxation, Roderick Miller, master of business administration, and Michael Simmerer, master of business administration.

LTU grad

Paul D. King of Canton was awarded his bachelor of science from Louisiana Tech University at the school's winter quarter commencement exercises held March 3.

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Editor's note: Five candidates are competing for three six-year terms on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in the Tuesday May 8 school election. Incumbents Mary Breen, Brian Broderick and recent appointee Joan Gebhardt face challengers Jim Fausone and Ron Randall. Trustees receive no compensation for their service. The district includes the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton school districts and part of the Novi school district.

Breen says she has brought leadership

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Mary Breen was first elected to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in 1983 and the longtime educator believes she still has something to offer. The current chair of the board, Breen is proud of her leadership in bringing commercial development to college property south of the campus. "When I became board president, I announced that we ought to do something with the 45 acres to the south of us. It's been an absolute windfall," she said. "We get \$800,000 a year just from land lease, not even counting the money from rental of the buildings. The north side, we did that in 1986



Breen

or 87 Land lease on that is \$230,000 a year. We have put up McDowell Center, VisiTech, remodeled Waterman and the library. I am so pleased. Breen of Plymouth, a graduate of Henry Ford Community College and Wayne State University had a long career as a teacher and school administrator at Wayne Westland and Livonia public schools. After taking an early retirement from Livonia schools, Breen decided to return as a substi

PLEASE SEE BREEN, A14

Broderick worried Fausone advocates about rising costs better marketing

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

At \$68 a credit hour, Schoolcraft College is still a good bargain for students. But as the state struggles economically, Schoolcraft Trustee Brian Broderick is concerned about shifting too much cost to students.

It's a bargain for consumers when you compare what you would pay at four-year colleges and universities around here, he said. Still, it's a lot of money and could be a burden. My No. 1 concern is how to alleviate some of that burden.

Broderick, 40, of Plymouth Township is running for a third term as a Schoolcraft College



Broderick

trustee. "Over the last 12 years, I've really developed a great attachment to the school and become a passionate advocate for community colleges, of Schoolcraft and its place in the community, in terms of what it can provide for students, for adult learners and for all the things it brings to the community," he said.

An attorney with the Economic Alliance for Michigan, Broderick is a graduate of Catholic Central High

PLEASE SEE BRODERICK, A14

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Jim Fausone believes that Schoolcraft College is doing great things but isn't doing a good job in getting the word out.

"One thing I think Schoolcraft is not doing is marketing itself well on its achievements outside of the culinary arts program," he said. "We all love the culinary arts program, but they're not doing the marketing that needs to be done in the science, technology, engineering, math areas, STEM. They're talking about the governor's education initiative, but I don't see them getting out front to kids that it makes a



Fausone

great deal of sense to do two years here and then transfer to a college of your choice. Fausone, 43, is running for the Schoolcraft College Board

of Trustees after applying unsuccessfully twice to fill board openings, most recently in December to replace Kevin McNamara. He serves on the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board.

The Canton lawyer is a partner in the Northville firm of Fausone Bohn. He attended

PLEASE SEE FAUSONE, A14

Gebhardt supports a practical vision

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

With two children in Schoolcraft College, Joan Gebhardt appreciates the opportunities the college offers.

Gebhardt was appointed by the board of trustees in December to complete the term of Kevin McNamara, who had been elected to the Wayne County Commission. Now she is seeking a full six-year term.

Everyone has a responsibility to give back to the community. I've been in education and I'm good at it. In addition, both of my grown children attend Schoolcraft College, she said.

Gebhardt, a resident of Livonia for 28 years, was a public school teacher and administrator for 31 years. She is now an adjunct professor at Madonna University and a full-time aide to House Speaker Andy Dillon. D. Redford.

Gebhardt said her son originally was pursuing an engineering degree at Kettering when he decided to enroll in Schoolcraft's culinary arts program. He is now a chef at Tribute. Her daughter is pursuing a nursing degree.

Working at Madonna, we get many students from Schoolcraft," she said. "Two-year colleges will help us get out of the slump here in



Gebhardt

Michigan. Many of the courses and the vision of the president and trustees of Schoolcraft College are right on the money and I want to be part of it.

Gebhardt said it was important that Schoolcraft keep its vision practical.

You have to have a vision of what jobs are out there and what avenue we should take, she said. "What courses we should offer. Is it something the public will want and students will sign up for? Can we keep our prices down so that it's affordable? We have to have courses that are needed. We have to have tuition that is practical and we have to have the vision of what's going to happen on the horizon."

Gebhardt gives good marks to Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress.

We just completed his evaluation and he received outstanding marks. I had to rely on my fellow trustees, she said. I told Dr. Jeffress, when I am evaluating I look at two things, caring and credibility and the caring part is true and I can

PLEASE SEE GEBHARDT, A14

Randall emphasizes history with college

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

After 32 years as a Schoolcraft employee, retiring in 2002 as the college registrar, Ron Randall believes he will bring a lot of history and insight to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

I know the college inside and out, he said. Through years of experience, I've gained knowledge of the college, I'm a staunch advocate for students and I'm very devoted to student success. I've been in Livonia 24 years and the one tax bill I've never minded paying was my Schoolcraft College tax.

Randall is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and received a master's degree in Madonna with a concentration in community college management. He began working at Schoolcraft in 1969. He was the college registrar, in charge of student records and the registration process, for 11 years. He served under four Schoolcraft presidents.

I was brought under the guise of customer service, he said. Our goal was always to not only match but exceed student expectations.

Randall said the college needs to continue serving the needs of traditional students and workers displaced by the



Randall

changing economy. He said he supports Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress' emphasis on technical education.

Conway has done an excellent job, he's one of the most intelligent people I've ever met in my life," Randall said. "Years ago, we used to offer manufacturing, we had an auto shop. The new Biomed building will offer STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and GRIN (genetics, robotics, information nanotechnology). The GRIN part of it is especially exciting. Two great acronyms for Conway's vision for the college."

Randall said he understands that the state and the college can't spend more than they have, but he worries about the impact of decreased state support on the college.

No one wants to say I go to the cheapest college in Michigan. I worked too many years to see that happen. I'm proud of my accomplishments that this is a great place, he said.

In his time at the college, Randall served on the curriculum committee, worked on

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APRIL

Worship services

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery. Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org

Bible study

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's 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.

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.

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 Presbyter, 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 child care.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia host its second formal celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 15, with special devotions and a luncheon to which all area Catholics are cordially invited. At the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Mercy Sunday was formally instituted as an annual day of prayer by Pope John Paul II in 2001 and is based on Christ's revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska about humanity's need for His Divine Mercy in our troubled world. The day begins with the Holy Mass at noon. At 2 p.m., there will be opportunity for confessions followed by recitation of the rosary at 2:30 p.m. The Divine Mercy Devotion begins at 3 p.m., traditionally the hour of great est mercy, commemorating the hour of Christ's death and will include the

exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. All area Catholics are welcome to participate. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

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.

Garage sale

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 20; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the Archbishop Brunetti Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Admission: \$1. \$10 grab bag on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Most items free with offering also. Special Treasures, Priced Items. Includes household items, tools, books, games, toys, electronic toys/games/equipment, and clean gently used children's clothing and baby items. Please note: no strollers allowed. For more information, call (734) 464-5973.

JOY meeting

The JOY Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, and every third Friday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

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.

Concert

Proud 28 American Tour, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 21, doors open at 6 p.m., at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The concert includes comedian Nazareth illusionist Jarrod Mac and recording artist Ashley Reynolds. Tickets: \$5 family of three or more, \$15 and available by calling (248) 374-7400.

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 Center's 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 Economic, 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@angel-space.com.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, 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.

Rummage Sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Redford Aldersgate Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford (between Plymouth and West Chicago).

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.

Livonia youth choir concert

3 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. No charge, but a freewill offering will be taken. Call (734) 232-6830.

Mercyaires concert

Mercyaires, a Mercy High School student choir, gives a concert 3 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Songs are designed to entertain people of all ages. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 youth/students.

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 14, 3033 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.

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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 Strengthen, 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 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Alpha is a low-key, friendly, fun, and pressure-free class. Free child care available 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 Newburg 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.livonaprayerbkfast.org by Friday, April 27. Tables of 10 available.

Real estate seminar

1-4 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, Scrapbook, Mops Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line 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 Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebrate-recovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study

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

Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope began 7-8:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, and continues for eight weeks 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.

Worship service

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

Adult literacy classes

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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.

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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. Weigh-in 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 Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

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.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia.

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ARTHUR B. CALHOUN

Age 89 of Livonia and a former long time resident of Plymouth died on April 6, 2007. He is survived by Muriel, his beloved wife of over forty-four years, his sister, Glema Brandemuhl of Flat Rock, and his large family of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Mr. Calhoun was a lifetime member of the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge, a retiree of the G.M. Willow Run Plant in Ypsilanti, and well known in Plymouth where he and his wife operated Muriel's Doll House for over fourteen years. A funeral service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Monday, April 16th at 1 p.m. with the Rev. James Calhoun officiating. Burial will follow in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit Sunday, 2-9 p.m. For further information, please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.



JEFFREY NORMAN HALE

passed away in his home in Sacramento, California, after a long battle with Colon Cancer. Born and raised in Pinckney, Michigan, Jeff was involved in sports throughout the area. Having played football for the Pinckney High Pirates and Ferris State College, he then went on to play volleyball. Jeff also coached volleyball, spending 12 years with the elementary girls volleyball team at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Livonia, MI, four years with Huron Valley High School, and four years at Canton High School. He also played men's softball with the Livonia Recreation Department for over 20 years. Jeff was survived by his wife, Jeanette, children Michelle, Capriola, Laura, Stark, Jennifer, Laframboise, Benjamin, Clifford, and Kelly, Clifford also has two grandsons, Nicholas Hale and Anthony Laframboise, along with his mother, father, four brothers, and one sister. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Livonia, MI, at 1:00 p.m. on the 21st with an open house to follow at the Capriola home in New Hudson, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the American Cancer Society for colon cancer research or your own favorite charity in memory of Jeff.



METTE MARIE DILLER

April 7, 2007. Age 77. Beloved wife of John Cabot Diller Jr. Dear mother of Christine, Marianne, Thomas, Elizabeth, Charlotte, and the late John III. Proud Grandmother of Heather, Jason, Lindsey, Melissa, Alexis, and Jessica. Also remembered by relatives and friends in Denmark. Visitation Thursday, 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 11:30 a.m. at the Birmingham Congregational Church, 1000 Cranbrook at Woodward. Tributes to the Airedale Terrier Rescue (A.T.R.A.) are welcome. Share memories with the family at their On-Line Guest Book at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://www.WujekCalcaterra.com).



DENISE O'NEILL JOHNSON RADTKE

Age 72, April 8, 2007, died suddenly at home. Loving mother of Lynn Radtke (Rick Talbot) of Plymouth, Kim Sweet (Tim Sweet) of Raleigh, North Carolina, daughter in law, Barb Radtke, Holland, MI, and the late Jeff Radtke. Denny is also survived by six grandchildren, Samantha, Amber, Matthew, Summer, Marshall, and Calvin. Sisters, Pat Henke (Fritz) and Miki Wolff (Craig). Many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends including Ken Radtke. Denny graduated from the University of Michigan in 1974 with a BA in Political Science with honors. Denny worked in politics her entire career and was devoted to her job and volunteer service. She was instrumental in developing the Schoolcraft College Women's resource center. Denny was a congressional aide for Carl Purcell and Joe Knollenberg. After retirement, Denny was appointed to the Michigan Women's Commission by the Governor and worked for the US Census Bureau in 2000. Visitation will be at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, on Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. Funeral services on Thursday at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center. Please share a memory with the family at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

LEE TRICKEY

Age 87, passed away April 8, 2007. Wife of the late Mynor Dear mother of Bonnie (Jim) Carr, Judy (Duncan) Lewis, Robert (Kathy) Sandy (James) Mulvey, and Georgia (Craig) Notebaert. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Sister in law of Edna Gilroy, Ella Mulder, and George Trickey. Memorial service was Tuesday, April 10th, 12:30 p.m. (gathering at 11 a.m.) at Dearborn Chapel of the Howe Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Avenue. Memorial visitation was Monday, 7-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to Silent Hands, 425 Huron, Suite 100, Milford, MI 48381.

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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

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Congregation Beit Kodesh at 31840 Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children age 4 and up for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477 8974

Services
St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474 0584 for more information

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For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374 5920. Tennis continues from 1:50 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4:7 p.m. week days any time the weather is above 45 degrees

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A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media: computers, story telling, games, cooking, music, and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421 7620

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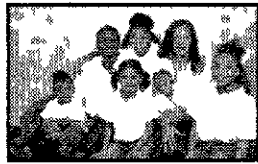
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tute teacher Since 2000, she's been a substitute for Franklin High School and the Career Center

Despite the success of the land development projects, Schoolcraft faces financial challenges with reduced state funding

"Finances are still a major problem, but we're only one of 28 community colleges that does not have a debt," Breen said

Still, last year the college had to make \$1.5 million in cuts to its budget and faces more cuts this coming budget year Breen said in the past the state covered about a third of the budget, tuition and fees about a third and a district millage about a third

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Austin High School in Detroit and received two engineering degrees from the University of Michigan He received his law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Wash He is married to Brigadier Gen Carol Fausone with the Michigan Department of Veterans Affairs

"I see the importance of higher education," he said "It's made a difference in my life, my wife's life and our entire family In a couple generations we've gone from the copper mines of the UP to all my brothers and sisters having master's degrees or better

"Now it's way out of line, she said "It's lopsided We're putting more burden on students and their parents even though our tuition is still \$68 a credit hour"

She is supportive of Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress

"He's been extremely effective," she said "The faculty like him and work hard for him He has brought so many new ideas to the board and faculty"

One of those ideas is a four-year bachelor of science in nursing degree program that Breen supports

"We really felt that the need is there for nursing, obviously," Breen said "We want to establish our two-year program we have had all along We wanted to go into a four-year program We don't want people in the community to think we are going to become a four-year

college because we are not Breen said the next project would be to improve the colleges police, fire and homeland security programs

"I know there are federal monies out there The police and fire program is loaded to the gills That would be our next program," she said

Breen said she has also been supportive of agreements with four-year colleges that allow students to take three years of credits at Schoolcraft before transferring

"Students are paying \$68 a credit hour instead of \$200," she said "It's one of those innovations that Dr Jeffress developed that is incredible We are working on 14 more programs The universities are happy to have us because they know there will be more students coming in that fourth year

cially the Internet

"You can't go to the Web site and see a cost comparison with four-year institutions That's one of the things I'd be selling to parents," he said

He said the Web site is little more than the school's catalog

The day of static Web sites is long gone, he said "It was gone five years ago They need to make a dynamic Web site The way you're going to sell Schoolcraft to kids is to have a cool Web site If you have a crummy Web site, they've checked that out long before mom and dad ever brought it up"

He also said the college needs to improve its online learning programs He said modern technology makes it possible to make lectures available to all students to download on an MP3 player

GEBHARDT

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personally attest to that He is competent and respected at the community college level and respected by faculty and staff"

She said she supports the college's emphasis on science, math and technology She is less favorable toward Jeffress' idea of offering a bachelor of science in nursing degree at

Schoolcraft

"I would like to see a matriculation program worked out where nursing students could go to Schoolcraft for three years and then work with Madonna and they could offer a degree from Madonna and other colleges at Schoolcraft rates Let's be creative," she said

She said it was important for Schoolcraft to remain competitive in the face of reduced state funding

"We have to plan a budget

that we aren't going to get any increases from Lansing," she said "We're the third lowest community college in the area We have to price ourselves to not only be competitive but to offer residents of the Schoolcraft community what they need and is affordable to them

Gebhardt said that as a union person she would like to see more 'sharing' between the Faculty Forum and the trustees and more transparency as they prepare for negotiations

RANDALL

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athletic eligibility and was in charge of student discipline

Randall said education is needed to turn the state around by giving people the skills they need to obtain higher paying jobs

"Isn't it better we train peo-

ple who can pay taxes on \$50,000 a year instead of \$25 or \$30,000?" he said

He said he supports the idea of Schoolcraft offering a bachelor of science in nursing degree but said that emphasis should remain on the associate nursing degree given the severe shortage in nurses

He said he also thinks the college should continue its lifelong learning programs

"I think most people in the

community realize it is a jewel particularly the community service and community education Some people turn 40 and they want to learn to dance It all contributes to exposure for the college," he said

When Randall retired, he and his wife began to take trips in their motor home throughout the South He said he should still be able to get away now and then if he's elected to the board

BRODERICK

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School, Notre Dame University and the University of Detroit Law School He said his training as a lawyer brought 'a different set of eyes to the board'

"I have a good temperament, a good ability to listen, a good ability to make decisions," he said

Major decisions will need to be made in the coming years about Schoolcraft's finances At one time, the state provided for about one-third of the colleges budget (along with a third from tuition and fees and a third from a district millage) State funding has declined to about 17 percent of the colleges budget

Schoolcraft has benefited from the commercial development of its property along Seven Mile and, in the last two years, along Haggerty

Development has helped a lot, Broderick said "College Park has helped us fund the new Biomedical Building and stabilized the budget If we didn't have it, tuition would have gone up

even more

That income has helped the college build the VisTaTech Center, renovate the library and begin construction on the new Biomedical Technology Building, scheduled to open in fall 2008

Broderick has high praise for Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress, who last week received a positive evaluation from board members

"The thing about President Jeffress and the previous administration (of Richard McDowell) is that they were always cutting edge, they had the vision thing down in the sense that they know where they want to go," Broderick said "They're usually on target They know where the hot fields are going to be"

The hot fields are health care, math, science and technology Jeffress has discussed petitioning the state legislature for permission to expand Schoolcraft's nursing program to a four-year bachelor of science nursing degree Broderick supports the idea

The nursing thing is going to be controversial," he said He wants to do a bachelor's

degree there I don't want to speak for the board, I am supportive of it but there may be board members who need to be convinced There is a mindset with some board members that Schoolcraft was set up to do one thing and that was an associate degree and it will take something to get them over that hump"

He said other colleges that offer four-year nursing programs may also oppose the idea

Another strong area for the college, Broderick said, is the Lifelong Learning programs He would like to expand on the college's public safety program at the Radcliff Center in Garden City to compete with programs at Henry Ford Community College and Oakland Community College

Broderick said he would also be interested in exploring the idea of expanding the Schoolcraft district to include areas now not served by a community college, such as Livingston County About 40 percent of Schoolcraft students live outside the district

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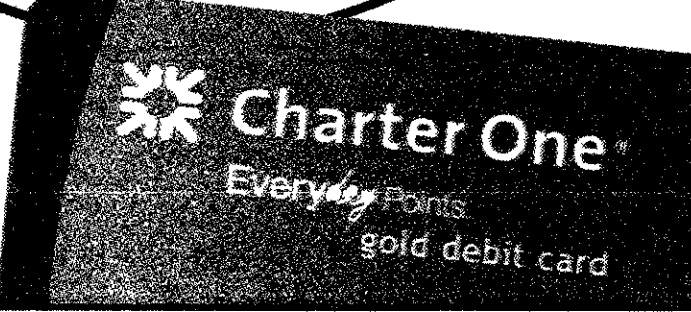
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Support grows for Plymouth AD in wake of layoff

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

How tall is the mountain of respect Plymouth High School Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk has earned among the school's athletic supporters during his five-year tenure?

The members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education are about to find out.

A wave of support for Sawchuk has grown ever since word spread that he will be laid off at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

A large and growing group of Plymouth coaches, athletes — both current and former — and parents of athletes are orchestrating a

movement that they hope will not only save Sawchuk's job, but keep intact the current three-AD set-up at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

If Sawchuk's job is eliminated, current Canton AD Sue Heinzman and current Salem AD Tom Willette are expected to be asked to oversee the athletic programs at all three schools.

Sawchuk was laid off because he has less seniority than the other two P-CEP athletic directors.

Elaine Hubbard, the president of both the Plymouth High School wrestling and track-and-field booster clubs, is just one of many Sawchuk supporters who plans on making a presentation

to the board at its meeting next week.

"I'm not sure the school board is aware of how many people are truly upset about this situation," said Hubbard. "And it's not just the people at Plymouth. If Terry's job is eliminated, it's going to effect the athletic programs at all three schools because it will put more of a strain on the two remaining AD's."

Managing three schools' athletic programs takes three athletic directors — and I don't even know how they do it with three people.

Terry is not just an athletic director. He's a mentor and the backbone of the entire athletic program. He puts in 60 to 70 hours every week. How are they going to replace that?

Several Plymouth High School coaches have expressed concern about the future of the school's athletic programs if Sawchuk's pending layoff is not somehow avoided.

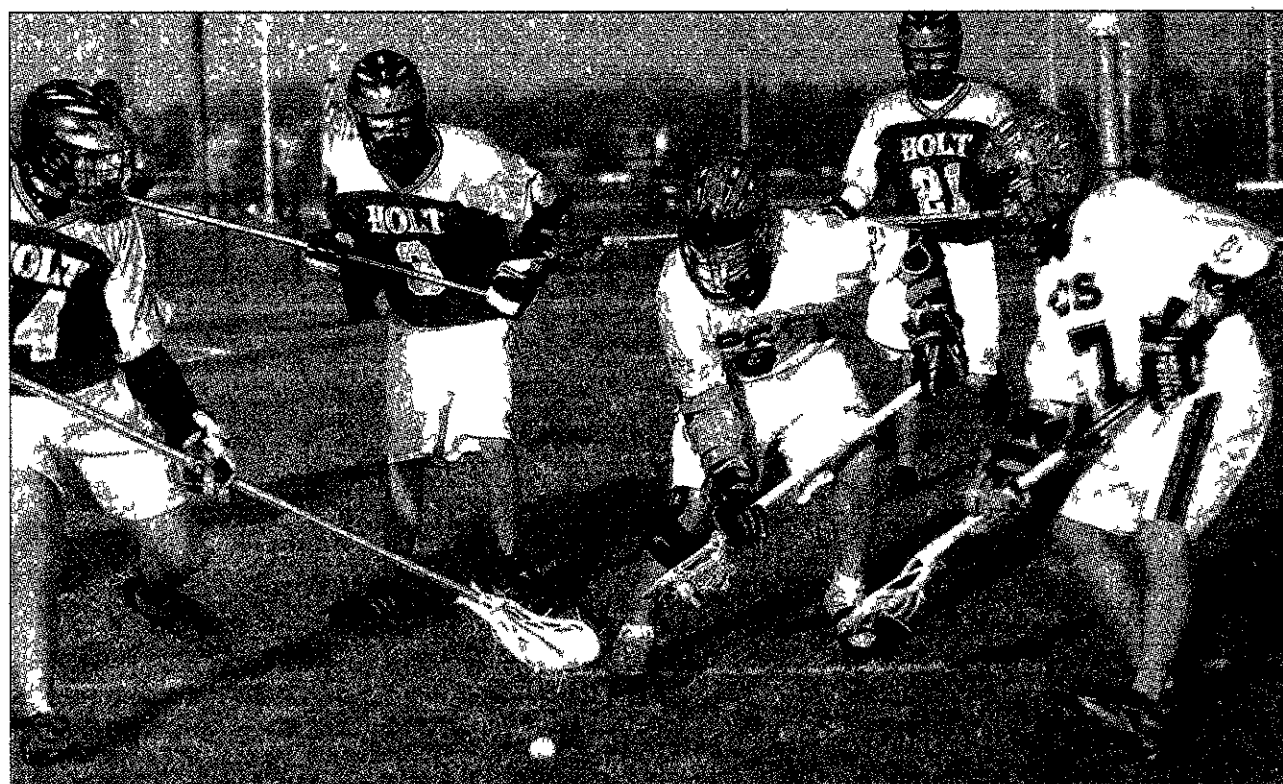
"To put it very simply — Terry Sawchuk is Plymouth athletics," said Wildcat volleyball coach Kelly McCausland. "He lives and breathes for his student/athletes and his coaches. I, personally, cannot believe that such a large school district would let this happen. I have been around many other districts that only operate with one AD, and their programs suffer greatly."

"I don't mean any disrespect to Tom (Willette)."

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Nick Cote, pictured advancing the ball up the field despite the defensive efforts of Holt's Kevin Cooper, tallied a game-high five goals in the Warriors' 10-2 victory Tuesday night at the P-CEP junior varsity stadium.



Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Jared Ruark (left in white jersey) and Patrick Downey (far right) battle for possession of the ball with a trio of Holt players during Tuesday night's 10-2 Warrior victory.

More than Ram tough

Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team streaks past unbeaten Holt to improve to 3-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team was in midseason form during Tuesday night's early-season home game against unbeaten Holt.

Combining air-tight defense with machine-like efficiency on the offensive end of the field, the Warriors subdued the Rams, 10-2, to improve their record to 3-0.

The key to tonight's win was that everybody executed the game plan, said PCS coach Mike Costello. "We worked on a lot of new things at practice this week — some new offensive sets and some new man-down looks — and then the guys went out tonight and executed the plays just like they were designed."

We got goals on a couple of the new plays, which is exactly what the coaching staff wanted to see."

PCS never trailed after securing a 1-0 lead in the opening quarter. The Warriors owned a 4-1 advantage at the half before extending the lead to 7-2 with 15 minutes to play.

Senior midfielder Nick Cote earned the game ball for the Warriors after scoring a career-high five goals.

Nick was outstanding tonight," said Costello. "On one of his goals, he stripped the goalie of the ball and scored. It was a tremendous play. He was all over the field tonight."

Jared Ruark also shined for the winners, netting three goals and one assist.

Devin Murphy and Danny Norris notched the Warriors' other two goals. Junior Scott Wisniewski registered an assist.

Junior Justin Scott was outstanding in net for PCS, recording nine saves.

Justin made a few tremendous saves when Holt had numbers on us," said Costello. "The saves came at a point in the game where if Holt would have scored, it may have been a different outcome."

The Warriors were short-handed as eight of their 30 players headed South for spring break.

Because we had so many kids on spring break, it was important that we possessed the ball as much as possible tonight," said Costello. "We didn't want our defenders to get tired."

The Warriors outshot Holt, 33-23. They also won the groundball battle, 40-25.

Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Connor Martin (24) holds off Holt's Dylan Wolff Tuesday night.



Nobody does it better

Ignition's Beasley named MISL's Most Valuable

Detroit Ignition forward Jamar Beasley was named the Major Indoor Soccer League's Most Valuable Player Saturday during a nationally televised award ceremony.

"The Detroit Ignition family is extremely proud of Jamar and his on-field accomplishments," Ignition President Greg Bibb said. "He truly has had a season to remember and the recognition he is justly receiving is a reflection of the hard work and success all of our players have enjoyed."

"More importantly, Jamar and his teammates have proven to be outstanding members of the community and their collective off-field efforts have played a vital role in the success our organization has enjoyed during our inaugural campaign."

Beasley finished the 2006-07 regular season on top of the MISL's PUMA Scoring Champions Leaderboard while tallying five three-point goals, 35 two-point goals, and 22 assists for 107 points. The four-year veteran also received his first-ever selection as a member of the All-MISL First Team for his performance with the MISL's regular-season champions.

MISL PLAYOFF PICTURE

■ **When:** First-round series are set for Saturday and Sunday.

■ **Who:** Top-seeded Detroit Ignition will play Milwaukee Games 2 and 3 (if necessary) will be played Sunday at 4:35 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. Also, the third-seeded Philadelphia KiXX will take on the No. 2-seeded Chicago Storm.

■ **What's next:** The winners of the two semifinal series will play in the championship game April 21 at the Compuware Sports Arena. The game will be televised nationally on the VERSUS network.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Ignition's Jamar Beasley was named MVP of the MISL.

Batter up! Fournier's late goal lifts Whalers

Vellucci named OHL's top coach. Please see Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Using a swing that would have made Barry Bonds proud, Plymouth Whalers center Andrew Fournier all but knocked Kitchener's Ontario Hockey League playoff hopes out of the ballpark Tuesday night.

Just 42 seconds into overtime of Game 3 of the OHL's Western Conference semifinals, Fournier assumed a left-handed baseball stance in the left faceoff circle then swatted an airborne puck over the left shoulder of Ranger goalie John Murray and into the top corner of the net to give the Whalers an electrifying 5-4 victory and, more importantly, a commanding 3-0 lead in the series.

The game was played before 3,542 spectators at the Compuware Sports Arena, which will host Game 5 — if necessary — Friday at 7:05 p.m. Game 4 was set for Wednesday in Kitchener.

The Rangers, who played perhaps their most complete game of the series, couldn't have been more stunned if they would have been hit over the collective head with a giant Louisville Slugger.

"I used to play baseball when I was younger, but I was more of a

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd. Canton, MI 48187 (734)981 0303 on 4/30/07 at 12:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

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3036 – Lilhan Madison – Stove, Refrigerator, Treadmill
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3048 – Daniel Smith II – Loveseat, Couch, Refrigerator
4270 – Lisa Young – 10 Totes, 10 Boxes, Misc. Items
4294 – Diane Jacobs – Clothing, 20 Totes, Misc. Items
4009 – Gregory Williams – 3 Boxes, 10 Bags, Misc. Items
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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-April 3, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, April 3, 2006 at 11:50 Canton Center S. Canton, MI. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave). Staff Present: Director Conklin. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **Public Hearing 1: PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR METALTEC STEEL ABRASIVE CO. (SUPERVISOR):** Motion by Yack, supported by Zarbo, to open the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. to consider Tax Abatement for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. Motion carried by all members present. Trustee LaJoy inquired if the number of jobs stated is on target. Gary Wood stated the new jobs created will be from 12 to 15. There were no public comments in opposition or in favor of the tax abatement for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. to consider Tax Abatement for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution approving application of Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF METALTEC STEEL ABRASIVE CO. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY:** WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District as requested by the property owners and WHEREAS, Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a real and personal property expansion within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District and WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on April 3, 2007, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application and WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before February 9, 2007, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate and WHEREAS, completion of the expanded facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 235 of the Public Acts of 1978 shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a real and personal property expansion to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District: to wit: PARCEL 1. That part of the northwest 1/4 section 1 town 2 south range 8 east Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point distant south south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 769.83 feet along the north section line of section 1 centerline of Joy Road from the northwest corner of section 1 town 2 south range 8 east and proceeding thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 435.50 feet along the north section line of section 1 centerline of Joy Road thence due south 375.00 feet thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds west 227.70 feet thence north 28 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds west 431.08 feet along the easterly right of way of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad to the point of the beginning. PARCEL 2. Part of the northwest 1/4 of section 1 town 2 south range 8 east described as beginning at a point distant south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 1205.33 feet along the north section line of section 1 centerline of Joy Road from the northwest corner of section 1 town 2 south range 8 east and proceeding thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 200.02 feet along the north section line of section 1 centerline of Joy Road thence due south 375.00 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds west 200.00 feet thence due north 375.00 feet to the point of beginning. PARCEL 3. Part of the northwest 1/4 of section 1 town 2 south range 8 east Canton Township, described as beginning at a point distant south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 1405.35 feet along the north section line of section 1 centerline of Joy Road and due south 375 feet along centerline of Haggerty Rd from the northwest corner of section 1 town 2 south range 8 east and proceeding thence due south 200 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road thence north 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds west 316.89 feet thence north 28 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds west 229.91 feet along the easterly right of way line of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 427.72 feet to the point of beginning, also reserving the east 33 feet for road purposes. PARCEL 4. That part of the northwest 1/4 of section 1 town 2 south range 8 east Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point distant south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 1405.35 feet along the north line of section 1 centerline of Joy Road and due south 575.00 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road and proceeding thence due south 571.85 feet along the centerline of Haggerty Road thence north 28 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds west 657.38 feet along the easterly right of way line of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad thence south 89 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds east 316.89 feet to the point of beginning. 2.85 Acres. Parcel Identification Nos. 002.99.0005.001 as to Parcel 1, 002.99.0004.000 as to Parcel 2, 002.99.0005.002 as to Parcel 3, 002.99.0005.003 as to Parcel 4. Commonly known as 41155 JOY ROAD be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 12 years in accordance with Township requirements and applicable statutory provisions found in M.C.L. et seq. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett, to adjourn to study session. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC:** Item 1. 1. Tours. Fellows Creek Golf Club, Park Maint. Bldg., Canton Sport Center. A van shuttle was provided. **Adjourn:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, at 8:50 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. – Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk – Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site: www.cantonmi.org after Board Approval.

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Vellucci named OHL's best coach

Plymouth Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci has been awarded the Ontario Hockey League's Matt Leyden Trophy as the OHL Coach of the Year.

Vellucci, a resident of Northville, is the first American to win the Matt Leyden Trophy.

I'm honored to be the first American to win this award, Vellucci said. I share this award with (Associate Coach) Todd Watson and the players. I want to thank (Whalers owner) Peter Karmanos, Jr. for his support for myself and junior hockey over the years.

"Mike, in many ways, represents a changing of the guard in the Ontario Hockey League," said Ontario Hockey League Commissioner David Branch. He's a younger coach with a bright hockey mind who played in the OHL not too long ago.

Vellucci played for the OHL's Belleville Bulls from 1983-86 and joined current OHL coaches Bob Boughner, Bruce Cassidy and Dale Hunter — among others — who also played in the Ontario Hockey League.

Vellucci, in his sixth season behind the Plymouth bench, led the Whalers to a 49-14-2-3 regular-season record and 103 points, the second-most in

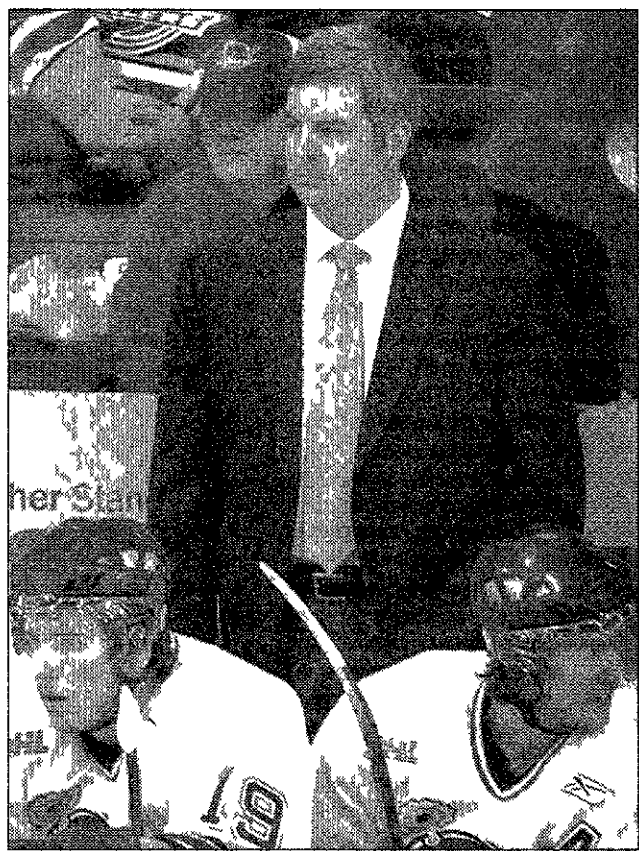
the OHL behind just London. Plymouth won its 10th West Division title this season.

Plymouth has never finished lower than second in the OHL West with four division titles during Vellucci's tenure behind the Whalers bench.

Vellucci's overall record in Plymouth is 228-124-36-20 in 406 games. His career winning percentage (.627) is second in franchise history behind current Toronto Maple Leafs head coach Paul Maurice (.681), who worked for the Whalers from 1993-95 when they were known as the Detroit Jr. Red Wings.

Before coming to Plymouth, Vellucci's Detroit Compuware teams of the North American Hockey League dominated the United States Tier II ranks. From 1994 to 1999, the Ambassadors went to the National Junior A Gold Cup championships every season, winning the U.S. national championship in 1994 and 1999. During that time, the Ambassadors racked up a regular-season record of 241-82-27 for a .689 winning percentage, winning two NAHL regular season titles and four Robertson Cups.

Vellucci was named NAHL Executive of the Year in 1994 and 1999, and NAHL Coach of the Year in 1998.



WALT DMOCH

Plymouth Whalers Head Coach Mike Vellucci was named the Ontario Hockey League's Coach of the Year earlier this week. Vellucci is the first American to win the award.

WHALERS

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catcher than a hitter, revealed Fournier, smiling. Joe McCann shot the puck, it bounced off Tommy (Sestito) and another guy and I just had to wait for it to come down past the crossbar so that it wouldn't be high sticking.

It was probably the luckiest shot of my life, but I'll take it.

So will Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci, whose team is now just one win away from advancing to the Western Conference finals against the winner of the London Sault Ste. Marie series.

Andrew's been working very hard, said Vellucci. He got robbed in our last game against Kitchener and I told him he was going to get one if he just kept working. He really came through tonight.

Fournier's incredible goal gave the Whalers their only lead of the night in a game that see-sawed back and forth like a game of full-contact ping pong.

Kitchener rookie defenseman Dan Kelly's first OHL goal with 9:30 left in the first period set off the back-and-forth scoring sequence that ended with Fournier's top-shelf net-finder. The teams were never separated by more than one goal the entire night, which was predictable considering both of the first two games were decided by one goal.

"We just kept fighting back every time they scored," said Fournier. Game four is always the toughest one to win and we know nothing is going to be easy. We're going to have to battle just as hard — or harder — as we did tonight.

Starting for the third straight game, Plymouth goalie

Michal Neuvirth stopped 31 shots. The Washington Capitals draftee had shared the starting goal-tending duties with Jeremy Smith throughout the regular season and the first round of the playoffs, but he's monopolized the crease thus far against the Rangers.

Michal deserves to be in there right now — he's earned it, said Vellucci. Smitty understands. He's not necessarily happy he's not playing, but he understands. He knows he's only 17 years old and that he'll get his chance.

Five minutes after Kelly's ice-breaking goal, Tom Sestito knotted the game at 1-1 all when he flipped a knuckleball-like shot past Murray from just inside the blue line. Fournier and Brett Bellemore assisted.

Kitchener regained the lead, 2-1, 45 seconds before the first intermission when Matt Halischuk lit the lamp. The

Whalers answered with just 2:9 left in the period on Daniel Ryder's goal from Chris Terry.

Kitchener leading-scorer Steve Downie gave the Rangers a short-lived 3-2 advantage with a goal 2:37 into the second stanza. But Evan Brophy evened it up at 3-3 48 seconds later with a goal assisted by James Neal and Jared Boll.

Downie's second goal of the night with 8:18 left in the second made it 4-3, but Terry beat Murray at the 6:44 mark of the second to deadlock the score at 4-4.

The OHL's first- and second-ranked defensive units stole the show in the scoreless third period. Defensemen Bellemore, Steve Ward and Zack Shepley all shined for the Whalers.

Kitchener outshot Plymouth, 35-28.

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or Sue (Heinzman) because I am confident that they will do their utmost to make sure all programs will not suffer from this cutback. But I do wish that the Board would reconsider its decision.

McCausland added that the timing of the reduction in ADS couldn't be worse.

It's happening at one of Michigan's most athletically trying times, she said. "With the reconfiguration of the sports seasons, every school will need its own AD to make sure that the alignment is happening to benefit each school. I fear that the district is making

a decision — or has already made the decision — that is not in the best interest of the athletes, the parents, the community or the coaches.

If they let Terry go, it will be a shame for the district and all the kids whose lives he's touched and those he would have touched, said Kurt Britnell, the head coach of both the Plymouth boys and girls track-and-field teams. If Terry is gone, what kind of attention are the athletes and coaches going to get at Plymouth?

"If Terry does lose his job, there very well could be a trickle-down effect and several coaches may leave, too."

Mary Rolfe, the mother of a Plymouth High School student/athlete, is curious why

the P-CEP athletic program is taking such a large hit in light of all the revenue-generating requirements that are currently in place for the district's high school athletes.

The district requires each athlete to pay to play (\$150 for the first sport each year, \$80 for the second) and most of the sports programs also charge entry fees to parents and spectators to watch them play, she said. "And from the moment each season begins, there's a continuous fund-raiser to raise money for uniforms, coaches' salaries, equipment upgrades, and even field improvements. The parents continue to open their pockets to meet these demands and with all of that effort, the district still threatens to take

away the very thing that keeps things running in an efficient and organized manner.

The question that most of us have is whether these hundreds of thousands of dollars that are raised each year through the pay to play fees and the gate receipts are being filtered 100 percent back into the athletic programs that generated them in the first place? If they were, we probably wouldn't be worried about how to pay the salaries of the three athletic directors.

All three P-CEP athletic directors were pink-slipped last spring, however, they retained their jobs after agreeing to a significant cut in salary.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to take comments regarding the submittal of a LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) Grant Application for improvements at Massey Field. It is the City's intention to apply for grant assistance for the construction of a permanent restroom facility as well as a shade structure over the bleachers at Massey Field.

Physically challenged persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City offices at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to said meeting.

Linda Mangnesser
City Clerk

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit 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 37558 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. McClelland 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, phone 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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Salem runners heading in the right direction

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The numbers are starting to add up nicely for the Salem boys track team.

The only things more encouraging than the number of athletes head coach Kyle Meteyer has to work with this season (98) are the numbers the athletes are posting on the stop watches. "Judging by the times, heights and distances in our first two meets, we should be a better all-around team this year," said Meteyer. "When we compare last year's marks at the Huron River Relays — our first meet of the year — to this year's marks, we improved significantly in almost every relay and individual event. That speaks to the hard work and practice ethics of the front-runners on our team."

"We may have one of the largest boys track teams in the area, and sometimes there is strength in numbers, especially in the long term. I hope to find a few diamonds in the rough among the dozens of new faces out this year."

The Rocks boast talent and depth in their distance crew, which is led by returners Craig Cowing, Rob Curtis and Kevin deBear, a junior who qualified for the D1 state meet in cross country this past fall. Curtis has posted a time of 4:49 in the 1,600 meter run, which is just eight seconds faster than the team's best time last year, and Cowing turned in an impressive 10:36 in the 3,200.

Justin Kane and Brandon Goble will pace Salem's middle distance contingent.

"They're both very enthusiastic runners and since Justin is a junior and Brandon a sophomore, I look forward to seeing them improve for a few more years," said Meteyer.

The Salem field-event unit will be led by Jim Crabill (throws), Mo Saadi (throws, jumps), Jace Bearden (jumps) and J.P. Truesdell (pole vault).

Jace has already exceeded his previous best several times this year in the high jump. Meteyer said, "J.P. is the definition of a leader: he's dedicated, knowledgeable and charismatic. I'll miss him after this year."

Senior Adam Kashoro is the captain of the Rocks sprinters. Stephan Telenko, a junior, should earn significant points in the 200 and 400.

"Adam has been working hard," said Meteyer. "He's showing the younger guys the results of hard work."

Senior Baze Efremov is the team's top returning hurdler. He will also make major contribu-

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tions in the sprints.

Among the top newcomers are Kevin Cope, Ross Davis, Grant Stone, Scott O'Connor, Mike Marek, Jason Smith and Alex and Eric Volstromer.

One of our main goals this year — besides continued improvement in all events — is to develop the talents of every kid on our team," said Meteyer.

CANTON

The Chiefs will be looking to match last year's regular-season excellence when they compiled a 6-1 record in the WLAAs Western Division, which was good enough for a share of first place. Coach Bob Richardson's team racked up some serious hardware, placing first in the talent-laden Observerland meet, the City Meet and the Dearborn Elks Relays, second in the WLAAs conference meet, third in the D1 Regional get-together, and 30th in the 64-team D1 State Finals.

"We few of our key guys are injured right now, but it's giving some young guys an opportunity to step up and produce," said Richardson. "This team has a lot of talent and it also has a lot of great senior leadership."

Richardson also praised his knowledgeable coaching staff of Matti Kilpelainen, Paul Bedford, Brian Soash, Landon Burkhardt and Bob Colville.

The Chiefs' captains — who were elected at a season-capping picnic last spring — are seniors Ryan Langdon, Steve Paye, Brian Rakovits and Eric Zech. Langdon is one of the area's top pole vaulters; Paye is a state-qualifying thrower. Rakovits shines in the pole vault and relays, and Eric Zech is one of the WLAAs top middle distance performers.

Canton's contingent of seniors is big, fast and strong. Nick Moores (sprints, relays, throwing events), Eric Thornton (high jump, long jump), Marcus Sylvester (sprints, relays), Jon Rykalsky (hurdles), Okemdi Opereake (high jump, long jump), Antwan Hawkins (sprints), Josh Godwin (800 and 1,600), Wardell Fuqua (throwing events) and Andrew Manuel (200, 400 and relays).

Among the group of upperclassmen, Thornton stands out as he placed in the state meet last year and has already cleared 6 feet, 8 inches.

The Chiefs' talented junior class includes Tim Belcher (hurdles), Josh Etim (sprints, field events), Chris McGinnis (pole vault, relays), Adam Somers (long jump, sprints), Derek Hoerman (distance), Eric

Piwowar (sprints) and Dalton Walser (sprints). Sophomores who will provide the Chiefs with tons of depth include Tosin Adediji (long jump, sprints), Kyle Clinton (distance), Josh Hurst (distance), Greg Reed (distance), Duncan Spritz (distance), Scott Zech (middle distance), Sheriff Hassinen (hurdles and relays) and Ryan Randall (sprints, relays). Zack Spreitzer (distance) and Keith Zech (middle distance) are the teams top freshmen.

PLYMOUTH

A large void left by the graduation of several key performers from last year's team will be filled admirably by a crop of young, up-and-coming athletes who will attempt to keep the Wildcats at or near the top of the WLAAs Western Division standings.

Plymouth tied Canton for first in the division last year and defeated the Chiefs in a dual meet. The most significant loss from that team was D.J. Coleman, who was a state qualifier in the long jump.

"I have no idea right now how well I'll do this year simply because we're so young," said second-year coach Kurt Britnell, who also coaches the Wildcats girls team. "We have some holes to fill, but we also have some excellent athletes returning like Nate Gholston (hurdles) and Anthony Scaparo (distances)."

Among the top newcomers are freshman Jenarian Caldwell, who is already being clocked near 11 seconds in the 100-meters, and sophomore Malek Rich, another top flight sprinter.

"I'm excited to see how they'll do this year," said Britnell. "Nate and Anthony have been looking good so far, too."

Pacing the Wildcats middle-distance crew is junior Kyle Wallath, an outstanding competitor in the 800. He'll get plenty of help from sophomore Ken Lomske (400) and Mike Hanchett (400).

Pole vaulter Ben Ambrose will be a regular points earner for the Wildcats field events contingent. He set a personal best last week with a vault of 13 feet. The team's top throwers include Sam Richards, Derek Bradford and Gerald Lou.

Possibly the deepest part of the Wildcats roster is their distance contingent, which will be led by Scaparo, an All-State cross country runner last fall, senior Pat Slavens, sophomore Derek Lax and junior Matt Lewandowski.

Northville will be strong again and Canton is always good, said Britnell, sizing up the race for the Western Division title.

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TODD HORGES

Role model in blue

Salem varsity baseball player Heath Parling (right) had the undivided attention of several youngsters who attended the Rocks annual baseball camp March 31. Parling and his teammates will open the 2007 season this week when they travel to Cincinnati for a series of games against Ohio high school teams.

SPORTS BRIEFS

WRESTLING FUND-RAISER

The Canton High School wrestling program will be hosting its 4th Annual Canton Chiefs Wrestling Money Auction on Saturday, April 21, at the Woodlands of Van Buren. The event will run from 6 p.m. to midnight.

The \$100 tickets include dinner, an open bar and a chance to win \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$3,000. There will be a live auction, money boards, a 50/50 drawing, raffles and giveaways.

For more information, call (734) 582-6885.

PLYMOUTH

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The annual Plymouth High School Volleyball Team Camps will be held July 23-25 (Monday through Wednesday) in the Plymouth gymnasium. A camp for current Wildcat volleyball players will be held 8:30 a.m. to noon while a separate one for fifth- through ninth-graders is set for 1:40 p.m. each day.

The cost of the morning camp is \$95; the afternoon camp is \$65.

For more information, contact Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland at (734) 223-1737 or at mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us.

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.

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.

SUMMER GIRLS HOOP CAMPS

The annual Canton/Salem girls basketball camps will be held in June in the Canton and Salem high school gymnasiums.

A camp for girls who will be starting seventh, eighth and ninth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 18-22 from 1-3 p.m. The seventh graders will be at Salem while the eighth and ninth graders will utilize the Canton gym. The cost of the camp is \$70.

A camp for girls who will be starting fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 25-29 from 1-3 p.m. The fourth graders will be at Salem while the fifth and sixth graders will utilize the Canton gym.

Campers will receive instruction from members of the coaching staffs of Canton and Salem high schools as well as from high school players.

Players can register through Plymouth-Canton Community Education, which is located at 40260 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-2940.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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 reg-

istering, contact John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.

IGNITION CAMPS

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

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

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

For locations and schedules of the camps, visit www.detroitignition.com, or call (888) 436-4625.



U-11 Jags prevail

The Novi Jaguars '96 Girls Green squad was the champion of the recent Jefferson Cup soccer tournament in Richmond, Va. The Jaguars, coached by Livonia's Mario Galindo and Canton's Andrea VanWashenova, earned the title with a shootout victory over D'Feeters from Texas. The Jags — ranked second nationally, higher than any other Michigan youth team — advanced to the finals in the U-11 championship division after defeating teams from New Jersey, Georgia and Pennsylvania. Members of the team, listed alphabetically, include Jade Antolec, Novi; Reema Bzeih, Northville; Carlynn Cook, Novi; Gabby DeLeon, Novi; Sierra DiMaggio, White Lake; Katie Erdman, Novi; Jenna Kentgen, a guest player from Naperville, Ill.; Jacqui Kozlowski, Novi; Kendali Kramer, Novi; Mary LeAnnais, Ferndale; Kerri McMahon, Novi; Kate Morris, Plymouth; Jordan Newman, Swartz Creek; Julia Palushaj, Northville; and Heather Rolis, Fenton.

Miller leads Agape baseball team

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The New York Yankees have A-Rod (All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez).

The Detroit Tigers have I-Rod (All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez).

And the Agape baseball team has J-Rod, 6-foot-4 junior pitcher Jared Miller, who first-year head coach Daniel DeWitt said will lead the Wolverines this season.

Jared is a well-rounded baseball player, said DeWitt of Miller, who should be in the middle of any success the Wolves taste in 2007. "He's our No. 1 pitcher, our lead-off hitter and — when he's not pitching — our shortstop. He might even catch a little, depending on the situation."

"We'll be looking to Jared for leadership and for his baseball knowledge."

The Wolverines starting pitching staff will be rounded out by junior Brandon Pierson, a polished righthander who will play short when Miller is pitching, juniors Ty Majeski and Daniel Walker, and freshman Ethan Walker.

"Our last three pitchers don't have a lot of experience, but they have a lot of potential," DeWitt noted.

Daniel Walker has earned the starting catcher nod.

He has a very strong arm," said DeWitt. The starting infield spots will be manned by senior Jack Anleitner (first

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base), sophomore Scott Molnar (second), Miller (shortstop) and Ethan Walker (third).

Jack is probably the closest thing we have to a power hitter," said DeWitt.

The Wolverines' outfield will consist of juniors Kevin Reith and Mark Mullett, and Majeski.

Providing depth off the bench will be Justin Thomas (freshman catcher), Matt Sampson (junior utilityman), junior Cameron Loloio (junior outfielder), Donald Mullett (freshman utilityman), and freshman Billy Martin (freshman infielder).

"Our goals are to win the conference and win the District," said DeWitt, who also coaches the Agape boys soccer team in the fall. "The teams to beat in the conference are probably Baptist Park and Franklin Road."

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN

Optimism rules at Plymouth Christian Academy on the heels of last season's 3-11 campaign.

We're not real deep pitching-wise, but we should be improved both defensively and with our hitting," said coach Kurt Johnston. "We only have two seniors, but I

think we're capable of doing well in the conference and winning our District."

The one-two punch of senior lefthander Matt Saagman and junior righthander Trevor Zinn will pace the Eagles' pitching corps. Both threw the ball well last season, but were hampered by a lack of run support and shaky defense.

Sophomore Brent Zinn, the younger brother of Trevor, will handle the catching duties behind the plate. He also will see some time on the mound after faring well in a short pitching stint last week.

The Eagles' infield will include senior Devyn Govan (first base), sophomore Kevin Bottorff (second), Trevor Zinn (shortstop) and junior Charles Cane (third base).

"Devyn will be our clean-up hitter," said Johnston. "He had a hit in both of our games last week."

"Trevor is very solid at short. He has a great glove, a very accurate arm and he's a team leader."

Sophomore Justin Govan will start in left, Saagman will play center when he's not pitching, and either Reid Barber or freshman Josh Johnston will play right field.

Providing depth to the Eagles will be Josh Loman, a sophomore utility player, and Alejandro Diaz, an infielder.

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MU takes pair from Concordia

Canton alum Brittney Scero laced a single to center in the bottom of the ninth Tuesday to lift host Madonna University to a 3-2 victory over Concordia in the nightcap of a Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference twinbill.

Scero's second single of the game scored sophomore shortstop Tedi Johnston, who doubled to left to open the inning. Johnston took third on a single by sophomore catcher Danielle Richardson.

Madonna (18-9, 5-1) trailed 2-0 in the top of the first as Concordia junior outfielder and Garden City product Terra Russell homered to left.

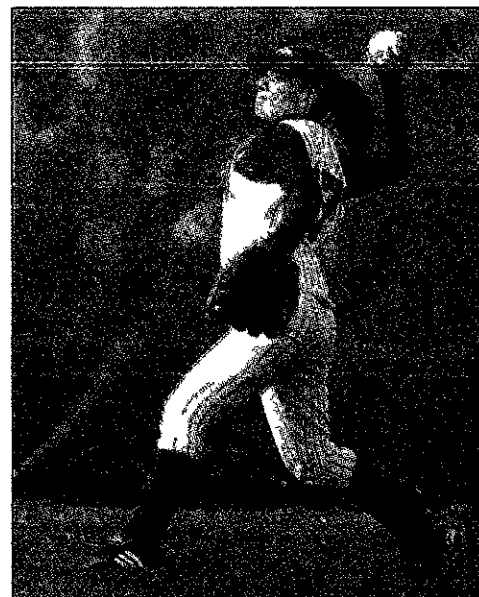
Russell collected two of just three hits allowed by Crusaders' starter and winner Liz Ballinger — who pitched all nine innings.

The home team chipped away with runs in the first (on a bases-loaded walk to freshman first baseman and Churchill alum Carlynn Sidor) and second. Singling in the tying run was junior outfielder Heather Richardson (Plymouth/Canton). Taking the loss was Anna Shaffer, who pitched six innings of relief for Concordia (5-16, 0-6).

In the opener, Madonna built an early 4-0 lead and held on for a 4-3 triumph.

The Crusaders, who only registered three hits, scored two of their runs on a double by sophomore outfielder Heather Godfrey and others on RBI outs by Heather Richardson and sophomore third baseman Ashley Bonsall (Livonia/Franklin).

Senior pitcher Shannon Noder went all the way for the victory, giving up two earned runs.



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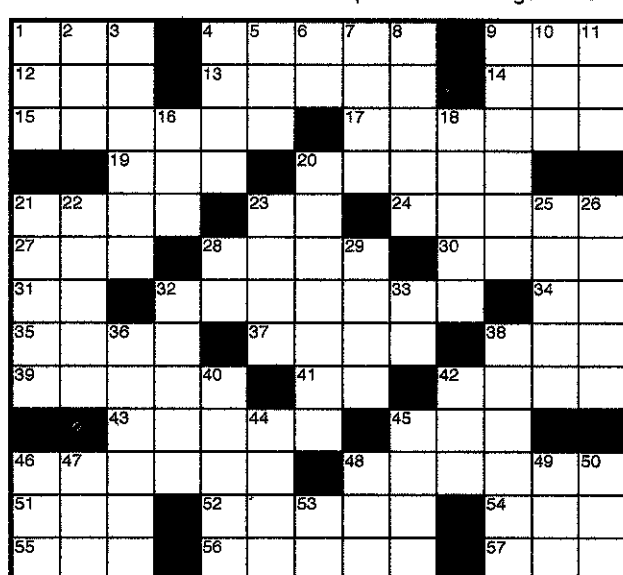
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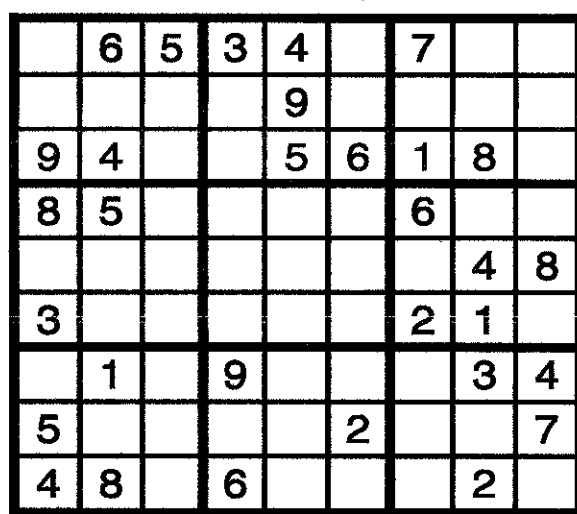
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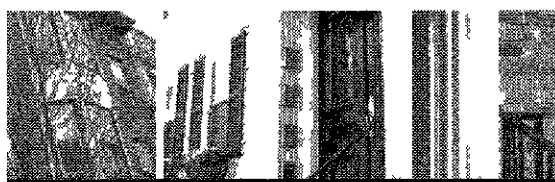
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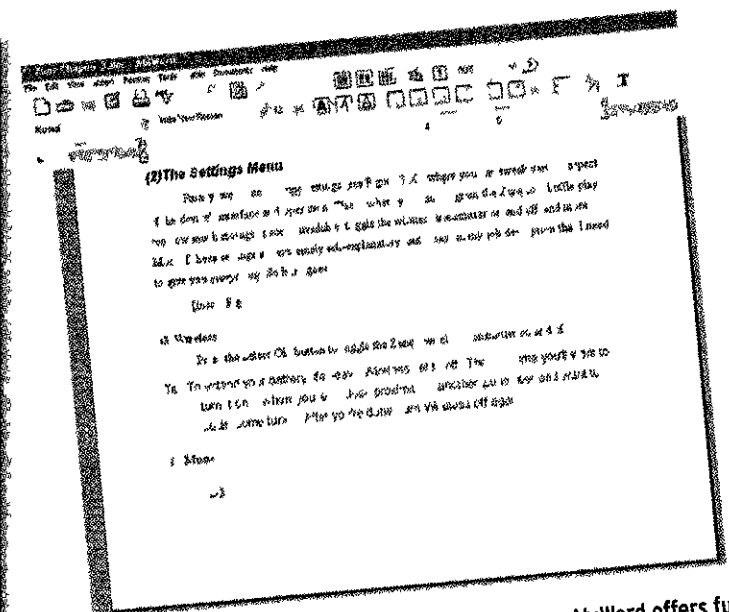
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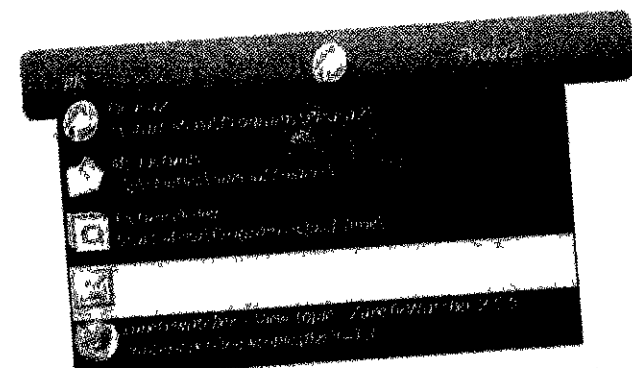
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The freeware image editing program Paint.NET offers much of the power of Adobe Photoshop, which costs \$649



Perfect for students and other price conscious users AbiWord offers full-featured word processing



The deceptively simple Launchy lets you run programs, load documents and visit Web sites with just a few keystrokes



Tech Savvy

Rick Broda

AbiWord, Launchy, Paint.NET, WiPeer and WordWeb all can help you work faster, smarter

Imagine that someone invented a better screwdriver, one that enabled you to finish your job in half the time and decided to give it away free. That's how I feel about the five software applications in this week's column. They help you work faster, smarter or just plain better and they're all free of charge.

ABIWORD

In the past I've gushed about OpenOffice (openoffice.org) the freeware alternative to Microsoft's pricey Office suite. But that application-packed heavyweight may be overkill for some users. What if all you need is a word processor? Enter AbiWord

(abisource.com) a free program that can easily take the place of Microsoft Word.

It offers tables, mail merge, a spell checker and just about every other feature most people need, all wrapped in an attractive, simple interface.

The only area where AbiWord comes up short is macros. It doesn't support them, so if you need

them for work, you'll probably want to stick with a commercial word processor.

Even so, this fabulous freebie is worth a try. It's available for Windows, Mac and even Linux PCs.

LAUNCHY

The more programs you have installed on your PC, the harder it

becomes to find the one you want.

That's why I've fallen in love with Launchy (launchy.net) a simple application launcher that saves me having to sift through the dozens of programs in my Start menu.

It's a text-based launcher, meaning all I do is type the first

PLEASE SEE BRODA, D2

Trans fats and you

Check food labels carefully, ask at restaurants, too

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

A Harvard University study recently indicated that no amount of trans fat is OK, and even consuming a little has a detrimental impact on health.

One gram of trans fat increases the risk of heart disease 20 percent if consumed daily, according to the study. And heart disease is a leading killer in both Oakland and Wayne counties.

Getting rid of trans fat doesn't have to be difficult in the kitchen or when dining out, but it does take some thinking.

Trans fats are created when vegetable oils are processed with the partially hydrogenated method — it's a process to extend the shelf life of foods.

Restaurants are now taking initiative to eliminate it. If your favorite one hasn't yet, ask them

The New York City Board of Health voted to ban trans fats in restaurants. Los Angeles is considering it. In January Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson, D-Beverly Hills, proposed a resolution calling on the Oakland County Health Department to ban trans fats, but it appears that she instead wants to create a study group of health professionals to look at the issue and find ways to address it. The issue may be discussed at a commission meeting April 19.

In the stores, Keebler cut trans fats out of one of America's most popular cookies — the Oreo. A *Washington Post* food writer wrote that the newer cookie's taste is the same as the old.

Oreos were targeted for change from the San Francisco group "Ban Trans Fats." The group focused specifically on the

popular cookie because, they said, children don't understand which foods to avoid.

Hiller's is removing trans fats from its six locations. There, Chef Rick Halberg, the director of culinary services, is revising deli recipes.

Hiller's Markets believes that part of its responsibility to the community is to help everyone stay healthy, Halberg said.

In the world of pizza — where two slices can contain one gram of trans fat in the dough — things are improving. Jet's Pizza has zero trans fat listed on its labels. Troy schools, for example, and many others, are working to eliminate it from school lunches.

To allow the consumer to take responsibility, the Food and Drug Administration now requires trans fat contents listed on all food labels, though the labels can be tricky.

Under FDA regulations, if the

serving contains less than 0.5 grams of trans fat, the content may be listed as zero.

Because of that confusion, simplify it by reading the ingredient label. If there's *partially hydrogenated* vegetable oil, trans fat is included.

And some more label news, fully hydrogenated oil doesn't contain trans fat. It's the word "partially" to avoid. Also, in the health world, just because a product is "cholesterol free" doesn't mean it won't raise bad cholesterol. So watch for cholesterol-affecting ingredients from two sources: animal products and trans or saturated fats.

Cooking oils that we use at home usually don't contain trans fats. Use oils like safflower, corn, olive, soy bean, peanut and canola. Many margarines however, do, so check the label.

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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 Mother's 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 Ken Abramczyk, food editor, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com.

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Modern wines spring from ancient vines

Wines from southern Italy are increasing in popularity, not only for their value and quality, but the interest created by the use of ancient varieties

Wine sales are an obvious barometer of success, but when producers in Campania, Apulia and Calabria are building new facilities and enlarging the old, purchasing state-of-the-art equipment and aging wines in new French oak barrels, it's obvious that these producers have found ultimate success

MASTROBERARDINO

In Campania, Antonio Mastroberardino has been dubbed the 'archaeologist' of the vine by British writer Hugh Johnson. Of all the producers in southern Italy, Mastroberardino demonstrates the passion for propagating ancient vines. He also uses modern technology to preserve the fundamental nature and characteristics of ancient wines.

In recognition of the role he's played in protection and

revival of historical vines, the "Soprintendenza Archaeologica di Pompei" has entrusted Mastroberardino with the management of vineyard sites in the ancient city of Pompeii.

As a result, in 1996, experimental plantings of the grape varieties piedrosso and sciacinoso were made at Pompeii. Five small vineyards, averaging one-half acre each, were planted in the same dimensions as evidenced by the fossilized footprint of ancient vineyard posts. Next to the vineyard are buried ancient amphoras believed to have been used to ferment grapes into wine.

President Piero Mastroberardino, recalling an earlier time, said, "My father realized that the future of wine in Campania rested with ancient varieties. After World War II, local experts were promoting sangiovese and trebbiano as the key to the future in southern Italy, but my father approached local growers and convinced them to plant historical varieties such as aglianico, greco, fiano, falanghina and piedrosso.

"At that time, market for the wines of southern Italy was as low as it could go, it couldn't get much worse. My father argued that Campania should not try to be like every other Italian wine region, but should promote unique, locally historic varieties in an effort to

make wines characteristic of a place.

Today, the three flagship wines of Mastroberardino are Taurasi 'Radici' made from aglianico, Greco di Tufo from the greco grape and Fiano d'Avellino made from the ancient fiano. It's interesting to note that 80 percent of Mastroberardino wines are white rather than red. However, fish and seafood of all sorts are harvested from the seas that surround the Italian peninsula and grace the tables of most restaurants along the coast.

MASTROBERARDINO WHITE WINES

2005 Falanghina (fah-lahn-GEE-nah) \$19 introduces a fresh, fruity aroma highlighted by white flowers. Citrus and pineapple flavors easily complement simply grilled swordfish.

2005 Radici Fiano de Avellino \$25 greets with aromas of citrus and minerals followed by flavors of pear and citrus with a crisp lingering impression — great for fresh oysters, fish and seafood.

2005 NovaSerra Greco di Tufo \$24 boasts aromas of white peach and flavors of ripe pear highlighted by crisp acidity and elegant structure — an ideal accompaniment to creamy pasta, grilled white meats, seafood and vegetables.

2005 Lacryma Christi del

WINE PICKS

Although many Italian producers are increasingly focused on indigenous varieties in the U.S. that parallel with Zinfandel. The following are the best from our recent tasting.

- EXCELLENT**
- 2004 Dashe Dry Creek Valley \$22
 - 2004 Mazzocco Cuneo Saini Vineyard Dry Creek Valley \$24
 - 2004 Dry Creek Vineyard Old Vine Sonoma County \$25
 - 2004 Montevina Terra d'Oro SHR Field Blend \$30
 - 2005 Dutton Goldfield Russian River Valley \$30
 - 2005 Williams Selyem Bacigalupi Vineyard Russian River Valley \$45
- VERY GOOD**
- 2004 Kenwood Reserve \$20
 - 2004 Rodney Strong Knotty Vines \$20
 - 2004 Lake Sonoma Saini Farms \$22
 - 2004 Girard Old Vine Napa Valley \$24
 - 2004 Mazzocco Home Ranch Dry Creek Valley \$27
 - 2004 Montevina Terra d'Oro Home Vineyard \$30
 - 2005 Dutton Goldfield Morelli Lane Vineyard Zinfandel \$40

- 2004 Rosenblum Lyons Reserve \$45
- GOOD DEALS UNDER \$20**
- 2005 Sebastiani Sonoma County \$15
 - 2005 Dry Creek Vineyard Sonoma County Heritage \$16
 - 2005 Artein \$18
 - 2004 Clos LaChance Central Buff Belled \$18
- MICHIGAN WINE OF THE WEEK**

April is Michigan Wine Month and if recent surveys are correct, you're looking for a different taste. Chateau Fontaine 2005 Woodland White Leelanau Peninsula \$14 fits the bill. This bright, attractive wine with white-fleshed fruit aromas and flavors is 100 percent auxerrois blanc (oh zher WAH blahn), a white grape with French origins in the Alsace region. This Michigan version is a real charmer. It's available at Joe's Produce in Livonia. Merchant's Fine Wine in Dearborn, Randazzo's in Rochester Hills and Vince & Joe's in Southfield.

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

Vesuvio Coda di Volpe \$19 is a lovely wine with notes of banana, pineapple and white peach. Fine fruit flavors include a mild mineral component that enhances seafood, pasta and grilled fish.

MASTROBERARDINO RED WINES

2005 Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio Piedrosso \$22 has cherry, plum, raspberry and strawberry aromas that are

mirrored on the palate. Hints of pepper and plush tannins are evident and make this a great wine to accompany meat-based pasta.

2001 Radici Taurasi \$41 is 100 percent Aglianico (ah-ly-AH-nee-koh) that spent one year in large ovals followed by an additional year in small oak barrels and 18 months in bottle before release. Violets, dark cherries, tar and earthy elements introduce a full,

powerful wine with great structure and fine, but obvious tannins. Optimal drinking eight-10 years from vintage.

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BROIDA

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few letters of the program I want. For example, to launch Google Picasa, I merely type "pic" and then press Enter.

Launchy also serves up Web favorites. To head straight to Lifehacker.com, for instance, I type "lif." It even indexes files, so you can load, say, Word documents or iTunes music

with just a few keystrokes. If this sounds familiar, it's because Microsoft added similar functionality to Windows Vista's Start menu.

Using Launchy may seem a bit unusual at first, but trust me when I say you'll grow to love it.

PAINT.NET

Why spend big bucks on Adobe Photoshop, the gold standard for image-editing programs, when you can get

Paint.NET (getpaint.net) for free?

The software puts a wealth of artistic tools at your fingertips, allowing you to create new images from scratch, add special effects to existing images, modify and repair digital photos, and plenty more.

It even supports layers, a decidedly high-end feature that affords incredible control over how you edit and enhance your images.

It's a must-have addition to your software arsenal.

WIPEER

If you've ever wanted an

easy way to share files between one or more notebook PCs, WiPeer (wipeer.com) is for you.

This simple program leverages the Wi-Fi radios built into most modern notebooks to create direct wireless connections between machines.

You don't need a router, a network, nor even the Internet. It's like linking two PCs with a cable, minus the cable.

In addition to file sharing, WiPeer lets you chat and even play games with other users of the program. It's available for Windows, a Mac version is in

the works.

WORDWEB

WordWeb (wordweb.info/free), my new favorite program, provides definitions and synonyms with one click of your mouse.

This dictionary/thesaurus can look up words in almost any program. Just press the Ctrl key and right-click a word. Up pops WordWeb (and fast, too).

It can also find sets of related words and leverage your Internet connection to pull info from Wikipedia, Wiktionary and other sources.

It'll even pronounce words for you.


This is an impossibly handy tool, far superior to the dictionary and thesaurus built into, say, Microsoft Word. WordWeb works with all versions of Windows. It's free for personal use.

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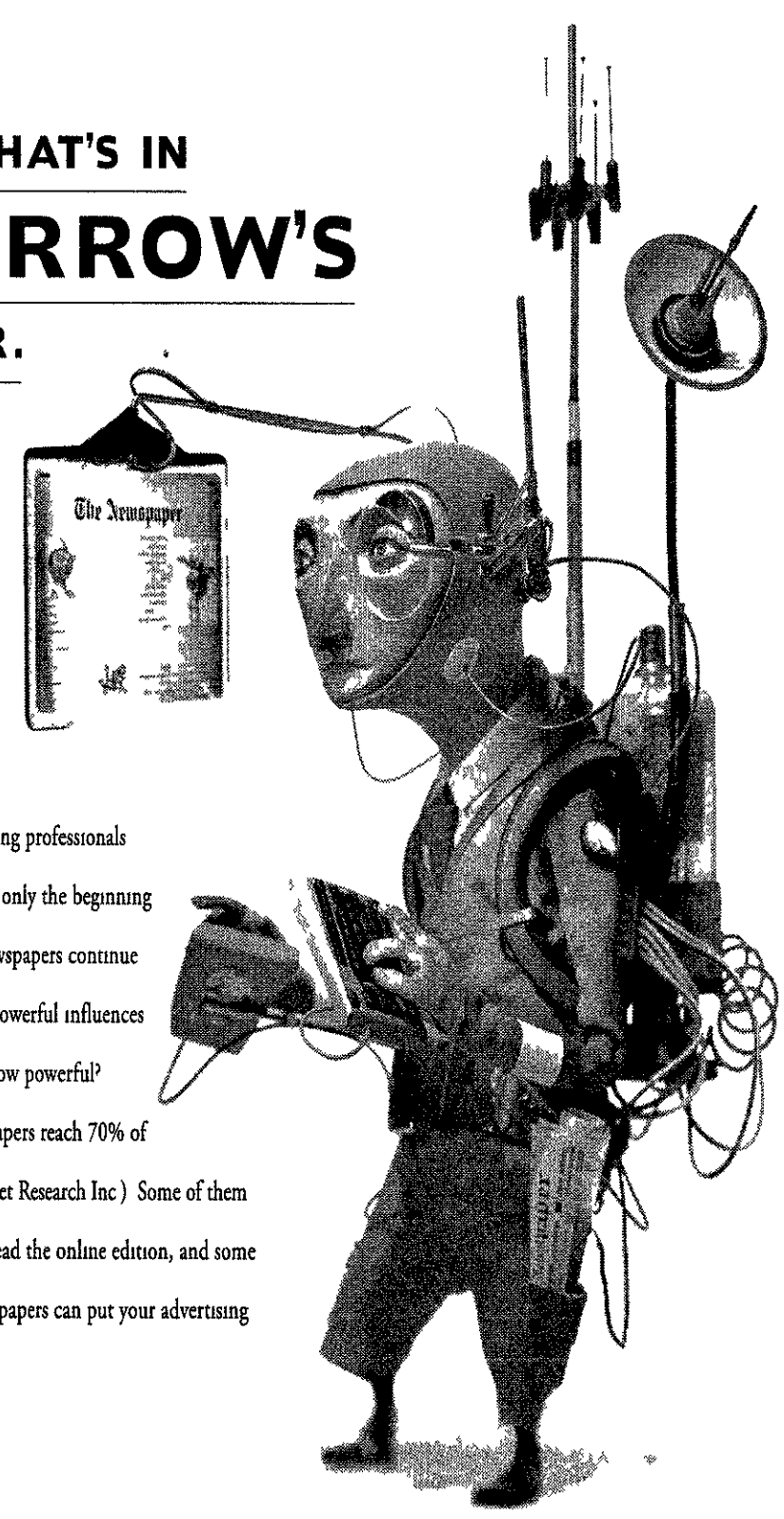
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Remember Arts & Crafts simplicity

Jeanne from Bloomfield Hills writes: "I love the Stickley style of furniture and the Frank Lloyd Wright style of architecture and design. I have a few pieces of furniture that reflect this style, but I'm at the point of needing to do some updating in my home and I'm not sure where to turn to select the right colors and styles to complement what I've already started. Where do I begin?"

The design and architecture style you mention is collectively known as the Arts & Crafts Movement.

This movement began around 1860 and lasted until 1920 as a reaction to the heavy ornamentation of the Victorian period.

William Morris is recognized as the father of this style and introduced it to reject the elaborate, machine-made products of the Industrial Revolution. He wanted to showcase simple forms, solid materials and fine craftsmanship.

Other designers and architects were to follow in this school of thought.

They include Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the Art Nouveau designer, Frank Lloyd Wright, the founding architect of the Prairie style, Charles Eastlake and Gustav Stickley – who was a furniture maker and architect, gave a voice to the American Arts & Crafts movement through his periodical *The Craftsman*, and is recognized with the Mission Style of design.

Arts & Crafts style has never completely gone out of fashion and in fact, has seen a resurgence of popularity over the last several years. You can see this style in all price ranges of furniture.

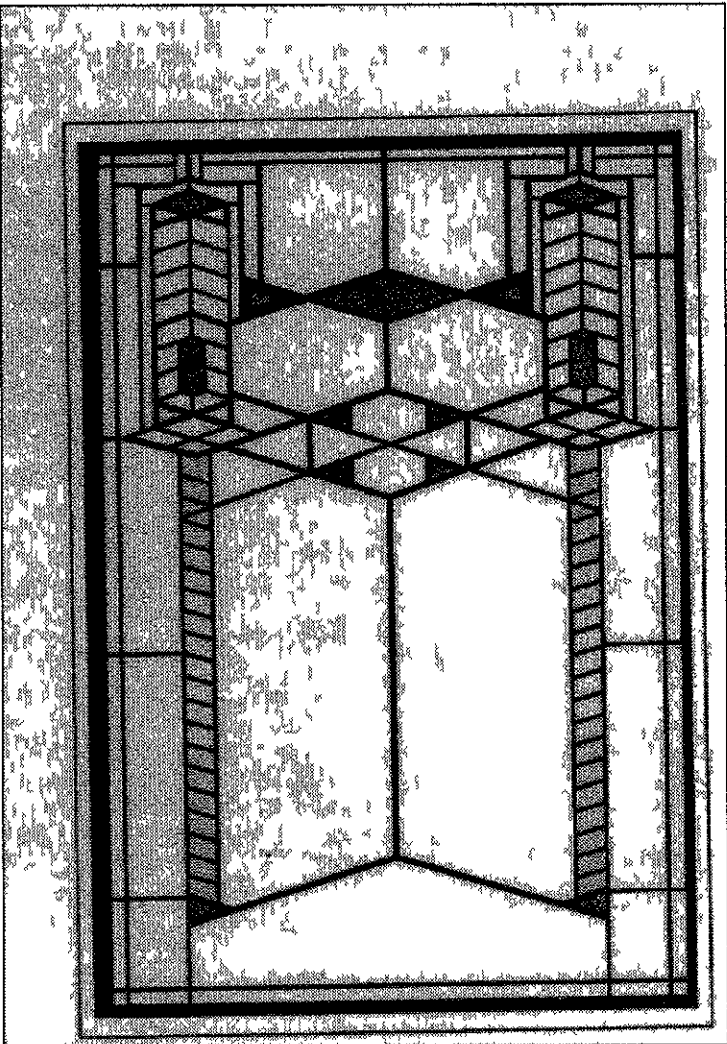
Gorman's Furniture is now carrying the Stickley line, and you may want to check this out on the www.Stickley.com Web site.

Many of the big name paint companies have collections of interior and exterior colors for the Arts & Crafts era, too.

Before you buy anything or begin painting, you should begin your search on the Internet and at the library. There is so much information out there. Become more familiar with this style and the colors associated with it.

ELEMENTS

For example, the colors



This art glass window design by Frank Lloyd Wright was used in his 1910 Robie House in Chicago.

associated with the Arts & Crafts movement were created in protest against the chemical dyes used during the Industrial Revolution.

William Morris originally used natural dyes and pigments. These are the Earth-inspired, warm tones of nature, such as, russet brown, mossy green, terra-cotta, sea blue, indigo and beige.

The furniture was typically made of American oak or maple and showcased the quality craftsmanship with straight lines, exposed joints and little ornamentation. The wood was stained, not painted.

Flooring materials, again, showcased nature. Wood floors are very typical, along with stone or other natural materials.

Beautiful area rugs can be placed over the floors to anchor seating arrangements.

Avoid fussy rugs and instead use uncomplicated Navajo designs or choose a rug with simple, muted colors to showcase the other design elements of the room.

Hagopian World of Rugs in Novi has many rugs that are inspired by the Arts & Crafts movement or that will complement this style.

The Arts & Crafts movement used stained glass as a way to embrace light and openness.

Tiffany style lamps are appropriate, as well as many of the Frank Lloyd Wright glass designs for which he is famous.

You can view the Wright glass designs at the library, at the book store or on the Internet. Your next trip to Chicago should include a visit to the Robie House and the Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio in Oak Park.

MIXING

Many people appreciate Arts & Crafts in their home, but

don't want their entire home to reflect this style and wonder about mixing other styles with it.

This can be successfully accomplished by remembering this movement is clean and simple and embraces nature.

Keep your rooms very streamlined and your accessories simple. No unnecessary trimmings or fussiness. Navajo designs work very well with the Arts & Crafts style.

Another style that mixes well with Arts & Crafts is Asian. Frank Lloyd Wright spent some time in Japan and fell in love with its simplicity and purity of design. He incorporated some of this style into his creations, too.

To take this one step further, I encourage you to read some of the books written by architect Sarah Susanka, such as *The Not So Big House*, *Home By Design* and *Creating the Not So Big House*.

She has taken many of the philosophies from the Arts & Crafts movement and incorporated them into modern American design. Her books are a treasure and should be read cover to cover to fully appreciate her philosophy.

Some other resources for you are www.wikipedia.org, www.behr.com and www.sherwin-williams.com. Search the Internet, you will be amazed at the quantity of information out there on this subject.

If you are still unsure as to where to proceed with your project, you may need to call in an interior designer to help you with your selections and to pull everything together.

Terri Guastella is an interior designer and a Canton resident. She specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

Filling your freezer cuts energy costs

Teri writes: "Please help me settle a family dispute regarding refrigerators."

"We own a house in Florida with two other families. My brother-in-law has convinced others that in order to keep the freezer compartment of the refrigerator in good working order and prolong the life of the appliance, you need to fill large bottles with water and keep them in the freezer."

He says the bottles will occupy air space in the freezer and will minimize the amount of energy used to keep other things frozen.

"I say the freezer will run more often to keep the water in the bottles frozen, thus using more energy. Please comment on this and help resolve this issue."

Well, Teri, I know what it is to have a brother-in-law who is a know-it-all.

I took mine fishing five years ago up into the far reaches of northern Canada, where he proceeded to tell me how to fish. I left him 28 miles up the Ivanhoe River with a fishing pole, an ax and a book of matches. Haven't

heard from him since.

Please don't treat your relative this way because he is absolutely correct. Let me explain his theory in a way that is easily understood.

During a refrigerator's self-defrost cycle, a heater comes on and melts the snow that accumulates on the evaporator coil. You can't see this snow or evaporator because a panel covers them.

The snow turns to water and runs down a drain system into the drain pan located underneath the refrigerator near the compressor.

During this defrost cycle, which occurs every eight hours or so, the heater introduces a ton of heat into the freezer section, as much as 70 to 90 degrees.

This great amount of heat will go directly to the food items in the freezer and can even affect the quality of those food products. (Heat goes to cold.)

You should always have your freezer section filled with a 3/4 food load. This helps to combat the heat load and reduces the run time of the compressor, thus reducing energy costs.

I have told consumers for years, "If you can't afford to fill the freezer with food, fill some empty plastic milk jugs with water, leaving room for expansion, and store them in the freezer section." I hope this helps.

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

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HOME CALENDAR

Remodeling 101

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

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Spring design seminar

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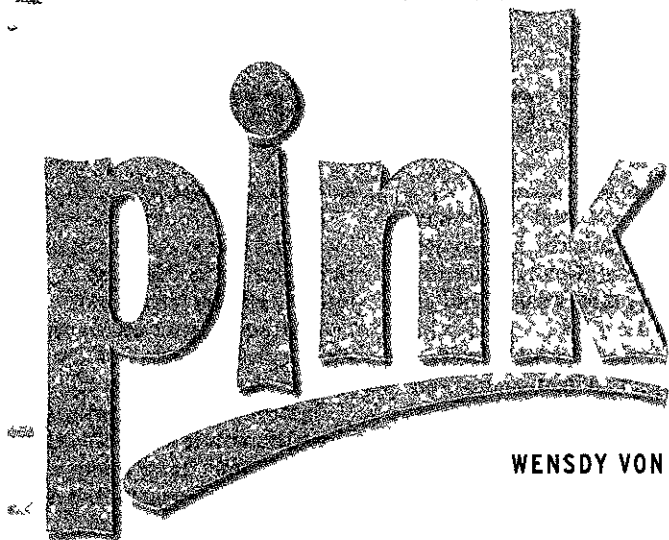
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Local ‘tomboy’ helps women with home repair

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK

Melissa Laing doesn't wait for her husband to complete her 'honey-do' list anymore. Instead, she grabs a set of Tomboy Tools and does it herself.

"There are things that I see that need to be fixed, and he doesn't have time," Laing explains. "When I've fixed them, he doesn't even notice but I'm happy because they're done, and there's a huge amount of satisfaction in doing it myself."

As a consultant for Tomboy Tools, the Plymouth resident is on a mission to empower other women to grab a toolbelt and get to work.

Tomboy Tools makes and markets tools ergonomically designed for women. In addition to being lightweight and sized for smaller hands, many have special features which make them easier to use. Hammers are equipped with nail setters to prevent thumb injuries. Tape measures are labeled with fractions to 1/8 of an inch. Paint rollers are splatter-proof.

Tomboy Tools also emphasizes education. The tools are sold through home-based parties, where everyone gets involved. Hostesses select a project — from drywall to faucet maintenance — and Laing brings a tool box and prop boards to demonstrate step-by-step.

"You get your girlfriends together and pick a project. I go into your home and teach the basics. I don't just do a show-and-tell demo, it's hands-on," Laing says. "Everyone gets a chance to do the project."

Tomboy Tools workshops last up to two hours, and range from installing trim moulding to toilet repair.

Faux painting is a popular choice, and a mosaic tile workshop Laing recently led was a hit.

Laing, a former secretary, is a stay-at-home mom to son Brennan, 22 months. She says she had never wielded a wrench in her life when she signed on to sell Tomboy Tools. Just a little over a year ago she saw a short segment about the company on HGTV. She logged onto the Tomboy Tools website and saw there was only one representative in Michigan.

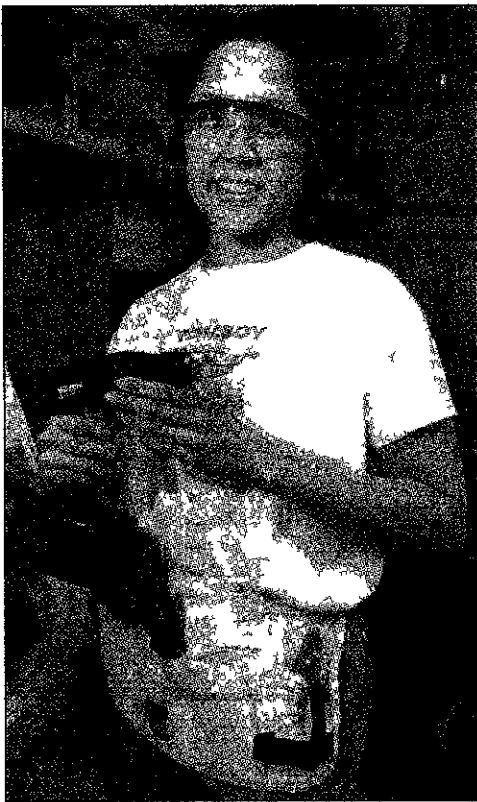
"I thought, this is a ground level business. Maybe I should start doing it," she says.

Laing ordered the training kit, watched a set of DVDs and started on her way to building success.

Now, she has a team of representatives under her who also sell Tomboy Tools.

Laing admits home repair can be daunting, and that's why Tomboy Tools stresses education.

Many clients feel more comfortable learning home repair and remodeling skills from other women in a private setting.



Melissa Laing of Plymouth is a consultant for Tomboy Tools.

"What makes our concept work so well is when you're in a home environment people aren't afraid to ask those silly questions like they would if they signed up at a

major home improvement store where the classes are full of men," Laing says.

Tomboy Tools is taking off, Laing says, because more and more women are responsible for maintaining property.

According to the National Association of Realtors, single women made up 22 percent of all home buyers in 2006, up from 14 percent in 1995.

"The homeowners are a mix of younger women starting out in their careers, and due to higher divorce rates, women who are stuck with houses that their husbands traditionally did the maintenance on," Laing says. "We also have a percentage of widows whose husbands did the upkeep on the home. They never took out a hammer or screw."

These homeowners are faced with hiring expensive help, or stepping up to the ladder themselves.

But it isn't just single women who find fulfillment in knowing how to operate a power drill or lay kitchen tile.

Laing's husband Richard might be handy with a hammer, but Laing doesn't leave tasks solely up to him.

"I'm in a new home, but there are so many things you can do once you look at it and deconstruct it. It's easy once you have the right tools," Laing says. "My personal challenge is documenting the work of redoing a half bath all by myself. We'll see if my husband trusts me enough."

For more information, visit www.tomboytools.com or contact Melissa Laing at michigantomboy@comcast.net.

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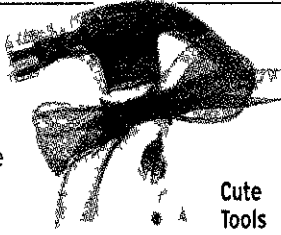
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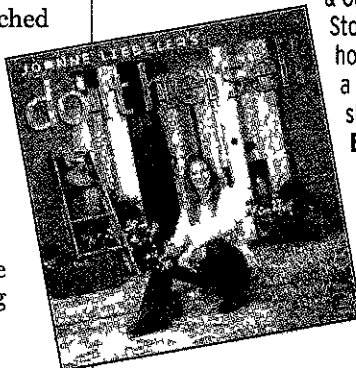
Tomboy Tools is among more than 500 exhibitors set to take part in the Spring Home & Garden Show, April 13-15 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Stop by for expert advice, demonstrations, tours of designer homes and gardens, a chance to win a Backyard Makeover, and a petting zoo for kids. Admission is \$6-\$7. Visit www.novihomeshow.com or call (248) 862-1019.

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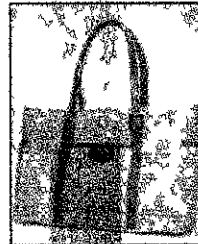
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It's common knowledge that business owners and managers embark on community service not

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Many companies view community engagement largely as corporate responsibility, giving back to the community and strengthening ties. Employee development is tertiary, after personal growth. Janice Johnson, corporate relations manager of the UPS Foundation at the \$47.5 billion United Parcel Service (UPS), for example, loves her job. "We spin it (community service) as benefitting you personally as well as the organization," she states. Based in Atlanta, she has global responsibilities and multiple projects. The scale of her work is much greater than the single-activity focus of her own church volunteering.

PROFESSIONAL BENEFITS

The fact that employees benefit professionally is beginning to be recognized in some corporations. Willie Murray, director of Philanthropy at the Raleigh, N.C., Landquest Development,

which builds environmentally-friendly communities, was a project administrator for a construction company and previously served as an advisor to students at several colleges in Raleigh-Durham. Both parents were pastors. He and his three siblings "started sharing but didn't know we were practicing philanthropy." The difference for him now is that his construction background, work with college students and church volunteerism "all came together." He oversees multiple charities worldwide and reports to the company president.

"We're in the planning stages for a project in southeast Raleigh," he says, "taking old abandoned houses, remodeling them and building houses for people who live in the area already. We're also opening a job training center so that owners can be self-sufficient and self-sustaining. We're hiring minority contractors. Some of the area is in a historic district, so we have to be really careful about following the laws." Clearly he's benefitting professionally by hiring the new contractors and working within the guidelines of historic preservation.

Dan Rodriguez, Telecommunications manager at the Atlanta headquarters of the \$213 million Cbeond, a managed services provider to small businesses and leader in Voice-over-Internet-Protocol, maintains that community involvement brings extensive professional benefit to him and to his team of about 12 employees and interns. Managing

internal telecommunications in seven markets, he says that senior leadership at the company "sees me more as a leader than the more I'm active in the community." As his involvement has increased, he's received "higher profile projects" and a salary bump. "By doing community service," he says, "you're learning leadership and teaching it to your team. My employees have put together activities - showing leadership by involving themselves and others. This is one of the benefits a company sees. One group can involve other groups, not just be in a silo. That increases communication among various work groups." He recalls the woman in customer care who, at one event, was dismantling and repairing a computer for the first time in her life. "She left that day with a new appreciation and understanding of some of the daily goings-on in the IT department," he explains.

"For me personally," he adds, "there are groups I rely on for support and groups that rely on me. When we go off-



Willie Murray of Raleigh, N.C. directs Philanthropy at builder Landquest Development. He is pictured in downtown Raleigh in the area Landquest will be renovating through BuildingBlocks, which is adhering to guidelines established for Historic Preservation.

site to do these activities, we tend to talk a bit more and share more about our family and personal situation. This helps build personal relationships between the folks through more communication and increased familiarity. These relationships have improved my understanding of the roles of other departments in the company. Although cliché, giving back to the community is a win-win. For instance, when we donate equipment the community benefits, the volunteers get a feeling of pride and I get my storage room back."

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)

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By Dale Buss

The new GMC Acadia and Saturn Outlook are just the right models for General Motors, coming at just the right time—well-designed and -executed crossover utility vehicles that are appearing as consumers are casting about for more fuel-efficient offerings that drive well and still have a lot of cargo space.

In fact, in Acadia and Outlook, GM appears to have filled two big problems with its product lineup all at once. American consumers have been looking for more nimble SUVs with better fuel economy than the behemoths that GM has specialized in peddling over the last several years, and these two new entries fit that bill perfectly. At the same time, Acadia and Outlook go a long way toward meeting the needs of the families with young children whom GM shortchanged by abandoning the minivan market a couple of years ago.

Both Acadia and Outlook are refreshing to behold, to occupy and to drive. Each of them leaves three basic impressions right away, all of them positive. First, they are smartly styled and clear departures from the unremarkable, big-box design scheme that long has predominated at GM for any decent-sized SUV. Second, Acadia and Outlook are more than adequate in terms of their drivability, taking great advantage of the fact that they're built on a new unibody platform known as Lambda instead of on the modified truck bodies that haul around most of GM's other big SUVs.

And third, Acadia and Outlook have great livability factors. They're great on-the-road support systems for as many as eight people and a whole lot of cargo. If GM hadn't achieved that third objective, of course, reaching the other two would have been rather pointless. (By the way, a third vehicle sharing the same basic design, Buick Enclave, is due out soon.)

The stance of both vehicles is long and wide,



GMC's new Acadia is appearing just as Americans are looking for crossover utility vehicles. The Outlook is an important new model for expanding Saturn's product lineup.

but the proportions are longer compared with the width than you might be used to from other large SUVs. Short front and rear overhangs, pronounced wheel arches, and lowered cab contribute to Acadia's sporty appearance, as does the ample use of black cladding as a trim element all around the car. The overall appearance of Acadia, however, is a bit compromised by the fact that GMC also has slapped a lot of chrome trim around the body as well.

Outlook is an even niftier design, with the wheel wells flared and a rounded, almost bulbous rear end that blows away any notion of utilitarian Saturn-ness—that long has afflicted this brand.

But it's inside where both vehicles really impress. There is plenty of room in the third-row bench seat for three people—including their legs, even if they're adults! That's a huge plus for these vehicles and something you might not assume from looking at them only from the outside. The front-wheel-drive configuration gave GM room to make sure the second and third rows are commodious like that.

The option of captain's-chair seating in the second row means you can only seat seven in either vehicle, but the third row is easier to get to that way. On the other hand, if you want to seat eight, both Acadia and Outlook offer a nifty new feature called Smart Slide that makes third-row access easy with the flick of a lever, the second-row seat cushion

flips up while the seatback slides forward, widening the path to the third row.

Neither has GM chintzed on the amenities for second- and third-row passengers. Each row has its own climate vents and the second row has controls, and each row has a dome light.

Another nice feature on the Acadia I drove is something you find with increasing frequency on GM vehicles—a full sunroof over the second row. In a vehicle as long as Acadia, this visual access to the great outdoors can make a huge difference to rear passengers on a long ride.

For drivers and front-row passengers, Acadia and Outlook both offer nice options like head's-up speedometer readings, a fairly deep and useful closed compartment on the dash, and fold-down headrests on the third-row seats that help the driver see through the rear window clearly.

GM also answered the bell when it comes to handling. Both Acadia and Outlook drive like a car in the best sense of the word, with responsive handling, great cornering, and an overall milieu of control.

The only slight disappointment about both cars was that the 3.6-liter V6 engine that powers both Acadia and Outlook lacked just a bit in pickup. But with EPA mileage ratings of as high as 26 mpg on the highway for both vehicles—and a summer of \$3-a-gallon gasoline prices heading at us—I can live with that.

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